

# Local

The will does it monthly

## Student rivals Battalion

By WILEY GILMORE  
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A grin threatened to invade Don Meyer's face, but never quite appeared. It just idled along at the corners of his mouth.

It was the kind of almost grin that one tries to stifle when he's just given someone a hot-foot and is waiting for the victim to react; or when he's slipped a whoopee cushion into your chair and you're about to sit down.

Meyer was in the Memorial Student Center Wednesday, talking about his very own newspaper, Roger's Will.

The Will, as he calls it, is a tabloid-sized two-page paper which Meyer has published three times this fall and said he hopes to continue, if the money appears.

The paper's title is a play on the name of Will Rogers, the American

cowboy humorist who died in an airplane crash in Alaska in 1953.

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Also: "Those congressmen who lose (in the general election) will return in a capacity known as a lame duck, which is undoubtedly an insult to ducks. At least a duck knows how to keep his tail feathers dry and his head above water."

The second page of the paper contains its only concession to advertising, not really advertising of products but of additional services offered by the paper.

One is "Buy a Compliment," a service in which the paper will send the customer a letter of commendation for a dollar and the significant details of the achievement.

Also available is a monthly letter to parents. The ad guarantees that each letter will include a request for more money.

But Meyer waxed most poetic about the homemade cookie service.

Each Thursday, for \$2, he said The Will delivers a dozen homemade chocolate chip cookies to the subscriber or to his or designee.

"We deliver the cookies in a brown bag with a Will Rogers quotation lettered on the side," Meyer said, "and on the other side of the bag is a 'thank you' or your own personal message."

"We have a lady who diets all week long just so she can have her dozen cookies," Meyer said, almost succumbing to the grin at the corners of his mouth. "They go down all at one sitting," he added.

Meyer cited testimonials of illnesses cured and depressions relieved by the therapeutic powers of the cookies.

He likewise alluded to the news-

The paper concentrated on the national elections in each issue. It also has several departments, including editorial, letters and a few advertisements.

Lurking within the paper are some gentle grins. From the November issue: "A candidate should only be allowed to make a promise which he can afford to pay for out of his own pocket."

paper's superiority for the house-breaking of puppies. He added that canaries seem to sing better when The Will is with them (in their cages.)

Meyer did not put out a December issue due to lack of money.

"I've already used up all of my money," he said, hinting that support might be forthcoming for a January issue. He said that he didn't want to use traditional advertising, but preferred some type of underwriting along the lines of PBS.

And he already has plans for January's feature article: "Reconciling ourselves to the Republicans."

"The Democrats got what they deserved," Meyer said. "Anyone who can't cut taxes in an election year doesn't deserve to be re-elected."

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## Students form AgriSpeakers to plug agriculture, A&M

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Six Texas A&M University students are planning to add many hours of work to their general course load next semester, with the development of the AgriSpeakers program.

The AgriSpeakers, a team of six students from the College of Agriculture are making themselves available in schools, civic clubs, youth groups and civic groups to speak on agriculture-related topics, said Randy Green, a member of the team.

"We decided it would be a way to promote Texas A&M and the image of the University," Green said.

"We'll try to give a student's perspective of what this generation of agriculturists are going to be facing."

The team, which is made up of former leaders in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, will travel in a 150-mile radius of College Station to do engagements for banquets and meetings, with each member of the team prepared to speak on one or two topics, Green said.

"These are developed leaders with expertise in public speaking," said Dr. Herman D. Brown, professor of agricultural education and advisor for the team. "This is just one way we feel like our young people can go out and tell those not directly related to agriculture something about it."

Brown calls the program curricular and said it should help to develop professional skill in the speakers.

The students will receive traveling expenses and an honorarium from each group to compensate for their time, Green said.

"The idea is not to make money or the University would have never approved it," Green said.

Green's talks are entitled "Whatever Happened to My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and "Agriculture: The Issue of the 80s."

"We're going out to try to say a few things about the country but not to promote any kind of political views,"

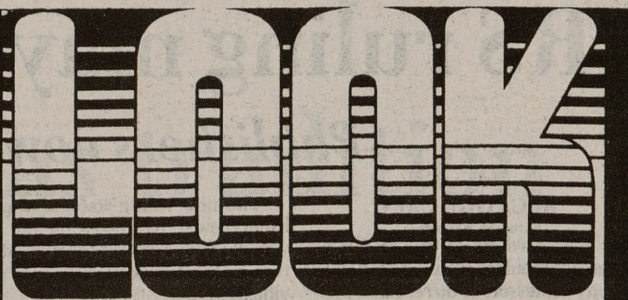
Green said. "There are differences of opinions on many different issues in the agriculture community. Each of us has his own opinions."

## Texas A&M wins award from ASAE

Texas A&M University has been presented the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Past Presidents Award for its support of technical, educational and professional efforts in agricultural engineering.

The presentation was made to Texas A&M Acting President Dr. Charles Samsom at the society's recent winter meeting in Chicago.

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