

# Commencement to recognize alumni

## Four to receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

TAMU will recognize four of its former students with Distinguished Alumni Awards at commencement ceremonies Saturday.

Robert R. Herring '41 and Bernard G. Johnson '37 of Houston, Owen W. Sherrill '10 of Georgetown, and Julian B. Thomas '11 of Fort Worth will be cited for exceptional contributions to society.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards, sponsored by TAMU and its Association of Former Students, are presented to the people of Texas and the nation evidence of the effectiveness of A&M's role in higher education.

Criteria for selection include success and prominence in the recipient's profession; integrity, stature and demonstrated ability, and pride, loyalty and interest in TAMU.

Following a distinguished military career during World War II, Herring's business career has included administrative positions in various petroleum and engineering interests and four years as mayor of Breckenridge.

Herring has been with Houston Natural Gas Corporation since 1963, and was elected chairman of the board in 1973.

## Exxon ups gas prices

Exxon USA announced a 3.2-cent-per-gallon increase in the price of gasoline and 3.0-cent-per-gallon for distillate products, including diesel fuel, heating oil and kerosene. A company spokesman said the increase is a pass-through of unrecovered higher costs incurred by the company for raw materials and for imported products. Such pass-throughs are permitted under Federal Energy Office price regulations.

After graduating 1937, and serving as an Army officer during World War II, Johnson entered professional engineering practice and founded the company that became Bernard Johnson, Inc., one of the largest architectural-engineering firms in the Southwest.

He is active in many civic, professional and religious endeavors, has donated a \$25,000 Texas A&M President Endowed Scholarship and was designated with the Order of the Knight of the Holy Sepulchre by Pope Paul VI.

Sherrill served as president of the Association of Former Students in 1925-29 and was an executive in various Georgetown concerns and also served as the town's mayor. He organized the Emergency Corp Production Loan Office in Dallas which granted the first emergency loans in the United States during the Depression.

As realtor and owner of the Owen W. Sherrill Agency, the TAMU graduate has gained national respect and was last year named the "Texas All Time Farm and Land Broker" by the Texas Association of Realtors.

Valedictorian of the Class of 1911, Thomas served as an Army officer during World War I and entered the engineering practice in Dallas. After a long career with the Texas Electric Service Company of Fort Worth, including service as president and chairman of the board, he retired to enter private engineering practice.

The contributions of the organizer and first president of the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation have set the pace for the electric industry. Thomas has also been active in the Association of Former Students, serving as president in 1931-32, and on the A&M Century Council.

## Campus Briefs

### Ticket exchange

Graduation ticket exchange will be set up Saturday morning at 7:45. Located on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center, the exchange will run on a first come first serve basis.

Graduates wishing to facilitate this service are asked to mail their extra tickets to APO, c/o P.O. Box 3922, Aggeland Station, or drop them by the exchange on the morning of graduation.

### Veteran benefits

Veterans who have already applied for summer GI benefits should go by Room 110 of the YMCA building starting May 15th to see if their checks have arrived.

Madeley will succeed William C. "Breezy" Breazeale, who retires Aug. 31.

### Mail managership

Allan M. Madeley, manager of the Housing Office the past eight years, will join the Faculty Mail Service staff Monday in preparation for assuming the managership.

Dr. William E. Tedrick, who oversees the campus mail service in conjunction with his responsibilities as head of the Agricultural Communications Department, said

Madeley, a 1941 TAMU graduate, was assistant housing manager for 20 years before being named manager in 1966.

He worked in the Faculty Mail Service until 1943 when he entered the Army as an artillery officer.

### Top AFROTC cadet

Michael E. Ruff of Dallas received an award Tuesday at Texas A&M University making him the top Air Force ROTC cadet in a five-state area.

He graduates Saturday and will be commissioned an officer in the U. S. Air Force.

The Squadron 12 commander received the W. Randolph Lovelace

Medal of the Air Force Association's Aerospace Education Foundation. The top AFROTC merit award is one of only nine given in the U. S.

Eligibility requirements for the Lovelace Medal includes standing in the top 10 percent of a nominee's academic class and the top five percent of the senior AFROTC class.

### 'Aggeland' by mail

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Orders for orchids for the Boot Dance and Mother's Day are now being taken by dorm representatives of the Floriculture Society.

The orchids are available in two types, the Cybidium and the Cattleya. The Cybidium covers the whole spectrum of orchid colors. The single will cost \$4 and the double will be \$6.

The larger, more intricate Cattleya will sell for \$7.50 for the lavender and \$8.50 for the white.

A number of prepared corsages will be available Saturday for those unable to make an order. These flowers can be picked up at the Floricultural Greenhouse, across the street from the Plant Sciences building.

**bulletin board**

**TONIGHT**  
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in Room N of the Student Programs Office at 7:30 p.m. Rides home will be discussed.

**FRIDAY**  
SCUBA CLUB will have a party at Ken Perkin's house, 912 Montclair. Admission is \$1.50 per person payable to Donna Cox by Thursday. For more information call 846-7082 or 822-5422.

**BRYAN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH** will meet in All Faiths Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
PANHANDLE HOMETOWN CLUB will have a party in the Casa del Sol party room at 8 p.m. There will be a charge of \$1.50 per person.

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