

Around town

Photographers on campus this week

The photographers from **Yearbook Associates** will be in Room 137 MSC all this week to take pictures for the **1983 Aggeland**. All juniors, seniors, graduate, medical and vet school students have until Dec. 17 to have their picture taken. There will be no makeups after this date.

Room 137 is downstairs from the check-cashing desk at the hotel main desk. The photographers will be there from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. everyday next week.

Variety show applications available

Applications for the **1983 MSC Variety Show** are now available at the secretaries' island in Room 216 MSC. This year's show is scheduled for April 15. Applications are due Feb. 4 and auditions start Feb. 23.

For more information call 845-1515.

Weather education center now open

Texas A&M's **Department of Meteorology** has established a "Meteorological Education Center" on the 15th floor of the Oceanography and Meteorology building.

The center consists of displays of meteorological equipment, a remote radar scope, a slide/tape presentation on meteorology, digital readout panel of current conditions, weather radio, and other items.

The center will be open from 1-3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to provide an opportunity for elementary and secondary school groups to visit during their school hours. It will also be open from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday so that scout groups, etc., can visit the Center after school. Campus personnel and other visitors may tour the Center during any of the above hours.

Tour guides will be present to conduct the tour and answer questions. Special tours, such as for visiting dignitaries, short-course conferences, TAMU classes, etc., may be arranged by contacting Charlie Brenton in the Department of Meteorology at 845-7671.

Post Oak Mall to host pecan show

Brazos County residents will have an opportunity to visit the **South Texas Regional Pecan Show** which will be held this year at the Post Oak Mall in College Station. The show is set for Dec. 7-10 and features winning pecan varieties from county shows held across South Texas.

The public is invited to come view the 400-500 pecan entries which include improved and native varieties. Also scheduled for the event is an exhibit by the **Texas Pecan Growers Association** and a host of pecan growers, Texas Agricultural Extension Service personnel and Texas A&M University staff members who will be on hand to answer questions about the pecan show and growing pecans.

The show begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday with the processing of entries. The entries will be displayed for public viewing until 9 p.m. Friday.

Tandy Corp. donates computer

Lee Millikin, marketing representative for Radio Shack's Computer Center in Parkway Square Plaza, and Jim Savoie, Texas educational sales coordinator, recently presented a TRS 80 computer, a printer and associated software to the **Texas A&M Biology Department**.

The computer donations from the Tandy Corp. is part of a national effort by the National Science Foundation and industry to boost science and engineering education. Drs. C.O. Patterson and Bob Kosinski of the Freshman Biology Program will develop four teaching programs on the Radio Shack computer under an NSF grant.

Professor to receive Holley Medal

Inventor **Jack Kilby** of Dallas, who holds the rank of Distinguished Visiting Professor of Engineering here, has received the Holley Medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The Holley medal, established in 1924, honors Alexander L. Holley, a charter member of the society, and is presented to one who has "achieved a great and unique act of engineering and who has accomplished a great and timely public benefit."

Kilby, who has been associated with Texas A&M since 1968, was honored for his invention of the monolithic integrated circuit which revolutionized the electronics industry and led to low-cost computers, calculators and watches.

A&M student places in rodeo event

Lisa Hensarling, a student at Texas A&M and Miss Rodeo Texas, was named first runner-up in the **Beauty and the Beast Competition**, which is held in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo each year.

Brenda Lee Bonogofsky, of Carson, N.D., was named 1983 Miss Rodeo America and will represent the sport of profession rodeo in the coming year.

If you have an announcement or interesting item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2611.

Cleaver discusses radical past

by Robert McGlohon
Battalion Staff

Eldridge Cleaver may be a former leader of the radical Black Panther Party, but he said Monday that he has left his "left-wing bag" behind.

Cleaver, sponsored by the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP), entertained a group of 300 in Rudder Tower with his conservative remarks by poking fun at the Democrats, evolution and his radical past.

Cleaver said that University officials had tried to change the title of his program from "America's Future and the World Revolution" to "America's Future and the World" because they felt uneasy about the word "revolution."

"We need to understand the world revolution, not ignore it," Cleaver said.

"When you take a look at the world and decide you don't like what it is and decide to change it, that's a revolutionary outlook."

Cleaver quoted passages from the Declaration of Independence and said that many of the world's past wars and revolutions were the result of a search

for utopia — including the American revolution.

"People have tried everything from A to Z and yet we have never discovered the perfect society," Cleaver said.

"And so at the same time we've got to recognize that we failed to find utopia; we've got to recognize that we've gotten better. The further back we go, the deeper the blood gets."

Cleaver spent most of his talk, which lasted nearly two and a half hours, tracing his personal life beginning with his first arrest in 1954.

He spent from 1954 to 1966 behind bars at San Quentin and spent that time studying. It was at San Quentin that Cleaver, the son of a preacher, became an atheist and Marxist, he said.

"I truly believe if I hadn't gone to prison, I'd still be running around sort of empty-headed."

However, after his escape from the United States to Cuba because of a police shootout in 1968, he became disillusioned with communism and became a Christian again, Cleaver said.

It took him a long time to give up communism, he said, be-

cause he had a vision of people "skipping hand-in-hand into the happy ever after" following the communist revolution. But after his flight from the United States, he searched for several years trying to find a communist nation which fit that picture — and failed, he said.

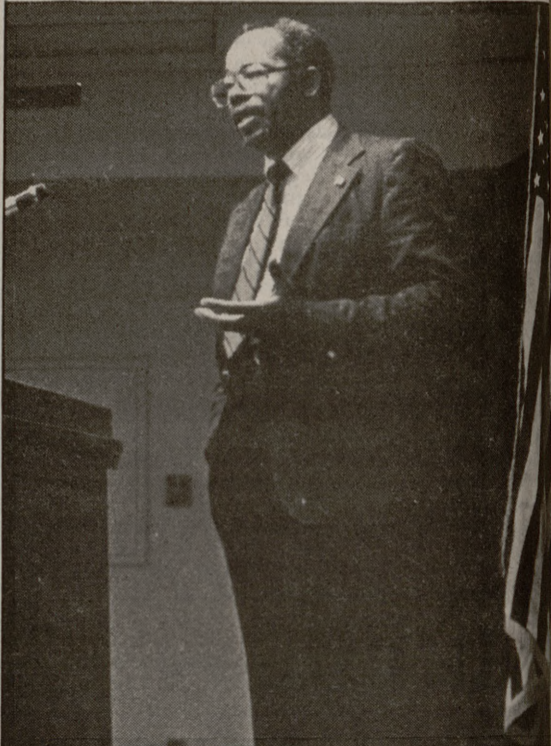
"It was a horror story," Cleaver said. "I began to see it was a dictatorship of the proletariat."

He warned of communist efforts to weaken the United States by sowing dissension among American citizens by supporting reactionary groups such as the Ku Klux Klan. He also said that America's greatest weakness, as compared to Russia, is in civil defense rather than nuclear weaponry.

Following his speech, Cleaver answered questions from the audience.

In response to a question about his association with Rev. Sun Yung Moon and the Unification church, Cleaver said, he is not a "Moonie" but respects the church and some of its concepts.

CARP, which sponsored the speech, is directly associated with the Unification Church, led by Moon.



Former Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver

School's finances improving

by Shellee Bratton
Battalion Reporter

When the Allen Academy closed its military boarding program last spring, many thought the 96-year-old preparatory school was closing down completely.

But Allen Headmaster William Creeden said that is not true.

Academy directors decided to end the military boarding program last spring because the dormitories were not in satisfactory condition and the school lacked the funds to restore them, Creeden said.

The lack of alumni support for the military program also played a role in its discontinuance, he said.

Creeden said the academy — which is the oldest accredited, non-sectarian preparatory school for boys in Texas — is now concentrating on becoming purely a college preparatory school.

"It (the college preparatory program) will attract more stu-

dents," Creeden said. "The new curriculum will challenge and provide the students with competencies which will prepare them for college."

And he said the academy is on its way to better financial health due to a new mineral lease with Chaparral Minerals Company.

Royalties from production from the lease could provide up to \$50,000 a year, which would provide the beginnings of an endowment for the school. The school also received a \$25,000 donation from Houston stockbroker David Underwood who, Creeden said, is interested in private education.

Creeden said the donation enabled the academy to pay off a \$100,000 short-term loan which they made last June to pay for renovation and operation costs.

Allen Academy originally followed a three-part program which consisted of a college preparation program, an English development program for foreign students and a basic program which prepared students for technical or vocational school.

At one time, the school advocated a "military structured discipline," Creeden said. But he said the change to a college preparatory school will affect the quality of the program.

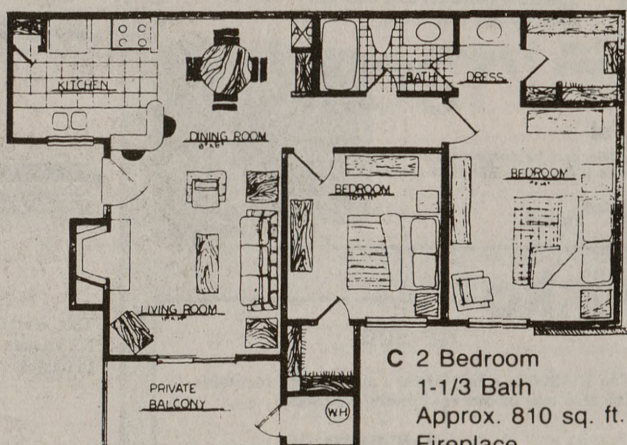
When the academy was military, many of the students were unruly problem children who were sent there because they

needed discipline, Creeden said. But as a college preparatory tutoring students that school, he added, the academy will be concerned more with disciplining them.

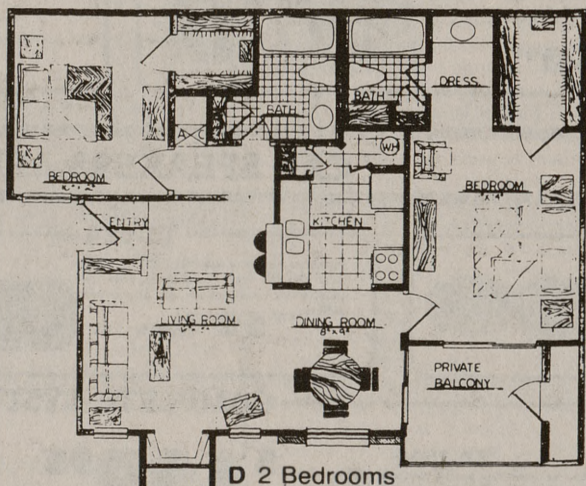
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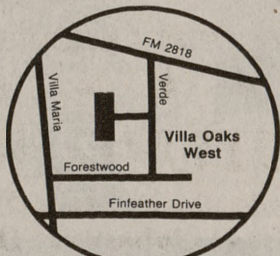
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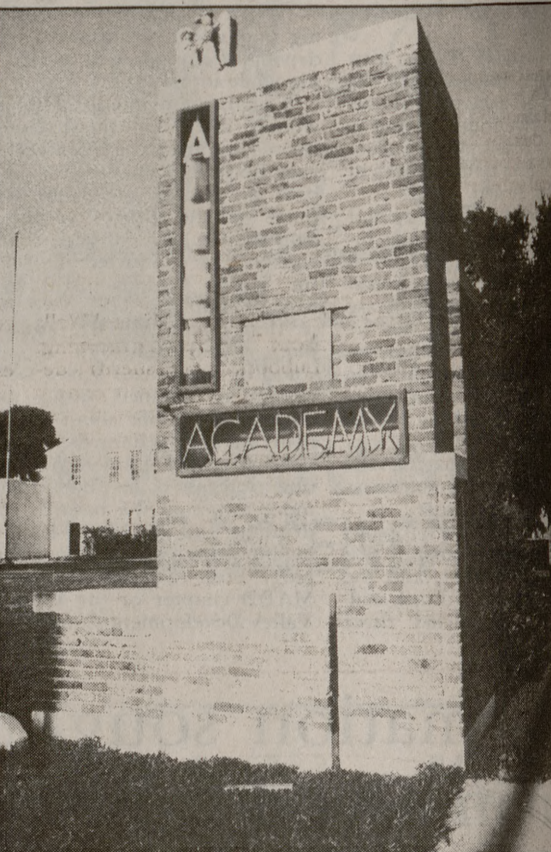
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