

CAMPAIGN FOR READING FUND SUCCESSFUL

Malo Wins First Prize for His Plans for New \$300,000 Y Here

Cashion Addresses Mothers Clubs

Plans Specify Club Rooms, Dance Floor, Post Office, Lounges

Antonio Malo, senior architect student from Mexico City, was awarded first prize of \$100 for his plans to the proposed new building for the Y.M.C.A. Second prize of \$75 went to Mateo Ortiz, third place to Charles Staudt with a prize of \$50. Ben Christian and Rudolph San Miguel tied for fourth place and a prize of \$25. The plans are now exhibit in the lobby of the "Y".

Entries were judged by a committee appointed by Mr. Cashion in order that all angles of question of suitability would be considered. The architect on the committee was James E. Monroe Jr. of Houston. All plans had to conform to certain specifications to cover the needs of a large student body such as the one on this campus.

Malo's plans provide for a dance floor of 4000 square feet, 30 rooms with private baths for guests, a recreation room for billiards and pingpong, four bowling alleys, a lounge room of 300 square feet, a number of club rooms, and an executive club room and lounge provided with dumb-waiter service from the confectionery.

Plans for financing the project were put into action when M. L. Cashion, secretary of the College Y.M.C.A. went before the meeting of the Mother's Clubs here Saturday afternoon. At this meeting he told them of all the prospective arrangements that should be made in starting a campaign for the large sum of \$350,000, \$300,000 of which is to be for the new Y, \$50,000 for additions to the old Y building. According to Cashion much interest has been taken in the new building not only by the Mothers, but also by everyone else with whom he has spoken.

A great many of the Mothers seemed to think that they would be called on to raise practically the whole sum, but Mr. Cashion has several parties in line to help. The national headquarters of the Y. M. C. A. has a committee for the purpose of aiding member organizations raise funds for various projects. This board has guaranteed that if they are allowed to work on this fund, they will raise the entire sum in three months.

PARRIS AWARDED R. V. BEST-DRILLED MEDAL SUNDAY

Buster Parris, Battery C-Coast Artillery from Dallas, was awarded the best drilled medal of the R. V.'s here Sunday during Mothers' and Dads' day activities. Parris won the award by competitive drill in which all members of the R. V.'s, crack military organization on the A. & M. campus, took part.

Members of the Military Department acting as judges during the competitive drill were Capt. L. H. Garrison of the Field Artillery, Major W. R. Irvin of the Cavalry, and Major L. S. Stickey of the Signal Corps.

George Staples, who has served as captain of the R. V.'s this year, was presented a watch by the company during the drill.

Staples carried the company in an exhibition drill around the parade grounds for the visiting parents Sunday before the competitive drill began.

Collegiate Press Awards Battalion Honor Rating

Second Class Honor Rating was awarded The Battalion in recent journalistic judging made by the Associated Collegiate Press, division of the Department of Journalism of the University of Minnesota.

The Battalion was judged in the two-three times weekly class for college papers in institutions with enrollments of more than 5,000.

Changed this year from a weekly to a semi-weekly, The Battalion was entered in the competition for the first time in many years.

Editors were elated over the rating, which placed The Battalion well up with other college papers. Three Texas college papers, The Daily Texan of the University of

Texas, The Lass-O of T. S. C. W., and The Toreador of Texas Tech were among the top-flighters in the judging. The Texan and The Toreador were awarded Pacemaker ratings and the Lass-O All-American. No other Texas college papers were listed in the results.

R. L. Doss, Battalion editor, said, "I'm very glad that The Battalion was given a rating as high as it was. We were handicapped the first of this year by a lack of head-letter and a green staff. Next year I'm sure The Battalion will be among the very highest. Of course, I like to think we'd have got a higher rating if issues published the second term had been included, but they weren't."

More Than 5,000 Parents Take Part In Weekend Festivities on Campus

Visitors Honored at Annual Engineer's Day Show, Track Meet, Review, R. V. Drill, Tea, Reception, Corps Dance, Picnic, Music Programs

More than 5000 mothers and dads who attended the college's annual Mothers' Day functions and Engineering Show of the past weekend returned to their homes after a continuous round of festivities that included a review of the corps, a dance, a picnic, and a reception.

Saturday's program began with the tenth annual Engineer's Day show which lasted until 9 o'clock that night. All of the college's engineering departments were opened to the visiting parents and the various branches of the engineering school presented special exhibits.

Saturday afternoon the visitors saw Rice win the Southwest Conference track and field meet which was held at Kyle Field. More than 3000 persons attended the meet in which A. & M. placed third.

From 2 to 5 Saturday afternoon the Brazos A. & M. Mothers' Club

honored all visiting parents with a tea held in the Y. M. C. A.

Saturday night President and Mrs. T. O. Walton held a reception at their home. Following this reception the last corps dance of the year was held in the mess hall at which Del Courtney's orchestra played.

Sunday morning the traditional Mothers' Day ceremonies were held, when the mothers and sweethearts of the various organization commanders pinned flowers on the cadets.

Beginning at 10 o'clock Sunday morning a mounted review of the entire corps was held in honor of the mothers of A. & M. students. The review was witnessed by more than 5,000 persons.

Following the review, a Mothers' Day program was held at Kyle Field. Glen A. Mooney made an address, "To the Sweethearts"; Ed Hogan spoke, "To the Dads"; and David Thrift, Cadet Colonel, toasted the mothers. Bill Duckworth, Band senior, played a cornet solo and several numbers were presented by the A. & M. Glee Club. The program ended with a prayer by E. C. French. Bob Adams, senior president, was master of ceremonies.

At 12:30 a picnic lunch was served to 5,500 persons at Kyle Field. Following this all of the dormitories with the exception of Walton Hall were opened to visitors.

A musical program was given in Guion Hall at 2:30 and this was followed by the annual Mothers' Day drill of the Ross Volunteers. Sunday's activities were brought to a close as the A. & M. Concert Band presented its final program at 4:30.

Many of the parents visited the various offices in the Administration Building Saturday, and the Registrar's Office reported a continuous flow of visitors throughout the morning.

Illustrated Lecture On Wildlife Given Fish and Game Club

Monday night the Fish and Game Club presented an illustrated lecture in the Animal Industries building. The subject of the lecture was "The Native Wildlife of Texas" and was given by E. P. Haddon, who is a photographer for the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission. His pictures were of special interest since they were filmed in natural color.

Class of '40 Is Able To Buy Rings Soon, Howell Says

Arrival of New Order Blanks Will Enable All Juniors To Order Rings

Senior rings for the class of 1940 may be ordered by juniors who will be seniors next year as soon as order blanks are received, was the announcement made yesterday by E. J. Howell, registrar. He stated that order blanks were expected from Josten Jewelry Co. of Owatonna, Minn., in the next few days so that orders for the rings can probably be taken next week. Delivery of the rings will be made at the beginning of school next year.

Ring orders will be handled by the Registrar's office again this year so that only classified members of next year's senior class can obtain rings and thus prevent undergraduates from ordering them as was often times the case when the rings were handled by private jewelry firms.

A deposit of at least \$3.00 will be required with each ring order and will not be refunded if the student does not classify. Prices for the rings will run seventy cents cheaper for the same weight of ring as the present prices and will be \$18.50 for 12 penny-weight, \$19.35 for 13 pwt., \$20.20 for 14 pwt., \$21.05 for 15 pwt., \$21.90 for 16 pwt., \$22.75 for 17 pwt., and \$23.60 for the 18 pwt. ring.

Seniors of this year's graduating class who have not purchased rings and wish to buy from the Josten Co. may do so by waiting until after June 1, the date of the expiration of the present contract with Star Engraving Co. of Houston.

Anyone wishing to see one of the new rings and compare it with the present one may do so at the Former Students' Association Office, Room 104, Administration Building.

DORMITORY WORK IS ON SCHEDULE

Dormitory construction is on schedule and barring unforeseen delays will be finished before the 11 of September was the report made by the Bellows Construction Company to the Board of Directors at the meeting Saturday according to an announcement made yesterday by Col. Ike Aahburn, executive secretary to the president.

In line with present plans of the construction company, all 12 of the dormitories and the mess hall will be completely finished and furnished before the opening of the fall term.

As a result of the plan students will be able to occupy the dormitories at the beginning of the term and will not have to crowd up into the present dormitories until the new ones are finished as would have been the case if construction of the new unit could not have been completed in time.

National Pistol Champs



Shown above with their officer in charge, Capt. Phil Enslow (left) and team coach Sergeant Claud Thompson (right), are members of A. & M.'s pistol team, recently named national intercollegiate champions. They are front row, left to right, Bob Shiels, and Gene Shiels, Back row, Louis Kennemer, Bill Becker, and J. T. Ashford.

Copies of Commencement Calendar Passed Out to Company Commanders

Schedules Intended To Be Sent Home by Members Of Student Body; Caps and Gowns Will Be Worn By Students Who Prefer Them Over Uniform

Copies of the 1939 commencement calendar have been distributed through each company commander to members of his company. It is intended that students send these calendars home so that knowledge concerning the program will be widely distributed. Additional copies of the calendar may be secured at the YMCA desk.

There are a few extra copies of the "formal invitation to Commencement" on hand in the President's office. They will be given out on personal application as long as they last.

The uniform for the Commencement Exercises Friday, June 2, will be uniform No. 1, or academic gown. This order applies to all undergraduate and graduate students receiving degrees. For the Baccalaureate Sermon, caps and gown will not be worn. Undergraduate student will be in No. 1 and graduate students in civilian clothes.

The processional for the Baccalaureate Sermon will include the President, the speaker, a local minister, members of the Board of Directors, Deans and Directors of the College and candidates for degrees. The processional for the Commencement Exercises will include those listed above and members of the teaching staff, the Extension Service staff and the Forest Service staff.

Wizig Elected Hillel Club Head

Bernard Wizig, Waco junior of the Field Artillery Band, was elected president of the Hillel Club at the annual election of officers held Sunday night in the Asbury Room of the library.

Other officers elected to serve during the next long session include Harold Hausman, vice-president; Morris Lichenstein, treasurer; and Paul Horowitz, secretary.

Following the election of officers, Rabbi A. V. Goodman spoke on Jewish life insurance.

Admission to Guion Hall for the Baccalaureate Sermon will be by ticket only, up to 10:15 a. m. Seats will not be held for ticket holders. If each ticket holder claims a seat by 10:15 none others will be available; however, since many probably will not come early, non-ticket holders may have those seats not claimed at 10:15.

The Assembly Hall will be wired with a public address system to accommodate the expected overflow crowd. The program begins at 10:30 a. m. June 2. Commencement Exercises will be held in the stadium at 6 p. m. June 2. Tickets are not necessary for this program, and seats are available for all. If the weather is bad the Commencement Exercises will be held in Guion Hall.

Details concerning the processional will be found in the May 30 Battalion. Place and time of securing tickets will be announced in the May 23 Battalion, according to E. P. Humbert, Chairman of the Commencement Committee.

A. & M. Association Of Professors Elect Officers for 1939-40

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the A. & M. Agronomy Department, was elected president of the A. & M. American Association of University Professors for the year 1939-40 during the association meeting here last week. Professor C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, was elected vice-president, and Dr. Charles La Motte, instructor in the Biology Department, was named secretary-treasurer.

Annual Math and English Contest Winners Will Be Honored at Banquet

The annual Mathematics-English Contest dinner will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. in the banquet room of the mess hall. Awards will be made to the winners of the recent Math and English contests. Also at the dinner, medals will be presented to six members of the debate team.

The final exam in the math contest was given last night, and grading will have to be rushed in order that the winners can be announced at the dinner. Twenty boys were eligible to compete in both sophomore and freshman contests, and all this number will attend

the dinner tomorrow night to hear the winners announced.

No final exam will be required for the English contest since only 40 boys in the whole student body were eligible to take the first exam. Of this number 18 were freshmen and 22 were sophomores. Dr. George Summey Jr., Head of the English Department, in taking some more statistics found that 27 out of the 40 are in the school of engineering, eight are liberal arts students, one is a veterinary medical student, and four are from the school of agriculture.

Six members of the debate team will also attend the dinner to receive medals for his efforts during the past school year. These men are Mayo Thompson, Don Gabriel, R. L. Doss, J. M. Casey, W. C. Goin, and J. L. Nichols.

No speakers have been scheduled for the banquet since Lynn Landrum is to speak that night. He has been invited to attend the dinner. D. B. Cofer, a professor in the English Department, will act as toastmaster for the short program that will be necessary to announce the winners.

Mothers Will Make Annual Contribution

Federation Also Supports Campaign For \$300,000 New Y

The State Federation of A. & M. Mothers Club in annual business session Saturday morning in the mess hall adopted the establishment of an annual General Reading Fund as one of their projects.

Following an address by R. L. Doss, Battalion editor-in-chief, who explained the purpose of the drive started this year by The Battalion, Mrs. A. S. Witchell of San Antonio, state extension chairman for the Federation, introduced a motion pledging the support of each of the 15 Mothers Club to contribute annually to the fund. The motion was first introduced as a resolution, then changed to its final status on the recommendation of Mrs. T. O. Walton, Federation president.

More than 70 mothers of A. & M. boys attended the meeting.

Eighty dollars was added to the fund at the meeting, bringing the total for the year to \$280. The Dallas A. & M. Mothers Club contributed \$75 and the Grayson County A. & M. Mothers Club contributed \$5. The San Angelo Club also promised immediate aid.

The Federation also voiced its support of the drive for \$350,000 for the erection of a new Y. M. C. A. building here. M. L. Cashion, Y secretary, explained plans for the new building to the delegates.

The Federation's pledge of support to the General Reading Fund climaxed a Battalion campaign for the purchase of the most popular fiction and non-fiction books of a non-technical nature.

RESERVE OFFICERS WILL MAKE ROTC AWARDS SUNDAY

The Brazos County Reserve Officers Association will have as its guests the regular army officers on duty with the Reserve Corps in Texas Sunday noon for lunch and a short meeting afterwards where the R. O. T. C. seniors may get acquainted with their future commanders.

The regimental commanders of the various units will have the seniors take the visiting army officers to lunch where they can meet the other seniors. After lunch there will be a short meeting in the banquet room where the officers will be presented.

Brigadier General Henry Knox, Adjutant General of the State of Texas, will be the principal speaker with Colonel C. L. Mitchell, Chief of Staff, 1st Military Area and Captain C. M. Florer, new president of the Texas department of Reserve Officers Association also making short talks. The presentation of a saber to the outstanding cadet officer of A. & M. will also be made by Captain Florer.

Major E. J. Howell, ex-president of the Texas Reserve Officers Association, and 1st Lieutenant N. Nowny, president of the Brazos County Chapter, urge all cadet officers who will be 2nd lieutenants in the Reserve Corps after graduation June 3 to attend the meeting where they can meet and talk with their future commanders. They said that it would be a great advantage to them in getting acquainted with their officers before the time they would get active duty with their reserve units.