

# The Battalion

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**SOCIAL ETIQUETTE**—Mrs. Walter Delaplane takes the rostrum for her part of the Memorial Student Center's social etiquette course last night, the first of the "Mind Your Manners" series. Other speakers, from left to right, were Mrs. M. T. Harrington, Mrs. Ide Trotter, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Marion Pugh, Chancellor M. T. Harrington, Series Chairman Dave Ashcroft, and Social Etiquette Chairman Tom Yates.

## Prom, Banquet Tomorrow

## Juniors Dance in Center

The big night of the year for the junior class is Saturday, with the banquet scheduled for 6:30 and the prom at 9 p.m.

The entire second floor of the Memorial Student Center will be devoted to the dance, with couples

having a choice of dancing in the main ballroom, the assembly room, or weather permitting the terrace. Tables will be set up on the terrace if the weather is good.

The dance will feature Ernie Martellino and his combo, the Aggieband combo, and the Mellowstones from Sam Houston Teachers college. One group will be in each of the dancing areas.

The class sweetheart will be chosen during intermission at the dance. Five finalists have been picked.

(See pictures at bottom of page)

Guest speaker for the banquet will be A. O. Sainger, assistant southeast division sales manager for Humble Oil and Refining company. Filet mignon will highlight the meal.

## Activity Fee Sidetracked In Legislature

The bill that would allow state colleges to charge a required activity fee of up to \$20 a semester has been sidetracked in the Texas senate, after a threatened filibuster by Sen. Jimmy Phillips of Angleton.

The bill was scheduled to come up for discussion on the senate floor Wednesday, but it didn't. E. L. Angell, system vice-chancellor, said yesterday that he "guessed" it would come up the first of next week.

The bill was discussed on the senate floor Tuesday, but Phillips took the floor with an amendment to make the fee optional, as it is now, and kept it for 40 minutes, until the end of the session.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Otis E. Lock of Lufkin, and would go into effect next year if passed. A&M now has an optional activity fee of \$21.90 a year.

The A&M activity fee includes The Battalion, one other student publication magazine, Town Hall, Great Issues and Recital series, and athletic tickets.

The bill would allow the fee to include all this, plus a student health fee and a student union fee.

Chancellor M. T. Harrington said earlier that the A&M System Board of Directors would decide whether or not the fee would go into effect here if the bill passes.

## Weather Today



### PARTLY CLOUDY

The weather outlook for today is continued cloudy and cooler. There is no expected rain for today but there is a possibility of showers for Saturday.

The temperature at 11 this morning was 72.

**RUE PINALLE**—Charley Stark, with his one-string guitar, will be master of ceremonies at the Memorial Student Center's Cafe Rue Pinalle tonight in the games area of the MSC. The show will start at midnight, because of the Intercollegiate show, and will last until about 3 a.m.

## SP Will Make Train Changes

The Southern Pacific Railroad, which runs trains between Houston and Dallas, will start a new policy Friday.

The railroad will run one compartment coach on the line Monday through Thursday and one compartment coach and one chair car Friday through Sunday.

The reason for this move is the light passenger loads between the two cities, company officials said. This policy will remain in effect until passenger travel increases, they said.

Tickets to the prom are \$2.50, couple or stag, and may be purchased from Glen Rice, Richard Gentry, Bill Swann, Cy Johnson, Gus Mijalis, Wade Ingram, Weldon Walker and Jim Bower. No more banquet tickets are being sold.

## Livestock Judgers Win Four Places

A&M's junior livestock judging team took a second, a third, and two fourth places in the recent Oklahoma City livestock judging contest.

The team won second in hogs judging, third in cattle judging, and fourth in sheep judging and all classes. Len Steakley of Coleman was eighth high individual.

Team members were Steakley; Charlie Cypert of Hillsboro; C. O. Wheeler Jr. of Odessa; Richard Thallman of Bandera; and Thomas Newman of Santa Anna.

Others who made the trip were Richard Tachibana of San Benito; David Cooper of Pampa; Leland Cook of Abilene and Wesley Smith of Marshall.

Team coach is W. T. Berry Jr. of the animal husbandry department.

## News of the World

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

**WASHINGTON**—President Eisenhower is staying out of the controversy brought on by making public the Yalta papers. The White House said the decision to release the long-secret documents was made "entirely within the State department."

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**LONDON**—The British conservative government is considering publishing its own edition of what went on at the Yalta meeting. Prime Minister Churchill contends there are what he called "serious mistakes" in the American account of the 1945 meeting.

# Exemptions Asked

## Senate Goes Forward In Return Movement

The Student Senate moved forward last night in its fight to return the exemption system, with the approval of a letter requesting the return.

The letter, which is eventually to go to the Executive committee, will be sent to all the school councils for their endorsement or disapproval.

One council, the Agriculture council, has already decided not to ask for the return, according to F. E. (Sonny) Tutt, senate vice-president and a member of the Agriculture council.

That leaves the Arts and Sciences council, Engineering council and Veterinary Medicine council.

The letter, prepared by Glenn Buell, head of the senate's exemption committee, gives four reasons for the return of exemptions. They are briefly as follows:

- Students "will just coast along" in a course, satisfied with a B instead of trying for an A and an exemption.

- A student could get sick during final examination week, be unable to study for the final, and lose credit in the course because of a poor grade on the final.

- Taking finals in all courses causes a strain on the students; exempting a few courses would allow him to study more for the others.

- A student hasn't a very good chance of raising his grade a letter on the final, so he might be tempted to study just enough to make the minimum grade.

The senate authorized the councils to make minor changes in the letter if they desired.

In other action, the senate voted to endorse the "Book for Democracy" drive sponsored by Kansas state college. The Exchange Store committee was authorized to look into possible collection methods for the drive, which is to send American textbooks to Russian dominated countries.

The senate also named 10 delegates to the Texas Intercollegiate Students association convention to be held at San Antonio's Trinity university April 2.

Delegates will be Senate President Jerry Ramsey, Bill Bass, Paul Holliday, Bill Utsman, Glenn Buell, Tony Specia, Bob Alcock, Gus Mijalis, Bob Putnam, and John Benefield.

The proposed constitutional amendment that would give the Project Houses area a member on the senate was tabled for lack of the three-fourths quorum necessary to vote on the constitutional change.

## Sounds Like 'Can You Top This'

George Litton, of the purchasing office, has a fish story that needs every one of his four witness to make it believable.

He was fishing at Camp Creek lake last Sunday, with a spinning outfit, when a small perch struck on his line.

As he was reeling the perch in, a 10" bass swallowed the perch, and then a five-and-a-half pound bass swallowed the smaller bass.

After the line had gotten untangled, Litton reeled in all three fish.

If anyone can top this one, and provide witnesses, we'd like to know about it.

## Civilian Dorms Start Pictures

Civilian dormitory group pictures will appear in the Aggieband for the first time next year, Harry Tilley, Aggieband co-editor, said yesterday.

Pictures will be taken on the steps of the new administration building at 5:15 p.m. each day according to the following dorm schedule, and students are expected to wear either a suit or sport coat with tie, Tilley said.

The group picture schedule by dorms will be:

Monday, March 21—Mitchell  
Tuesday, March 22—Puryear  
Wednesday, March 23—Law  
Thursday, March 24—Leggett  
Monday, March 28—Milner  
Tuesday, March 29—Hart  
Wednesday, March 30—Walton and 17  
Thursday, March 31—Bizzell and YMCA

Club pictures for the Aggieband scheduled to be taken in front of the New Administration building March 21-31 will be taken in back of the new Administration building at times previously scheduled, Tilley said.

Students with snapshots suitable for the Aggieband should turn them in to their dorm or ramp representative, he said.

## Talent Show To Be Biggest In A&M History

About 4-5,000 persons are expected to fill G. Rollie White coliseum tonight for the biggest Intercollegiate Talent show in A&M's history.

The show, which starts at 8 p.m., will have a cast of 100 performers—16 acts representing 14 colleges, including Ted Stecki, winner of the Aggie Talent show last fall.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$1 general admission and \$1.50 reserved seats.

Dick Gottlieb, Houston television personality and an A&M former student, will be master of ceremonies for the two-hour show.

Featuring three winners of the Horace Heidt national collegiate talent contest, the show is the result of audition trips to all major colleges in Texas and neighboring states.

Among the acts are the Oklahoma A&M male quartet, called one of the outstanding male quartets in the country, a dance act from Oklahoma university featuring 23 girls in scanty penguin costumes; and the Knights of Dixieland band from Southwestern Louisiana institute.

Horace Heidt winners on the bill are Miss Virginia Holum, vocalist from Texas Christian university, and Evie Cooper and Mike McGehe, a dance duo from Louisiana State university.

Neighboring University of Texas and Southern Methodist university will be represented with a juggling act and a pantomime.

"We tried to select as wide a variety of talent as possible," said Margaret Long, Memorial Student Center program consultant.

The Aggieband orchestra will accompany all the acts.

The Intercollegiate Talent show is sponsored by the MSC music committee. Frank Jaggers is chairman of the committee, and Jim Pie is director for the show.

Other members of the committee are Art Henderson, Dudley Brown, Joe Harris, Dick McGown, Lee Brauner, Eric Hannawacker, Rusty Wells, Bill McLaughlin, Gary Anderson, Mike Griffin, and James Powell.

## Installment Due At Fiscal Office

Tuesday is the deadline for third installment payments at the fiscal office. The payment is \$52.30 and covers the period through April 22. A \$1 penalty will be assessed for each day the payment is late.

## Seniors To Meet

The senior class will meet at 7:30 Monday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. Further plans for the Ring dance May 21 will be discussed.

## Filing Starts Tuesday For Offices

Tuesday is beginning day for filing applications for all class offices in student activities office, Goodwin hall. Deadline for filing is March 29.

Students running for yell-leader and student entertainment manager must have a grade point ratio of at least 1.25. The latter also must be a junior with one or more years experience on the entertainment staff.

For all other offices the student must have a grade point ratio of 1.0 or better, and be academically classified in the class he is representing. The general run of offices will be a president, vice-president, secretary, social secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian.

The class of '56 also will elect a historian, an entertainment manager, a representative to the Memorial Student Center council and two yell-leaders.

The class of '57 will elect the usual officers, two yell-leaders and one representative to the Memorial Student Center council.

A class agent will be the only officer elected by the graduating class of '55.

Final elections will be held April 5. Runoffs will be held April 13.

## Quest To Fill Coaching Slot Continues

Paul Bryant, A&M athletic director, had nothing to report yesterday on the search for a basketball coach to replace John Floyd, who resigned Tuesday.

"We will announce something as soon as anything happens," he said.

Bryant had stated it is hoped the vacancy will be filled by April 1, stating "we want to move slowly and carefully—we want the best man available for the job."

## ONE OF THESE GIRLS WILL BE JUNIOR SWEETHEART



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