

Camp named for former president

The Ranger camp at Eglin Air Force Base has been renamed in honor of the late Gen. James Earl Rudder who organized the famed World War II Ranger battalion and later served as president of TAMU.

First notification of the Florida facility's renaming was made by Cong. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague

in a letter to Mrs. Margaret Rudder, the general's widow.

Designation of the camp in Rudder's memory comes on the eve of the fourth anniversary of his death. He died March 23, 1970, at

the age of 59 following a lengthy illness.

At the time of his death he was TAMU president, the position he had held since July 1959.

In June 1943, Rudder, then a

lieutenant colonel, organized and trained the 2nd Ranger Battalion which was given the mission of scaling the 100-foot cliffs at Pointe du Hoc during the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

"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," noted General Omar Bradley, commander of U.S. forces in Europe at the time. Rudder's Rangers carried out its mission despite suffering over 50 per cent casualties during the first day of the invasion. Rudder was wounded twice but remained in action.

Congressman Teague noted he worked with the president of the Ranger Association, the Rev. Albert Tovey of Panama City Beach, Fla., in seeking to have the base renamed.

The congressman was notified by the U. S. Army Infantry Center commander that the Fort Benning Topographical Board had unanimously approved the proposal. A dedication ceremony is planned June 22.

Ag leader speaks

Students, faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture have the chance to hear one of the top U. S. agricultural leaders at the annual College of Agriculture Convocation.

D. W. Brooks, chairman of the board of Gold Kist Inc. of Atlanta, Ga., will speak Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the 750-seat auditorium of the J. Earl Rudder Conference Center.

Brooks has been a member of presidential advisory commissions for the Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. As chairman of the board for Gold Kist Inc., Brooks leads one of the largest agricultural cooperatives in the nation. Gold Kist does an annual dollar volume of over \$583 million and has net profits approaching \$20 million annually. His speech, "The Future is Now in Agriculture," will emphasize the increasing role of the

farmer in the U. S. economy.

The Ag Convocation program also features an array of awards to be presented. The Award of Merit will be presented to outstanding agricultural seniors. Alpha Zeta, the nation's oldest agricultural honor fraternity, will present scholarships and other awards to outstanding students. Also on the program will be the awarding of the College of Agriculture Honor Professor and the presentation of a gavel to the agricultural technical club with the highest per cent of members in attendance.

Dr. R. C. Potts, associate dean of Agriculture, expressed his desire for all agriculture students to attend the Convocation and to bring along friends and relatives. "It's especially like to see a large turnout of student wives. These ladies may learn something about agriculture," he said.

Students give election views

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A myth

Editor:

Well, here we go again. The first comments of the student elections have been printed and, as usual, someone has revived the "Corps Bloc Vote" myth. This fantasy is ridiculous for two reasons.

A. 1,900 possible Corps votes cannot override 16,000 possible civilian votes unless widespread apathy results in four out of five civilians not voting. This can hardly be blamed on the Corps.

B. If there is a "Quadrangle Mafia" setting up a takeover, it seems that they would at least have sense enough to unite behind one candidate. Split between the three CT candidates the Corps couldn't bloc vote the Dime Box Hometown Club.

If Mr. Greiser truly wants to know why the Corps seniors and juniors are overrepresented in Student Government perhaps he should look behind the scenes and see if there isn't a disproportionate number of Corps sophomores and fish doing the dull, voluntary jobs that keep things running, as well as provide the experience and knowledge necessary for the elective positions. If the Corps, and other campus minorities (coeds for instance) are "overrepresented" because they are "overinterested" it seems the solution would be increased participation by those who are presently inactive rather than condemnation of those who are participating.

Larry Arnold '69

Team support

Editor:

As members of the Texas A&M Football Team we would like to go on record giving our support to Steve Taylor for Senior Yell Leader. He played football himself for two years and we feel that he would be the best representative in the position next year. We know he is willing to work hard for A&M.

Paul D. Hulin
Mike Keese
with 17 members of
the Aggie team

Optional fees

Editor:

About a year ago approximately 3,000 students signed a petition calling for a referendum on student service fee allocations, but the students never got a chance to voice their opinion, for the Board of Directors met to consider the budget before the petition was handed over to Student Government officials. In this year's election for Vice-President for Finance the students are finally given the chance to decide for themselves.

The race is not one of qualifications, for both my opponent and myself have actively served in Student Government, and we both have sufficient academic background to manage student finances.

Therefore, the main decision for students rests on an issue. That

issue is the right of individuals to determine how they spend their money. My opponent has supported virtually all attempts to maintain the compulsory student service fee structure. The argument that has been used to justify taking the freedom of choice from individual students is that if fees were made more optional, those who use the various services would have to pay more. However, the major reason for this is that those who cannot or choose not to use some services are, in effect, being made to foot part of the bill for those who do. It seems most unfair to continue this.

Furthermore the mandatory fee-subsidiary plan tends to reward and promote inefficiency and unneeded services rather than efficiency and desired services. A club or an organization which has a sound financial position because its members have worked hard to give students programming they desire, and are willing to support is likely to receive a lower level of subsidation than one displaying the opposite attributes. So, tough the intentions of the subsidation seem good, they result in the students not getting enough of the services they need, and getting too much of the ones they really don't need.

I believe more optional fees will restore to students of A&M the individual right to choose and will promote the production of our most needed student services.

Tom Taylor

Brooks OK

Editor:

In considering the candidates for the position of Vice President for Student Services, it is obvious that Barry Brooks is the better qualified candidate.

Barry has done a considerable amount of work on the Student Services and various other committees as well as serving as chairman of the Campus Planning Committee. Through this committee, several changes were made in bicycle registration, a system of bicycle pathways has been approved, and students were allowed to offer suggestions into the long-range campus plan. Barry has also kept informed in all other areas of the Student Service Committee and he would now like to head that committee.

Barry Brooks will also be a senior next year. As an upperclassman, he will have the necessary time to devote to insure an effective Student Government. Through his years at A&M he has acquired the mature, responsible nature necessary for a vice president. Barry has also established a working relationship with other students and administrators. He knows who to contact to see that things get done as they should.

And finally, Barry Brooks has worked for the students. He has repeatedly stood up to all levels of administration to see that student interests were always held to be number one. Considered an antagonist by some administrators, Barry has proven himself

to be a dedicated, effective voice for the students.

In closing, I ask everyone to consider the proven ability of their selection for Vice President of Student Services. There is no question in my mind that he is the man for the job.

Gary Schubert

Not too pretty

Editor:

As a candidate for VP-Academic Affairs, I feel some appropriate remarks should be made about the campaign at this point. Judging from the picture of my opponent and myself in last Thursday's Battalion, I would be willing to concede the election if it was to be run on beauty alone, however, hoping this will not be the case, I would like to clear up a few of the so-called issues that have been brought out.

The Academic Affairs position is responsible for the enactment of choice of professors and professor evaluations, and there seems to be no conflict on the issue. I am committed to its success and my opponent seems likewise to claim. But this is only part of the issue, for the VP of Academic Affairs should be capable of doing more than enacting these evaluations. This includes such things as abilities to make the Senate more responsive to the student body and more credible to the university administrators. It includes leadership capabilities to protect student rights when they are abridged in any form or manner, such as the basic freedoms of choice, which I have stressed in my campaign.

The Senate has made great strides in the improvement of student life in the past year, yet too many students, and Senators alike, complain of gaps created between the Senate and the Executive Committee (which includes Academic Affairs), and even toward the student body at large. To remedy this, I propose more student input channels and more publicity on Student Government projects.

If the students do not know what is offered to them (grade appeals, services, apartment guides, etc) then the SG is missing its relationship to the rest of the student body. The Vice-Presidents' positions should be held most responsible for this rift and prevent it so that all students should have adequate access to SG. Such positions should be filled by those with EXPERIENCE in the SG process, for only then will the problems of the past be acknowledged to provide remedies for the future. I have had twice as much experience in the Senate and twice as much tenure at this university than my freshman opponent.

With two years as Senator and proper preparation, I believe I am ready to take on these responsibilities, and with a positive mandate from the Student Body, take the initiative and insure results.

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