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A & M Directors and Texas Regents Write Bill Dividing Available Fund

In a joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the A & M College and the Board of Regents of the University of Texas at Austin early this week an agreement was reached on the phraseology of a bill dividing the University available funds between the two institutions. The bill, which is to be presented to the Texas Legislature, carries out a plan which the two boards agreed upon several weeks ago.

According to the bill, A & M will receive \$150,000 a year for four years and after September 1, 1934, will receive one-third of the available fund with the exception of the income from grazing leases.

To Instruct English Students In Library Use

In order to familiarize themselves with the library and its correct usage upperclassmen studying courses in English will be required to attend a lecture and demonstration given by a member of the library staff during the coming week. All freshman English classes have recently received instructions on use of the library and it is the belief of Thomas F. Mayo, librarian, that the purpose of acquainting the students with their library has been achieved. In the future it will be necessary for only freshman classes to receive the instructions.

Economics Dept. Plans Trade Meet

Plans for a trade forum to be held here January 23 have been announced by Prof. J. W. Barger, of the department of economics. These meetings will be featured by the talks of several men of the United States Department of Commerce, who will be here at this time to attend the forum, and to acquaint themselves with the operations in this part of the state.

Probable speakers will include specialists in domestic trade, trade relations of the Gulf and the Southwest, and foreign trade, and a foreign trade representative from abroad. They will be here for the day, and will be available in the morning to talk to combined classes of any department that is interested in their work.

According to present plans the forum will open with a meeting in the afternoon, featuring one or two speakers. The closing session will be held that night at which time talks will also be heard. The forum will be open to the public. It will give students an opportunity to learn a great deal about how the trade of this nation is promoted by the Department of Commerce, and especially in this part of the country.

Word has been received from Ernest L. Tutt, District Manager at Houston that the following men and himself from the Department of Commerce will be present: Sherwood H. Avery, district manager at Dallas, and his Assistant Manager, Harold M. Young; Benjamin Wilson, District Manager, Galveston; Davis Alexander, Commercial agent at Houston, and Fred C. Rogers, Assistant Manager at Houston.

Other details of the forum will be announced later as they are worked out.

Chemical Society To Give \$6,000 In Prizes

Prizes totaling \$6,000 will be given by the American Chemical Society to the freshman students writing the best essays on several subjects dealing with the relation of chemistry to various phases of life, reports Prof. H. R. Brayton, head of freshman chemistry. The awards are being made in an effort to encourage students to acquire a greater familiarity with the science of chemistry, and no great technical knowledge is required, Prof. Brayton said.

Six prizes of \$500, six prizes of \$300, and six prizes of \$200 will be received by the authors of the first, second, and third best essays, respectively.

The following is the list of topics supplied by the American Chemical Society: The relation of chemistry to health and disease. The relation of chemistry to the enrichment of life. The relation of chemistry to agriculture. The relation of chemistry to national defense. The relation of chemistry to the home. The relation of chemistry to the development of an industry or resource of the United States.

The contest closes March 1, 1931. All freshmen interested may obtain further particulars from Prof. Brayton.

Student Publication Denounces Cramming

PRINCETON, N. J.—That last minute tutoring before examinations exerts a "vicious influence on the intellectual life of the university," was the statement made in an editorial recently by The Daily Princetonian, undergraduate publication of Princeton University here.

The editorial opened with an explanation that the newspaper had refused an advertisement from the Hun School tutoring sessions for the freshman examinations near at hand, and then lists four reasons for the editorial attack on the system of tutoring for examinations.

First, cramming is a superficial method of review," the paper said. "It deadens undergraduate initiative and places a premium on merely getting by. Second, in view of the fact that only certain types of examination questions can be asked, and that these can be easily spotted by experienced tutors, cramming by Hun puts university examiners under the temptation of trapping the trapper and giving tests that will beat Hun and fail everybody.

"Third, shallow tutoring, foreign to the purpose of all worth while study, encourages habits of mental laziness and is worse than useless in preparing for comprehensive examinations of upper-class years.

"Fourth, it is partially responsible for the failure of men who relied, in freshman and sophomore years, on intellectual dope and found it unavailing later."

Dean Puryear Reported To Be Improving Slowly

Dean Charles Puryear, who is slowly regaining his strength lost following several recent operations, Monday reported himself as "feeling fine" and "longing to be at his desk again". He is allowed to sit up in a wheel chair five hours a day, and says that he feels much benefited by the fresh air and sunshine.

"I am very grateful", remarked the Dean, "for all the telegrams, flowers, and letters sent to me by my friends during the Christmas season."

Sterling Names One New A & M Director

Henry Schuhmacher, Houston, and Raleigh White, Brady, were re-appointed members of the Board of Directors of the A & M College and Joseph Kopecky, Hallettsville, named to succeed William A. Wurzbach, San Antonio, as a member of the board by Gov.-Elect Ross Sterling Tuesday. At the same time new regents were also appointed for the University of Texas and the state teachers' colleges of Texas.

The directors were appointed for six-year terms, their terms to expire in 1937. Wurzbach, the only member who was not re-appointed, was recently elected County Judge of Bexar County. His successor is editor of Novy Domov, a Bohemian newspaper at Hallettsville, and very prominent in educational and other affairs in that section of Texas.

Other appointments made by Governor-Elect Sterling:

University of Texas regents—Leslie Waggner, Dallas; M. Frank Yount of Beaumont; and John T. Scott, Houston. They succeed Lutch Stark, Orange; M. E. Foster, Houston and Sam Neathery, Houston.

Teachers' College regents—Col. Thomas H. Ball, Houston; Henry Paulus, Yoakum, and John E. Hill, Amarillo, all re-appointed.

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Ohio State Students Plan Anonymous Magazine In Order To Avoid Censors

Ag. Engineering Dept. Conducting Hotbed Test

An experiment involving the heating of hotbeds by electricity is being conducted by Professor P. T. Monford, according to an announcement from the Ag. Eng. department.

Mr. Monford is using four hotbeds in the experiment each heated by electricity, and he hopes to prove that it is both economical and practical to use this method of heating the beds in this climate. As the usual difficulty in the operation of hotbeds is the inability to control the amount of heat necessary in varying climatic conditions, it is expected that the use of electricity will prove quite popular in the south if it is found to be economical.

The experiment is being conducted jointly by the schools of Engineering and Agriculture, and is one of a series of attempts to adapt electricity to the farm.

Announce Twenty-one Candidates For Mid-Term Graduations Feb. 1

Vaughn To Address Seminar January 23

Prof. G. C. Vaughn, of the department of economics will be the principal speaker at the next meeting of the Social Science Seminar which will be held in the physics lecture room at 8 o'clock on the evening of Monday, January 23. He will talk on "The Regulation of Public Utilities."

It will deal principally with the adjustments of a fair price for the commodities the public gets from the utilities and the manner in which rates are determined. Various examples of contested cases which have been tried in the Supreme Court will be used to give a clearer understanding of what has been done in the past.

The talk will be given in a non-technical manner such that it will be interesting and give one a general view of the economic characteristics of the public utilities. While attending the University of Chicago during the summer Prof. Vaughn received instruction from Martin G. Glaeser, a recognized authority on the economics of public utilities and is well informed on the subject.

Faculty Dance In Mess Hall Saturday Night

The College Dancing Club will entertain with its first dinner dance on the evening of January 10 in the banquet room of the mess hall. Small tables will be arranged around the dance floor and soft lights will be used. Reservations have already been made for numerous dinner parties and at least seventy-five couples are expected to attend according to Thomas F. Mayo, secretary of the club. Dinner will be served at eight o'clock and besides dancing between the various courses, novelty acts will be presented during the dinner.

The Serenaders will furnish music for the dance.

Nineteen Candidates For B. S. Degrees, One For B. A.

Candidates for degrees at A & M, to be awarded Feb. 1, 1931, at the close of the first term of the present academic year, number twenty, announcement from the office of the registrar, discloses. Nineteen are candidates for bachelor of science degree and one for bachelor of arts degree. The candidates are as follows:

For bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering: William B. Clute, Schenectady, N. Y.

In civil engineering: Willis E. Collins, Schenectady, N. Y., Allan N. Demaret, Bryan; Stephen M. Farquhar, Jonesboro; Robert E. Hable, Dallas; John W. Singleton, Dallas; Seth H. Steele, Chilton.

In chemical engineering: Alvis B. Duke, Handley; Leslie S. Moore, Comanche; Joseph A. Redinger, Texarkana.

In mechanical engineering: Elmer C. Haller, San Antonio; Gilbert M. Vick, Houston.

In agriculture: William A. Culbertson, Gatesville; Francis C. Davis Jr., Denton; Thomas J. Moon, Santa Rosa; Corbin R. Owen, Magnolia, Ark.; Harrison D. Wood, Henderson.

In agricultural administration: Robert E. Hendrick, Fort Worth.

In landscape art: Stewart E. King, San Antonio.

For bachelor of arts degree, liberal arts: Edward H. Pepper, Gulfport, Miss.

A. H. Students Plan Horse Show

The first annual mid-winter horse show, sponsored by the animal husbandry students specializing in horse production will be held in the A H pavilion on January 23, has been announced by D. W. Williams, head of the animal husbandry department.

A wide range of classes has been carded and the entry is list open to everyone in an effort to have all local horsemen compete.

The tentative list of events released Wednesday includes a fine harness class, ladies' three gaited class, weanlings to halter class, three gaited combination class, children's class, plantation walk, five gaited class, hunter class, fitting and showing of draft horses, and a three gaited open class.

"The students are planning this show," said Mr. Williams, "in order to stimulate interest in the horse industry, and show the public what this section has to offer in the way of horseflesh." Prospective entrants should report to the A H department office as soon as possible so a final program may be arranged. There will be no admission charge.

KYLE ATTENDS AG. MEETING

Dean Kyle left last Wednesday to attend the meeting of the Texas Agricultural Worker's Association in Waco, Texas, where he is scheduled to make a talk on Agricultural Teaching Problems. Agriculturalists from all over the country will be present.