

Summer Officers of the Veteran Students Association



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Swiss Engineer Homesick For Summer Skiing and Ice Skating

By J. T. Miller
"Beer? I have found no good beer in College Station or Bryan." Was this profound statement uttered by a disgruntled Aggie? No, strangely enough, a Swiss-Italian youth attending the cotton short course disclosed this amazing fact.
Handsome, suave Federico Kronauer, a resident of Milan and Zurich, did lavish praise on American girls, however. He spent a few days in Dallas and complimented the young ladies of that city on their beauty. In fact, he intends to check up later on a few interesting theories that he has formed about American girls.
Kronauer's story of his life in Italy and Switzerland was interesting, but hardly exciting as one might expect. He entered the Polytechnic Milan in 1940, majoring in Mechanical-Electrical Engineering. While he was attending school, the Royal Air Force bombed Milan, destroying much of the heart of the city. Upon graduation in 1945, the young engineer began working for a Swiss textile mill. Later he went to work for his father in Milan.
In May Kronauer booked passage on an 11-ton Polish "boat" and left Italy from the port of Genoa. That voyage helped squelch one of his early desires: to be an officer on a naval man-o-war. Anyway, as he said, Switzerland has no ocean-going warships.
Upon arrival in New York his first move was to call Arturo Toscanini, world-famous conductor

and friend of the family. The maestro was not in the city at that time, however. The erstwhile admiral then proceeded to one of Manhattan's flashier bistros, where he was shocked to learn that it was financially unwise to indulge in drinking to the extent that he had while aboard ship.
Leaving the land of the skyscrapers, the 25-year-old headed for the wide open spaces. His arrival at College Station went unnoticed by all but the short course registrar.
Like all the cotton students he was crammed with three others into a suite in Dorn 13. There he dreams of the glorious future that awaits him at home—skating and ice skating—while fighting back at a squadron of thoroughbred college cockroaches.
When asked about A. & M.'s unique educational system (located miles from nowhere; military setup; lack of co-eds; dry country), Kronauer admitted that hot weather and a dearth of snow had more than anything else to do with his homesickness.
"After school I drove five miles outside of town, put on my skis, and for hours I skied until tears rolled down my face." All this took place in the middle of summer, too!
Following the short course, Kronauer will spend several months in various parts of Texas. His visa will expire in October, but he intends to apply for an extension if he can possibly locate a decent schooner of suds!

1-Year Enlistment In National Guard Granted Veterans

"Any former member of the Armed Forces of the United States can now be enlisted for periods of one year in lieu of the regular 3-year period," is the gist of a recent Adjutant General's Office interpretation of National Guard Regulations.
This shortened enlistment term in no way changes the conditions under which a member may secure a discharge from the National Guard at any time. These conditions are: moving from the home station of the unit of which he is a member; or submitting evidence that service in the Guard is materially inconveniencing his means of livelihood.
The first local unit of the National Guard to be officially activated is Company C, 386th Armored Engineer Battalion. This unit, part of the 49th Armored Division, See ENLISTMENT, Page 2

Livestock Groups Asked to Appoint Advisory Trustees

Livestock interests of Texas, through associations representing each field, have been requested to appoint members to a Livestock Advisory Committee. D. W. Williams, vice-president for agriculture, has announced. Purposes of the Livestock Advisory Committee will be:
1. To promote better understanding between livestock interests of the State and the personnel and program of the College animal husbandry department.
2. To promote a closer working relationship between the industry and the program of the College.
3. To help shape, guide and direct the teaching, research and extension programs of the department in order to make it of greatest possible service to the industry of the State.
4. To determine policies and relations between the department program and the livestock industry.
Groups invited to appoint members of the committee of twelve are the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Texas Swine Breeders' Association, three representatives each: one from each of the American Quarter Horse Breeders' Association, the Palomino Horse Breeders' group.
Formation of the committee, which would be called into at least one annual meeting was recommended by Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the department of animal husbandry.

Aberdeen Angus Breeders to Meet On Campus July 28

The Annual Field Day of the Texas Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association will be held by the Animal Husbandry Department, on Monday, July 28. The meeting is open to the public and all who are interested in beef cattle are invited to attend. The program will start at 10 a. m. in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion. Following is the tentative program for the day:
Morning Session
10 Assemble in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion. Rufus Peoples, president, Texas Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association, and Dr. J. C. Miller, head Animal Husbandry Department, in charge of activities.
10:30 The Requirements for Quality Beef, Roy W. Snyder, professor in charge of Meats Laboratory.
11 Progeny Testing Beef Bulls, John H. Jones, animal husbandman, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.
11:30 Control of Internal Parasites in Cattle, Dr. R. D. Turk, head, Department of Veterinary Parasitology.
Afternoon Session
1:30 Cattle Grading, G. W. Barnes, Extension animal husbandman.
2:30 Spraying for Control of Hornflies and Lice, Paul Gragg, assistant Extension entomologist.

'Anything Goes' at Brazos County A&M Party July 29

The annual "anything goes" party of the Brazos County A&M Club will be held Tuesday, July 29 at the American Legion Hall in Bryan, Martelo Damsby, general chairman has announced. All former A&M students in this section are invited to be present at 7 p. m. when the barbecue and trimmings will be served.
Tickets will be on sale at the usual places in Bryan and College Station. Brownrigg Dewey is heading the ticket committee in Bryan, while W. G. "Breezy" Breesale is looking after sales through College Station merchants and on the campus.
Chic Sale is chairman of the refreshment committee.
Eleven of the monthly meetings of the Brazos Club are business-like meetings, conducted with all the propriety of a banker's conference, Damsby explained. The January meeting is the annual banquet for the football and cross-country squads. Then in May the club honors participants in winter and spring sports. Finally, he said, the July meeting is just what its name signifies, "anything goes!"

Christian Church Location Selected

A site has been selected for a cadet chapel by a committee of the Bryan First Christian Church, and purchase has been agreed upon, it was announced Friday. Construction of the chapel, to cost approximately \$15,000, will commence around January 1, Rev. Francis J. Smythe, pastor of the Bryan Church, announced.
The selection was approved and arranged by C. N. Sheppardson, chairman of the committee, and Dr. Patrick Henry, executive secretary of the Texas Christian Missionary Society.
The College Station Christian church will be located in the south-side addition, and plans call for a parsonage with a resident pastor in charge.

Resigns

J. W. "DOUGH" HOLLINS, Dean of Men and Acting Director of Athletics, has resigned to become Dean of Men at East Texas State Teachers College, effective September 1.

Steen to Address Reserve Officers

Professor R. W. Steen of the History Department will address the Brazos County Reserve Officers Association at their July meeting. The group will meet on Tuesday, July 8, at 7:30 p. m. in the Civil Engineering Lecture Room.
Dr. Steen's subject will be "The History of Communist Russia". There will be an open forum after the address for questions and discussion. The meeting is open to the public.

Picnic to Honor Agronomy Seniors

A picnic, in honor of the graduating agronomy seniors will be held this afternoon at 5:30 in Area I of Hensel Park, according to Eli Whiteley, faculty sponsor. John E. Endrizzi, in charge of recreation, has arranged a baseball game between the faculty and students.

Record Enrollment At Cotton Course

The 38th Annual Cotton Short Course this summer has a record-breaking class of 90 students, four of whom are ladies.
Winners, nursery cotton classes, buyers, and textile workers are among the students who represent Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, California, and Mexico. Also, Norway, Switzerland, Italy, and Czechoslovakia are represented.
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Forestry Service Member Addresses STSC Workshop

E. F. Evans of the Division of Education and Information of the Texas Forest Service, College Station, was one of the principle speakers at the Southwest Texas State College Conservation Workshop which was held June 30-July 5.
Each day of the workshop he spoke on forestry subjects, one of which was "Correlating Forestry with the School Curriculum". Other discussions by Evans were on "Forest Resources of Texas", "Texas Forestry Program", "Forest Relationships—Soil, Water, Wildlife, and Climate," and "Forest Management".

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3) Knocking on wood for good luck.
4) Breaking a mirror brings seven years of bad luck.
5) Never light three on a match (this is a left-over from World War I when a lighted match in a trench often attracted enemy bullets.)
6) The number 13 is bad luck; also Friday the thirteenth.
7) Upsetting salt brings bad luck, but throwing a pinch over the left shoulder brings good luck again.
8) Dreams foretell what will happen.
9) It's bad luck to return for anything you've left behind.
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13) It's bad luck for a couple on a street to separate and walk around a pole; they'll have a fight around a pole; superstitious were found in vogue in various parts of the country. For example: Liars will have malformed children. Never walk around the room with one shoe on. Never start a new job on Friday. Never cut a dress on Friday. If you drop a comb, step on it before picking it up. A tipped newcomb that would spill water means rain. Sing before breakfast will make it come true. It's bad luck to throw ashes out after sundown.
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FFA Scheduled To Meet Friday Night

The A&M Collegiate Chapter of the Future Farmers of America will meet at 7:45 Friday, July 11, in the lecture room of the Agricultural Engineering Building. All members are urged to bring their wives or girl friends.

VSA Barbecue, Dance To Be Held at Bryan Legion Hall July 12

Buses to Leave George's at 4:15
\$.50 for Members, \$1 Non-Members

An all-vet barbecue and dance will be held Saturday, July 12, at the Bryan American Legion Hall, T. C. "Buddy" Brennan, Veteran Students Association president, announced Friday.

Dancing and the serving of refreshments will begin at 4:30, Brennan stated. He emphasized, however, that there would be no social activity prior to that time. Last year's affair jumped the gun; and food and drink had disappeared by starting time. Around 5:30 barbecue and picnic lunches will be served. Dancing will continue throughout the evening.
For the benefit of those veterans unable to find rides in private automobile, buses will leave George's Confectionery for the Legion grounds, which are located north of Bryan on the Madisonville Highway.
Admission price to the barbecue and dance will be \$.50 for veterans holding membership cards; non-members will be required to pay \$1. Wives and dates will be admitted for \$.50.

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BILLIE JEAN BARRON, who will sing Yum-Yum in "The Mikado" July 14-15, is a Bryan girl who married Aggie-ex Joe Barron after she graduated from TSCW last year. She has sung with the Denton A Capella Choir and the Tusselwood Modern Choir.



MARCUS MAHAN, who will sing the part of Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner in "The Mikado," is a veteran student. He has appeared in a previous production of the operetta at NTAC in Arlington, where he sang Nanki-Po.



BURL ERVIN, who will sing Poo-Bah in "The Mikado," was a soloist with the Singing Cadets for four years, and has also been a member of the famed Great Lakes Blue Jacket Choir. He is now a member of the M. E. faculty.



VANDA ERVIN, (Mrs. Burl Ervin) will sing the part of Pitti-Sing in "The Mikado." A soprano, she studied voice at Sherwood Institute of Music in Chicago.



T. D. CARROLL—The Mikado himself! Carroll, who will sing the title role in "The Mikado" is a veteran student from Beaumont who has appeared with the Beaumont Light Opera Co. and the Beaumont chorus.

NTAC Cadet Corps Rated 'Excellent'

The North Texas Agricultural College Cadet Corps has received a federal rating of "excellent" with a score of 94.9, Dean E. H. Herford was informed Saturday. The rating was made on the basis of performance during an inspection in May.
Col. Edgar H. Keltner, veteran of the Bataan campaign, is NTAC's professor of military science and tactics.

Ag Council to Meet

The Agriculture Council will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Y.M.C.A., it was announced Saturday.