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Fall Schedule Is Made By The Dance Committee

All Classes Will Have Balls; Schedule Includes Dances on Dates of Home Games

Announcements have been made by the Student Activities Office concerning the schedule for this semester's social events. Ten dances are planned for the week-ends. Five Corps Balls, four class balls, and one All-service dance are on the schedule. These dances will be held on week-ends when the team plays a game on Kyle Field.

First on the list is the Junior Prom, which will be on October 20, a Friday night. Plans are being made now for the decorations and refreshments at this prom. The following day, after the TCU football game there will be a Corps Ball from nine till twelve.

On the following Friday night, October 27, the Sophomore Ball is to be held. It is expected that the committees for this dance will be formed soon. The Saturday night afterward will be filled by another Corps Ball.

The Fish Ball will be held next, coming on the weekend of the Arkansas game, November 3. This dance will also be followed by a Corps Ball.

The usual before-Christmas Corps Ball will be held on December 15, and the following night there will be an all-service dance. Seniors are looking forward to their Ring Dance, which will be held on January 12, 1945. This dance has just been brought back to the campus, after a wartime absence. It will be followed by a Corps Ball also.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

Ex-Aggie Receives Oak-Leaf Cluster

An Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded to Second Lieutenant Charles H. Purcell, 22, for "courage, coolness and skill" while participating in several bombing attacks upon German war plants, military defense points, and army communication lines.

He is the navigator of an Eighth Air Force B-17 flying fortress in the heavy bombardment group commanded by Lt. Col. George Y. Jumper, Natoma, Calif.

Lt. Purcell is the son of G. P. Purcell, 986 North Western street, Lake Forest, Ill.

He is a graduate of Sunset high school, Dallas, Texas, in 1940, and a former student of Electrical Engineering at Texas A. & M. College, College Station, Texas.

In March, 1944, he received his wings at Ellington Field, Texas.

Reveille, Former Corps Mascot, Once a Friend of Every Aggie

By Eli Barker

One of the greatest symbols of Aggieland, Reveille, is a story in itself. The things she did and the things she stood for are history now, but the Corps must not and will not forget her. Being nothing but a founding with no pedigree did not keep Reveille from becoming dear to every Aggie.

There is some disagreement as to the exact date of her entrance to A. & M., but it is generally conceded to be in 1931. She was found by some Aggies one night with a pain in her leg and was brought to one of the dormitories for treatment and care. This strange dog slept very peacefully during the night but barked and showed her anger when awakened by reveille the following morning. This is how she got her name.

Now began a period of acquainting herself with the school. She knocked around the campus quite a bit until she became better known. Marching with Corps was one of her favorite pastimes, and she decided to lead the Aggies into the mess hall one day. At that time dogs were not allowed in the

Enrollment Climbs To 2073; 779 New

Exceeding late estimates by more than 100 students the latest check in the Registrar's Office reveals that there are 2073 students enrolled in A. & M. for the fall semester. Of this number there are 779 new students including approximately a dozen graduate students.

Courses offered this semester were complete for first and second semester curricula for freshman and sophomore years and complete for the first semester junior and senior years. The executive committee has adopted no policy as to the number of students required for the teaching of a course. They during the last two days have discontinued some courses, but each course is kept or dropped according to the circumstances rather than the number of students enrolled.

July 18 estimates by the Registrar's Office placed the fall enrollment at 185 and various estimates since that time have upped the figure. Indications of the present trend are that the enrollment will continue to increase until a maximum is reached after the war.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

Presbyterian Girls To Present Operetta

The Girls' Choir of the A. and M. Presbyterian Church will present an operetta in three acts, "Heartless House" at the A. and M. Methodist Church at 8 p. m., Saturday, October 7. The presentation will be under the direction of Miss Caroline Mitchell. It promises to be a lively comedy, with "catchy" tunes. All Aggies, servicemen and local residents are cordially invited. An admission charge of \$1.5 per person will be charged.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

WTAW Sun. Program Features Casadesus

On the regular Sunday morning "Music by Master Composers" program over WTAW from 10 a. m. till 11 a. m. a number of records featuring Robert Casadesus at the piano will be played.

These may be of interest to music lovers especially because he is to be a performer on Town Hall next December 12.

The program will include Mozart's Concerto in C Minor, and Franck's Symphonic Variations.

Seniors Leave For TSCW; Pick Sweetheart

TEXAS AGGIE FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1944



Sailors Entertain Group of Aggies

A navy group of six men entertained a group of six Aggies with a steak dinner last night. This dinner was the third in a series of meetings between the Aggies and sailors to better relations between the two.

The first efforts of joint committee was to abolish the dividing line between the Aggie and navy sections in the Duncan Hall area before the Aggies moved. The next thing done was to distribute copies of the Aggie yells to the sailors so that they would know them at football games. A sailor section was designated on Kyle Field south of the Aggie section and the fifty-yard line and called the Navy-Aggie rooting section.

Biggest and most beneficial result of the joint committee's work was the establishment of a hitch-hiking system. From now on two lines will be formed at the various corners leaving Bryan and College Station. One line will be for sailors and the other for Aggies with each line taking the rides alternately. This solution was worked out by the committee as the best possible solution to the upstreaming problem.

Present plans call for a dance given by the Aggies honoring the sailors at a future date.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

Episcopal Children Begin Radio Series

Children of the St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel Church School are to begin a radio series this Saturday over WTAW at 6:30 p. m. called The Children's Vespers.

The program will be directed by the Vicar, Reverend J. H. R. Farrell and Mrs. F. L. Thomas, Superintendent of the church school.

Longhorn Sales Lag; Only 990 Sold Up to Now

Editor Asks For More Workers; Experience Is Not Necessary

Longhorn sales are lagging behind expectations it was announced by Marc Smith, editor of the yearbook. Only 990 have been sold to date and as this is less than the number required for profitable production of the book it is important that as many Aggies as possible buy subscriptions for this yearbook.

The price on the day of registration was only \$4.00 but now it has gone up to \$5.00. The yearbook this fall and spring will not be as large as that of previous years but it will include many things which are of interest and will make a valuable addition to a collection of memories.

Smith also requested that all men with high school experience report to the Longhorn Office in Room 5 of the Administration Building to work on the Longhorn. Others that have not had experience are also asked to work if they so desire.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

Ag Writers Meet Here Tomorrow

A large attendance is indicated by advance reservations received for the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Texas Agricultural Writers Conference, it was announced today by A. D. Jackson, chairman. The meeting has not been held at the college for two years due to wartime conditions, but all the editors are happy that the meetings are to be resumed and many new faces will be seen on the A. & M. campus Wednesday and Thursday, it indicated.

Residents of Bryan and College Station who desire to attend the two-day meeting are cordially invited, Mr. Jackson said.

The program will begin with an address of welcome by Gibb Gilchrist. He will be followed by immediately by Ralph S. Cooper, president of the association. There will then be a number of speeches on topics of interest to members made by various prominent agricultural authorities, and discussions by members on these and other problems. The meeting will end Friday morning at noon.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

Singing Cadets Meet Monday Afternoon

W. M. Turner, sponsor of the Singing Cadets, Aggie choral group, has announced that the first meeting of the Singing Cadets will be held Monday at 4 p. m. in the band room of dormitory 16. He urges that all old members and any new men interested come to this meeting.

Before this semester, the Singing Cadets have made a practice of appearing on Town Hall and at a number of schools and churches throughout the state. Turner says that he expects to continue this policy, and plans are being made for trips as soon as the group gets into shape.

Carnegie Project Head To Speak

"Measurement and Guidance in Engineering Education" will be the subject of Dr. Kenneth W. Vaughn in addressing the faculty, and other interested people of Bryan and College, at 4 p. m. Tuesday, October 10, in the Physics lecture room at College. Dr. Vaughn is in charge of a joint project, sponsored by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development (E.C.P.D.), The Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education (S.P.E.E.), and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, in "Measurement and Guidance in Engineering Education."

The objective and general aim of the project is to discover and apply to the first year of the engineering curriculum those techniques in and applications of educational measurements most appropriate for the selection and guidance of beginning students of engineering. Dr. Vaughn's talk will be devoted largely to guidance examinations and these examinations are not particularly confined to engineering.

Students, faculty and other interested people wishing to hold conferences with Dr. Vaughn on October 11th may make arrangements for such conferences by calling the Engineering Drawing Department, Phone 4-7294.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

Short Course In Management Begun

The minimum registration for the eight-day short course, QUALITY CONTROL BY STATISTICAL METHODS, has already been attained. This course begins October 25th and runs through November 2nd.

The outside speakers engaged for teaching this course are:

Mr. Paul Peach, Industrial Consultant, War Production Board (On leave from the United States Rubber Company).

Mr. S. E. Sites (Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, Mansfield, Ohio).

Captain A. R. Burgess, St. Louis Ordnance Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Edwin C. Olds, Chief Statistical Consultant, Office of Production Research & Development, War Production Board, Washington, D. C. (on leave from Carnegie Institute of Technology.)

Mr. E. M. Schrock, Quality Control Engineer, Office of the Director, Ordnance Research & Development Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Mr. L. S. Kauffman, Chief Inspector, American Stove Company, St. Louis, Mo.

Since the control chart method has applications other than in production, such as to research data, it is probable that a number of the College staff will wish to register for this course. All those desiring to do so, please inform the Management Engineering Department, 4-1152.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

According to our latest figures, there are 600,000 volunteers in our Army.

Girl Selected Will Be Presented At SMU Game

Aggieland Orchestra Will Hold Auditions

According to W. M. Turner, sponsor of the Aggieland Orchestra, auditions for new members will be given at a rehearsal to be held Saturday, October 7, at 7 p. m. in the Assembly Hall. He urges all members and applicants to be present.

Turner also told of the need for a girl vocalist. Any girls in this vicinity are who would like to try out for the position are invited to come to this rehearsal.

Cancer Problem To Be Discussed At Chem Meeting

Dr. R. J. Williams, T. u. Professor, to Speak to Chem Society

Biological aspects of the cancer problem will be discussed by Dr. R. J. Williams, Texas university department of chemistry, at the thirty seventh meeting of the Texas A. & M. section of the American Chemical Society in the A. & M. Chemistry building lecture room at 8 p. m., Monday, October 9.

Visitors are welcome to hear the address, it was announced by Dr. Fred W. Jensen, and Dr. Carl W. Lyndon is chairman of the meeting.

The usual dinner for A. C. S. Section members will be held in honor of the guest speaker at the Aggieland Inn at 6:30 p. m. Dr. Williams will be accompanied by Mrs. Williams and members of the society are urged to bring their wives to the dinner. The program committee in charge is composed of Dr. W. M. Potts, Dr. P. B. Pearson and Dr. J. D. Lindsay. Reservations may be made by calling any member of the program committee.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

BIRDS PUT IN PAPER BAGS

Homing pigeons are sometimes released from planes going 375 miles per hour. In order to prevent the sudden blast of wind from ripping the birds' wings off, the birds are tucked into paper bags. These flutter open after saving the pigeons the initial shock.

Student Personnel Office Helps Freshmen Solve Hard Problems

Editor's note—The following is an article by Shannon Jones written as a result of his personal contact with the Student Personnel Office which is directed by G. E. Wilcox. It is printed as a feature describing the benefits that a new student can derive from the Student Personnel Office.

By Shannon Jones, Jr.

Texas A. & M. has sped up with the needs of war and was speeding up at a greatly accelerated pace even before the war. Under ordinary circumstances life lived in so swift a fashion would be hard indeed for the Aggie freshman. Yet, his life rails smoothly forward here. There is a shock absorber, a friendly hand, a smiling encouragement when needed most. This is friend is the Student Personnel Office.

The Student Personnel Office was created in 1943, after the great need for trained advisors for freshmen had become increasingly apparent. Its duties were fourfold: First, Student Personnel establishes and maintains close and friendly contacts with the students. As an outgrowth of this policy, the weekly meetings of the freshman class, Freshman Orientation, have grown up. Here, the freshmen contact department heads, learn what to expect in their courses and what is expected of them. These meetings help to fit—or orient—the freshmen into the academic part of Aggie life. Second, this office directs the student to the proper sources for help in his work, ex-

plains to him the procedures in requesting courses and in dropping them, and recommends visits with deans or heads of departments as the need arises. As a third function, this office sets up and maintains a highly accurate record of a student's career here, listing his high school grades, his grades made here, his disciplinary record and outside activities, and includes comments on conferences held in the Student Personnel office. Last of all, Student Personnel establishes and maintains close contact with the student's parents. The parents of each freshman are told that here is an office to whom they can write to inquire about their son's progress or to ask for help in advising him on any move that he may desire to make.

This office was founded June 1st, 1943 with George B. Wilcox as its Director. Wilcox was a professor in the Education Department before being given this new post. He and his staff, throughout the time that the office has been in existence, have attempted to make clean, right-thinking men of the boys who enter here. Freshmen and upperclassmen alike have found in this office a group of carefully-picked friendly, well-trained advisors to whom they can turn with problems ranging from poor grades to an unfavorable letter from one's best girl. Wilcox, Ray Perryman, (See STUDENT, Page 4)

Twelve seniors left this morning for TSCW to select the Aggie Sweetheart from 12 nominees from the student body at TSCW. The final selection will be made Sunday after the committee spends Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday with the 12 nominees. The executive committee approved authorized absences for the twelve men going. The action begins in time for the cadets going to catch the train for Dallas that leaves just before 10:00.

Seniors chosen to go were the cadet colonel, the two regimental commanders, editor of the Battalion, editor of the Longhorn, president of the senior class, and six battalion commanders. Some of these men were unable to make the trip and appointed men to take their place.

The girl chosen will be presented at the Aggie-SMU game between halves in Dallas on November 11. Last year the girl chosen was Cissie Adams from Bryan.

The twelve girls nominated by their classmates at TSCW are: Barbara Cook, Bonnie Joe Crum-packer, Marjorie Ann Nonaghan, Elecia Murnane, Bobbie Joe George, Ann Mupharason, Vickie Moran, Elaine O'Leary, Virginia Carroll, Ruth Dinwiddie, Peggy Hendricks, and Jolene Proctor. Jolene Proctor was the Aggie representative at the Texas university Roundup last year.

—BEAT OKLAHOMA—

Press Club Meeting To Be Held Tuesday

First meeting of the Press Club this semester will be held in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA at 7:00 immediately after mess next Tuesday night.

This meeting will be for the purpose of organizing the staff of the Battalion for this semester and making as many additions to the reportorial staff as possible. Dick Goad, president of the Press Club, and Calvin Brumley, editor of the Battalion, have requested that all freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in writing for the Battalion be present at this meeting for tryouts and assignments.

Goad will continue as president of the Press Club this semester and Alfred Jefferson will continue as secretary-treasurer.