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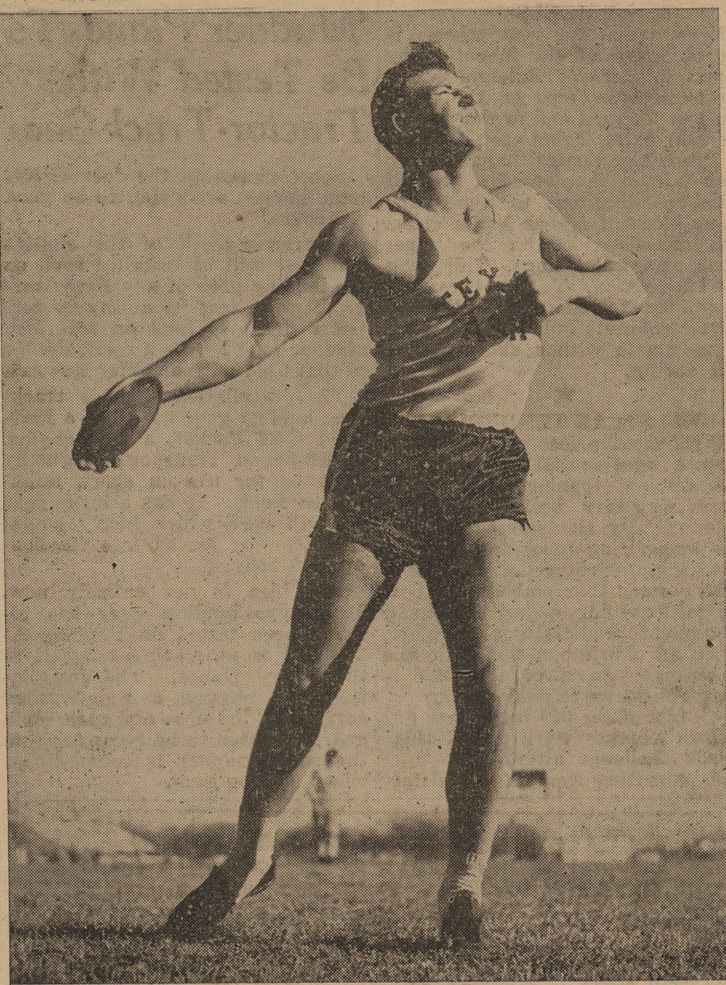
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Aggies Bring Home SWC Track Championship



LEROY BODEMAN, Cadet pole vaulter, tied with Tate and Quirey for first place in the SWC meet Saturday, reaching a height of 12 feet 6 inches. Bodeman has reached a height of 13 feet this year and has shown considerable improvement since the beginning of the season.



GEORGE KADERA, Houston freshman, has been carrying the load in the weight divisions and tied with Texas' Jerry Thompson for high point man in the SWC meet Saturday, taking firsts in the discus, shot put, and javelin. His distance in the javelin was 188 feet 1 inch, which is the best he has done all year in conference competition.



ART HARNDEN, ace Aggie sprinter, rounded out the current track season undefeated in both the 440-yard dash and as anchor man on the mile relay squad in conference competition. In Saturday's SWC meet in Waco, Harnden made up a two-yard deficit on the stretch to beat out Texas' Northcutt and sew up the title.

Climax Season-Long Drive With Narrow 4-Point Win

By Larry Goodwyn

Waco, Tex., May 20 (Spl).—The Southwest Conference Track Championship is back at Aggieland today for the first time in four years.

The long-sought crown came home Saturday on the heels of a hard-working band of Aggie cindermen who climaxed a long-uphill drive by nosing out defending champion Tex-

as in a rousing climax to a season-long duel between the two ancient rivals.

Nothing but water-filled spike holes on Baylor's rain-swept cinder track remained today to testify to the brilliant battle staged Saturday between the two traditional foes for one of the Southwest's most coveted titles.

It was a neck and neck duel all the way with never more than a few points separating the two teams. Dark-horse Arkansas, expected by some to be a real contender, faded rapidly under the heavy pace set by the two Texas schools and was never in the title picture.

It took a brilliant anchor leg on the mile relay, final event on the program, by blonde Art Harnden to bring the Maroon and White home in front by four points—59 1/3 to 55 1/3—Arkansas was third with 35, followed by Rice with 18 and Baylor with eight. S. M. U. and T. C. U. failed to score.

Harnden, who earlier in the afternoon had whistled around Baylor's 440 strip in 48.1 to win the 440 dash, ran the race of his career on the final lap of the mile grind to overcome a two-yard Texas lead and insure the title for the Aggies. The Aggies' crack mile relay quartet, unbeaten in conference competition this season, trailed by two yards as Harnden got the baton for the final, decisive circle around the Waco oval, but once the blonde speedster set sail, the 'Sips' chances for a tie were gone for good. Harnden passed Northcutt, running anchor for Texas and came winging home two yards in front in one of the wild-est finishes to a conference track meet ever seen in the Southwest.

But Harnden, flashy as he was, was far from the only star wearing the Maroon and White that shined Saturday. Honors were spread around all over the place—is was truly a team victory—but if one man had to be singled out, our vote would go to strong-man George Kadera. The 210 pound tosser from Houston matched Texas' great point-maker, Jerry Thompson, point for point, winning the shot put, discus and javelin to score 15 points and tie the little Longhorn distance specialist for individual high point honors. Kadera collected the shot with a 46 foot one inch heave, the discus with a toss of 148 feet and the javelin with a 188 foot one inch chunk that was just good enough to nose out Arkansas's great all-around athlete, Clyde Scott, by seven inches.

James Hill accounted for another of the Aggies' seven first places by uncracking a 22 foot 11 inch jump to cop the broad jump over teammate Webb Jay, who placed second.

Plenty of credit for a valuable assist in winning the title must go to A&M's quartet of pole vaulters. Three of the four—Leland Tate, Leroy Bodeman and Jack Quirey tied for first, second and third at 12 feet and the fourth, Johnny Davis, tied for fourth at 11 feet 6 inches. The 10 1-3 points the Aggies picked up in the vault went a long way in overcoming the tremendous advantage Texas piled up in the distance races.

Sparked by the tireless Thompson, the Longhorns scored heavily in the 880, mile and two-mile, racking up a total of 25 points in the three events with three firsts, two seconds, and two thirds. Thompson took the 880 over the Aggies' Gerald Hahn in 1:55.9; the mile in the record-breaking time of 4:20.4 and the two mile in 9:53.

But while Thompson was receiving the plaudits of the 3,000 fans for his display of brilliance in the distances, the performance of one Aggie who didn't know when to quit, will live a long time in the memories of real track fans. Little Jerry Bonnen, the Farmer's only hope for points in the gruelling two-mile run, ran his heart out to gain a valuable fourth place in an event otherwise dominated by Texas. After running seven laps at Thompson's killing pace, Bonnen for all practical purposes was through for the day, but the little College Station plugger kept running anyway, and finished the last 100 yards on guts alone. He collapsed at the finish and virtually crawled in to win his one point.

Scott, the ex-Navy flash, turned in a classy performance in leading Arkansas to third place. Scott beat Rice's heralded August Er-furth in both the high and low hurdles and placed a close second to Kadera in the Javelin to cop 13 points. Jim Mortensen's personal duel in the hurdles with Texas' Ken Boren ended in a draw with

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300 Blushing Couples Pass Through Ring

By Allen Self

Embarrassed smiles, cool kisses, passionate kisses, engagement and anniversary announcements were all part of the Ring Ceremony Friday night in Sbis Hall as nearly 300 couples queued through a huge gold replica of the Aggie Senior Ring.

Earlier in the evening, at the Senior Banquet, a rain-soaked crowd of seniors and honor guests filled half of Sbis, dining on fillet mignon steaks. Toastmaster John Stiles presided, steering the program through the presentation of Who's Who awards and organization commander keys, and several brief speeches.

Newton Cole gave the invocation, and Bill McCormick, prexy of the Senior Class, welcomed the guests for the corps, while Bill Andrews, president of the Veterans Association, welcomed all on behalf of the veterans.

Allen Self read the history of the Class of 1948.

Col. Ike Ashburn, former assistant to the president under T. O. Walton, mingled advice to graduating seniors with several after dinner jokes.

Johnny Sullivan's dance band, imported for the occasion, played scintillating swing, sweet and danceable. Intermissions were few and far between as dancing continued until 1:30 in the morning.

Expect Hammers and Sickles; Find 'No Reds, No Stalin!'

By Mack T. Nolen

Texas' biggest news over the week-end was Henry Wallace. On his nation-wide speaking tour he stopped over in Austin on the invitation of the University chapter of the American Veterans Committee.

Speaking in an over-flowing Gregory Gymnasium, Wallace repeated his views and proposals on international affairs.

Several Aggies made the trip to Austin to hear what Wallace had to say. They expected to see hammers and sickles somewhere in evidence. They expected to see small groups off in corners singing the "Internationale." They thought the rostrum would be decorated with quantities of red bunting and a picture of Stalin.

The newspapers of the nation would convey the impression that communism is the underlying cause of all the talk. Communism is less the issue in the Wallace case than hazing is the issue in the A&M case. Newspapers are perfectly qualms about distorting the truth to fit their own ends, and they can out-lie Hitler when they feel like it. There was no red bunting and no Stalin, just a democratically simple stage.

In his speech Wallace showed himself no fire-breathing radical. He didn't say the U. S. should become a Russian colony. He said he wanted a world peace based on world friendship and no third world (See WALLACE on Page 2)

School Officials to Meet In Waco June 7 to Begin Planning Building Program

Governing boards and administrators of state-supported colleges and universities will meet in Waco June 7 to discuss further planning for the \$60,000,000 building and equipment program authorized by a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The Legislature has submitted the amendment to a vote of the people in a special election on August 23 of this year.

The proposed amendment was conceived last year by the colleges in order more speedily to meet the needs of greatly increased enrollments, and Governor Beauford H. Jester has given it full endorsement and commended it to favorable public consideration.

If approved by the people August 23, it will enable the sixteen state-support institutions to begin major enlargement programs. A. & M. would be permitted to issue \$5,000,000 in bonds and the University of Texas \$10,000,000 in bonds payable out of income from the invested portion of the permanent university fund which income both of these two schools share.

The other fourteen institutions, equally pressed for new buildings and equipment, would share in revenue from the special 5¢ tax which would be used to amortize a series of three 10-year bond issues by each institution. The revenue would be distributed among the fourteen colleges proportionately on the basis of enrollment, with readjustment every ten years.

It is estimated that a minimum of \$45,000,000 would thus become available to these schools in thirty years. Each institution would issue bonds in the amount that each could be expected to amortize from its share of revenue.

A special meeting of all members of the Agricultural Council will be held at 5 p.m., Wednesday, LeRoy Hendrick, chairman, has announced. The meeting will be held in the Dairy Husbandry Library, and all members are urged to be present.

Wilson Named Singing Cadets New President

Whitney W. Wilson will be president of Aggieland's Singing Cadets, John A. Smith, present president, announced at the annual banquet of the choral group Saturday evening. Bill Evans will be vice-president for the 1947-48 school year, and Helmut G. Quiram will serve as business manager. Jimmy Jones and T. J. Byrd were named historian and librarian, respectively.

Smith, who acted as master of ceremonies, introduced Joe Skiles, director of Student Activities, principal speaker for the evening.

In charge of the banquet preparations were: Smith, banquet; Marvin L. Brown, Jr., program; Bob Stinson, decorations; and N. R. "Jug" Leatherwood, invitations.

Of the 55 members of the Singing Cadets, 38 were awarded keys for length of service with the group. Present officers of the choral club are: Smith, president; Leonard N. Perkins, vice-president; Leatherwood, business manager; manager; Thomas G. Smith, librarian; and Brown, pianist.

Special Meeting Of Ag Council Tomorrow

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Final Ball May 29 Will Be FREE

Final Ball will be held May 29, sponsored jointly by the Aggieland Orchestra and Student Activities Office. Music will be furnished by the Aggieland Orchestra, and admission is free.

Graduation Invitations Here

Graduation invitations and individual engraved cards have been received and may be picked up at the Student Activities Office.

New Courses Leading To Ph. B. Degree Offered

By David M. Seligman
Something of note in educational advances was started here at A&M during the current semester.

Under auspices of the Graduate School, headed by T. D. Brooks, a new curriculum called Post Graduation Studies has been inaugurated.

The basis for establishment of the course was that a broader education is needed by professional and technical men than that which they get in their prescribed study. Many reasons for the "narrowing" of college courses have been given. As each new advancement

in science and technology emerges, it demands a place in the undergraduate study of its particular field. At the same time the "old" ideas and more basic conceptions must remain to provide an entrance into the new.

High schools, realizing that the college curricula are not providing a general education, are beginning to concentrate on this aspect and consequently drop the pre-technical and pre-professional training they once gave. This puts a heavier burden on the higher institutions by forcing them to present this portion of the study to the student. A&M, is attempting to solve this

problem through general reading. To offer direction and stimulus to such reading, the college is introducing Post Graduation Studies. The courses are planned to be offered by correspondence and where possible by group extension teaching.

The curriculum will include only those courses for which there is challenging reading material of a non-textbook nature. The teacher conducting the course will seek to establish an informal, spontaneous exchange of thinking with the student.

Books prescribed for the courses will be available at bookstores for

purchase by the student if he would like to keep his material or may be contracted for from the college library on the package loan plan. The registrar will maintain a record of each student's credits.

Examinations will be handled to present little burden to the student and will operate in an informal manner. A degree has been authorized for presentation at the completion of the prescribed course. The degree of "Bachelor of Philosophy" will be awarded to those who meet requirements of the Academic Council. This degree was formally in general use by Ameri-

can colleges to recognize graduates of curricula not containing enough Latin or Greek for a Bachelor of Arts or as much natural science as was required for a Bachelor of Science.

The prescribed course contains 36 credit hours and is available to any graduate of A&M, except those from the School of Liberal Arts. The first offering of this new field is a concentrated study of "This America of Ours". Other courses are to be planned and announced at a later date.

Full particulars can be obtained from the office of T. D. Brooks, dean of the graduate school.

Cadet Corps Inspection Scheduled May 21, 22, 23

The annual Federal Inspection to determine the Military rating of the Cadet Corps will be held May 21, 22, and 23.

The Corps will be graded on military courtesy and appearance, written tests, a military review, a formal room inspection, and rifle inspection.

Every effort is being made by the Cadet Corps and the Military Staff alike to furnish a performance worthy of receiving the Blue Star rating lost last year.

Batt Ends Semester Publication With Saturday Edition

The Battalion will end the current semester with the May 24 issue. During the summer there will be two editions each week, with the first issue beginning in the week of June 9. Paying jobs are open for students who desire to work on the Batt.

Interested students should contact the Batt office in the Administration Building before this semester ends. Next fall there will be a daily publication, and those who gain experience this summer will find it profitable when they seek part-time student labor next fall.

Fort Worth Club To Hold TSCW Dance

Plans for a dance to be held jointly with the Fort Worth Club

A team of officers from the Fourth Army will be on the campus all three days to conduct the inspection.

Written tests will be over every subject covered in the Military Science Department since last fall. In addition, some oral and practical work tests are scheduled.

The Corps review to be held May 21 will count heavily on the final grade, according to Colonel G. S. Meloy, P. M. S. & T. Individual appearance, and bearing, condition of rifles, execution and of marching movements, manual of arms, and eyes right are some items that will be graded.

As in several previous reviews, both foot and mounted troops will take part, the marching troops being followed by an Armored Cavalry Section.

at TSCW will be completed Thursday night at 7:15 by members of the Ft. Worth A&M Club in the Science Hall.

President Clyde Huddleston requests that all members desiring to attend the dance be present at this meeting.