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WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

A requisition has been made by the authorities of the College and will be sent to the legislature for action during the session to convene next week in Austin. This requisition has been considered by the State Board of Control, an advisory body which acts as a check upon requests of the state institutions, and the requests of the College have been cut in half. While the action of the board is not final, the decision of the legislature depends largely upon it.

The board recommended the request of the college for appropriations for the year ending August 1928, for a \$200,000 Library Building and equipment; a \$150,000 fireproof dormitory; repairs and additions to the Textile building or the \$350,000 Memorial new deep well. However, the request for a new Agricultural Engineering Building and a fireproof armory was disapproved. For the year ending August 31, 1929, the board agreed to the request for another \$150,000 dormitory, but failed to recommend the request for a new chemistry building or the \$350,000 Memorial livestock building.

In addition to these appropriations for permanent improvements, the board recommended, for salaries, and miscellaneous expenses, appropriations totaling \$1,163,770 out of \$2,066,220 requested. The grand total for A. & M. College and its branches for the next year is recommended as \$2,324,594.10.

A Farmer's Forensic Society has been organized to show other schools that the Aggies can talk as well as anyone. Powers, W. W. Leslie, Reith, Wood, Pipkin, and Jones comprise the membership at present and meet every other Monday night to be coached by Mr. Spriggs. Powers is the president now but will graduate at mid-term.

There are three debates scheduled, one with T. C. U., S. M. U., and the Kansas Aggies. The S. M. U. and Kansas Aggie debates will be held here at College and the T.C.U. debate at Fort Worth.

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NOTED OPERA AND BALLET STARS TO APPEAR HERE

Splendid Program Offered In First of Student benefit Shows

Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the Senior class of the College, the Manhattan Opera Co. of New York City and the famous Palvey Ourainsky Ballet will be presented in the Assembly Hall. For five seasons this troupe has been a featured part of the Chicago Civic Opera productions. The Opera Ballet Company numbers about sixty-five artists. They are returning East from an extended tour on the Pacific coast and are playing the big auditoriums in Houston and San Antonio prior to the engagement here.

Members of the Opera company will give Leoncavallo's master work "Pagliacci" in two acts, during the latter part of the evening. Orville Harrold, popular Metropolitan Opera tenor, will be supported by a renowned cast among whom are Parisi Votto, Italian baritone, in the role of Tonio, Marie Williams, Scotch prima donna, who will sing Nedda; Jose Abella, Italian baritone, and Joseph Cavadore. This presentation will follow the Ballet presentation in which twenty-two people take part in the, "Cubist dance," "Nymphs and Fauns," "Columbine," and others; thus bringing to the College a high class combination of Opera and Ballet dancing. A symphony orchestra under the directorship of Adolph Schmid accompanies the Ballet. Color, variety, and the entire gamut of human emotions characterize the elaborate dance program. Two carloads of scenery, twenty trunks of rich gorgeous costumes and an extra car of stage and lighting effects are carried on the tour.

The officials of the College, in cooperation with the "Y," are bringing a series of high class entertainments of this sort to College Station in an effort to create a fund for the Senior Class, which is to be used for defraying the expenses of various student activities and thus eliminate the necessity of soliciting funds from the student body on various occasions.

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'PREXY'S' PARTY GREAT SUCCESS

President's Annual Reception to Seniors Well Attended.

In accordance with one of the traditions of this institution, Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton held an open house reception for the members of the senior class Monday night, at their home. Cadet Col. R. L. Edgar and Lt. Col. R. E. Goodson were at the head of the receiving line, followed by S. L. Stratton, president of the Senior Class, who in turn introduced each one to the president and his family. The reception line ended with the Commandant, Col. F. H. Turner. Misses Ethyl Walton and Bess Alexander served refreshments consisting of sandwiches, olives, parched nuts, fruit cake, and tea, from an artistically decorated table using maroon and white for the color scheme. Following the refreshments, smokes were passed to those adapted to the use of the cultivated weed. The evening was not lacking for entertainment, for "The Aggeland" syncopaters de luxe, lent warmth and congeniality to the occasion by furnishing music throughout the evening.

Practically the entire Senior Class turned out to enjoy the hospitality of Dr. Walton's home for the evening and a stronger bond of appreciation and support was formed between the man who guides the destiny of the institution as a whole and the men who are responsible for its campus activities.

RESOLUTIONS UPON THE DEATH OF J. P. HAIL

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his last resting place Mr. J. P. Hail, father of our classmate;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Junior Class, that we extend to J. P. Hail, Jr., and other members of the family our sincerest sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent Mrs. J. P. Hail and family of the deceased, a copy to The Battalion, and a copy to the Houton County Times and the Crockett Times, both of Crockett, Texas.

J. H. Warren, President.

WORK ON SBISA ANNEX RUSHED

Mess Hall Annex Nears "Final" Completion.

The new mess hall which is rapidly nearing completion, was started under President W. B. Bizzell when he had Prof. H. N. June, head of the department of Architecture, make the preliminary drawings. Owing to the lack of funds the plans were not carried out until last September when the Board of Directors had new drawings made and asked for bids.

On June 12, 1926 the contracts were let. F. A. Mote, Contractor of Dallas, received the General Contract for \$78,975.00; Kinnison Bros. of Dallas received the heating contract for \$2,624.00; and the Sherrin-Lacy Electric Company of Dallas the wiring for \$1,358.00. The plumbing is being done by the Department of College Utilities.

The building is a duplication as far as possible of the old Mess Hall, being an extension with a basement area in the rear. It is of fireproof construction, having a concrete framework, brick walls, and a steel truss roof with a sheet metal covering. The trimmings are of artificial stone.

A basement entrance leads to a suite of office rooms, two private dining rooms, a large dining hall for employees, and adequate equipment of rooms necessary for all employees. The main floor contains a 79 by 108 foot dining hall with a seating capacity of about 700, and a 55 by 79 foot banquet hall with large cloak-room and entrance lobby. At one side is a small dining room and reception room for the Board of Directors. All rooms are easily accessible from the kitchen.

Unavoidable delays have hindered the completion of the building. According to Prof. June it will be ready for use at the end of the present semester. The formal opening will be held about the first week in February.

There is a rumor afloat that the "Black Bottom" originated at A. & M.

Optimistic view of Situation:

Well we're one point ahead of S. M. U. now—They beat us two (2) in football, and we beat them three (3) in basket ball.