

Compare 'em

Watch for it!

Compare prices of other college cafeterias in this area with those of A. & M. Soon to be released, the results of the A. & M. American Veterans Committee's food price survey. In it will be included the latest cafeteria prices of A. & M., TCU, SMU, Texas University, and the Universities of Tulsa and Oklahoma, and maybe Rice and Texas Tech.

True, unbiassed, unpadding food price survey. Judge for yourself. Coming March 15.

Four Selections On Ballet Theatre Show Tomorrow

First Such Program on Campus; Tickets on Sale for \$2, \$1.50

By David M. Seligman

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock is the only time to see America's first world-renowned ballet troupe perform on the stage of Guion Hall. This performance of the Ballet Theatre is not a Town Hall attraction; the group is now on a nation-wide tour. Town Hall tickets will not be honored for the show.

Reputed to be the only American ballet artists of renown, the opportunity to see a program of this variety should prove interesting as well as entertaining. The theatre will present several of its stars and a full corps de ballet for a supporting cast.

Tickets are on sale at Waldrop's and WSD in Bryan and at the Student Activities Office in College Station. The reserved seats are priced at \$2, and general admission is \$1.50. Tickets will also be on sale at the door tomorrow evening.

In addition to the sixty dancers of the troupe, a 20-piece symphony orchestra will provide background music for the scheduled four numbers to be performed. These selections, from their repertoire of some forty dance plays, are "On Stage", "Interplay", "Pas de Deux" (Black Swan), and "Tally Ho".

The stars from the cast of the theatre which will appear tomorrow night are Nora Kaye and Igor Yousekevitch in Black Swan; Melissa Hayden and John Kriza in Interplay; Lucia Chase and Dimitri Romanoff in Tally Ho, and Alicia Alonso and Michael Kidd in On Stage.

Advance notices have pictured the players as "good looking" and the scenery of the productions as excellent. Judging from these and comments from satisfied customers elsewhere in this country and Europe, from which they just returned, ballet enthusiasts who attend tomorrow's performance are in for some top notch entertainment.

Ballet Theatre is the first show of this type to come to A. & M., if this performance is well received, no doubt more can be brought to the campus. The Ballet Theatre admits that is not strictly orthodox in its presentations. In fact they stress that the company combines some of the more modern technique of the dance with the old versions. All of their selections for the program here, except "Pas de Deux", are of the modern approach to ballet expression, and even the exception is not a true one. The Black Swan is an adaptation of the original score to a more contemporary trend.

Tough Struggle to Organize Vet Med School Ended in '16

by W. K. Colville

The School of Veterinary Medicine, a relatively new school of A. & M., dates back to 1916, when Dr. Mark Francis, the veterinary school's first dean, was successful in its organization.

Dr. Mark Francis, an Ohio State graduate, deserves unqualified credit for his work in establishing the School of Veterinary Medicine on the A. & M. campus. Coming to the college in 1889, he immediately took upon himself the task of determining the cause and prevention of the diseases affecting our livestock. With improvised quarters and meager facilities, Dr. Francis began an investigation of Texas cattle fever. His investigations proved fruitful, and he devised a successful method of immunizing cattle against Texas fever. Through his efforts, the state has become "Texas-fever-free" for cattle.

Other investigations of diseases were carried on by Dr. Francis, until 1905 when Dr. R. P. Marshall, also a graduate of Ohio State, was employed as his assistant. Courses in anatomy, physiology, and other veterinary sciences were taught, but the success of this preliminary training given livestock men was not satisfactory in preventing or controlling diseases of livestock.

Dr. Francis recommended the establishment of a School of Veterinary Medicine to professionally and technically train veterinarians. Finally, in 1916, after much opposition, the school was set up with Dr. Francis as dean.

Classes were held in the old chemistry and veterinary science building. The first building, one of several making up the present system, is a three-story brick building

28,548 Vets Enter 3-State VA Hospitals

A total of 28,548 war veterans were admitted to Veterans hospitals in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi during the year 1946, the Dallas branch office reported last week.

Although comparable statistics for the preceding year are not available for the Southwest, the area's increase in veteran hospitalization probably parallels the national figure of 61.3 per cent.

During the same period, beds available for treatment of veterans in veterans hospitals in the tri-state area increased 44 per cent to 7,745 beds at the end of 1946. Hospitals increased in number from eight to eleven, or 38 per cent. Dallas Branch Area hospitals are located at Dallas, McKinney, Temple, Amarillo, Legion, and Waco, Texas; New Orleans and Alexandria, Louisiana; and Jackson, Gulfport, and Biloxi, Mississippi.

The greatest number of veteran patients—about 82 per cent—were general medical and surgical cases. Next in line were a neuropsychiatric patients, totaling 12 per cent. Tubercular patients comprised the smallest group with only 6 per cent of the total. At the end of the year, 2,797 neuropsychiatric cases in the eleven hospitals were classified as psychotics. Another 411 were veterans with neuropsychiatric disorders other than psychosis, such as psychoneurotics, character and behavior disorders, and organic conditions of the nervous system.

The disparity between the comparatively small number of neuropsychiatric patients admitted to Veterans Administration hospitals and the large number under treatment at the end of 1946 results from the long periods these patients must spend in hospitals under treatment.

for offices, classrooms, and laboratories named in his honor, "Mark Francis Hall". A modern hospital with laboratories and clinic facilities for large and small animals and poultry, a two story building for anatomy, and two modern buildings for large animals were constructed in 1933.

Progress was slow during the first fifteen years of the veterinary school's existence, and only four men graduated in the first class of 1920. A total of 52 received degrees within the next fourteen years, and since the beginning of the school 31 years ago, a total of 756 students have graduated as veterinarians.

It is estimated that from 10,000 to 12,000 animals are brought to the clinic each year. This large number enables the student to actually see and study the various diseases as to cause, symptoms, diagnosis, and surgical or medicinal treatment.

Dr. Francis served as dean of the school from its early beginning to his death in 1936, and Dr. Marshall became the second dean of the school, retaining that position until 1946.

Dr. R. C. Dunn is the present acting dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Truth About Prices

March 15 the American Veterans Committee will release the low-down on food prices at college cafeterias in this area. An impartial survey taken by the college chapter will reveal the latest figures which veterans are forced to pay in schools of the southwest. Don't miss it!

Houston Symphony Vocalist



MIRIAM FORMAN, young lyric singer and wife of former Aggie, Jack Forman, will be guest soloist with Houston Symphony Orchestra on Town Hall, April 2.

A Murder Has Been Arranged . . .

Drama Tomorrow in Assembly Hall for Three-Night Stand

By Ferd B. English

Beginning a three-night stand in the Assembly Hall tomorrow evening at 8:15, the Aggie Players will present "A Murder Has Been Arranged", by Emlay Williams.

Under the direction of George J. Dillavou of the English department, "A Murder Has Been Arranged" takes place at night in the empty St. James' Theatre, London.

Bill Krause plays the lead as Maurice Mullins. He was also the leading actor in the previous play, "The Male Animal".

Miss Groze, better known as Betty Smith, is a senior at Consolidated High School and has played in other campus productions.

Frank A. Camp plays the part of Cavendish.

Assistant radio editor of the Extension Service, Miss Sybil Claire Banister, will portray Mrs. Ragg. Earlier roles have been a Negro in "The Male Animal", and a Russian in "You Can't Take It With You", and now it's a Cockney.

Robert Q. Blakeney of Oklahoma City is Jimmy North in "A Murder Has Been Arranged". In high school he participated in several dramatic presentations.

TSCW dramatics major Mary O. Johnson will be seen as Lady Beatrice Jasper. She lives in Bryan.

On the other hand Sir Charles Jasper will be portrayed by Arthur L. Stauffer, a Houston junior.

Mrs. Arthur, or in real life Nancy Tucker, was a member of the University of Texas' Curtain Club. Her home is Marshall, Texas.

Just a Woman is Patricia Kirkpatrick. She received her BA in dramatics at the University of Rochester and her MA at Columbia University, where she was associated with the Radio Workshop and the Little Theatre Group.

Stage manager for "A Murder Has Been Arranged" is J. Howard Davis, in charge of the construction committee. Rene W. Schroeder is chairman of the properties committee; Mrs. Kirkpatrick is in charge of costumes, which were obtained from Van Horn and Sons, Philadelphia. Chairman of the box office and program committee is Walter McMahan. Darwin Hodges is handling lighting and sound effects, and Miss Banister is making up director. All art work is being done by Mrs. Hilda Stieg. The Stagecraft class (English 382) designed and constructed the setting.

President of the Aggie Players is Bill Krause; Roy L. Garner is vice-president; Nancy Tucker is secretary; and Walter McMahan is treasurer. Art Angrist and George Dillavou, both of the English department, are sponsors of the Thespians.

Tickets for "A Murder Has Been Arranged" cost 75 cents for reserved seats and 50 cents for general admission.

The next dramatic production will be Edward Chodorov's "Kind Lady", to be directed and presented by Art Angrist, April 30 and May 1-2.

Mrs. Arthur in 'A Murder'



NANCY TUCKER, soon to be seen in the campus-produced version of the British play, "A Murder Has Been Arranged". From Marshall, Mrs. Tucker attended the University of Texas as a music major. Her husband, Jack, is now attending A. & M.

Land of Lakes Club to Meet

The Land of the Lakes Club will meet in Room 324, Academic Building Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of making plans for a spring party.

Man on the Council . . .

(An Editorial)

Veterans now have the privilege of naming a representative to the Athletic Council, and it is expected that the VSA board of representatives will discuss the matter tomorrow night. We hope that the representative will be elected in a ballot submitted to all veterans, rather than being named by association officials or the board of representatives.

The athletic representative need not be a T-man, or even an athlete at all, though he should have some knowledge of how intercollegiate sports operate. Best-fitted, perhaps, would be a minor-sport letterman, not on a scholarship and therefore able to act disinterestedly.

The Battalion has already expressed its opinion that we must all get back behind Norton for the '47 football season. It is unfortunate that the Associated Press in its story of last Friday's board meeting said: "Norton won his second battle in 10 years with the alumni . . . In a slap at an undetermined number of ex-students seeking his removal . . ." etc. The decision last Friday involved no slap at the alumni, no slap at Norton. The board faced facts, and acted accordingly, without any gratuitous "slaps." We can't afford to remain, as we have been for months, a "house divided against itself."

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Visual Aids Lab to Begin Operations at A & M May 1

A photographic and visual aids laboratory, with photographic, motion picture, and chart equipment, will be established around May 1, and will go into full-fledged operation by September 1, according to E. L. Angell, assistant to the president.

Sixteen thousand dollars has been secured for purchase of motion picture projectors, film strips, slides, and other photographic teaching aids. The laboratory will

White, Kokernot, and Angell Re-Elected Board Officials

G. R. White of Brady and H. L. Kokernot, Jr. of Beaumont were re-elected president and vice-president of the A. & M. College Board of Directors at the Friday meeting of the Board. E. L. Angell, assistant to President Gibb Gilchrist, was re-elected secretary of the Board of Directors.

This was the first meeting of the Board since appointments of Tyree L. Bell of Dallas and C. C. Krueger of San Antonio, by Governor Jester.

At the Friday meeting the board authorized President Gilchrist to sign a lease for the Grand Prairie outlying field of the Naval Air Station, to be used by North Texas Agricultural College for classrooms and housing. This area would provide housing for approximately 800 students.

Board Chairman G. R. White was authorized to sign an agree-

ment with the Veterans Administration to set up a testing center for veterans, which would enable the college to evaluate aptitudes and provide vocational counseling.

Prairie View FPHA
Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College will get 50 family type trailers, under a contract which President Gilchrist was authorized to sign with the Federal Project Housing Authority.

Department Changes
The Range Management and Forestry divisions were ordered united, and the combined department will be known as the Department of Range and Forestry. Under this set-up, courses which previously have not been listed, will be offered.

The Board of Directors also voted to combine the departments of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. To be known as the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, it will be under the direction of L. P. Gabbard.

Committees Appointed
The following committee assignments were announced. The Executive committee will be composed of Tyree Bell, chairman; G. R. White, H. L. Kokernot, and John W. Newton.

The Legislative committee will consist of D. W. Harrison, chairman, Rufus Peoples, and Krueger. The Building committee will be composed of Krueger, chairman, Bell, and Peoples.

The Finance committee will consist of Newton, chairman; Peoples, and Harrison.

Prairie View A. & M. committee will consist of Henry Reese III, chairman; Roy C. Potts, and Harrison. Peoples, chairman; Harrison, and Potts will constitute the Branch College committee.

A combined committee of the Experiment Station, Forestry Service, and Extension Service will be composed of Kokernot, chairman; Reese, and Harrison.

Potts, chairman; Reese, and Peoples will compose the publication relations committee.

McDonnell Aerodynamicist To Speak Friday Evening

D. S. Lewis, chief aerodynamicist of the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, will speak in the Chemistry Lecture Room, Friday evening, March 14, at 7:30, announced Q. C. Harvey, president of the student branch, Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

In the letter to the student branch from McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, it was stated that "During the past few years the approach to the design of high-speed aircraft has undergone radical changes." Such changes, it was pointed out, have been brought about primarily by the development of gas turbine engines, which provide spectacularly high powers at speeds and altitudes well beyond those possible with reciprocating engines driving propellers.

"The branch of engineering most affected by these changes has probably been aerodynamics, where the need for higher and higher speeds has resulted in a constant search to find ways of increasing the airplane's 'critical' Mach number, thus making it possible for the airplane to efficiently use the tremendous power available from the jet engines," the corporation's letter went on to say. "Having found the solution which satisfies the requirements of the moment, methods of taking care of the resulting undesirable characteristics must be developed in order that the airplane might have satisfactory flying qualities at all speeds."

In an effort to present an idea of those current problems, the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation has prepared the program which Lewis will present Friday evening. He will use a color-sound movie, "The Phantom", which portrays the development of the McDonnell FD-1 airplane from the early design stages, through the wind tunnel and flight test periods, and finally through its first carrier operation trials made aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Since the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation is interested in employing qualified graduates in all fields of engineering, Harvey urges all engineering students to attend.

operate under the business manager of the college. Governing policies are to be set by a committee representing the various college divisions.

"This laboratory will result in the saving of millions of dollars to the people of Texas through the speeded up learning process that will accompany such a visual aids program," stated Angell. "Everyone who served in the army is familiar with the outstanding use that the army made of visual aids to accelerate learning of difficult technique by service personnel," he continued.

"This arrangement will give A. & M. one of the finest visual aids laboratories in the country," Angell said.

Services of the laboratory, which will be open for the use of any of the college departments, will be: Coordination of all photographic activities of the college. Preparation of posters, charts, maps and graphs.

Repair and maintenance of the motion picture projectors now in use.

Upkeep of a pool of projectors which can be borrowed by departments to show training films.

Maintenance of a modern film library.

Purchase of better instructional films.

Sophs Extend Date For Duchess Entries

Deadline for submitting pictures of candidates to represent the Sophomore Class as duchess at the Cotton Ball and Pageant has been extended to Monday, March 17, George R. Edwards, class president, announced Monday.

All pictures should be turned in to Room 408, Dormitory 11, before that date.

Veterans, Get On Batt Mailing List

Students now living in Veterans Village, Project Houses, Trailer Camps, or in the College View Apartments should contact the Battalion office if they wish their names placed on the Battalion mailing list. Please bring either yellow slips showing payment of Activities Fee or Batt Card.

'47 Longhorn to Be Out Mid-Summer; Near Pre-War Size

In answer to numerous inquiries as to the publication date of the 1947 LONGHORN, Harry Saunders, veteran editor, announced Monday that the book will not be ready for distribution until mid-summer. Foremost reason for this delay is that in order to deliver by the end of this semester, all photographic material would have had to be in the hands of the engraver by February 1. This was impossible chiefly because of the bad weather which hindered completion of club and military organization pictures.

In addition to this, it would have necessitated omitting all pictures of second semester activities—that is, the spring social season, basketball, baseball, track, final review, and many other events which should appear in a book representing the activities of this school for a complete year. The 1947 LONGHORN will be the first book in the history of the school to completely cover the entire school year and should be well worth waiting for.

Production on the book has been hindered by the same obstacles which have been in the way of most all post-war activities of the country—high prices, shortages of materials, and shortage of labor, Saunders said. After numerous compromises with all concerned the '47 book will approach the size and quality of pre-war LONGHORNS.

No announcement can be made at the present time of the Vanity Fair winners, which many have been anxiously waiting for, but this announcement will be made in a future issue of the Batt.