

## 'Mikado' Pleases First Nighters; Repeat Production Tonight 8:15

By Vick Lindley

To an accompaniment of fluttering Japanese fans, the curtains parted last night in the Assembly Hall to reveal the Aggie Players-Singing Cadets production of Gilbert & Sullivan's operatic masterpiece, "The Mikado." As the presentation of this satire of Japanese ways tops even last year's musical hit, "H. M. S. Pinafore," it gives proof that

Aggies can produce their own entertainment, on a reasonably high standard.

The second and last performance will be given this evening at 8:15 p. m.

The excellent singing of Harry Doran and Billie Jean Barron in the romantic leading roles was no surprise to the campus, where Doran has been heard frequently as a soloist with the Singing Cadets and Mrs. Barron at least once with the Teasdale Modern Choir.

Some agreeable surprises were given, however, by a number of newcomers to A. & M. audiences. T. D. Carroll was every inch a Mikado, carrying himself with imperial dignity and singing effectively some of Gilbert's best lyrics. Another surprise was Marcus Mahan, a tenor who nevertheless sang splendidly the baritone part of Ko-Ko, Lord High Executioner except that of executioner. He came and at the same time kept the audience convulsed with his antics.

One of the high spots of the evening came when Ko-Ko announced, in a patter song, that among those on his list as possible victims for the executioner's axe were cowboy guitarists, radio humorists, and American communists. "They never would be missed," sang Ko-Ko.

Pat Kirkpatrick, who has been previously seen on the Assembly Hall stage as a dramatic actress, proved that she can also sing, and made Katisha, the Japanese Vera Vague, an outstanding characterization of the evening.

Burl Ervin, faculty member who was soloist with the Singing Cadets during his undergraduate years, sang and acted excellently, the part of Pook-Bah, who held every official position in Titipu except that of executioner. His wife, Vanda Ervin, was an engaging Piti-Sing. Catherine deMontiel sang Peep-Bo. D. L. (Buddy) Boyd showed considerable promise in the minor part of Pish Tush.

Director Arnold Biela wove all elements of the production into a harmonious whole. Bill Turner directed the musical selections and was assisted by Leonard Perkins. Art Angrist supervised the backstage crew, mostly recruited from the Aggie Players, including Milt Frankel, Ed Saper, Electrician Cliff Hodges, Make-up Man Carl Stevens, Property Manager Bernice Jensen and Art Director Spencer Ellis.

Frank Camp served as business manager for the production.

The setting, designed by Ann Biela, showed a Japanese garden in full bloom, complete with tea-houses and red gate-like torii. Both setting and lighting were up to full professional standards.

Singing in the chorus were Teeny Anderson, Florene Moore, Mrs. E. H. Unguh, Mrs. Elizabeth Brush, Doris Turek, Bernyce Jensen, Eileen Baker, Tidge Rattan.

Also James M. Jones, Tommy Gould, John F. Helm, George Rice Jr., S. P. Ellis, Arch C. Baker Jr., W. L. Alexander and Keith Haines.

Members of the orchestra were Jimmy Roshorough (who also was rehearsal accompanist) Mary Lealand, Mrs. George Borton Adams, George Morgan, Ernest Nitch, Mary Bonnen, Louis Hauer, George Summey, Roland Johnson, Johnny Holick, Joe Holick, "Scooter" Harrison, Troy Prater, Eddy Reyna, John Lauderdale, Doug Regenbrecht, Jack Blann and Felix Goudrum.

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## Gilchrist Helps Draft Study Of Negro Colleges

Two men of A&M College, President Gibb Gilchrist and Dr. T. O. Walton, former president, with Dr. Homer P. Rainey, former president of the University of Texas, Dr. L. A. Woods, state superintendent of education and Dr. B. F. Pittenger of the University and Dr. T. S. Montgomery, of Sam Houston State College, figured in a study of Negro senior colleges in Texas which will be used by Attorney General Price Daniel and sent to the Texas supreme court, with all the other records in the case, and probably to the United States supreme court. The case is that of a Negro entering the University law school.

The booklet is a thesis of various subjects dealing with Negro education and ranges from the purposes of Negro colleges in Texas to an analysis of Negro college faculties.

Strictly academic, the booklet is divided into 13 chapters. Included in the 95 pages are tables showing anything from the type of occupations being chosen by Negroes to the number of students enrolled in 1942-43 by classes and sex.

## \$14,000 Appropriated By Student Life Committee

### Flycatchers Come To A. & M. Campus

Scissor-tailed flycatchers were observed recently to be coming from miles around to roost on the A&M campus. F. W. Fitch, Jr., Fish and Game graduate student, who is working on the life history of the flycatcher, said that this is a phenomenon that has not been previously reported.

Scissor-tails come from all directions for several miles to roost in the large hackberry trees near the statue of Sullivan Ross. They may be seen coming to roost from 7:15 until after dark. They leave before sunrise to hunt insects around College Station. Fitch estimated the number at 200 birds.

According to Fitch, scissor tails were not previously known to congregate in this manner for roosting.

The Manager of Student Activities for campus activities was authorized to spend \$14,000 by the Student Life Committee at a called meeting held July 10 in the office of the Dean of Men.

### Veterans Enjoy VSA Barbecue

Despite rain, distance, and the fact it was a weekend, some 150 Aggie veterans, wives, and girl friends enjoyed a full evening of barbecue, beer, dancing, and conversation last Saturday at the American Legion park, near Bryan. Sponsored by the Veteran Student Association, the party started at 5 o'clock in the evening and lasted well into the night.

Menu for the evening was barbecue, with sauce, baked beans, onions, pickles, buns, and cold drinks.

The amount was divided as follows: \$2,000 for club activities during the 1947-48 session—to be paid out of proceeds of 1946-1947 Corps dances; \$4,500 for improvements in Gulon Hall—to be paid out of student concession accounts; \$4,500 for salary requirements—to be transferred from concessions fund; \$500 for repairs to Kyle Field—to be paid out of Kyle Field gross returns; \$2,500 for additional equipment and renovation of the Recreation Center at the A. & M. Annex; and \$500 for News Stand repairs and equipment.

The Committee also instructed the manager of Student Activities to invite bids for senior invitations and dance programs for the 1947-1948 school year. All bids are to be sealed and returned to the Chairman of the Student Life Committee not later than August 11.

A. & M. Photo Shop was awarded the contract for the 1948 Longhorn.

In attendance at the meeting were Dean J. W. Rollins, M. L. Cashion, Daniel Russell, R. G. Perryman, E. L. Angell, Tommy John, Harry Saunders, Roland Bing, and Joe Skiles.

### A. and M. Gets New Lutheran Pastor

Rev. Fred Mgebroff assumed duties as Lutheran student pastor of A. & M. in a ceremony in the YMCA Chapel last Sunday evening. Rev. Mgebroff will represent the National Lutheran Council and also serve with the American Lutheran Congregation of College Station.

Rev. Paul Bierstedt of Chicago, with the Student Service Commission of the National Council officiated at the ceremony.

Rev. Mgebroff, who has been in the Lutheran ministry for 13 years, has been pastor of a congregation at Zionsville, near Brenham, for the past one and a half years. He is married and he and Mrs. Mgebroff have one daughter, aged 11. They expect to move to College Station this week.

### Exhibition For Disabled Veterans

An exhibit of spare parts for the human body, is being opened by the Veterans Administration in Washington July 16. It will be the first of its kind in the world and will be used something like a sample showroom or library.

Artificial arms, legs, hearing aids, aids for the blind, plastic eyes, wigs, cosmetic hands, spary crutches for the face, wheel chairs, crutches and canes are among the 1,000 items, more or less, in the exhibit.

The "library" will be permanent and is technically known as a "reference exhibit of prosthetic devices." A veteran can get any of the devices through VA's "free choice of appliances" policy. By consulting the reference exhibit, he will be spared the trouble and sometimes disappointment of shopping around from one firm to another to find the best device for him.

## Hitch-Hiking Not Prohibited By New State Traffic Code

Aggies will not be affected by the new law recently passed by the Texas legislature, according to a report issued by the Texas Safety Association.

The two-line subsection of the traffic code pertaining to hitch-hiking reads: "No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle."

The misunderstanding regarding the new ruling arose from faulty interpretation of the definition of "roadway." As defined by the bill, a roadway is "that portion of the highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic."

The word "highway," in turn, is defined as "the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel."

The Safety Association release emphasized that the bill does not prevent anyone from standing on the shoulder of highways for the purpose of soliciting a ride from passing automobiles. Just remember one thing: unless you wish to be struck with a maximum \$200 fine, keep off the road itself!

## Athletics Council Fails to Name New Director of Sports

A. & M. Athletic Council met Sunday at College Station to consider applications for the post of Director of Athletics but failed to announce a successor for Acting Director J. W. (Dough) Rollins. Vice-president D. W. Williams, council chairman, said that he would report the result of their study to President Gibb Gilchrist early this week. He was unable to state when a new director might be named by the Board of Directors.

Among other routine business transacted was to authorize the director to employ a full time athletic trainer, but the council selected no one for the job vacated by L.J. Dimmitt who is giving his full time to football.

## Student Activities Announces Additional Town Hall Plans

By J. T. Miller

Three additional bookings for this winter's Town Hall program were announced today by the Student Activities Office. Earlier this summer a partial list of performers scheduled for appearance at Gulon Hall were published in the BATTALION. Although the list is not yet complete, the three new bookings will give Town Hall fans an idea of the type and quality of programs which can be heard this winter.

On October 8, lovers of ballads and folk-songs will be privileged to hear Tom Scott, one of America's foremost exponents of native folk music. His repertoire includes sea chanties, Negro ballads, cowboy songs, mountain ditties, as well as songs of the old countries of Europe. Among his more familiar pieces are "Rye Whiskey," "Rebel Song," "Hunter's Song," "The Farmer's Curst Wife," and an old Irish ditty, "Kitty of Coleraine."

Scott's professional career has included frequent guest appearances on the Fred Waring Show, "School of the Air," and "Transatlantic Call." While New York's craze for balladeers was at its peak, Scott made appearances at the Rainbow Room, Cafe Society, and Ruban Bleu, night spots along the gay White Way. His own music has received recognition from leading soloists and ensembles throughout the country.

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## Ag Teachers To Meet August 5-11

The Conference of Texas Teachers of Vocational Agriculture will begin on the A. & M. campus August 5 and last through August 11, according to Henry Ross, of the Agricultural Education Department. Attending will be 600 vocational agriculture teachers and 200 vocational agriculture students.

The members of the conference will hear speakers in Gulon Hall each morning of the four day conference, and observe judging by the vocational agriculture students in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion on the afternoons of the first two days.

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## U. S. Agriculture Mission To Greece Headed By Holmgreen

### Business Manager Gets Place Because Of Fine Work During War With AMG

E. N. Holmgreen, business manager of Texas A&M College, has been granted a year's leave of absence to serve as the head of the agricultural section of the United States mission to Greece. Now in Washington, Mr. Holmgreen expects to fly to Athens the latter part of this week. Former Governor Dwight Grieswold of Nebraska, who is head of the mission, will accompany him.

The mission will be headquartered in a large hotel in the Greek capital, and when all arrangements have been completed for housing, Mrs. Holmgreen will be advised and plan to leave.

Holmgreen was given a leave of absence during the war to serve on the American Military Government. Anzio was his first assignment and he was located there during the worst days of the beach-head fighting. Other assignments with the AMG covered Austria and points in Europe.

According to reports from the field and from Washington he made a fine record as an administrator with the AMG. Because of this, Mr. Holmgreen was recommended for a place in the Greek mission when it was being organized.

Holmgreen served as business manager of the College for many years. Before that he had been in the Extension Service and then was state administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The office of business manager was abolished by the board of directors when Mr. Holmgreen was granted his leave of absence. Upon his return, he will likely be given duties in the agricultural setup of the institution. His duties as business manager will be divided between T. R. Spence, in charge of construction at the College, and W. H. Holzmann, comptroller.

## Leatherwood Describes Sad Plight Of Unfortunate Aggies At Summer Camp

officers' daughters have access to the pool too, so there are generally quite a few that go swimming," Jug writes happily.

There are five private dances scheduled for the Cadets in the officer's club and they have already been to one. An orchestra was supplied and for dates about eighty El Paso girls "that were very nice looking" came in. For the poor unfortunate Aggies that didn't have cars to take care of their women, there were "bright, shiny staff cars with chauffeurs to drive them around. Of course, Jug drools on "General Homer's and General Montague's stars were used."

This past weekend, the cadets had a three day trip to Chihuahua, Mexico by chartered bus. Two dances were given while they were there and of course, naturally, to be sure, they met some of those "senoritas bonitas."

Intramural games between the schools present at the camp keep most of the Aggies busy taking top honors. The Aggies from Texas A & M were undefeated in

## Transportation Corps Unit Will Be Activated This Fall

A Transportation Corps Unit has been authorized for A. & M. The War Department announced Friday. It will be one of eight such units to be activated in the United States for the school year 1947-48. The University of Texas recently announced similar plans for this fall.

The Transportation Corps handles all transportation activities for the Army. It transports troops overseas, food and supplies; it also has charge of all railway establishments wherever American troops are stationed.

Although a wartime expedient, the Transportation Corps has now been established as a permanent branch of the Army. Contracts for the fall semester are now available for qualified men who desire a commission in that branch of the service.

According to present plans, summer camp for advanced-contract Transportation Corps personnel will be held at Fort Eutis, Virginia. Students will be trained in various phases of conveyance movements; loading and unloading of supplies from boxcars, cargo vessels, and trucks; and a cruise on an Army transport from Fort Eutis to New York. One week-end will be spent in New York City by members of the Corps.

## Parnell to Attend Chicago Meeting

E. D. Parnell, professor of poultry husbandry, will leave July 17, to attend the summer session of the Feed Industry Council in Chicago, Illinois.

The Feed Industry Council was organized in December, 1942. Since that time the Council has functioned as a fact-finding body, making investigations as to feed supplies and needs. The Council has also worked closely with government and industry in developing and carrying out feed conservation.

Each summer a committee of animal husbandrymen, dairymen and poultrymen from the state colleges and experiment stations conduct a survey of feed requirements. This is based on the latest government reports on feed supplies, livestock numbers, and food goals, as well as possible economic trends and producers' intentions in estimating the average amount of feed that probably would be fed under current conditions. Professor Parnell will gather all information from this district and present it to the committee.

Fourteen students from Texas A&M are among the 100 ROTC

## A. & M. Creamery To Cease Retail Delivery Sept. 1

Retail delivery of milk from the A&M Creamery will be discontinued to all off-campus consumers effective September 1. All of the F&B milk and the milk from the Main College herd, plus a limited supply from local dairymen will be needed to service College-operated eating establishments and students and their families living in College-owned apartments.

A. V. Moore, professor of dairy manufactures said that a some changes in the scope of operations of the dairy husbandry department have been made necessary due to the increase in enrollment. Some changes are also due to the greatly expanded Houston milk shed.

The retail counter at the creamery will continue to operate, but there will be no more wholesale delivery to restaurants and stores.

The Aggies in the class are: Guy A. Baber, Edward D. Bateman, Richard K. Epps, William A. Gilbert, A. N. Hartman, Raymond A. Hennig, John F. Kelso, N. R. Leatherwood, William C. Longquist Jr., Charles W. Mattox, J. T. Moore, Jimmy W. Roach, F. A. Springer, George A. Whitten.