

Largest Graduating Class To Get Diplomas

Final Exercises Begin With Commissioning of 150 Cadets

The commissioning of approximately 150 Army and Air Force cadets next Thursday evening at 7:45 will mark the beginning of the graduation exercises for the largest class ever to receive diplomas from A&M.

General Thomas T. Handy, commanding general of the Fourth Army, will deliver the principal address and present the commissions for the Department of the Army.

Brigadier General Harry A. Johnson, commanding general of the 10th Air Force, and President Gibb Gilchrist will also deliver addresses. General Johnson will present the Air Force commissions. The ceremony will be held in Guion Hall.

NSA Ballots Disqualified; Ratification Vote Tomorrow

All ballots cast in the National Student Association election have been disqualified because of irregular election proceedings. Hadley Edgar, acting chairman of the Election Committee, said last night. A new election will be held Friday in the Academic Building.

A special committee consisting of Edgar, Kenneth Bond, election committee secretary; C. C. Munroe and James DeAndrea, who were appointed to serve on the committee by N. R. Leatherwood, Student Senate President, found evidence of two irregularities:

1. A petition was used for voting instead of regular ballots published in The Battalion.

2. Conclusive evidence was given that the ballots were collected and turned in by unauthorized persons.

"Voting procedure on NSA ratification in Dormitory 6 was not carried out according to Election Committee rules," J. T. Miller, Student Senator from that Dorm, declared. "I was supposed to pick on the ballots in my Dorm and take them to Goodwin Hall. At least one student in my Dorm distributed blank ballots and also collected the marked ballots."

"While this student was doing this, he informed many of those marking the ballots, directly or indirectly, that the NSA was responsible for the establishment of the national honor societies on the A&M Campus. Such a statement is not true!"

A petition was circulated personally by at least two students. Edgar said. The committee found evidence that these men had talked of the NSA and allowed the students to sign the petition at the same time. For this reason, the petition was declared void.

In order to avoid further discrepancies, the committee decided that a new election will be held in the Rotunda of the Academic Building Friday, May 28 between 8 and 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p. m.

All students desiring to cast a ballot will be required to show their "yellow fees slip" for identification purposes, Edgar emphasized.

"30" Is the Last Word . . .

Five Batt Staff Members Put Out Their Final Paper

Three members of the Battalion editorial board and two members of the sports staff complete their Battalion careers with this issue. In newspaper parlance they are signing "30" (the end).

Charles E. Murray from Eagle Pass, who has been veteran co-editor this year, worked on the Batt staff during the early days of the war. Entering A&M in 1942, he tooted a trumpet in the Field Artillery Band, wrote for the Batt, and became managing editor in 1943. He later served in the Army of Occupation in the Rhineland as a master sergeant in the military police.

Returning to A&M in 1946, he resumed the title of managing editor, and was elected co-editor a year ago. Twice he was awarded the "most valuable staff member" prize in '43-44 and '46-47. Murray is receiving a degree in English.

James K. B. Nelson of Bryan completes his "tour of duty" as co-editor for the Cadet Corps, but he is a five-year student and will continue on the staff. Nelson's major achievement as editor was establishment of The Battalion Sportsmanship Award.

Also locking up their Batt typewriters are Mack T. Nolen, feature editor, and Vick Lindley, wire editor.

Nolen, from Wichita Falls, came to A&M in 1942 and again after war service in the Philippines as a corporal in the field artillery. His sprightly and unpredictable writings have been a feature of the Batt for the past two years. He is a history major and Distinguished Student.

Lindley first saw the A&M campus as a sailor in the Naval Radar School here in 1943, and helped found the "Sparks and Scoones" naval column which the Batt carried for a while. Having had previous newspaper experience, he was named a managing editor of the Batt on coming to school here in 1946, was selected veteran co-editor for '46-47 and acted as wire editor for the past year. He is an English major and a member of the Scholarship Honor Society. His home is Bryan.

Members of the sports staff who are hanging up their binoculars are Mack T. Nolen, feature editor, and Vick Lindley, wire editor.



RALPH DANIEL, letterman fullback, will be the corps representative on the Athletic Council next year. He was elected last week by the Junior Class.

"Battalion Is Different" A. P. Columnist Reports

(This is the third of a series of "Texas Today" columns dealing with A&M, written by Bill Barnard of the UP) By WILLIAM C. BARNARD Associated Press Staff

The daily college newspaper at Texas A&M, The Battalion, is different.

The editors' desks are littered with slide rules, architects' drawings, veterinarian syringes and seismograph records for oil maps. The "Batt" editors do not claim to be journalists. They are students in the engineering, agriculture, arts and science and other departments of vast A&M.

They write, draw, edit and get in the way of the printers and they learn to express themselves in their specialized subjects.

The Battalion is one of seven publications at A&M and you'll find Batt editors working around on the other six—The Agriculturist, The Commentator, (Arts and Science) The Engineer, The Little Battalion, (freshman publication) The Longhorn (annual) and The Southwestern Veterinarian.

Taking a quick rundown of the Batt staff you find James K. B. Nelson, Stamford, Tex., petroleum engineering student, and Charles Murray, Eagle Pass, majoring in English, the co-editors. J. T. Miller, (Dallas); pre-law, writes editorials; Tom Carter (geology) editor; Harry Saunders (architect) of Abilene is a proofreader; Ken J. Marak of Cameron, Tex., another good student of architecture, does good cartoons for the Batt and other publications.

R. L. Billingsley Waxahachie, (electrical engineer) writes feature; Maurice Howell, (agriculture) of McKinney is advertising manager; Grady Griffin, mechanical engineering student from Dallas is the photographer and has his dormitory room fixed up as a dark room for developing negatives.

Out of 31 architecture graduates this semester these men are taking the state examinations: S. P. Brown, E. M. Demel, Jack D. Herrington, A. B. Peery, Dan Perkins, R. L. Portlock, J. C. Rivenbark, A. D. Sakes, Harry Saunders, C. B. Shiver, A. J. Tatum, and H. L. Whitney.

Architects At Austin Taking Examinations

Twelve fifth-year architecture students are now in Austin taking the licensing examinations of the State Board of Architecture Examiners, according to Ernest Langford, head of the architecture department.

The exams, which are given for the purpose of granting licenses to qualified architects, started yesterday at 8 a. m. and are scheduled to last through 5 p. m. Saturday.

A license is required for all those who are to practice architecture in Texas.

The subjects to be covered on the examinations are as follows: roof truss analysis, design in steel and reinforced concrete, professional relations, building materials and specifications, history of architecture, architectural design, and architectural composition.

Langford said that one of these exams, architectural design, lasts for 12 hours, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Students must bring their lunch and no one is allowed to leave the room during the day.

In order to be eligible for the examination, candidates must be 21 years old and must present evidence of their educational qualifications. The exams are given twice each year, in December and in May or June.

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500 Students, 15 Officers Will Attend Summer Camp

Orders for students attending ROTC summer camp have been published by the military department and the list includes over 500 students and 15 officers.

The Air ROTC summer camp will be held at Kelly Field this year with Lt. Col. Dexter L. Hodge of the Air ROTC branch here as commandant.

Students attending the camp taking administration and military management are: Milton I. Aalen, William R. Adkisson, Tommie D. Benefield, Roy L. Blanton Jr., Fritz L. Boedeker Jr., Ivan J. Bohuslav, Clifton J. Bolner, Ivan I. Bradshaw, Pat Barnett, Arthur D. Byall, Fred R. Sampbell, Tom R. Carter, Levi T. Cave Jr., Denman L. Clout, Eddie M. Coker, Felix N. Copeland, Theodore L. Copeland, Thomas B. Crouch, Tom D. Cruz Jr.

Guy B. Daniel, Charles P. Davis, Raul Dominguez, Jack W. Donaldson, Harry W. Durham, Frank J. Dyer, Charles L. Eckert, Robert H. Epperson, John D. Faulk, Kenneth M. Frazelle, William R. Freeman, Raymond H. L. Fritze, Charles D. Glass, Jesse C. Grady, August J. Guilo, Garrett A. Guly, Thomas H. Hale, Jack L. Hall, John I. Hammonds, Jr., Royal W. Harris, John F. Helm, Johnny R. Henry, Emmett C. Hickley, Jr., Lauren D. Hobbs, Paul W. Hodges, Donald H. Hooten, Virgil R. Huddleston.

Emmit A. Ingram Jr., Faek E. Jackson, Marlin H. Keathley, Milton L. King, Sam Lanford, Wayne H. Lanham, James J. Lee, Sidney D. Leverett Jr., Bert A. Lindsay.

Norton Lovell, Ramon McKinney, Charles W. Measley, Allen H. Mepham, John T. Miller, James D. Morgan, Clarence J. Murphy, Leon D. Musick, Richard H. Nichols, Robert J. Overly, Herman L. Peace, Walton F. Perrine Jr., Charles E. Phillips, Gerald G. Post, Helmut G. Quiran Jr., Calvin Reese, John D. Reitz, Maurice E. Robinowitz, Boyd A. Rogers, John D. Royer, Thomas B. Roxburgh.

John W. Schattenburg, Rene W. Schroeder Jr., David W. Sharp, Herschel V. Shelby, Dan T. Simpson, Donald G. Simpson, Manuel Silva, Thomas R. Slough Jr., John P. Stanford, Charles R. Stevens, David L. Stiles, Robert L. Street, Olson L. Streetman, Benjamin J. Suster, Bobby J. Tooley, Eugene W. Trotter, Jack E. Turner, James F. Ulmer, Jack B. Waide, James D. Whatley, Robert E. White, Foster W. Wilson, Harold D. Woodard, and Billy G. Worley.

Those taking aircraft maintenance at Kelly Field are: James H. Allen, Archie P. Andrews, John W. Askins, Richard J. Avery Jr., Randolph W. Barker, Jimmy D. Bell, Allen W. Benefield Jr., Randolph Blumberg, Samuel E. Bosswell, Benjamin F. Brittain, Ira M. Burns, Robert A. Canning, Harry M. Carlton, Maurice M. Carter, Hyatt Cheek, Manuel Cirilo, J. D. Chaney, Troy N. Crook, Lowell B. Cure, Clifford B. Deaton Jr., Arnaldo J. Dickinson, Joseph J. Domas, George S. Drugan Jr., Harold E. Dugan Jr., Summerfield D. Edwards, John L. Elam Jr., William G. Emmon, Albert F. Field, Edgar B. Gray, Ernest E. Guthrie, John F. Ham-bright, Darwin R. Hamilton, Kenneth W. Hendricks, Edward A. Hinkle, Robert R. Huffman, John F. Hutvra, Calvin C. Jones, Arch K. Jacobson, John E. Johnson, Thomas W. Johnson, Thomas S. Justiss Jr., James B. Killebrew, Gilford W. Koopman, Aubrey L. (See CAMP, Page 3)

STUDENT DIES LEAVING LAB BROWNWOOD, Tex., May 27 (AP)—Rex Odell Sellers, 26, ministerial student at Daniel Baker College, died yesterday as he walked out of the science laboratory on the campus. He was a Comanche Circuit Methodist minister and a sophomore at the college here.

JESTER APPROVES FUND AUSTIN, Tex., May 27 (AP)—Governor Beauford H. Jester yesterday approved a deficiency appropriation of \$10,152.67 for aid to qualified Negro students attending universities outside of Texas, where similar facilities are not available in this state.

ABDULLAH VISITS BATTFRED JERUSALEM IN THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM, May 27 (AP)—King Abdullah paid a surprise visit to the old city today and prayed at Christian and Moslem shrines.

MacARTHUR MAY RETURN TO U. S. WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—A formal invitation for Gen. Douglas MacArthur to return from Tokyo and spell out his ideas of American military needs went to a vote today before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

BILL WOULD LIMIT FOUR-STAR BRASS WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Chairman Andrews (R-NY) of the House Armed Services Committee, introduced yesterday a bill which would compel the retirement before July 1 of Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King and Chester W. Nimitz.

It also would give the Army, Navy and Air Force until the end of next year to reduce their lists of four-star officers on active duty to the present legal limits, and would allow the Air Force one more full general—a total of five.

DIES WITH LIGHT "FIREWORKS" LUFKIN, Tex., May 27 (AP)—Former Congressman Martin Dies said he would "touch off the fireworks" tonight in a statewide broadcast to tell plans for his senatorial race.

Dies said the speech would not be the formal opening of his campaign for the U. S. Senate. He said he was reserving that for a barbecue at Saint Jo, Tex., in the near future.

HENSELY FIELD WILL BE RESERVE CENTER DALLAS, May 27 (AP)—Secretary for Air Staff Seymour said yesterday that Hensley Field near Dallas will become the center for Reserve Air Force and Air National Guard training in the area which includes practically all of Texas and part of New Mexico.

"SAIT LAKE CITY" FINALLY SUNK WITH THE U. S. FIRST TASK FLEET, May 27 (AP)—Two swift clean torpedoes sank the U. S. Cruiser "Sait Lake" City after bombs, shells and rockets had battered her sturdy hull for hours. She was one of the targets in the Bikini atom bomb tests of two years ago and was still radioactive.

Gilchrist Thanks Students For Friendly Cooperation At the close of one of the best years in the history of the college, I want you to know that the important role you have played in making this year a good one is fully recognized by the college administration.

The spirit of friendly cooperation which as prevailed between the student body and staff has made possible an excellent performance by both segments of this organization. Scholastic attainment has reached a new high, the spirit of the school has been excellent and military proficiency has been at a new peak.

Under such conditions, Texas A. and M. will continue to grow in stature and value. May your summer vacation period be a pleasant and profitable one. We will be looking forward to your return in September.

Cordially yours, GIBB GILCHRIST President



VICK LINDLEY



J. K. B. NELSON



CHARLIE MURRAY

Traveling Staff Members Will Keep Batt Informed

The Batt will have one of the largest foreign staffs among college newspapers this summer as a multitude of itchy-footed students take off for various corners of the globe.

ROBERT "SACK" SPOEDE, one of the wheel-horses of the sports department, leaves for Nuernberg, Germany, early next month to join his parents, Col. and Mrs. R. W. Spoede, New Orleans, Washington, New York, Quebec, and Chicago are a few of the stops along the route. Caraway will keep Aggieiland posted on the developments of this year's tour.

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BILL BILLINGSLEY, managing editor of The Battalion during the past semester, is off to the Gulf Coast when finals are finished. He plans to work on a tug boat out of Houston, and his dispatches to the paper will probably deal with the pleasure spots along the coast.

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Thursday evening the Aggieiland Orchestra will furnish the music for the Final Ball, last social event of the season. The ball will be held in The Grove from 9 until 12. Tables and chairs will be placed around the dance floor in nightclub style and refreshments will be available.

The following day, Friday, June 1, will mark the final day of graduation exercises.

Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, will deliver the principal address at the baccalaureate services to be held in Guion Hall at 10 a. m.

The professional of graduating seniors, which will form along Military Walk at 9:30, will begin the services. Reverend James F. Jackson, minister of the College Station First Methodist Church, will deliver the invocation and following that Buddy Boyd will sing "Morning" accompanied by Leonard Perkins on the organ.

A. E. Hinman, immediate past president of the Forum Students Association, will make the presentation of the Development Fund gift to A&M.

President Gilchrist will then express the greetings and introduce Dr. Benson.

The benediction will be delivered by Cliff Harris, Jr., corps chaplain.

The president's reception, which will be held from 2 until 3:30 Friday afternoon in the home of President and Mrs. Gilchrist for all members of the graduating class, their friends and relatives, and faculty and staff members.

Following the reception final review will be conducted on the drill field at 4:15.

The Cadet Corps will form on the drill field and pass in review the line, after which it will return to its original formation. Following this first review the juniors will take command of the corps and pass in review before the graduating seniors while the band plays "Auld Lang Syne."

Commencement exercises will be held in Kyle Field Stadium at 6:45 p. m. Seniors will form the professional on the practice field west of the stadium at 6:15 and enter the stadium while the band plays "Entrance and March of the Blues."

Reverend Sam B. Hill will deliver the invocation, after which President Gilchrist will deliver the greetings and introduce Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, who will deliver the commencement address.

Following Dr. White's address, the band, under the direction of Lt. Col. E. V. Ajlams, will present a medley of Cal. Porter selections.

Dean F. C. Bolton will introduce the valedictorian of the 1948 class, Nelson M. Duller Jr. Duller is a veteran physics major from Houston.

After the valedictory address, President Gilchrist will confer degrees upon the graduating seniors, the president of the board of directors, G. R. White, will then present the diplomas.

The commencement ceremony will be concluded with the procession of the graduates. The band will play Quilman's "Grand Triumphant March" for this portion of the program.

M. M. Kothmann, winner of the Brewer Award for the outstanding senior majoring in animal husbandry, will be presented with a citation at commencement exercises.

This award is being presented for the first time this year by Roy A. Brewer, San Antonio business man. It will be awarded each year to the outstanding senior majoring in animal husbandry.

Kothmann is from San Antonio and a veteran of the Air Corps.

The award is a plaque which will be retained in the department and each winning senior's name will be engraved on it.

The winner of the plaque is chosen on the basis of grade point ratio, which must be at least 2.0, elected positions, competitive activities, journalistic and literary activities, achievement awards from off-campus organizations, social and religious activities, self-support, and personality.

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