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Two Dances Will Start Spring Season

Asabab and All-College Ball Liven Coming Week-End

Opening the spring social season on the campus is a weekend of entertainment including two dances in Sbis Hall. Tonight is the first annual Beaux Arts Ball of the Architecture Society since the war. Noted as the only costume affair held on the campus, the architects have gone all-out in preceding years to make their dance a success.

Following the ASABAB on Saturday night is an All-College Dance, the first of the semester. Music for both affairs will be furnished by the Aggieband Orchestra. The announced times for the two dances are as follows: ASABAB from 8:30 to 1 and All-College Dance from 9 to 12. Price of the Architect Ball is \$3.00.

Signs and posters announcing the Architects Ball have been seen in every part of the campus and run rampant, it is reported, throughout the fourth floor of the Academic Building where the Architecture Dept. is located. The theme of the affair, which was selected by the Society members, is Frustrated Ambitions. Costumes are supposed to represent the suppressed desires of the wearer.

With the touted imagination of the architect students, the patrons of the ASABAB should present a sight which may be of campus-wide appeal. But when Sbis Hall has been cleared of the debris of tonight, the All-College will go into full swing.

Waterworks and Vehicle Schools Opened This Week

The twenty-ninth annual Texas Waterworks and Sewerage Short Course and the third annual Motor Vehicle Fleet Supervisors short course were opened February 10 with welcome speeches by Gibb Gilchrist, president of the college.

The Waterworks and Sewerage School, held in Sbis Hall with 313 present, will end Thursday with licensing tests for waterworks and sewerage operators. Joe B. Winston, Weslaco engineer, is president of the organization.

E. L. Williams, Industrial Extension Service chief, is directing the five-day Motor Vehicle course. Williams said that a feature of the course will be the use of a specially-adapted Dixie Trailways bus for scientific testing of drivers and that any one interested in learning his skill as a driver would be welcome to take the test, provided time allowed. Sixty-four enrollees attended the first meeting of the course to be held in the Texas Engineers library.

Civil Service Asks For Training Men

A civil service examination was announced today for Training Specialist. Salaries will range from \$3,397.20 to \$5,905.20.

No written test is required for this examination. Applicants will be rated on the basis of their training and experience. Applicants must have reached their 18 birthday but must not have passed their 62nd birthday on the closing date for receipt of applications.

These age limits do not apply to veterans' preference, provided they have not reached the age for automatic retirement.

Applications must be on file with the Fourteenth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, 210 South Harwood Street, Dallas, Texas, not later than February 26, 1947. Application forms and further information may be obtained from any first or second-class post office.

Short Course For Highwaymen Soon

The twenty-first annual Texas Highway Short Course will be held March 11-13, Professor J. A. Orr of the civil engineering department, course director announced today.

The first day of the course will be devoted to a meeting between state highway department heads and district engineers, with DeWitt Greer, state highway engineer presiding. The next two days will be occupied with discussions of current highway problems and techniques, Orr said.

Pay Fees Now

The second installment fee, payable February 1-19, will be as follows:

Board to March 19.....	\$33.60
Room Rent to March 19.....	7.00
Laundry to March 19.....	2.50
Total	\$43.10

Grocery Bills Going Down As Planters Meet

Are your grocery bills too high? Do you, as a married veteran, have too much spare time on your hands after tending to baby, going to class, and taking care of household chores?

Well, F. R. Brison, of the Horticulture department, is holding a meeting of prospective vegetable gardeners Monday afternoon, February 17, at 5 p. m. The veteran growers will meet in Room 309, Agriculture Building.

It is his plan to prepare plots of land, as space permits, to be divided among the future gardeners. A nominal fee will be charged for the preparation of the land for tilling, and Brison plans to hold classes of instruction. The cost will be low enough to meet the pocketbook of all veterans. He hopes to make greenhouse facilities available to them.

Such an idea, Brison believes, would benefit a great number of veterans in reducing grocery bills.

Employees' Dinner, Dance Set Feb. 20

The next meeting of the College Employees Dinner Club will be held in Sbis Hall Thursday, February 20, at 7 p. m. Tickets at \$1.25 per plate are on sale at the Aggieband Inn and should be purchased prior to Wednesday noon, February 19.

Bridge, dominoes, and other games will be held in Sbis Hall Lounge following the dinner. However, dancing as usual will be the main attraction in the main dining room after dinner.

The dinner-dance is open not only to college employees but also to other residents of the community, it was stated. Guests from out-of-town are especially welcomed.

Are You Sure You Want To Go Back To 'The Good Old Days'?

"Schoolmarm's" of yesteryear and other advocates of the "Spare the rod and spoil the child" creed would turn over in their graves if it were possible for them to observe routine college life of the present.

Those straight laced matrons of another century would lift their noses in scorn and scream aloud at the progressive changes that have accompanied education and the educated way of life.

If you don't believe it take a look at the rules and regulations governing the Mt. Holyoke College for girls in "the good old days":

1. Admission. No young lady shall become a member of this school who cannot kindle a fire, wash potatoes, and repeat the multiplication table.
2. Outfit. No cosmetics, perfumeries or fancy soap will be allowed on the premises.
3. Exercise. Every member of this school shall walk at least a mile every day, unless a freshet, earthquake, or some other calamity prevents.

To Pick Loveliest Tessies . . .



Masters to Choose TSCW Beauties At George Washington Birthday Ball

Bandleader Frankie Masters will select the beauty for each of the four classes at Texas State College for Women when nominees are presented during the intermission of the George Washington Birthday Ball at A&M, Feb. 22. The four girls chosen will be featured in the Daedalian, College yearbook, as class beauties.

'Heaven' Might Be 35 Miles From Here If Blinn Gets Girls

"Heaven" might be only 35 miles away. For Blinn College at Brenham is opening its rolls to girls from outside Washington County, and filling up its large women's dormitory, now half empty.

Blinn College is a two-year liberal arts junior college owned by Washington County, and up to now enrollment has been limited to students from that county. Although the school has more than its quota of boys—many of whom will come to A & M after their two years at Blinn—the number of girls is far below that for which accommodations are available. Girls are housed in a dormitory built about twelve years ago.

Registration for the spring semester is now in progress and it remains to be seen how many will enter. Because it is so near, college authorities are hoping for many registrants from College Station and Bryan.

Blinn was founded as a Methodist school in 1883, but became a non-sectarian county school in 1934. It has a campus of 35 acres on the edge of Brenham. The president, Dr. C. F. Schmitt, is leaving August 31 and the school is seeking a new prexy to take charge at that time.

Aggie Wives Circle, WSCS Plan Joint Meeting Monday

The Aggie Wives' Circle will meet at the A. & M. Methodist Church Monday, February 17, at 7:30 p. m., in a joint business session with the Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Don Riddle, reporter, urges members to attend.

During intermission Gloria Echols, Daedalian editor, will introduce the sixteen nominees, four from each class, against the background music provided by the Masters band. Although the dance is not formal, the beauties will be gowned in evening-length dresses for their presentation. Senior class nominees are: Marjorie Helbach, El Dorado, Ark.; Evelyn Rust, Chapin, Iowa; Jean Swint, Paducah; and Alice Barrett, Lorenzo.

Junior nominees are: Adele Austin, Dallas; Katherine Blankenship, Gainesville; Norma Walker, Amarillo; and Alleen Simpson, Temple. From the Sophomores come Oretta Cornelius, Crosbyton; Hilda Harkness, Texarkana; Mary Jane Ramsey, Timpson; and Laura Sessions, Waxahachie. The freshman class will be represented by Mimi Hicks, Fort Worth; Helen Luques, Wichita Falls; Kathleen Reed, Oley; and Shirley Shoemaker, Waxahachie.

Winners will not be announced until May 3, date of the Senior Formal Dance at TSCW. Miss Echols will present the winning beauty from each class at that intermission.

Arriving by special TSCW bus Saturday afternoon, February 22, the sixteen nominees will be on the A&M campus Saturday afternoon, where they will be met by escorts provided by the Aggies. The girls will stay in a dormitory, and will be accompanied by Miss Echols, Mary Beth Foshee, Daedalian Business Manager, and a member of the TSCW faculty. They will leave A&M sometime Sunday afternoon.

Cotton Ball Date Change to Apr 18

The Agronomy Society announces a change in the date of the Cotton Style Show and Ball from March 28 to April 18, due to increased possibility of presenting Miss Hilma Seay, 1947 Maid of Cotton here at that time.

Miss Seay, sponsored by the National Cotton Council, will be terminating her world tour March 28 in Paris, France, and it would be impossible for her to be here until a later date in April.

Miss Seay was chosen from a group of southern girls for the purpose of modeling a complete cotton wardrobe in style shows here and abroad this spring. Preparation for her tour included a course in modeling under Harry Conover.

The Style Show held at A&M this year in conjunction with the Cotton Ball is being presented by Sanger Bros of Dallas. It is under their auspices that Miss Seay will appear.

Eisberg With Byrd

The chief medical operative on the Byrd Antarctic Expedition is named Eisberg—Commander Harry G. Eisberg. What do you know!

St. Valentine Dance Slated At Annex Sat.

Howard Peach and his Hustlers will play for the Annex Valentine Dance Saturday night. Also on the program for the night is a return engagement of the Melody Maids, a choral group from Beaumont.

Sponsoring the dance is the combine forces of the Annex cadets and veterans. The affair will begin at 8:30 p. m. and last until midnight. Room accommodations for dates will be located in the Student Center, it was announced.

Decorations of the Center will be in Valentine motif, under the direction of Mrs. Ann Hilliard and W. W. Dominy. The appearance of the choir is in answer to a special request of the Annex students because their previous performance was so well liked, it was said.

McFadden Receives Plaque for Wheat

A plaque honoring Dr. Edgar S. McFadden, agronomist of the Agricultural Experiment Station, was presented to the nationally known grain expert at the Texas Chemurgic Council conference at San Antonio February 13-14.

Dr. McFadden received a \$2,500 award from Reader's Digest earlier in the year for his work in developing a new hardy strain of wheat. He was also the recipient of one of The Battalion annual awards for signal achievement.

Three other members of the college system were speakers at the conference. They are Dr. A. A. Jakkula, executive director of the A. & M. Research Foundation, who spoke on "Chemurgic Research in Texas"; John Leahy, director of the Cotton Research Committee of Texas; and E. D. Marshall, chief of the Forest Service products laboratory at Lufkin.

Research Contract With Fiberglass Corp. Completed

Completion of its petroleum desalting research contract with the Fiberglass corporation has been announced by the A. & M. College Research Foundation.

Research under Foundation leadership on use of fiberglass for separating salts from petroleum, carried on in the college chemical engineering department, resulted in a new method of desalting, cheapness and desirability of which has attracted favorable notice from a number of refining companies, Dr. A. A. Jakkula, Foundation director, said.

In a message to Dr. Jakkula, the Fiberglass corporation described itself as a "completely satisfied and enthusiastic customer". Patent possibilities developing from the fiberglass research now are being processed by the Foundation.

Trustees of A & M Research Foundation to Meet Feb. 24

Trustees of the A. & M. College Research Foundation will hold their quarterly meeting here February 24, Executive Director A. A. Jakkula announced today.

Early Days Of A & M Among Aged Texan's Reminiscences

"Sully? Oh, you mean Gen. Ross? Yes, I often saw him on the campus. He was a fine man, and everyone thought highly of him. He stood well."

With other reminiscences of the early days of A. & M., Mrs. Molly King Roberson of Houston kept a Battalion reporter busy taking notes for an hour this week. Mrs. Roberson, who will be 90 in June, remembers the college campus when not a building stood here. She picked dewberries on the site of the Academic Building early in 1876, when A. & M. was on paper, but not yet a physical reality.

With a chuckle Mrs. Roberson told about an old college romance, when Professor Harrington wooed and won "Sully" Ross's daughter. Harrington himself was later president of the college.

Mrs. Roberson was away from the locality during the time that the early buildings were erected. When she came back, there were three brick buildings—Gathright,

Last Minute Agreement Is Made Before Ballot Count

No Presidential Candidate Receives Majority; Student Life Also Affected

In the most hotly contested veteran elections ever held on the campus, William S. (Big Bill) Andrews and A. D. (Dave) Bruce each polled a large number of votes for president of the Veterans Association, but neither gained a majority. Under an agreement made between candidates before the votes were counted, the two will take part in a run-off election, to be held February 19. A run-off on the student-life committee post will also be held at the same time, with Marvin Brown and Arthur Buckner contesting. All other elections were satisfactorily decided by majority votes this week.

Col. W. J. Baird To Teach Teachers

"New Ideas in Teaching" will be the subject of a series of talks to be given at A. & M. February 24-26 by Col. W. J. Baird, Chief of the Training Section of the Army Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Dr. F. C. Bolton, dean of the college, has announced.

Col. Baird has had long experience in training the members of the faculty at the Command College, Dr. Bolton said.

Bottling Short Course to Prime Soda Pop Makers

Thirty-three owners and supervisors of bottling plants were busy at A. & M. this week brushing up on the latest wrinkles in "soda pop" manufacture, but only one of them had the answer to the industry's \$64 question—how to get more sugar?

The exception is J. J. Rodrigues, who traveled all the way from Georgetown, British Guiana, to attend the third annual American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages short course, in session here.

Rodrigues, who makes Pepsi-Cola and other brands of soft drinks in the South American capital, finds all the cane sugar he wants available there. Even so, he wishes he could obtain more fine, granulated sugar.

And Lorne Prentiss, who came down from northern Ontario to "see why Texans talk so much about Texas", could use much more of the sweet stuff, even though the Canadian government allows him 20 percent more than American bottlers get.

Faculty members voluntarily are lecturing on subjects allied to the carbonated beverages manufacturing trade at the short course, which opened February 3 and continues through February 20. Experts of the ABCB, which originated the short course at A. & M. in 1945 and now sponsors it at three other colleges throughout the nation, present practical applications of new scientific information.

Such subjects as refrigeration, chemistry of water, syrups, plant operation, maintenance and a number of others will be covered thoroughly in the three-weeks course, according to Wendell R. Horsley, local course director. Henry E. Medbery of Washington, D. C., technical director of the ABCB, is general supervisor.

Shortly before time for the polls to close, candidates for office found that the Veteran Students' Constitution contained no provisions for a run-off election.

The present constitution does not specify whether a plurality or a majority constitutes final election, nor does it specify that a run-off election will be held between the two top candidates in the event that neither receives majority of the vote.

In order that this omission by the constitution would not invalidate the election, a meeting of the candidates was called Wednesday night prior to the counting of the vote to decide the procedure to be followed. With three candidates absent, a 10 to 4 vote carried in favor of a run-off election in the event of a plurality result.

It was further decided that a rally for platform speeches would be held in the Assembly Hall Tuesday evening February 18, at 7 p. m. At that time the two candidates in the run-off election in each office will present campaign speeches.

Run-off elections, if the need warranted, were set for Wednesday February 19, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the rotunda of the Academic Building.

Any amendment to the above effect, regarding run-offs in plurality vote, to be added to the present constitution would have to originate from the Board of Representatives and then put to a vote of 51 per cent of the registered members.

Andrews received 357 of the 1082 total votes polled; A. D. Bruce had 330 ballots. Trailing these two were T. C. Brennan with 199; Bill Murphy, 135; James Kelly, 23; and David Elliott, 20.

A close vote determined the succeeding vice-president as Robert Polson with a 563 to 502 win over W. R. Steyman. Sam Williams is the next treasurer of the organization; he was the only one to file for that position.

Close Secretary Race
The closest vote of the election was for the office of secretary. By a narrow margin of 12 ballots Ed Fisher was elected over William Taylor, the voting being 521

The office of sergeant-of-arms of the Veterans' Association and two positions on the Mess Committee will be open for filing until noon Saturday, February 15, due to the runoff election next Wednesday, president pro tem Dave Bruce has announced.

to 509. The most decisive win of the election was Karl Wallace's victory over Joe Soley for parliamentarian. The voting ran 691 to 320.

In the race for the student life committee man Marvin Brown received the largest number of votes, 377, and was followed by Arthur Buckner with 248 ballots. The other two candidates for this office were Charlie Murray who polled 211 votes and John Garrity with 186.

Murray Supports Buckner
Another untested office was that of mess committeeman. Only one filing was made for the position which was open for three members. Charles Kirkham, Jr. will fill one of the positions.

Charlie Murray in a statement issued yesterday said, "I wish to thank the students who voted for me in the recent election for student life committeeman. In the run-off I pledge my support to Arthur Buckner, who I feel is qualified for the position and who is an active member of several campus organizations."

Write-in Votes Invalid
Several write-in votes were polled in the election. There were two votes cast for Robert F. Buntin and six votes for David Elliot for the office of sergeant-at-arms. Also written in on a ballot was S. Knapp for mess committeeman. The Veterans Association constitution provides, however, that in votes will not be considered in an election.