

Networks mark 20 years of news

United Press International
NEW YORK — Gov. George Wallace delayed the opening of an Alabama school, Robert Kennedy cut short a holiday to keep on top of the fight for civil rights and Walter Cronkite had an exclusive interview with President John F. Kennedy.

It was Sept. 2, 1963, and these were some of the day's events covered by CBS News on network television's first daily half-hour evening news broadcast.

"CBS Evening News" marks its 20th anniversary as a half-hour broadcast Friday. NBC News went to the format a week

later on Sept. 9, 1963, and ABC's half-hour early evening news show premiered Jan. 9, 1967, with none other than Peter Jennings anchoring from New York.

Since then a competition worthy of Olympic entry — the anchor toss — has been under way at ABC and NBC as the two networks struggle to knock CBS out of favor with television's early evening news audience.

The latest round in the ratings race starts Monday night when Jennings becomes the first single anchor on ABC's "World News Tonight" since Oct. 1,

1976 — his co-anchor Max Robinson still is awaiting reassignment — and Tom Brokaw begins a solo run at NBC. Brokaw's co-anchor, Roger Mudd, will become host and principal reporter of "NBC White Paper" and senior political correspondent.

For their efforts, Jennings, 45, will earn a reported \$900,000 a year and Brokaw, 43, a reported \$1.5 million.

Top-ranked "CBS Evening News" has always used the single-anchor format, with Cronkite holding the spot until March 9, 1981, when he was succeeded by

Dan Rather, 51, who makes a reported \$2 million a year.

When NBC announced last July that Mudd would be reassigned as of Sept. 5, a spokesman for the network commented: "CBS has had a single anchorman and I guess we found out that single is what the people want."

Whether this really marks the end of the 20-years of guesswork that has seen ABC and NBC juggling with single-, double- and triple-anchor formats, remains to be seen.

ABC News had used the triple-anchor format since July

1978, with Frank Reynolds broadcasting from Washington, Jennings from London and Robinson from Chicago.

Reynolds died July 20, and on Aug. 9, ABC News President Roone Arledge announced that Jennings would be assuming the post of single anchor and, like Brokaw and Rather, be based in New York.

Jennings, only 26 when he assumed the post, left his initial anchor post at ABC in 1967 to gain experience in field reporting.



FIRST MEETING

Mon.; Sept. 5
7:00-8:30 P.M. ~ 410 Rudder

Committee sign-ups will be held. Come get involved!

School faces charges for sexual segregation

United Press International
VAN ALSTYNE — Some parents in a north central Texas community are concerned about the gender gap that has put boys and girls in separate classrooms at Van Alstyne Middle School.

One parent said Wednesday he's ready to take the school district to court to ensure his daughter receives an equal education.

"I don't believe the girls are being given an equal opportunity," said Jim Wolfe, an air traffic controller whose daughter Raquel is in the seventh grade. "The boys are separated because they play football and the girls don't."

Wolfe said separating the

sexes in the seventh and eighth grade classrooms deprives students of a vital educational experience.

"I think boys and girls should learn to get along and coeducational classes are an important part of their education," he said. "I think the school is wrong in taking state and federal money and then doing as they please."

But Wolfe's threat to file a sex discrimination suit against the school district has drawn little response from school officials.

Principal David Campbell said the gender segregation was necessary to accommodate school athletic schedules.

Charles Williams, Van Alstyne school district superintendent, said he is not concerned about a sex discrimination suit and denied that parents are upset at the arrangement.

"We've had one call," he said. "We discussed the scheduling and we decided it was the best arrangement."

Campbell explained the schedule of classes was arranged so the boys' coach — who doubles as a math teacher — could spend more time teaching math.

In previous years the school had separate coaches for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls, he said.

"This year the seventh and eighth grade boys meet together in a combined athletic class and the seventh and eighth grade girls meet together for their class," he said. "That gives the math teacher an extra period to teach math."

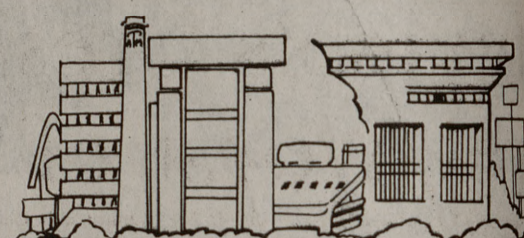
Campbell said that because of the combined athletic classes, it was necessary to keep the students separated all day.

Some students also have expressed dissatisfaction with the arrangement.

"I don't like going to class with all boys," said one eighth grader, who asked not to be identified. "It just isn't the same."

Campbell and Williams both denied claims by a number of parents that the scheduling was arranged to prevent disciplinary problems.

But Caroline Beaty, whose son is in the eighth grade, said the school has had minor classroom problems in the past with teachers "who couldn't control the eighth grade."



Around town

O'Dell named squadron commander

Commander Jack O'Dell, of Richardson, has been named commander of the Naval air transport squadron VR-59. The reserve force squadron, comprised of 203 officers and enlisted men, flies missions to such diverse places as Japan, Alaska, Europe, Canada and the Caribbean, including supplying U.S. troops to Beirut.

O'Dell, Class of '63, graduated with a bachelor's degree in business. He was recruited into the Navy in 1962 and served his active duty career in the Western Pacific, including Vietnam. He joined the reserves in Dallas in 1969, and has been pilot for Braniff and is now a pilot for Muse Air. He was named to the command of the VR-59 squadron in early August.

Campus to hold open house Sunday

Sunday's **MSC Open House**, which will feature more than 150 student organizations, will be the largest ever held. Organizations from around the campus — academic, service and honor, sports and recreation, religious, MSC, music and dance, and general groups — will have booths and displays open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on both floors of the Memorial Student Center, offering information about their groups and activities.

Refugee, a band from Dallas, will be playing in front of the Rollie White Coliseum for the annual street dance from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Students also will be able to meet their deans, department heads and other administrators at a reception in 201 MSC, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Guided tours through the MSC will leave every 20 minutes from the main lounge from at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

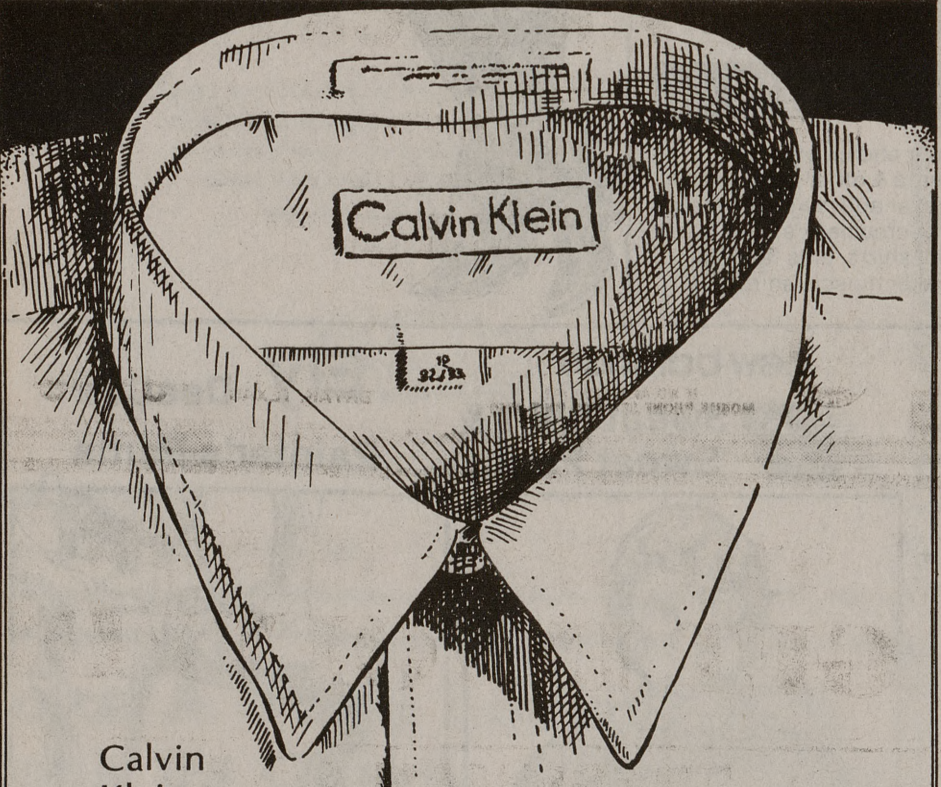
ISA needs exhibits for Open House

Any international students' organization that wants to participate in MSC Open House is encouraged to prepare a labeled exhibit to be displayed at the International Students' Association booth. Members should attend in their national dress if possible, and will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Memorial Student Center to prepare the exhibits.

Positions open on ISA committees

Anyone interested in serving on committees in the International Students' Association should stop by the ISA office in Bizzell Hall or call 845-1824. The positions are open to any Texas A&M student. The appointments will be confirmed at the first administrative council meeting Sept. 23 in 501 Rudder.

To submit an item for this column, come by the Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or contact Cheryl Burke at 845-2611.



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Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department on Tuesday and Wednesday.

THEFTS:

- A green Schwinn 10-speed bicycle, from the Hobby Hall bike rack.
- A yellow Schwinn 10-speed bicycle, from the Crocker Hall bike rack.
- A red Montgomery Ward 10-speed bicycle, from the staff parking lot across from Sbis Dining Hall, north of Haas Hall.
- A maroon backpack, from the shelves outside the Memorial Student Center Basement Bookstore. The backpack contained a textbook, a gold Cross

pen, a pair of prescription glasses, \$7 in quarters and other personal property.

- A wallet, from the first floor of the Teague Research Center. The wallet was found later in trash can in the first floor women's restroom of the building. All property was recovered except \$209 in cash.
- A General Electric AM radio, from 264 Veterans Medicine Complex.
- A sign from the Penberth Intramural Complex. Two persons were apprehended, given written statements and were released.

BURGLARY:

- A set of tools worth \$300 from 327 Zachry Engineering Center.
- Two Phillips 100 watt stereo speakers from Dorm 11.

OTHER:

- A gate arm was broken in the staff parking lot adjacent to the Creamery and the Pavillion.
- A person was arrested in the parking lot across from the Northgate Post Office for driving while intoxicated. The person was taken to Brazos County Jail.

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