



Students May Pay Fees For Next Semester On Monday

Total Amount Of Expenses Is \$158.55; \$70.25 Due Now

Rapp Will Play Annual Senior Ring Dance

Tickets Are On Sale for \$2.50 Dance, And \$1.50, Banquet; Dorm to Vacate

Barney Rapp and his eighteen-piece orchestra has been engaged to play for the traditional Senior Ring Dance and Banquet, which will be held in Sbisas Dining Hall on Friday night, January 28, it was announced by the Ring Dance committee.

Tickets are now on sale at \$1.50 a plate for the banquet and \$2.50 a couple for the dance, and they may be purchased from Bob Layton, E-10, Walton, Art Graf, or designated members of 2nd, 10th, and 11th companies who have already been appointed.

Through the Student Activities office, money from the Class of '45 treasury was released for the ring dance and banquet. This fund was begun in September, 1942, when members of this class entered school, and its original purpose was for this annual affair.

Senior favors are no longer obtainable as in years gone by; however, "programs will be better than ever," stated Hank Avery, chairman of the Ring Dance Committee.

It has definitely been arranged for a dormitory, or part of one, to be vacated in which to accommodate dates for Friday night. As yet, the dormitory to be vacated has not been decided upon.

As in the past the ring dance and ceremony will be held immediately following the banquet, which will be in the Annex of Sbisas Hall. The dance will begin around 10.

Barney Rapp played for the Senior Ring Dance in January, 1943, and also for the Dallas A. and M. Club Dance during the Christmas holidays. All who have heard this orchestra stated that it one of the best bands yet to hit the campus.

This orchestra is now playing at the Plantation in Houston, and after his one-night stay at College, he will go to the Palm Isle at Longview.

Houston Club Plans Mid-Term Activity

Inspired by the success of its last dance, the Houston A. and M. Club has planned another social get-together for the mid-term vacation. According to Tommy Penn, club secretary, the dance is to be held at the Plantation on Wednesday night, February 2, at 8:30 o'clock.

Houston's Ex-Students Association was contacted and given an invitation to the party. The group readily accepted and pledged its full support toward making the dance a success.

At the last meeting of the club, it was suggested and approved that all Aggies should appear at the dance in uniform, but blouses were optional for wear.

Jokes Wanted For Negro Minstrel Show

A Negro minstrel show, which was launched on Thursday evening, will be presented on the campus during the middle of February, it was announced yesterday afternoon.

Jokes turned in by students and servicemen stationed on the campus will be used. These jokes, preferably concerning the Navy and Marines, should be written Negro Minstrel Show, Faculty Exchange, Campus, and dropped into any campus mail box. The name and address of the sender must accompany each joke. Deadline for turning in jokes is 5 o'clock, Monday afternoon, January 24. Persons whose jokes are used in the show will be given a free ticket to the performance.

Contractor of San Antonio Gives Gift Of \$50,000 to School

Contribution To Be Used in Development Of Post-War A. & M.

"Investment" by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas of \$1,000 in the form of a four-year college education has returned a "dividend" fifty times as large as the original sum in 27 years, and this investment is only one of thousands made by the state's Land-grant college throughout the 67 years of its service to the young men of Texas. It long has been the policy of the college to grant employment to students needing it in order to obtain a degree in engineering, agriculture, liberal arts or veterinary medicine.

Such a student was Robert W. Briggs, who entered A. & M. in 1918 and graduated in 1917 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Now, 27 years later, Mr. Briggs and his wife, residents of San Antonio, have graciously presented the college with \$50,000 in cash to be used as a "contribution toward the sound development and constructive growth of Texas A. and M. College."

A successful general contractor who has built highways, buildings and army camps, Mr. Briggs also is a member of the (See Contractor page 3)

Spawn of the North Shows at Assembly

Saturday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. the Assembly Hall Show will feature one of Paramount's best movies, "Spawn of the North", featuring Henry Fonda, George Raft and Dorothy Lamour. Akim Tamiroff plays the part of a pirate leader and does some of the best acting of his long career.

This movie is put on for the benefit of the service men on the campus and is free to anyone who may wish to come. These shows are under the direction of the Student Activities Office with T. G. Putty in charge.

Barney Rapp and Eighteen New Englanders Will Play "Rhapsodies by Rapp," On Jan 28

By Fred Manget, Jr. Barney Rapp and his well known New Englander will provide the musical melodies for the annual Senior Ring dance, January 28, for his second visit to Aggieland. Rapp and his orchestra have already acquainted themselves with an Aggie Senior Ring dance that was held for the graduating Seniors in January of last year.

Barney and his band rank well among leading bands throughout the nation and for many years his band has won favorable recognition. Bands like Rapp's rank with such veterans as Fred Waring, Ted Lewis, and Guy Lombardo whose bands seem to keep their popularity forever. Probably the main reasons for Barney's popularity is that wherever his band entertains it always has some sort of a novelty feature or a bit of comedy to relax and entertain its listeners.

Book Of 'Rev' Slated For Publication

Volume Includes Pictures and Poems About Aggie Mascot

A book entitled "Reveille—In Memoriam" is being compiled and edited by the Student Activities Office of the College. The book is a written memorial to the famous mascot of the Aggies.

Included in the edition will be pictures of the dog on different occasions on the campus, a story of her life, and some of the more important tributes that were paid her at the time of her death. The latter consist of a radio broadcast over WTAW, speeches, poems, and her portrait painted by Marie Haines a short time before Rev's Passing.

The money derived from the sale of the publication is to go into a Reveille Memorial Fund for the construction of a monument over her grave. The money not used for this purpose will be spent for War Bonds against the time when the Student Union Building is to be built. At that time a room to be designated as the Reveille Room will be furnished from the sum on hand in the Memorial Fund. Her portrait will also be hung in the room. The Student Activities Office is absorbing all of the cost of publication of the book in order that the fund will not be drawn on for that purpose, it was announced by L. D. Boone of that office.

The result will be a handsomely made volume with an attractive cover that will be a memento which every Aggie will be proud to have. It will be a reminder of life at Aggieland when Rev was still living. The price will be nominal.

Singing Cadets Cease Meetings Until Feb. 7

The regularly scheduled meetings of the Singing Cadets of Aggieland will be discontinued until February 7, after the cadets return from the mid-semester holidays, according to Euell Porter, director.

The obvious reason for the discontinuation lies in the fact that the students will be allowed additional time which may be used in preparation for the final quizzes.

Press Club Awards Presented by Dean Bolton at Banquet

Four Special Awards Presented; Nineteen Receive Certificates

Four cadets received special awards for journalistic proficiency and 19 were given certificates of merit at the banquet of the A. & M. Press Club held in Sbisas Hall Wednesday evening. Presentations were made by Dr. F. C. Bolton, acting president of the College.

Principal speaker of the banquet was E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the Former Students' Association, who gave an account of "Alumni Plans for the Student Activities Center." Several numbers were sung by the Singing Cadets and piano solos were played by Cadet Pinky Hull. David Seligman, Battalion Staff, told of "The Benefits Gained by Students Working on a College Newspaper"; "The Battalion Used as a Means of Contact for the Air Corps Trainees" was the subject of a talk by Francis D. Wallace, editor of the ACTD news section, and a tribute to Reveille, former Texas Aggie mascot, was made by Charles R. West of the Battalion staff. Chas. E. Murray, club president, was toastmaster.

Special awards, a pen and pencil set, were made to Chas. R. West, David Seligman, Chas. E. Murray and Sylvester Boone. These four also received the certificate of merit, and certificates were given to: Joe Bennison, Archie Broodo, Max Mohnke, Fred Manget, Jr., R. L. Weatherly, Francis Wallace, Jack Mondo, Marvin Cox, Pat Bradley, Harold Borofsky, Stanley Weiss, Robert Orrick, Richard K. Brome, Wm. A. Miller and Ed Katten.

In normal times students in journalism at the Texas A. & M.

Crooks Brings House Down At Town Hall

Part I consisted of Bach's "If Thou Be Near," "Star Vicino," by Rosa, "Sound An Alarm" from Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus," and Purcell's "Passing By."

Mr. Schauwecker, in Part II, played four compositions: "Piece en forme de Habanera" by Ravel-Ericourt, Grieg's "Danse," "Intermezzo, opus 119, No. 1," by Brahms, and Lecuona's "Spanish Dance." As an encore he gave "Nocturne" by Glazounow.

In Part II Mr. Crooks rendered three selections: "Plaisir d'amour" by Martini, Paladilhe's "J'ai dit aux extoiles" and "Chevauche cosaque" by Fournrain. He gave as an encore a Greek song, "I will Love Thee" and his most beautiful selection of the evening, Schubert's "Ava Maria."

After the intermission he sang an Aria, "Come unbel di d'i'Maggio," from Giordano's "Andrea Chenier."

In the fifth and last portion of the program Mr. Crooks sang four songs. They were "Sailing Home" by Elinor Remick Warren, a negro spiritual, "Were You There," Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Song" and "Land of Hope and Glory" by Sir Edward Elgar.

War Prisoner Fund Begins Over Campus

Contributions Boost Morale of American Prisoners Overseas

The Young Men's Christian Association with M. L. Cashion in charge has begun its campaign to collect money from the various organizations on the campus for the purpose of aiding in boosting the morale of war prisoners, it was announced today. This fund is one of the worthwhile funds that has come out of this war, it is believed. Money which is raised will go to the YMCA which will in turn send it overseas in form of athletic equipment, musical instruments, technical books, and other forms of morale builders. No fund has such a wide range of aids to the many service men who are now war prisoners; some of the men that will be helped might be the relatives of some of the givers.

Last night the Aggie canvassed the dorms by roving, but a report has not yet come from R. G. Cox and Jack Knox as to the success of the drive. The Air Corps started their drive Thursday with a booth in H-ramp of Hart Hall; they will continue this campaign indefinitely. No report has come from the A. S. T. P. as yet. The Naval Training School (See WAR, Page 3)

College publish several papers and trade magazines but at the present time these activities are centered on the Battalion, student newspaper published three times weekly.

Registration for Rooms to Start Tuesday

At Eight; All Dorms Available Not Known

It was announced today that students may pay their fees for next semester starting Monday, January 24th at the Fiscal Office. The office will not stay open later than their regular time of 1:30 p.m. until some day later in the week.

Commander of Air Crew Detachment To Leave Tuesday

Capt. Hill Ordered To Victoria Field For February 1, 1944

Captain Sam B. Hill, commander of the 308th Aircrew College Training Detachment on the campus for the last nine months, has received orders to report to a new post February 1, it was announced yesterday by the detachment.

Captain Hill, whose tour of duty on the A. and M. campus, marked by expansion of aviation student activities on the campus and numerous changes in military procedure, announced the receipt of his transfer to one of the operations theaters.

He will leave Tuesday, January 25, for Victoria, Texas, where Mrs. Hill and their eight-year old son will remain with the Captain's family.

Student Employees Must File Renewals

Student employees should renew applications for employment and concessions before January 29, it was announced recently by W. (See STUDENT, Page 3)

Dallas Club Elects Vice-President and Plans Mid-Term Dance

At the last meeting of the Dallas A. and M. Club on Wednesday evening, January 19, plans for a mid-term picnic and dance were made and discussed. The dance is to be held at Lou Ann's whereas the picnic will be held at White Rock Lake.

A vice-president was elected to replace Danny Green, who was recently inducted into the armed services. Jimmy Fix, a freshman, was elected to this position.

Station WTAW Features Bizet's "Carmen" Today

Bizet's opera, "Carmen", will be broadcast this afternoon at one o'clock by WTAW direct from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York—the fourth opera to be presented this season since WTAW joined the Blue Network. The broadcast of "Carmen" will be sponsored as usual by the Texas Company. During intermissions there will be the usual Opera Quiz Forum, and another Victory Rally.

Although this opera by a French composer, with a Spanish setting, was poorly received at its initial performance in Paris in 1875, ever since its London success in 1878 it has been one of the three or four most successful operas of all time. The story is easy to follow. Don Jose, a Spanish soldier, becomes so enamored of Carmen, a beautiful, daring gypsy girl, that he allows her to escape after he has been put in charge of her following her arrest for attempting to stab one of her fellow workers in a cigarette factory. Because of her escape, Don Jose is himself arrested and imprisoned. Meanwhile Carmen flees to a smugglers' tavern to await Don Jose's release, but while she is there she is attracted by Escamillo, a dashing toreador. After Don Jose arrives, she says nothing to him about Escamillo, but attempts to persuade him to desert and join the smugglers. At first she fails, but Don Jose has overstayed his leave, and when his superior officer comes for him, he gets into a fight. Guilty now of in-

subordination also, he is forced to desert and join the group. The two do not get along, and Don Jose discovers about Escamillo and becomes ragingly jealous. Meanwhile Micaela comes in, Don Jose's betrothed from his native town to tell him that his mother is dying. Don Jose departs for home, and Escamillo invites Carmen and the rest to come to see the bull fight. The last scene takes place outside the bullring at Seville. Don Jose meets Carmen just before the performance is to start, and pleads with her to come back to him. She scorns him, and he stabs her, just as the triumphant Escamillo emerges from the ring. Escamillo finds Carmen dead, and Don Jose throws himself across her body and expires from a very touching attack of "opera mortis."

The score is filled with singable music. In the first act there are two songs by Carmen—the "Habanera" and the "Seguidilla." In Act Two Escamillo sings his famous "Toreador" song, and in the third act we hear Micaela's beautiful air. The instrumental music is also well known, particularly the introduction to the first act, when we hear the march of the toreadors and the "Toreador's Song" and the quiet interlude between the second and third acts.

The principals in today's performance will be Lily Djanel as Carmen, Nadine Conner as Micaela, Raoul Jovin as Don Jose, and Alexander Sved as Escamillo.