

Taking a glimpse at the administration

Roger P. Miller

Students who have complaints to take to the president usually end up in the office of Roger P. Miller, one of three assistants to President Williams.

Miller, a '72 A&M graduate in journalism, acts partially as a stand-in for Dr. Williams, whose duties often keep him out of the reach of students.

"Dr. Williams has an extremely busy schedule, so I'm available to help a student with his problem then report to Dr. Williams if need be," said Miller.

Miller noted that one of the consequences of a growing university is a growing bureaucracy where officials have a tendency to not be as available to individual problems as they might be at a smaller school.

"It's very easy not to know how the University operates, and when you don't, then you blame whatever you don't like — the University or the administration because of unfamiliarity in how it operates. It wasn't that long ago when I was a student," he said.

"We've tried at A&M, and I think fairly successfully, to stay as personal

an institution as possible. In other words," he added, "if an individual has a problem, there is someone that individual can see to get the problem solved."

Miller's job consists of many other responsibilities besides student complaints. His is a two-fold job in that he acts as both assistant to the president and coordinator of centennial activities here at A&M.

In regard to the assistantship to the president, Miller's job is not nearly as well-defined as those of the other two assistants, Bob Cherry and Mrs. Nelda Rowell.

"I do whatever needs to be done on a day to day basis that does not fall under either of their jobs," he said. This includes anything from talking to students to answering a lot of correspondence.

Miller said he is also assigned to special projects as they come up, such as attaining football tickets for the many guests and dignitaries that visit the A&M campus in the fall.

Miller has been working on coordinating the year-long celebration of the centennial for about a year and a half.

— Vir Anderson

General A. R. Luedecke

A&M has seen many changes in the campus and the people attending in the last few years. General A. R. Luedecke, executive vice-president, has witnessed many since he first came here.

Luedecke first saw A&M as a freshman in 1928. The enrollment, then, was around 3,000. All the students were in the Corps, except for those physically disabled. There

were only three "casuals" in General Luedecke's class.

The ROTC program then was strictly Army with training in infantry, cavalry, coastal and field artillery. The Air Corps program had been discontinued a few years earlier.

The four top students of each graduating class were awarded commissions in the regular army.

The rest were given commissions in the reserves.

Luedecke said seniors in the Corps had no problems and the juniors only problem were the seniors. Freshmen had it rough. Some things never change.

The campus over the years has changed. The swine center was where the golf course is now. North of that were the veterinary medicine

fields. Faculty houses once stood where the Memorial Student Center now stands. The artillery and cavalry horse barns were near the site of the present creamery.

Since students came to A&M on the train then, there were very few cars on campus.

"Parking was no problem," said General Luedecke. It must have been nice.

Nelda Rowell

By VIR ANDERSON

Nelda Rowell says hers is the most all-encompassing position there is in the executive office, outside the presidency.

"It is a job that just sort of defies description," said Rowell. She added, "I don't really know what would be my primary duty, in all honesty, because I'm involved in everything."

Rowell explained that many things she does involve a number of other people in order to get a whole job coordinated.

She must read all of the incoming mail, which at last check averaged about 150 pieces daily, and refer them to officials for answering.

Rowell takes full responsibility in arranging official functions for the president. One such responsibility is

planning everything from beginning to end of the president's reception for faculty and staff.

"I try to keep the president informed of things he might not hear about, whether it be a death or a meeting... I generally jot him notes," she said.

Since tasks just seem to filter in, Rowell said many things are done automatically. She also noted that so much time is spent on phone conversations, the majority of which are with deans and vice presidents, that not much paperwork gets done.

Rowell said she doesn't feel secluded in her executive office up on the second floor of the Systems Administration Building, mainly because she is in such close contact with people by telephone.

Rowell said she consults with stu-

dents by phone or appointment about issues like admissions and room situations. "It's usually a matter of referring them to other offices on campus. Now that we have the office of Vice President for Student Services set up, we don't see near

the number of students we used to," she said.

Rowell said her job is a challenge in that it takes her into all facets of the university. "You learn something about every area your job takes you into," she said.

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Consumer group names legislative 'heroes', 'zeroes'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A consumer group says four senators, including Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., and 34 congressmen should not be re-elected this year because they seldom cast votes in favor of consumer interests.

At the same time, the group, the Consumer Federation of America, is handing orchids to seven senators and 57 House members who the group says scored 100 per cent on 13 key consumer issues.

In announcing the list of "zeroes" and "heroes" Sunday, federation director Carol Tucker Foreman, said the group seeks "to inform the American consumers about which of their elected representatives are truly concerned with their problems and which are continuously selling out to the interests of big business."

The issues on which the federation based its findings were energy legislation, approval to create a federal consumer protection agency, prod-

uct safety bills and banking regulations.

The federation issued a "zero" list of senators who are up for re-election and who were deemed by the group to be in jeopardy. The "zero" senators voted against the consumer at least 75 per cent of the time, the group said. It also gave a list of senators who never voted in the consumer interest but who were not specifically cited as targets on election day 1976.

The other senators on the "zero" list were James Buckley, Con-R-N.Y.; Robert Taft, Jr., R-Ohio, and Harry Byrd, Ind.-Va.

Rep Bob Krueger, D-Tex., was among those listed by the federation as "zeroes" and who are targeted for election action. Representatives who rated zero but were not cited for election action, the federation said, included Eligio de la Garza and Jack Hightower, both D-Tex.; Bill Archer, R-Tex.; and Harold Runnels, D-N.M.

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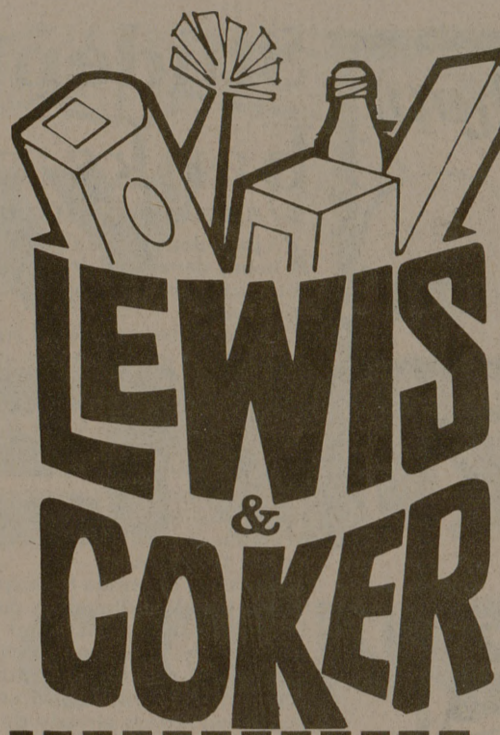
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