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New Freshman Program Affords Old Students Week Off

Sophomores Sign Frances Beasley's Orchestra for Prom

Dance Will Be Formal; Dorm Vacated for Girls; Tickets Go on Sale Soon

Frances Beasley and her orchestra, distinctive new band in the southwest, has been signed for the sophomore ball according to an announcement made today by Bill Murphy, chairman of the band committee.

This is the first time that the sophomores have been able to have an outside band for their dance. The price of admission will be \$1.10, and there is a representative in each outfit selling tickets.

The dance will be formal, number two uniform being regulation for the sophomores or a tuxedo as desired, stated Bobby Stephens.

On Saturday night the Barnyard Frolic will be held making the week end a double feature as far as entertainment is concerned.

Several ramps of one of the centrally located dormitories will be opened for the girls to stay in, announced Tom Moore, chairman of the accommodations committee. The price of the rooms as in the past will be fifty cents.

Sophomores that are going to have their dates stay in the dormitories are urged to turn their names in to their regimental or outfit representatives immediately so that necessary arrangements can be completed, stated Moore.

In a meeting Monday night the heads of all working committees made final arrangements and decided to sign the Frances Beasley orchestra.

This will be the second band on the campus this summer to be led by a girl musician singer. Frances Beasley formerly was vocalist with Leighton Noble's orchestra, of nationwide fame, before organizing her own dance band.

Special invitations to the ball are being printed and distribution date will be announced at a later date according to an announcement issued by the arrangements committee.

As has been the custom in the past, the seniors are issued special invitations to attend the dance, stated Jack Orrick, Sophomore class president.

Battalion Magazine Destroyed Because Of Indecent Material

No Battalion magazine will be issued for the month of August. The edition which was to have been issued this month was destroyed last week because the editor and authorities in charge of the publications considered it to contain certain matter which approached the limits of common decency.

It was felt that since the Battalion magazine reaches many people outside the limits of College Station the editorial matter should be handled more carefully than if the publication reached only the 5000 men of the corps.

Early next month the September edition of the magazine will be published so that actually the corps will receive a magazine only a few days later than was originally scheduled.

McAllister Becomes Scholarship Society Secretary-Treasurer

Friday night the Scholarship Honor Society met to re-elect a secretary-treasurer as each officer had moved up a place since Walter Cardwell, Cadet Colonel, had to resign his post as president, said Adolph Ben Specia, Vice-President.

Officers as they now are: Bill Galloway, A-F. A., President; Adolph Ben Specia, A-CAC, Vice-President; and Jim McAllister, H. Infantry, the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer.

It is urged that all members pay their dues by the end of this semester as next semester they will be 50 cents higher. The dues now are \$1.00 but after the beginning of the September semester they will be \$1.50, Specia said.

Drive for Funds to Relieve War Prisoners Opens Today

Community Chest Gives \$200 Toward \$500 Goal; Students, Faculty Raise Remainder

The local student committee of the World's Student Service, a branch of the Y. M. C. A., begins its drive today to reach the quota which it has designated as its goal for Aggies and the college to contribute to the World Student Service Fund. This campaign is to raise A. & M.'s quota of \$500 for the national goal of \$100,000, which will be used for the welfare of the many college students who are interned in the prison camps of the warring nations.

Local faculty members have already contributed to the fund. The College Community Chest has designated a sum of \$200 to be given to the fund. The remainder of the quota is to be raised by the students. Of the national goal of \$100,000 the state quota is \$6,000 with Texas University's goal set at \$1,100 and A. & M.'s at the already mentioned \$500.

Purposes of the service fund campaign are two-fold. With the money collected books, equipment, and supplies will be sent to the many prisoners of war who are college students and interested in studying. Such books will help to occupy these prisoner's time as they have very little else to do. Also this fund is to help the Chinese in their quest for an education in their war-torn country.

Organization Commanders to Handle Collection

According to Bob Cockrell, chairman of the local student committee, organization commanders will receive a letter concerning the collection of this fund. Money can be taken from the company fund, but it is hoped that each organization commander will tell his outfit the purpose of the collection. Money can be turned in at the Student Activities office. Each student should know that he is helping in this nation wide effort to assist the prisoners of war.

Old Texts Will Be Collected

Also in the near future a campaign will be conducted to collect all old textbooks which students and faculty members may have and which they have no future use for. Any old textbooks which were printed not more than ten years ago will be accepted. There is no limitation on the subject, but English literature and language books for any tongue are especially needed. A representative from the Y.M.C.A. cabinet will collect these books from the offices on the campus. Students can give their books to any member of the cabinet or take them to the "Y" offices.

It is hoped that the campaign can be closed by September 3, and organization commanders are asked to canvas their organizations as soon as possible.

SAE Holds Second Meeting Tues Night

One of the newest clubs on the campus, the Student Branch of the Society of Automotive Engineers, held its second meeting since its organization Tuesday night in the M. E. building, with C. R. Ursell presiding.

A meeting of the Texas Group of the S. A. E. was held in Dallas Wednesday night in the Adolphus Hotel, at which Arch T. Colwell, Director of Thompson Products Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio, was the principal speaker. The Texas Group was organized by some of the prominent men of the state, some of whom are officers of the Society. These are: Chairman, Allen Guiberson ex-vice-president of the Guiberson Diesel Engine Co. of Dallas; Vice-chairman, Harold Schwedes, General Manager of North American Aviation at Dallas; and Secretary, W. G. Fuller, General Manager of Globe Aircraft in Ft. Worth.

About fifteen men from A. & M. are attending the meeting in Dallas. These members of the Student Branch of the S. A. E. are: Charles Ursell, D. S. Kaufman, Charlie Ridenour, Bob Benner, J. M. Hendness, Frank Young, Jack Vanderhous, J. M. Hoss, Ecerett Pauls, Owen A. Moore, Bill DuBose, Joe Fisher, and Jim Hennessy.

At the meeting Tuesday night, the following committees and members were appointed.

Herbie Kay Accepts Offer to Play For Cavalry Ball

Junior Party, Horse Show Also to Highlight Weekend; Band May Play Town Hall

Herbie Kay and his orchestra will play for the 1943 Cavalry Regimental Ball to be held in Shisa Hall Friday night October 9, according to Harry Swofford, A Troop, chairman of the dance committee. No contract has been signed as yet, but Kay has accepted the offer to play for the ball.

Cavalry juniors will hold their annual banquet and party before the ball Friday night. This affair is for juniors and their dates only. The place and time of this banquet has not been definitely decided upon.

Saturday afternoon, the Cavalry regiment will present for their week-end guests a horse show on the Cavalry drill field. Fiding, jumping, and drill exhibitions will be given by the men of the regiment, and all entrants in the different events must be in the Cavalry regiment. Details of the show will be released later in the week, according to Swofford, but present plans call not only for the regular events but also for several novelty features.

Members of the dance committee are the regiment's first-sergeants and staff sergeants. Besides Chairman Swofford, Wayne Hurd is in charge of publicity, Clint Hearne is in charge of the programs and Ray Hardzog will see to the invitations.

A feature of the ball will be the corsages. The invitation committee (See CAVALRY, Page 4)

Love Lantern Dims To Faint Moonglow As Earth Eclipses Moon

Most Aggies had to look at the moon alone Tuesday night. Those hundreds seen out of doors were doing some tall gazing as the moon threw a practice blackout all by itself. You won't see it do that again for several years.

Nothing like this happened around here, but when the world went through Halley's Comet's tail in 1910, a man in Africa made millions selling "comet cure" to the natives. It was really bottled water.

Something of Aggie History

A&M Established as Result Of Unconventional Senator's Plea

By John Holman

A white-haired man once raised his voice and introduced a bill. The Year was 1862—the place was Capitol Hill.

... And when Senator Morrill raised his voice that day, the Congress of these United States listened. As a result, the Land Grant Act of 1862 called for the establishment of colleges all over the United States, devoted exclusively to the teaching of the agricultural and mechanical arts.

Texas A. & M. opened its doors fourteen years later with two buildings, a handful of profs and cadets, and a lot of hope. But somehow things didn't work out just like Senator Morrill hoped they would. The Land Grant Colleges didn't do the job he intended them to do, and he was quick to explain his aims. Addressing Congress in 1864 he said, "It is perhaps needless to say that these colleges were not established or endowed for the sole purpose of teaching Agriculture. Their object was to give an opportunity for those engaged in industrial pursuits to obtain some knowledge of the practical sciences related to Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts; such as they could not obtain then at most of our institutions called classical colleges."

Thus, the Morrill Act called for a new and complete system of higher education, different from the then existent ideas and practices. He didn't intend them to become solely farmer-schools, and he himself once said that the term "agricultural college" commonly used in referring to the colleges was created for the convenience of an index clerk in a Washington office.

An amendment was made to the Act of 1862 in 1873, which changed the old set-up of the Land Grant colleges.

Using Texas A. & M. as an example, the old (1862) plan of organization for the college called for the following:

The President, who was also Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy and Belles Letters, a professor of pure mathematics, a professor of applied mathematics, mechanics, and military science, a professor of ancient languages and literature, a professor of chemistry, natural sciences and practical agriculture, a professor of modern languages and English literature.

In short, the Land Grant colleges had been organized just like the then-existing universities instead of the practical schools Senators Morrill desired.

Aggieland was typical, and was

Registration to Be Before Vacation; Seniors Are First

Plan Allows Cadets to Attend LSU Game September 25; Fish Report September 21

September freshmen at A. & M. will be given a full week of intensive preparation for the serious business of launching upon their college education and at the same time preparing to serve their country in the armed forces as officers, it was announced today by President T. O. Walton.

Old students will be allowed to register for the new semester before leaving for their vacation it was revealed by Dean F. C. Bolton. Seniors will be allowed to register Friday afternoon, September 18 and all others will register on the following day, Saturday, September 19.

Arrangements for early registration are being made so that those who desire to will be able to attend the LSU football game in Baton Rouge on September 25.

Freshmen will be required to report at the college by September 21, and may come a day earlier if they so desire, Dr. Walton said in explaining that officials decided to launch the Freshman Week program so that there will be time to counsel with the new students and to allow them to orient themselves to college routine prior to beginning actual classwork that will enable them to graduate under the educational speedup program pioneered by A. & M. in an elapsed time of two years and eight months.

Hospitalization Plan Profitable To Members of Faculty

Present Rate Is Lower Than Similar Protection Received Under Later Plan

"Members of the College Group Hospitalization Plan received more than their money's worth in benefits during the first year of the plan's operation" declared Professor J. Wheeler Barger at the meeting of the Faculty on Tuesday evening.

The members of the Group paid \$5,134.50 in premiums during the first twelve months of operation and received from the insurance company \$5,242.72 in claims. The rate of \$14.00 per year made effective when the Plan was installed is five dollars less than similar protection would now cost. It is expected that the claims will be less this year and that the low rates will not necessarily be increased.

"Staff members who are not now members are urged to avail themselves of the benefit of the protection. They may apply for membership by seeing Mr. M. L. Antony, the secretary, at the College Hills Estate Office," concluded Professor Barger.

Members of the Plan are entitled to receive five dollars per day up to seventy days for any one illness or accident while confined in a hospital. They are also reimbursed for surgical care up to \$150.00 for one operation in accordance with the nature of the operation.

Coverage for wives and children of members can be secured only if more staff members join the group and more favorable claim experience results.

Science Academy Holds Annual Meet Here in November

Leading Research Men Will Participate; College Section Will Also Convene

The Texas Academy of Sciences will hold its annual convention on the campus of Texas A. & M. College November 13-14, according to an announcement made today by E. L. Angell, assistant to the president of the college. It will be the first time in several years that the organization has met here.

Research men from leading Texas educational institutions and many from industrial research laboratories will have a part in the program. Many others who may not participate in the program but who are interested in keeping up with the advances made in their own fields of work or with the advancement of science in general will attend.

The Junior division, composed of high school students of science, the College division, composed of college students majoring in science, also will be in session here at the same time.

Dr. G. E. Potter, of the college biology department, has been named general chairman in charge of local arrangements. Approximately 300 scientists are expected to attend.

Dairy Judging Team Works Out for Meet

Preparing for the National Inter-Collegiate Dairy Contest to be held September 7 at Waterloo, Iowa, the squad that represents the Dairy Husbandry Department of A&M have been undergoing extensive practice training in order that the team to attend the contest can be selected. The contest will be held in connection with the National Dairy Congress also to hold their annual meeting at Waterloo on September 7. Teams to participate will be representatives of most of the agriculture schools of the nation, making it one of the most outstanding of the year, C. N. Shepardon of the Dairy Husbandry Department stated.

Judging last Saturday at the Neal Farm in Waco the squad began a series of practice matches to enable them to be in the best possible condition for the meet and see that the representative team may be chosen. The next trip planned is to Jersey farm at Buda on Saturday, September 14.

The team is to be chosen here from the squad which now consists of the following students: M. B. Carpenter of Cumby; Doyle Moore of Stephenville; Ewell Prather of Waxahachie; G. E. Roberts of Gatoole; R. C. Bauhardt of Burkberret; J. K. Kelsey of Denison; W. V. Klare of Schulenburg; and J. R. Simons of Fort Worth.

Leaving the 3rd of September the team coached by Professor A. L. Darnell will judge at a number of places enroute to Waterloo for the main contest.

Publications Staffs Attend Press Club Juke Box Friday Nite

"Plans have been completed for the Press Club dance which is to be held in The Grove Friday night," Flash Gordon, president of the club, said.

Members of the various staffs of the student publications are entitled to come, but they should see their respective editors before the dance for any final arrangements that might have been made, Gordon said.

The dance will be from nine to twelve, with the price set at 35 cents for couples and stags.

Math Dept Fears Professor Shortage

With the loss of W. C. Coleman, instructor of mathematics, to the army, the math department gave up its ninth man to the armed forces having sent three men to the navy and six to the army.

Faculty Recommends Changes in Library

At a meeting of the faculty Tuesday night an investigation of the library by the American Association of University Professors was brought to light. Several recommendations regarding changes in the library were presented to await action by the academic council.

It was recommended that additional appropriations amounting to \$20,000 be made and that at least \$15,000 of this fund be used to secure new books for undergraduate use. It was proposed that the library committee be reorganized to include members from all teaching ranks. Certain changes in the library building were also recommended.

Presented at the meeting were reports regarding group hospitalization for the faculty and various war activities carried on by the college.