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New Student Activities Committee To Meet Soon

Dan McGurk Is Senior Class President

Will Plan Activities Schedule For Semester

Representatives From Each Class Will Be Members; Rollins Head

Eli Barker Chosen By Juniors

Class officers were elected by the first and second classes of '47 at meetings held earlier this week. Dan McGurk was chosen President of the Senior class last Tuesday night. The other senior officers are R. C. Zivney, vice-president, J. B. Kearby, secretary, and Jere Higgs, social secretary.

Junior officers are Eli Barker, president; Bob King, vice-president; and Cliff Harris, secretary. These men were elected at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the Assembly Hall.

Officers will be elected by the Sophomore and Freshman classes Friday night.

McGurk, who is the Lieutenant Colonel in command of the First Regiment, comes from Fort Worth. He is majoring in Aeronautical Engineering.

Barker is in Company "G" Infantry, and Majors in Civil Engineering. His home is in Wichita Falls.



COLLEGE STATION KIWANIS CLUB—Here is College Station's chapter of the International Kiwanis Club. Major J. E. Breland is president, G. B. Wilcox is vice-president, and J. H. Sorrels is secretary-treasurer. Meetings are held weekly in Duncan Hall at noon.

China Missionary To Speak Sunday At Baptist Church

Special invitation is extended the public by the First Baptist Church of College Station to attend the 10:50 a.m. Sunday Service

With the organization of The Corps into classes, general student activities' plans, including a social program possibly extending into the summer, will be outlined at a meeting of the new Student Activities Committee to be held soon, it was announced today by the Activities office.

Organizations' planning dances and other socials for the spring semester are urged to make application now for dates so that the new committee can approve the social calendar and plan a general program of entertainment to be coordinated with the efforts of all special groups and organizations.

The new Student Activities committee will consist of representatives of the Senior and Junior classes to be named; Dan Hightower, manager of Town Hall; Dick Goad, editor of The Battalion; Marc Smith, Jr., editor of the Longhorn; and Jere Higgs, newly elected social secretary of the Senior class. Until representatives can be named by the Junior and Senior classes, they will be represented by class presidents.

Dough Rollins is chairman of the committee and Joe Skiles, manager of Student Activities, is ex-official secretary. Other representatives are George B. Wilcox, director of Student Personnel office, Professor Ernest Langford and W. R. Horsley, director of Placement office.

Complete calendar can not be announced until all organizations have filed applications. It is expected however, that the social highlights of the spring months, as well as a general statement of policy for the summer, can be agreed upon at the first meeting of the new committee.

Dough Rollins, director of Student Life and chairman of the Student Activities Committee, stated Thursday, "It is the sincere wish of each member of the committee that we plan and execute an activity program of the widest possible range. War time restrictions need not prevent the Corps from sponsoring a variety of wholesome and enjoyable social affairs."

Profits from Student Concessions and other activities operated by the Student Activities office are available for general entertainment programs, and the college administration has made some funds available for the same ends, it was stated.



Dr. Baker James Cauthen

when Dr. Baker James Cauthen, outstanding world traveler and inspiring speaker, will bring a message based on his experiences in China.

Dr. Cauthen was professor of Missions in the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary before going to China. Spending several years in the orient, Dr. Cauthen speaks from a broad background both of pre-war, war-torn China. His work brought Dr. Cauthen in close contact with American servicemen stationed in the China-Burma theater.

Bryan Rotary Club To Present Russia Expert Tonight

"Russia's Position—East and West," will be the subject of an address by Samuel D. Rosen, of Chicago, at the opening meeting of the Institute of International Understanding, a public forum sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bryan, to be held tonight at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Stephen

Two-Year Aviation Management Course Offered

To Begin In June; 58-Week Mechanics Courses Also Planned

A new two-year course in Aviation Management Engineering will be offered here starting June 5, 1945 by the joint action of the Aeronautical Engineering Department and the Industrial Education Department in the School of Engineering in cooperation with the Texas State Board for Vocational Education. The course is designed to train airport managers and operators in order to supply the great demand for skilled personnel in those fields. In the past it has generally been the practice to select the applicants to fill these jobs according to the number of hours of actual flight experience, without regard for any suitable or specialized training which may have been received.

There is also available for those who do not wish to receive the full benefit of the two-year course an abbreviated 48-week course, which (See AVIATION, Page 4)

Banquet Held Thursday Night Honors Dean E. J. Kyle

College Station's Kiwanis Members Aim At Five Objectives For 1945

Last December 7 a group of public-spirited citizens of College Station met and decided to form a public service club. From that idea came the College Station Kiwanis Club. When it was chartered on January 12, 1945, it had more charter members than any other chapter in the South.

Out of those one hundred twenty-one members, Major James E. Breland was elected president of the club. The other officers are: vice-president, George B. Wilcox; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Sorrels; directors, M. L. Cashion, H. L. Heaton, Charles La Motte, Ernest Langford, Ford Munnerlyn, L. D. Smith, and R. W. Steen.

Five objectives have been put forward for the club to accomplish in 1945. They are:

1. The unqualified support of

the officials of the city of College Station and of A. & M. College.

2. The promotion of inter-city relations.

3. The support of the Brazos County health unit, and its program.

4. The promotion of a recreational program for the City of College Station.

5. The promotion and sponsoring of an inter-racial program and activities.

Each new Kiwanis Club must be sponsored by an older one, so this club was sponsored by those of Navasota and Huntsville. Mel Autrey, district governor, made the address on the first night.

Kiwanis is an international organization, having clubs throughout the United States and Canada. (See KIWANIS, Page 4)

Tribute Paid to Dean by Sterling Evans; Felix McKnight Acts As Toastmaster

Dr. E. J. Kyle, Dean Emeritus of Agriculture at Texas A. & M. and new American Ambassador to Guatemala, was honored last night at a banquet in Sbsa Annex given by a large number of friends here at College Station.

Chairman of the banquet was Dean C. N. Shepardson who is taking Kyle's place as Dean of Agriculture. Felix McKnight of the Dallas Morning News was toastmaster.

After dinner, the invocation was given by Reverend Norman Anderson of the A. & M. Presbyterian Church. This was followed by a short message from President Gibb Gilchrist on behalf of the College staff.

T. L. Evans, consular representative of Guatemala then spoke, giving greetings from Guatemala.

Biology Club Photo Scheduled Thursday

A membership and program committee was appointed at a meeting of the Biology Club held Wednesday evening for the purpose of re-organizing for this semester. The committee said that both new and old students are cordially urged to join the club as it offers both educational and entertaining programs for its members. "There are no requirements for membership to the club," they said, "so if you plan to join the club, do so between now and Thursday, March first, so you will be able to have your picture made with the club for the Longhorn". For membership see Dr. Charles La Motte, second floor of the Science Hall or be at the front entrance of the Science Hall at 12:45 p.m., Thursday, March first at which time the club picture will be made.

The next Biology Club meeting will be held Wednesday evening, March seventh in the main lecture room of Science Hall.

Rabbi Macht to Talk To Hillel Members

The Bryan B'nai B'rith Lodge will join the Hillel Club in a Purim party and B'nai B'rith Day program on Sunday, February 25th at 6:45 P. M., at the Lounge Room of Sbsa Hall. Rabbi Wolf Macht of Waco will give a Purim message. Hammentashen the traditional Purim refreshments will be served.

Rabbi Macht has been guest speaker of the Hillel Club in previous (See RABBI, Page 2)

Guests were introduced by Morris Frank of the Houston Post. Among those present were the Latin American students of the college. Cadet Colonel Charlie West represented the rest of the Corps. Consuls from China, Norway, Great Britain, and several South American countries were also present.

P. L. Downs, former member of the Board of Directors, and now with the College Fiscal Department, made a speech honoring Mrs. Kyle.

After that a high tribute was paid to Dean Kyle by Sterling C. Evans, president of the Federal Land Bank.

Dean Kyle acknowledged these honors at the end of the program.

Mrs. S. W. Bilsing presented Mrs. Kyle with a portrait of the dean which was painted by Miss Marie Haines, who painted the picture of Reveille which now hangs in the library.

Dean Kyle will leave soon for Guatemala, where he will begin his duties as Ambassador.

Aggie of the Week . . .

Hayes Stripling Remembers Yell Practices, Bonfires And Buddies

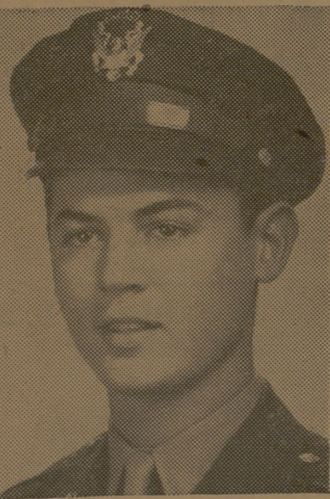
By Bill Withers

A familiar figure at any yell practice is Hayes Stripling, more popularly known on the campus as "Strip." He states that if he were to single out any one fact that makes A. & M. the outstanding school it is, it would certainly be the spirit of democracy and lack of classiness that prevails among the Corps.

"Strip" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Stripling of Big Springs, Texas, where he was born and schooled at Big Springs High School. He was an outstanding personality in high school, for he was a member of the student council for four years, being president of that body during his senior year, and also being president of his sophomore and senior classes and spending three years in the band, and all this besides lettering in baseball and golf.

When he entered A. & M., Stripling was in "Ace" Hudson's "E" Battery, Field Artillery. He has left an excellent record behind him, being a yell leader during the '43 season and head yell leader during '44. He was also vice president of his fish class.

Strip's favorite meal is either a



Hayes Stripling

* * * * * Mexican or a seafood dinner. He lists ballet and opera as being at the top of his enjoyable music list. "It comes from my little sister," Strip explained, adding, "I never thought much of the stuff until I learned from her how hard it was." His favorite sports are baseball, golf, tennis, and handball. About the handball, Stripling said that

he had never played but one game, but that he "sure did like that."

Of course, no Aggie's life would be complete without women, and Hayes says that his best girl friends are still his mother and little sister. However, when asked what his favorite pastime was, Strip mused, "Well, I guess that if I could do anything in the world that I wanted to, I would go out to Louann's in Dallas and throw a big party."

Stripling says that of all the things he has encountered since he has been at A. & M., the things that happened during his Fish year will probably remain with him the longest. He mentioned especially his "bleed" meetings and his freshman buddies, and the Saturday nights he spent with them. Also Strip recalled his first yell practice, or College Night, as it was then called, and he said that he would never forget the Thanksgiving bonfires and all that went with them. "I hope some day to see Aggieland at its peak again as it used to be," he added.

Hayes is majoring in Economics, and upon graduation, plans to go into the wholesale grocery business of his father.

Denton A Capella Choir To Sing Here On Town Hall Tuesday Night

Forty voices strong, the picturesque Denton A Cappella Choir from the North Texas State Teachers College will be heard in a concert here on Town Hall at 8 p.m., February 27, under the sponsorship of Student Activities.

Under the direction of Dr. Wilfred C. Bain, head of the Denton Teachers College, the Denton A Cappella Choir is said by critics to be one of the most dramatic and colorful musical organizations in the southwest, and offers a program that embodies all the peculiarly rich and beautiful qualities of A Cappella music.

Trained to precision, the forty young men and women offer a performance that is exciting both to the trained music lover and the man on the street. From its programs audiences derive the same thrill that comes to the spectators watching any other finely balanced human machine in action—a crack battalion of troops on dress parade or a championship football team driving down the field toward victory.

The result is a graceful performance in which Dr. Bain plays on



Dr. Wilfred C. Bain

* * * * * his human "symphony of voices" with even greater precision and variation than a skilled organist. Bain guards closely as a professional secret his method of enabling his singers to start their programs without permitting the

audience to discover how they receive their pitch.

The choir, since its formation five years ago, has presented over two hundred and fifty concerts in five states in the southwest, including twelve radio broadcasts, and appearances before the State Convention for the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs at Austin; before the Baptist General Convention in Dallas; the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers at Dallas; the State Convention of the Texas State Teachers Association, 1939 and 1940, San Antonio and Fort Worth; the Texas Superintendents Conference at Austin; the Oklahoma Music Educators Association, 1940 and 1941, Oklahoma City and Tulsa; and "The Texas Music Educators Conference at Mineral Wells, etc.

Concert programs are an hour and ten minutes in length. The music is unaccompanied; at no time during the performance is any instrument used, either for accompaniment or for securing the starting pitch.

Although many of the compositions are sacred music, since much (See TOWN HALL, Page 4)