

'Mikado' Operetta Planned By Singing Cadets, Aggie Players

By Vick Lindley

The Aggie Players and the Singing Cadets will present Gilbert & Sullivan's satirical operetta, "The Mikado" during the latter part of the first summer session. This burlesque of Japan and Japanese ways has been popular for more than seventy years and seems as modern as though it were written this year.

Cast and orchestra for the production will be composed of students, student wives, and other members of the college community. Auditions for musicians, singers and actors will be held at the Music Building (opposite George's) at 7 p.m., Thursday evening, June 12.

Last summer the same groups cooperated in producing another Gilbert & Sullivan work, "H.M.S. Pinafore," which was a sensational hit, with crowds that jammed the Assembly Hall for two nights. Demands for a similar production this year have resulted in scheduling of "The Mikado."

Arnold Biello of the English department will stage the dramatic aspects of the production, and will also be responsible for technical effects such as scenery and lighting. The Aggie Players will furnish the technical staff as well as some of the cast.

Bill Turner, director of the Singing Cadets, will be responsible for

musical aspects of the production. According to Turner, the greatest need now is for string musicians. However, there are openings in cast and staff for musicians, actors and staff of all classifications.

Marvin Brown and Leonard Perkins will be accompanists during rehearsals.

Student Receives AAPG Membership

R. H. Abbott, Jr., of San Antonio, a senior petroleum engineering student, has won an associate membership in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists for a paper presented before the Houston Geological society.

Abbott's paper was entitled "Productivity Index and Proration." A paper on "Oil Mining" was presented at the meeting by M. W. McCall, senior student from Wichita Falls.

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Physics, E E Majors Needed By Foundation

Eight Physics or Electrical Engineering majors are needed by the A.M. Research Foundation for work with the oyster survey which will be conducted on the coast of Louisiana, Lucian M. Morgan, assistant director of the Placement Office, has announced.

Men interested in summer and full-time employment are needed, and single men are requested because of the living conditions in the area. It is expected that this work will last two years or more. Men will live in one the Texas Company camps, and the cost of living will probably be about \$1 a day, Morgan stated.

The pay scale is as follows: Graduates with B. S. degrees, full time work, \$300 per month. Graduates for summer work only, \$250 per month. Junior students for full time work, \$250 per month. Junior students for summer

work only, \$225 per month. Sophomore students for full time work, \$250 per month. Sophomore students for summer work only, \$200 per month. Students who are interested should contact Dr. C. C. Doak, Head of the Biology Department, Science Building at once.

ASCE Commended By National Group

A. & M.'s student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers has been awarded a certificate of commendation for excellence in the effective and meritorious conduct of its affairs during the past school year.

Announcement of the award was made by Colonel William N. Carey, executive secretary of the society, at national headquarters in New York. This is the second time that A. & M.'s chapter has won such an award lauding the ability and professional diligence of its chapter officers, members, and faculty advisor, Colonel Carey stated. There are 125 student chapters in the 94-year-old ASCE, oldest national engineering organization in the country, whose membership totals some 22,000.

4 Short Courses, Conferences Scheduled for Middle of June

A. and M. Among 3 Colleges Slated For Security Unit

A. & M. has been selected as one of three institutions to sponsor an Army Security Agency unit in conjunction with the other military units, Gibb Gilchrist, president of the college, has announced. Activation of the ASA, along with the Transportation Corps, will begin during the fall semester.

These units are designed to provide reserve officers for the Army Security Agency, which, under the supervision of the Director of Intelligence of the War Department General Staff, is charged with the responsibility of providing signal intelligence and communication security for the army.

World War II showed the need for expansion of those activities during an emergency and the necessity of having available for duty the required type of highly trained specialists. With the close of the war, the ASA has turned its attention to training a reserve force in these fields.

Both signal intelligence and communication security requires alert, persistent, analytically-minded students, with special appeal for mathematics, engineering, physics, and business administration students, Colonel Guy S. Meloy, commandant, stated. Detailed information may be obtained at his office in Ross Hall.

Graduates Other Than Law, Accounting Now Needed as FBI Agents

Information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation states that there are opportunities with that service now for men with a college degree in fields other than accounting and law. The qualification has been added that applicants possessing a college degree, and being otherwise qualified, will be considered for the position of Special Employee Agent.

Those appointed to the position of Special Employee Agent will receive an annual salary of \$4,149.60. They will carry regular Special Agent credentials and at the expiration of one year will be considered for designation as regular agents.

They will attend a new agents' training school of ten weeks and will be required to perform the regular investigative duties assigned to Special Agents in the field. Special Employee Agent applicants will be given the regular Special Agent examination. Interested applicants should arrange with the Placement Office to furnish complete credentials to the proper service officer.

Sponsored by the Education and Psychology Department the 11th Annual Texas School Administrators' Conference will take place on the campus from 9 a.m., June 17, to noon, June 19. There will be a 50-cent registration fee and \$1 per night fee for rooms in Dormitory 15.

Attendants at the conference will register in the lobby of the YMCA from 8 a.m. to noon, June 17, and all meetings will be held in the Assembly Room.

A. M. Tate, superintendent of school, Marlin, is head of the conference committee.

Scheduled for the same 3-day period is a County Superintendents' Conference, also under the auspices of the Education and Psychology Department. Registration will be from 8 to 12, June 17, in the YMCA lobby. Women will be housed in Walton Hall and men in Dormitory 15.

R. C. Pickett, superintendent of schools at Victoria, is head of the short course committee.

"Child Welfare" will be discussed at the County Superintendent and Supervisor Conference, while the Texas School Administrators' Conference will study school finance, the modern school plant, and supervision of teachers in the classroom. Both groups will meet in joint session daily with Dr. Merle Prunty, director of student personnel at Stephens College, Missouri. He will speak on subjects related to the general theme of the conferences.

Opening the superintendent's conference will be Dr. L. A. Wood, state superintendent of education, speaking on "The Educational Welfare of Texas School Children." The "All-year School as a Child Welfare Measure" will be proposed by L. H. Griffin, Bowie County superintendent.

The administrators will discuss four phases of educational planning: "A Research of School Finance in the Light of Present Economic Conditions"; "Economics to Be Affected"; "School Buildings—A New Approach to Planning"; and "Supervision in Service Training of Teachers."

A joint banquet of the Texas School Administrators' Conference and the County Superintendents' Conference will be held in Sbis Hall at 7 p.m., June 18. Tickets at \$1.50 per person may be purchased at the registration desk.

A Rural Church Conference, under the sponsorship of the Rural Sociology Department, will be held on the campus June 30 to July 4, according to Dan Russell of that department. Registration will take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA, June 30, and from 8 to 11 a.m., July 1, with a \$1 registration fee, it was stated.

Attendees at the second Rural Church Conference will be housed in Puryear Hall, and they will be charged \$1 per night for linens and other facilities.

All meetings will be conducted in the YMCA Chapel, except Wednesday afternoon, July 2, when they will be held in the "Y" Assembly Room, Cabinet Room, and Chapel, and Rooms 202 and 203, Goodwin Hall.

Included on the list of personages to appear on the program are: Monsignor Luigi P. Ligutti, head of rural church work of the Catholic Church, Des Moines, Iowa; Venerable Robert G. Purrington, head of this type work for the Episcopal Church; Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, leader of rural church work for the Methodist Church, New York City; Dr. John D. Freeman, of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin, Presbyterian Church leader; and Dr. E. W. Mirel-

ler, rural church work leader for the National Lutheran Council, Chicago

Arrangements for the 19th Annual Short Course for Cottonseed Oil Mill Operators, to be held on the campus from 2 p.m., June 15, to 5 p.m., June 21, have been completed. Sponsored by the Cottonseed Products Research Laboratory, meetings will take place in the Research Lab and the Petroleum Lecture Room.

A registration fee of \$3.50 will be assessed attendants at the course, and they will be charged \$1 per night for rooms in Puryear Hall.

On June 17 at 7:15 p.m. a banquet will be held in Sbis Hall. Tickets at \$1.50 per person may be bought on registration day.

The third annual Air Conditioning Conference, which began June 8, will end tomorrow afternoon. It is under the sponsorship of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Architects, plumbers, independent engineers, factory representatives, medical scientists, and agriculturalists are attending the conference.

Shell Boxes Used For Lab Apparatus

GIs at the George Washington University are learning chemistry with the help of old 4.2 mortar shell boxes which some of them helped empty in combat.

Three times as many students as before the war are being taught in the same laboratories. This is made possible through use of apparatus lockers made from a truckload of wooden shell boxes salvaged from Aberdeen Proving Grounds by Dr. B. D. Van Evera, head of the chemistry department. Each student keeps his chemical material in the space formerly occupied by the shells. Only change in apparatus necessary was use of a smaller wash bottle of distilled water.

The laboratories are in use from 8 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night due to the demand for chemistry classes.

Musicians, Singers Needed for Mikado

Auditions for the Gilbert and Sullivan comic operetta, "The Mikado", will be held in the Music Hall across from George's Confectionary Thursday evening, June 12. Both instrumentalists and singers are needed, and all are asked to meet at the Music Hall at 7 p.m.

"The Mikado", to be produced under the joint sponsorship of the Singing Cadets and the Aggie Players, will be directed by Arnold Biello of the English faculty and Bill Turner, director of the Cadets.

Anyone interested can call Turner or Leonard Perkins at the Music Hall, telephone 4-1253.

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