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San Antonio Mothers' Club Gives \$1,000

A new Opportunity Award from the San Antonio A. & M. Mothers' Club has been added to the growing list of scholarships available for 1947 at A. & M. R. Henderson Shuffler, director of the Texas A. & M. College Development Fund, has announced. To be known as the "San Antonio A. & M. Mothers' Club Opportunity Award", the \$1,000 will go to an entering freshman from San Antonio this year under the state-wide Opportunity Awards Program sponsored by the Development Fund.

trampling out the vintage . . .

By Mack T. Nolen
(A Fable)

Once upon a time a naive young book salesman journeyed through the hinterland trying to make enough money to put himself through school. In the course of his wanderings he became most weary and footsore. As cold despair crept over him and he wrestled with his conscience over funding the national debt, a losing battle, he espied a serene cottage on a river bank. Roses climbed the trellises at the front door, and thrushes warbled sweetly in the almond tree.

A wave of nostalgia swept over the young man. His own home swam before his eyes. Six long years had passed since that fateful day he had set out with the twenty-four volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica in his knapsack to make his mark in the world.

In answer to his knock on the door, a shy but comely maid appeared. She had lived all her life in this unfrequented forest with only a deaf-mute aunt for companionship. Of course, her thirst for knowledge prompted her to buy the encyclopedia at once. Being unable to read, she also made an agreement with the young man to read the books to her.

When six more years had come and gone the two students had read through "jaghirdar," a type of insecure in the Maratha states in India. Their conversational plane would have been rather high for the layman.

"I would like a glass of water," said the young man.
"No water," said the young lady.
"Man in his extravagance has wasted all the water."
Vultures circled above, dropping lower and lower.
They never got past "jaghirdar," and the next subject, "jagua palm," was so interesting, too.

SAN ANTONIO A. & M. MOTHERS' CLUB OFFICERS PRESENT President Gibb Gilchrist with a \$1,000 check to be used in the state-wide Opportunity Awards Program. The award will go to a freshman entering A. & M. from San Antonio for the 1947-48 school year.

Meloy Meets With Juniors To 'Hash Out' Corps Problems

by J. K. B. Nelson

Last Monday evening Col. G. S. Meloy and members of his staff met with the first sergeants, master sergeants and technical sergeants of the Cadet Corps in an effort to help clarify many of the problems now hindering the proper functioning of the Cadet Corps.

Opening the meeting, Col. Meloy discussed the present difficulties which are keeping the Military Department and corps from working together in complete harmony. Lack of cooperation, dogmatic resistance to change, and dearth of individual thinking on the part of the students were listed by the Colonel as the major obstacles in raising the corps to its pre-war level.

After emphasizing the point that the Board of Directors did not intend to "pull their punches" in their fight to eradicate hazing from the campus of A. & M., Meloy opened the meeting to discussion so as to get things "out in the open and squared away".

The first question raised concerned organization and uniforms for the corps next year. Meloy stated that while the basic organization of military units would remain the same as this year, the Air Corps is expected to triple or quadruple in size; there is also the possibility of activating several new branches such as a Veterinary Corps, Transportation Corps, and an Army Security Corps.

Uniform issue for next year, Col. Meloy stated, would consist of dark green (serge) blouse and trousers for sophomores and freshmen, and dark green blouse and "pink" trousers for seniors and juniors, and the officer's shortcoat would be standard issue for the entire corps. Meloy further declared that if students objected to this type issue, arrangements could be made

Kenton, Playing Here April 12, Moves Up to Number 1 Spot

by W. K. Colville

Stan Kenton and his orchestra, rated as the number one band in America, will play for the All-College Dance to be held in Sbisla Hall Saturday night, April 12, from 9 till 1. The admission will be \$2.00 for the dance, and 60 cents for the one-hour concert that will be held in Guion Hall from 7:15 to 8:15 p. m.

Stan Kenton's band, currently playing in the Havana Ball Room at Oakland, California, has skyrocketed to the number one band spot of the nation since Woody Herman has disbanded. Consistently grossing the highest figures in ballrooms, hotels, and nightclubs, the 1946 Kenton orchestra hit the jackpot after a five-year climb. With the release of Stan Kenton's "Artistry in Rhythm" album by Capitol, LOOK magazine's unqualified prediction that Kenton's orchestra would prove to be "the band of the year" is assured.

Twenty performers occupy the bandstand when Kenton and company set up for action. Starred along with vocalists Shirley Luster and Gene Howard are the most talented instrumentalists to be heard, among them Eddie Safran-ski, Bass; Shelly Manne, Drums;

Veterans Meet Tonight at 7:15

All veterans attending A. & M. are eligible to attend the special meeting of the Veteran Students Association in the Assembly Hall at 7:15 this evening, according to officers of the group. The meeting will discuss present major problems of the college from the veterans' point of view, and will not deal with "hazing" or corps matters at all, according to W. S. Andrews, president.

Board To Meet Here Friday

The college board of directors will meet on the campus Friday in a special session, presumably to consider nominations for the new post of athletic director. However, the board will also be in a position to discuss the disciplinary difficulties of the week.

Cotton Contest Exam for Tour Given Monday

Monday, March 31 is the date of the first cotton contest examination for 1947 to select three students to go on the cotton tour this summer. This announcement was made by J. S. Mogford, sponsor of the Cotton Ball.

Any student in the School of Agriculture is eligible to compete in the examination, provided he take an active part in preparations for the Cotton Ball and Pageant, April 18. Schedule of the examinations is:

- March 31—Cotton Diseases and Insects.
- April 10—Cotton Production and Marketing.
- April 24—Cotton Machinery and Cotton Marketing.
- April 25—Grading and Stapling.
- May 1—Soil, Soil Conservation, and Soil Fertility.
- May 8—General Field Crops.

The Monday examination will be given in Room 304, Agriculture Building at 7 p. m.

Points of interest that will be visited this summer are Houston; New Orleans; Stoneville and Scott, Mississippi; West Point, Georgia; Hartsville, South Carolina; Raleigh, North Carolina; Charlotte, Virginia; Washington, D. C.; Canada; and the Midwest. The group will leave College Station June 1 and will return to Texas the early part of July.

All expenses other than personal expense will be paid from the Agronomy Society Cotton Ball fund. This will include food, lodging, and train fare.

Agricultural students interested in the contest and tour are urged to contact Mogford to obtain material for study. At that time he will then work on the Cotton Ball so that they may qualify on this point.

Fly Addresses Kiwanians On Bank Relations

Lamar Fly, College Station bank executive, Tuesday told the Kiwanis Club the relationship between bank deposits, the public debt, and prices of commodities.

Fly said bank deposits soared during the war, as the national debt was increased, and at the same time interest rates were reduced.

Banks today are going in more than ever for the types of loans formerly handled almost exclusively by finance companies. Banks today are lending money on automobiles, refrigerators, doctor and dentist bills, and a variety of other things that were not considered business for banks prior to the war.

Composite Regimental Ball To Liven Coming Week-End

Regional NSA Organized At Austin Meet

By Claude Buntyn

Texas and Oklahoma student representatives from 18 colleges met at Austin Friday and Saturday, March 21-22, to discuss the formation of a regional group of the National Students Association.

The meeting at the University of Texas was merely an organizational one, and delegates were not committed to support resolutions drawn up at that time. Delegates from each college would go back to their respective campuses and begin to point out the need for an organization in the schools of the United States.

If these delegates can prove to their schools that this organization is needed and the charter drawn up at TU is approved, then a regional district including Texas and Oklahoma will be formed and delegates sent to the national convention at the University of Wisconsin September 1 to 15.

Officers elected at the regional conference were John Wilson, president, TU; Joe Cullinan, vice-president, A. & M.; Mary Burkhalter, secretary, Incarnate Word College, San Antonio; Bill Wood, treasurer, SMU.

The group was unable to agree on a constitution that would be approved by all the student bodies at each college and decided to appoint a committee to draft a constitution.

Those elected to this committee were Jack Skagg, TU; Fred Crawford, Trinity College; George Washington, Sam Houston College, Austin; and Christine Lucas, Oklahoma College for Women.

The NSA, a recently-formed organization of university students in the United States, has set as its objectives the promotion and aid of all phases of student education in this country. These phases would include sports, cultural entertainment, student government, living conditions, and international student activities.

This organization is the result of a feeling among American delegates to the World Student Congress held in Prague last year that the United States needs an organization corresponding to the European student unions. These unions play an important part in the educational system of those countries in which they function.

The delegates returning to this country found that Americans did not have a counterpart of the student union.

Easter Style Show To Be Held Friday

The latest in Easter fashions will be modeled at a Social Club meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m. The "Parade of Fashions" will be held in the YMCA.

Spring clothes to be modeled are being furnished by Lester's Smart Shop of Bryan.

Committees Appointed; Preparations Begun for Friday Night's Dance

Second in the line of traditional festivities, the Composite Regiment will hold its annual military ball Friday, March 28. With music furnished by the Aggieiland Orchestra, the dance will begin at 9 p. m. in Sbisla Hall.

The following committees have been announced:

- Ticket Committee: Bill McCormick, Walter Norris, Dick Jones
- Program Committee: Clyde A. Patterson, Albert D. Salmon, James O'Connell
- Orchestra Committee: Robert F. Houston, George P. Knox
- Decoration Committee: Charles W. Thoma, Kirby K. King

The affair is sponsored by both Composite Regiments and will be followed by an all-college dance Saturday night.

The Composite Regiments are composed of all organizations with the exception of the Infantry, Artillery, Signal Corps, and Quartermaster Corps. The Engineers, Cavalry, Chemical Warfare, Ordnance, Veteran Companies, and Air Corps comprise these regiments.

Accommodations for the dance will be possible by reserving rooms in P. G. Hall through the Placement Office, Administration Building. Tickets may be purchased through any member of the Ticket Committee or at the door.

Seniors Delay Action on Plan To Conciliate

A plan of conciliation between the Senior Class and the Military Department, at outs since the seniors met March 19 and expressed "no confidence" in Cadet Colonel Ed Brandt and Cadet Lt. Col. Jack Nelson, failed to provoke action by the class Tuesday night.

The conciliation plan, drawn up by Major H. P. Riggsby, tactical officer of Dorm 11, and the cadet officers under his charge, was presented to the class for their approval in their meeting Tuesday night. Col. Meloy had attached his approval to the plan early that day.

Dropping of all charges against seniors arising out of the March 19 meeting was promised, in return for a pledge to actively support the Articles of the Cadet Corps for the next thirty days, and to abide by Col. Meloy's decision in regard to Brandt and Nelson. A committee of three seniors and two juniors, elected by their classes, would meet with Col. Meloy to consider changes in the Articles of the Cadet Corps after the thirty day waiting period was over, according to the plan.

Bill McCormick, class proxy, stated that no decision would be made until Friday night in order to give the members of the class "a chance to think it over."

Juniors Resubmit Duchess Pictures

Miss Caroline Taylor, who was chosen by the Junior Class as Cotton Ball duchess, will be unable to attend, N. R. "Jug" Leatherwood, class president, stated. Therefore, a new duchess must be selected.

Members of the Junior Class should again submit pictures of candidates for Cotton Ball duchess not later than Monday night, March 31. Leatherwood will accept pictures in his room, 409, Dormitory 2.



QUEEN COTTON AND HER COURT—Back row, left to right: Teresa Hiller, Victoria; Lucy Davis, El Dorado, Arkansas; Billie Walker, Midland; Betty Jane Ellis, Dallas; Roberta Hampton, Fort Worth; and Patsy Jo Jones, Dallas. Seated, left to right: Margaret Ann Browning, Sherman; Cotton Queen Joann Dobbs, Menard; and Allen Williams, Temple. Joann Dobbs will reign as queen of the Cotton Ball and Pageant on April 18, and the eight other TSCW beauties will be her ladies-in-waiting.