

A&M Names New Complex In Memory Of Rudder

A&M will honor its late highly distinguished president, General Earl Rudder, by naming the new, multi-million dollar tower-auditorium complex in his memory.

The University Board of Directors Tuesday designated the 12-floor tower and the three-theater auditorium linked with the expanded Memorial Student Center as "The J. Earl Rudder Conference Center." Started in early 1971, the \$10,000,000 project is expected to reach completion before the end of this year.

"Many of the accomplishments and dreams of General Rudder are visible at Texas A&M University today," President Jack K. Williams pointed out. "This magnificent Conference Center is more evidence of his lasting con-

tributions to this institution and higher education. It will stand as a constant reminder of his enormous service to this university, the state and nation. The naming of the Conference Center is a fitting tribute to a great American."

The conference center and the MSC comprise one huge, two-block long facility. The multipurpose auditorium's theaters seat 2,500, 750 and 250 persons each. In addition to continuing education, the tower will accommodate other university programs.

The complex in the heart of the campus was a major feature in development plans conceived and presented to the board of directors by General Rudder in the

late 1960's.

General Rudder probably will be best remembered for the dynamic leadership he exerted as president of A&M from 1959 until his death on March 23, 1970. To many Texans he also will be remembered as the symbol of honesty and integrity needed to direct the General Land Office in the wake of scandal. He already had been recorded in history as one of the true heroes of World War II.

A native West Texan, General Rudder came back to A&M in February, 1958, as vice president and was appointed president in July, 1959. He had earned his bachelor's degree in 1932 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. Upon

graduation from Eden High School in 1927, he enrolled at John Tarleton Agricultural College (now Tarleton State University). He transferred to A&M in 1930, majoring in industrial education and lettering in football.

In September, 1965, General Rudder was named president of The Texas A&M University System with the consolidation of the offices of chancellor and university president.

During Rudder's administration, A&M and other parts of the system advanced at a remarkable pace. A&M gained university status and changed from an all-male and predominantly military school to a coeducational institution with a rapidly diversifying curriculum.

His decade of leadership at A&M was a period of growth, change and diversification.

Enrollment doubled and a building program more than doubled the value of facilities.

Along with undergraduate programs, research and graduate studies blossomed under Rudder's guidance.

Called to active duty in 1941 after teaching and coaching at Brady High School, Rudder's heroism in World War II was to draw praise from the world's military leaders. He organized and trained the 2nd Ranger Battalion which scaled the 100-foot cliffs at Pointe du Hoc during the D-Day invasion.

"No soldier in my command

has ever been wished a more difficult task than that which befell the 34-year-old commander of this Ranger force," said General Omar Bradley, then commander of the U. S. forces in Europe.

The mission was accomplished with Rudder wounded twice. Casualties were heavy among the Rangers.

Later, Rudder took command of the 109th Infantry Regiment which played a key role in repulsing Germany's last great counter-offensive, now known as the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a colonel at the end of the war but remained active in the Army Reserve. Rudder was promoted to brigadier general in 1954 and major general in

1957. He took command of "Texas' Own" 90th Infantry Division in 1955 and held the assignment until 1963 when he became assistant deputy commanding general for mobilization, Continental Army Command. He retired in 1967 after 35 years of service.

When General Rudder died, he was praised editorially by every major newspaper in Texas. "The Battalion" editor recalled the words of the late General Dwight D. Eisenhower: "General Rudder exemplified what millions of Americans would like to see their sons be."

The widow, Mrs. Margaret Rudder, resides in Bryan. She and the General were married in 1937 while he was teaching at Brady. They have five children.

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Board Of Directors Approve Budget

The Board of Directors Tuesday approved a record \$186,205,891 operating budget for the Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1 and awarded construction contracts exceeding \$10,000,000.

The new budget represents a 15.3 per cent increase over the 1972-73 total of \$161,402,157.

The major construction contract went to Spaw-Glass, Inc. of Houston on a bid of \$8,965,000 for Phase II of the Low Density Dormitory Complex at A&M. The expansion of the coed dormitory complex adds 1,160 spaces to the 908 now provided in the Krueger-Dunn halls. The university expects an enrollment of 3,500 women this Fall, or several hundred more than attended in 1972-73.

The board authorized the sale of \$7,500,000 in A&M Housing System Revenue Bonds to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Lehman Brothers, Inc., & Associates at an effective interest rate of 6.0199 per cent. The funds will be used

to partly construct and equip the two new dormitories in the women's complex expansion.

Balco Construction Co. of Temple received the second largest construction contract as the result of board action. Its bid of \$1,541,000 was low for farm facilities at Tarleton State University.

Two Bryan firms landed contracts calling for expenditures of more than \$100,000 each on three contracts. Thurmond & Stuart submitted two low bids, one for \$186,226 on Phase II of the Firemen Training School's expansion and another bid of \$112,500 for Sbis Hall exterior repairs. MarCal, Inc. listed the low bid of \$102,070 to modify animal quarters in the Biological Sciences Building.

Two major projects at Prairie View brought planning action by the board. Supplementing previous appropriations of \$43,500, an additional \$135,000 was funded for detailed design for the Arts and Sciences Building. Another

\$5,000 goes for program requirements for a health center.

Included in the 1973-74 budget is an allocation of \$96,503,853 for A&M, \$17,710,322 for Prairie View A&M University and \$6,370,817 for Tarleton State University.

Budgets for other parts of the system are Texas A&M University System offices and departments, \$1,929,546; Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, \$20,959,190; Texas Agricultural Extension Service, \$23,709,889; Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service, \$884,810; Texas Engineering Experiment Station including Texas Transportation Institute, \$10,358,739; Texas Engineering Extension Service, \$2,538,429; Texas Maritime Academy and Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources at Galveston, \$1,445,713 and Texas Forest Service, \$3,794,553.

Separate state agency budgets administered by the System include \$438,952 for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic

Laboratory and \$60,000 for the Texas Petroleum Research Committee.

Implementing state legislative funding, the board authorized expenditure of \$950,000 to establish a branch laboratory of the veterinary medicine diagnostic laboratory in Amarillo. The branch laboratory will be located in the Amarillo Medical Center on a donated tract of more than 35 acres.

The board accepted 45 acres of land to serve as headquarters for the A&M Agricultural Research Center in El Paso. The tract donated by Ben Ivey and Charles C. Gaither of El Paso is located at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Americas Avenue in the border city.

Tarleton State University re-

ceived authorization to present three proposed new programs to the State Coordinating Board. They include a Bachelor of Arts Degree in speech, a Concentration in Health and Physical Education in the Master of Education Program and a new Bachelor of Science Degree in sociology.

The directors also appropriated \$90,000 for a campus landscape development master plan at A&M. The firm of Myrick, Newman and Dahlberg, Inc., of Dallas will be the project architect.

With 226 new units becoming available this Fall, four Old College View Apartment buildings will be vacated and demolished during 1973-74, the board decided in authorization to A&M President Jack K. Williams.

Student Government Wants Participation

Student Body Vice President S. Shariq Yosufzai Tuesday called for more student input and participation in Student Government activities.

"In the past, student governments have not fully reflected the desires of the students," Yosufzai declared. "In order to improve communications, increase student input, and start programs that the students want, we will take several steps."

Enumerating these steps, Yosufzai said, "As head of the legislative branch of the Student Senate, personally I will do whatever is possible to keep an open door policy for complaints, suggestions and recommendations from the student body."

Yosufzai noted steps were being taken to have a designated "Gripe at Your Senator Day" in the fall and spring. A senator would sit throughout the day near one of the dining halls or the academic colleges. The students will thus be provided a conven-

ient access to their senators.

Another possible method of communication is by televising the fortnightly meetings of the Student Senate over KAMU-TV, channel 15.

Also, Yosufzai has appointed an assistant so that someone will always be present in the Student Government office to hear student complaints and suggestions.

"In the past, legislation has been inspired by the student body, but the level of student-sponsored legislation slacked off last year," Yosufzai said. "I would urge all students to contact their senators and tell them what they want to see done on this campus. Students are represented on nearly every committee on this campus. Traffic problems, suggestions about improved senatorial representation student government projects all come under the purview of the Student Government."

To help students in financial trouble the Student Government has an emergency fund called the

Campus Chest. Refrigerator rentals are also carried out by the Student Government. A radio station will become operational this fall. In addition, the Student Government is a member of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, the Texas Student Lobby and the National Student Lobby. The Student Government is active at the city council level, and at the state and national level. The Student Government also operates the Fair Housing Commission and the Student Purchase Program under which discounts are provided to A&M students.

"These are programs we can all be proud of," said Yosufzai, "but we need to continually seek new ways and means to better serve the student body."

Some of the programs that have been suggested to Yosufzai

are an effective rental program for electronic calculators, a published evaluation of all professors and courses on campus, an open air FM radio station, action towards the creation of an intramural complex for all indoor and outdoor sports, student support for a university museum and expansion of the library, an international center, and student government-organized programs like concerts, film series and the like.

"These are all ambitious and worthwhile projects," Yosufzai said. "I would like to see more students get involved in some of the above projects and send their reactions to me or one of the other officers."

"It is only through increased student participation that we can have an even more profound impact on the university community."

A&M Professors Receive Honors

Three A&M faculty members were designated "distinguished professors" Tuesday by the Board of Directors of the A&M System.

Dr. F. Albert Cotton, Robert A. Welch professor of chemistry; Dr. Herman O. Hartley, professor and director of the A&M Institute of Statistics, and Dr. Arthur E. Martell, professor and head of the Department of Chemistry, were named "distinguished professors" upon recommendation of System executives.

Dr. Cotton came to A&M in 1971 after 17 years of teaching and research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his B.A. degree at Temple University and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard. Dr. Cotton holds an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Temple University, is a member of various professional societies and has authored three textbooks.

Dr. Hartley, director of the A&M Institute of Statistics and professor of economics and statistics, has been at A&M since 1963. He earned degrees from the University of Berlin, Cambridge University and the University of London. Hartley, a member of several professional associations, has had many articles published and will present a paper at the International Statistical Institute Convention in Vienna, Austria this month.

Dr. Martell was appointed professor and head of the A&M Department of Chemistry in 1966. Martell earned his bachelor's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and his Ph.D. from New York University. He also holds an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Worcester.

Dr. Martell, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and other professional societies, has numerous publications to his credit.

Women's Group Sponsors Tea

Women's organizations will welcome new international students to A&M and the community Aug. 28.

A tea will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the recreation hall of the First Baptist Church in College Station.

Ladies of the Pan American Roundtable, Campus Study Club and Extension Service Club will be hostesses for the tea.

Mrs. Charles Stipe, president of the Pan American Roundtable, said the purpose of the tea is to welcome new international students and acquaint them with the community.

The event is being coordinated with the A&M international student advisor, Charles Hornstein.



TEXAS BLEND tried to blend their music into A&M's campus Friday night at a free MSC-sponsored dance.

Art Adorns Sbis Hall Walls

By BARRY DONNELLY

What can rising suns and rings around the moon have to do with the Food Services Department at A&M?

The answer to the question can be seen on the walls of Sbis Dining Hall. The Food Services Department, in an effort to make the older architecture seem brighter, has allowed students from the Environmental Design Department to display their ideas in paint on the walls of the old dining hall.

The latest of the foodland murals was done by Chuck Doherty

as part of a summer problems project.

The project is beneficial to all concerned. The student receives a grade based on the quality of the work, and others eating in the decorated areas enjoy the newer more cheerful atmosphere.

Lloyd W. Smith, of the Food Services Department, said he would like to have more of the student artwork in other areas of both Sbis and Duncan Halls. He feels even a picture in the kitchen areas would help to make cooking more pleasant.

Doherty's creation was painted in the athletic dining area. It is

a series of long sweeping curves and a sun. The emphasis of the project is on color coordination and texture. It is done in varying shades of brown on a bright yellow background.

"People have called it everything from the rising sun to rings around the moon," Doherty said.

The labor which took approximately four-five weeks was provided free by Doherty. The Food Services paid for the paint and other materials.

With other murals a possibility, the Food Services is making efforts to see the students have a colorful and pleasant area to dine.



NEW PAINT JOB at Sbis is viewed by Jody Kopplin and Starlet Tullous. Food Service Manager Charles Blackwell is on the ladder.

Texas Clipper Ends Summer Cruise

GALVESTON—A smashed drawbridge here was the only dull spot in a summer-long 14,000 mile cruise by A&M's "Texas Clipper" which ended as the converted freighter slipped into Galveston Bay Sunday evening.

A sulphur barge had ripped into a bridge at the entrance to Pelican Island the night before, forcing the "Clipper" to dock at a public pier.

The inoperative bridge did not diminish the crowd on hand to greet the arriving ship, and the 58 Texas Maritime Academy cadets and 78 A&M freshmen didn't let the mishap tarnish their Mediterranean voyage.

The high point of the cruise, according to the students, was the "Clipper's" activities during the total eclipse of the sun July 1 off the coast of Africa.

"The eclipse was a once-in-a-lifetime event for the students," noted Rear Admiral J. W. Smith, superintendent of the Texas Maritime Academy. "It was one of many events that made this cruise so outstanding."

Adm. Smith said the students were well-received in all ports of call, and a contingent of musi-

cians from the ship's band was invited to perform at the Sheraton Hotel on Funchal, Madeira Islands.

The "Clipper's" nine-week voyage carried the more than 250 students, faculty and crew to the Canary Islands, Spain, Italy, Madeira and the Virgin Islands.

The 78 freshmen were participating in A&M's "Summer School at Sea" program. The entering students had the opportunity to take first-year English, algebra and history classes on the ship during the cruise.

Refrigerators Due Friday

Student Body Vice President S. Shariq Yosufzai reminds that all refrigerators rented out during the summer session are due in the refrigerator office by 6 p. m. Friday.

The office will remain open from 5:30 p. m. to 6 p. m. Wednesday through Friday.

Further information may be obtained from the Student Program Office in the MSC (5-1515) or from the Refrigerator Office (5-6342).

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