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Ball, Barbecue

Civilians Prep For Weekend

The highlight of the year for A&M Civilian students, the Civilian Weekend will get under way Saturday afternoon at 5 in Deware Field House, Mike Carlo, secretary of the Civilian Student Council said today.

Finalists in the Civilian Sweetheart contest will be introduced at that time, Carlo said.

A barbecue dinner consisting of one half barbecued chicken, potato salad, beans, pickles, onions and soft drinks will be served in Deware at 5:30, he said.

Concluding the weekend's activities will be a dance, starting at 9 Saturday night in Sbisla Hall. Les Blume and his band from La-Grange will provide music for the occasion.

At 10, finalists in the Sweetheart contest will be judged. The judging will be by popular vote of everyone attending the dance. Up-

on entering, everyone will be given a card, which will be used for voting, Carlo said.

This year's voting will mark the first time the Sweetheart has been selected in such a manner. In previous years, faculty and staff members made the selection.

The card will have a place for two choices of Sweetheart, and each person will indicate his choice for first and second place, then drop the card in boxes provided for that purpose, he explained.

Cost of the barbecue is \$1 per person with children under 12 being admitted for 50 cents. The admission to the dance will be \$1.50 per couple.

The Battalion will run seven of the Sweetheart finalists in today's issue. The remaining seven will appear in tomorrow's issue.

Blood Drive Under Way In Coliseum

The Student Senate's annual blood drive is currently under way on campus and will continue through 5 this afternoon.

Students who are donating blood are doing so in G. Rollie White Coliseum. A goal of 600 registrants has been set for the year to equal last year's output of 400 pints.

A total of 500 students registered to give blood but some will be turned away due to minor ills and other causes.

Postcards were sent to those who registered to inform them of the time they were to register. These times were arranged during the student's off hours.

Students who did not register may still give blood, however. According to Jake Sekerka, president of the Student Senate, those who wish to do so need only report to the Coliseum some time today.

Proceeds go to the Wadley Foundation in support of the Texas Children's Research Foundation.

A&M Student CofC Plans Meeting Tonight at 7:30



Buy License Plates

Curtis Roberts, freshman engineering major from Carlsbad, N. M., buys his 1960 Texas license plates from Mrs. J. A. Orr in the Memorial Student Center. The license plates are on sale in the MSC Post Office area from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily. Students and

faculty and staff members may buy their license plates in the MSC through Thursday, March 31, except on Saturdays and Sundays. March 31 is the last day for registering cars without having to pay a penalty.

Promotion Plans On First Agenda

Methods of further promoting A&M will be discussed tonight at 7:30 at the first meeting of the A&M Student Chamber of Commerce in the Lecture Room of the Biological Sciences Building.

The main topic for tonight's meeting will be an explanation of the workings of a Chamber of Commerce to the members. Following this original meeting, the Chamber will elect officers in a meeting next Thursday and get to work on a group proposals already confronting them.

A Board of Directors and managing secretary will be elected at next week's meeting. The newly elected members of the Board of Directors will select their own president.

Following these first two meetings, the Chamber will probably revert back to call meetings, with communications to members being made by mail.

Clifford W. Lane, Jr., student organizer of the Chamber, stated the members of the groups will be composed of student delegates from the different departments on campus. Each department has been invited to appoint one junior and senior per degree option as delegates to the organization.

Lane said the Chamber, organized under the Department of Student Activities, will be a student effort to present material about each academic department of the college to correct what he calls "the belief that A&M is strictly a military and agricultural college."

Material collected by the student delegates on the various departments will be turned over to hometown clubs and other similar organizations to be presented to prospective students.

The Chamber's goal is to become an organization that people and organizations will turn to for information and ideas on how to best picture A&M.

The Chamber will be organized in committees which so far consist of the hometown club, special project and information committees. The information committee will work with the other department delegates in organizing the information pamphlets on each department. These pamphlets will be displayed on campus where both visitors and students will have access to them.

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621 Make DS List For Fall Semester

By BOB SLOAN
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The Office of the Director of Admissions and Registrar has announced that 621 undergraduate students were designated Distinguished Students for the Fall Semester, 1959-60.

In order to be placed on the distinguished student list, a student must be registered for at least 15 hours and establish a grade point ratio of 2.25 or better.

William D. Edmonds, a freshman science major from Dallas, posted a 3.18 for the highest undergraduate GPR last semester.

In all, 36 students posted GPR's of 3.0 or better. Six of these 36 posted over a 3.0.

The three and their grade point ratios are Edmonds with a 3.18;

Robert K. Wright, sophomore aeronautical engineering major from College Station with a 3.13; Arthur T. Moore, sophomore electrical engineering major from Hempstead with a 3.11; Lynn Bellamy, sophomore science major from Bryan with a 3.05; Sam Piccolo, sophomore business major from Bryan with a 3.05; and Marjion M. Walton Jr., sophomore English major from New Iberia, La., with a 3.05.

Of the students in the 3-point bracket, 13 were seniors, 10 were sophomores, 7 were juniors, 5 were freshmen and 1 was a fifth year architecture major.

There were 21 students who just made the DS list—posting the minimum 2.25 GPR. Of these there were 7 seniors, 6 juniors, 6 sophomores and 2 freshmen.

About one of every 100 students was designated a Distinguished Student for the Fall Semester.

City Election Vote Planned April 5 On Mayor, Council

The citizens of College Station will elect a mayor and three councilmen in a city election to be held April 5, according to Ran Boswell, city manager.

The present mayor, Ernest Langford, is the only candidate who has announced for the mayor's post. Carl W. Landiss is running for Ward 1 councilman, Joe H. Sorrels for Ward 2, and A. P. Boyett is running in Ward 3. All are councilmen whose present terms are expiring. They are the only announced candidates for election.

Absentee ballots applications may be filed beginning today in City Hall, and the deadline for absentee votes is April 2. Poll tax receipt or exemption slip is required to register for the vote, said Boswell.

Student Senate Meets Tonight

Members of A&M's Student Senate will continue discussions on the Reville Fund, Twelfth Man Basketball, the A&M blood drive and the Aggie Muster when they meet at 7:15 tonight in the Senate Chamber Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Senate will also hear a report from a special committee for selection of an outstanding staff member.

U.S. Officials Inspect Adenauer's Berlin Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—U. S. officials today began a friendly but cautious inspection of Konrad Adenauer's plan for a pre-summit vote by West Berliners on whether the Allies should stay in Berlin.

The West German chancellor launched his surprise suggestion in a speech to the National Press Club Wednesday.

Today he arranged to wind up his 2½-day visit to Washington with sightseeing and a lunch with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, then fly to California where he will receive two honorary university degrees.

The State Department termed Adenauer's Berlin proposal "very interesting" and said it had no doubt West Berliners would vote overwhelmingly to keep their Western protectors.

It promised consideration of the plan at the pre-summit strategy huddles now under way among the Western Allies, after the West Germans supply a formal proposal spelling out what Adenauer had in mind.

The West German foreign minister, Heinrich Von Brentano, said he will stay on in Washington for several days of discussions after Adenauer's departure.

The 84-year-old Adenauer acknowledged Wednesday he had not mentioned the idea to President Eisenhower during their lengthy meeting at the White House Tuesday. He said he had thought of it only Wednesday morning.

As Adenauer pictured it, a West Berlin plebiscite rejecting Nikita Khrushchev's demand that the big powers pull out of the city would strengthen the U. S. British and French chiefs when they meet the Soviet Premier at the summit conference starting in Paris May 16.

Khrushchev had called for withdrawal of the World War II occupying powers so Berlin can become a "free city." The Western Allies' position was reaffirmed by Eisenhower at his news conference Wednesday when he said the Allies will not abandon their rights in Berlin except under a reunification of Germany.

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Military Men Study Europe As Missile Site

WASHINGTON (AP)—Military leaders are studying the possibility of equipping land bases in Europe with Polaris missiles, says Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates Jr.

The solid-fuel Polaris is designed for firing from submarines and will have a range of about 1,200 miles.

Gates was questioned about the Polaris Wednesday when he testified at a combined public hearing by the joint Senate Space Committee and the Senate Defense Preparedness subcommittee.

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Bo Lee Voted Council Head

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Lee took the majority of votes over Rush McGinty, the other finalist.

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