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Senior Dance To Have Two Rings

Another step has been taken to facilitate handling of this year's record graduating class at the Senior Ring Dance by the addition of another ring replica to be used in traditional Ring Dance Ceremony.

Roy Blanton, social secretary of the senior class, announced yesterday that construction of a second ring replica has begun.

This latest action came as proceedings for the ceremony were being completed by the Ring Dance Committee Friday. The class has previously decided to give two ring dances this year.

With the addition of this second paper mache ring, the committee hopes to cut in half the time normally required for students to pass through the rings.

Blanton stated that cards will be given to each student who purchases a ticket, telling him the ring through which he goes and the approximate time he is scheduled for the ceremony.

The cards will be of different colors and ring designation will be placed in the upper left hand corner as a double method of identification.

Students will be given the choice of attending either dance, as long as tickets are available for both dances. One will be given Friday, April 22, and the other will be Saturday, April 23.

The time and place of ticket sales will be announced later, Blanton said. No orchestra has been contracted yet and the price of the tickets cannot be determined until arrangements for the orchestra are complete.

Every effort is being made to get a name band for both dances said Blanton, but there is a big demand for the best orchestras at that particular time of the year and it will be difficult to secure one for both nights.

Blanton added that the committee is trying to make all the arrangements as convenient as possible for the largest number of students. He asked the cooperation of the seniors, especially in the ring ceremony.

Prizes Offered For Ideas On Electricity Use

The Extension Service of conducting the Texas 4-H Club boys' and girls' electric contest, Fred Lynch, state 4-H Club leader of A&M, announced today.

Sponsored by twelve Texas electric service companies, the contest purpose is to find better ways of doing things on the farm and in the farm home through the use of electricity, Lynch said.

Contestants are to pick out some job that requires much time and work which can be done quicker and easier the electrical way, then make a study of this job and report the improvements that could be made. Records will be submitted to the county agent or the county home demonstration agent. The standard report form or the Westinghouse Educational Foundation General 4-H Club Record or Report Form will be used in reporting these records, Lynch said.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in each of the 14 Extension Service districts. All entries will be judged by the Texas Extension Service, Lynch said. County winners will receive a gold-filled medal of honor. The state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Six college scholarships will be presented to a group selected from the state winners, said Lynch.

It is not necessary for the contestant to live on an electrified farm or on one served by any of the electric service companies sponsoring the contest, Lynch added.

Journalism Course In Public Relations Slated For Summer

Journalism 406, a new course in publicity and public relations will be offered by the Journalism Department the second term of summer school, according to Donald D. Burchard, head of the Journalism Department.

"The three hour course embodies theory and practice in the various aspects of functioning publicity, including newswriting, advertising and radio," Burchard said. He added that the Journalism Department would schedule a total of 45 hours of courses next fall, as well as two sections of Agricultural Journalism 415 for the first semester of summer school.

Strain to Speak At A&M ACS Section

Dr. Harold H. Strain of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, will address the A&M Section of the American Chemical Society tonight at 8 in the Chemistry Lecture Room. His talk will be on "The Chromatography of Chloroplast Pigments."

Dr. Strain has been associated with the Carnegie Institute since 1927 and has written two books. One is on the leaf xanthophylls and a summary of chromatographic absorption methods.

A dinner in honor of the speaker will be held in the Aggie Inn at 6:30. Section members and their wives may attend the dinner.

AA.U.P. Meeting Schedule Changed

The regular meeting of the American Association of University Professors scheduled for Thursday afternoon has been postponed until March 24, according to N. F. Rhodes of the Electrical Engineering Department.

The postponement, Rhodes said, was necessary because of the conflict between the regularly scheduled meeting date and the college employees dinner which is to be held Thursday night.

The AAUP meeting on the 24th will be held at 7 p. m. in the Physics Lecture Room, he said.

Collegiate FFA To Meet Monday

Final plans for the selection of a duchess to represent the Collegiate FFA Chapter will be made tonight in the lecture room of the Agricultural Engineering Building. John Bradford, president, announced today.

Bradford requested that all members be present as a number of committee reports will be read.

So You Know A & M ?



Still No Place Like Home . . .

Fun Seeking Aggies Fussy In Choosing Favorite City

By DAVE COSLETT

Anyone who would hitchhike 300 miles for a four hour date could be classified in only one of two ways—he's either a screwball or an Aggie.

For some reason or another, wanderlust seems to reach epidemic stages around A&M as each week draws to a close. Even a heavy social slate doesn't prove a strong enough drawing card to outweigh the lure of far-distant lands for all the inmates of Sing-Sing on the Brazos. Someone always has that itch to read a few more Burma-Shave signs.

But just where do most of the Aggies down the sorrows of slipsticks, quizzes, and slave-driving profs?

A survey to determine this Mecca failed to disclose any one place rated by Aggies as ideal. It did disclose, however, the list of qualifications considered by the modern Marco Polos when they chart their weekend course.

The first point considered is distance. Students plagued by noncut Saturday classes usually confine their wanderings to an area within a 200 mile radius of College Station. Included in this scope are Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Galveston, Austin, San Antonio, Waco and of course, Denton.

The meeting will be held Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the lecture room of the Physics Building.

Professor Mahan will discuss the value of courses in philosophy in the liberal arts and sciences program of study.

Because of numerous requests from students and faculty members for courses in philosophy and logic, the meeting will be an open one, and all interested students are invited to attend, Harrington said.

SMU Professor To Speak At Faculty Meet

Professor W. B. Mahan of Southern Methodist University will be the special speaker at the regular spring meeting of the faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences, according to Dr. M. T. Harrington, dean of the college.

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North Texas Club Will Meet Tonight

A duchess for the Cotton Ball and Pageant will be selected tonight at a meeting of the North Texas A&M Club at 7:15 in Room 301 Goodwin Hall, according to Archie Andrews, vice-president of the organization.

Andrews asked that all members of the club be present in order that a representative vote may be taken.

Some few hardy individuals, not hindered by Saturday classes or the necessity of hitch-hiking, extend their field of operations to a few of the not so readily accessible metropolises such as Wichita Falls, Corpus Christi, and San Angelo.

The next limiting factor is the availability of females. Thus, the out-of-the-way location and none too lively aspect of Denton is off set by the presence of TSCW. Dallas with its Hockaday girls and SMU coeds ranks high in this category as does Austin with its TU coeds.

Another thing to be considered is the liveliness of the possible weekend entertainment. Galveston ranks high on the Aggie list in the early fall and late spring, but is usually forgotten during the winter when the beaches, stellar attraction of the island city, and the accompanying variety of outdoor water sports become anything but inviting.

Dallas seems to lead the fields of lively towns although many students are loud in their praise of Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Still another element in rating the favorite weekend cities is the social angle. Cities boasting large co-education or all-girl colleges are usually characterized by a steady stream of social events and sorority functions. This accounts in part for the popularity of Houston, Austin, and Dallas.

But even these many factors don't absolutely determine just where the book-wormy Aggie is going to forget it all for those precious Saturdays and Sundays.

Two more items enter the question.

First is the romantic status of the student. None of the foregoing points matter to the fellow who's found the woman, be she a Tessie or a senior in high-school on Lake Michigan.

McKnight to Speak In YMCA Tuesday

Felix McKnight, managing editor of the Dallas Morning News, will discuss opportunities in the newspaper field with journalism students at 7 p. m. Tuesday in the YMCA Assembly Room, according to D. D. Burchard, head of the Journalism Department.

McKnight will address the Kiwanis at their Tuesday luncheon in Bryan.

His address is open to the public, Burchard stated.

The remaining question to be considered is the condition of the Aggie's bank-rolls. A thin bill-fold renders its owner absolutely immune to the lure of Dallas and San Antonio nite-spots. From this point of view, Denton scores another victory, for few places can be found where a dollar stretches farther.

One place, however, did rank as a sure-fire favorite with everyone. Whether it be in the heart of a city, large, on the outskirts of some wide spot in the road, or in the desolate plains of West Texas, home continues to hold priority in the heart of every Aggie.

Danforth Foundation Offering Three Agriculture Scholarships

Three 1949 summer study fellowships have been made available for agricultural students by the Danforth Foundation, according to an announcement received by Charles N. Shephardson, dean of the School of Agriculture.

One of these fellowships will be awarded to an outstanding junior and the two others to outstanding freshmen. One of the freshmen must be taking the pre-veterinary medicine course. The other may be enrolled in any curriculum in the school of Agriculture.

The junior winner will join a group of 34 representatives of other land-grant colleges at St. Louis August 1, for two weeks. As guest of the Ralston Purina Mills, they will study the problems of manufacturing, commercial research, distribution, advertising, and personnel. They will then attend a two weeks' Leadership Training Camp on Lake Michigan.

The freshmen will be members of a group of 47 representatives of other colleges in attending the Leadership Training Conference in Michigan the last two weeks in August.

A faculty committee to award the fellowships has been appointed, with J. Wheeler Barger, professor of agricultural economics as chairman. Other members of the committee are Professors G. L. Robertson, Price Hobgood, H. E. Hampton, A. V. Moore, O. E. Sperry, and T. E. McAfee.

The selections will be made on April 6. Consideration will be given to scholarship, leadership, activities and general culture, Dean

\$20,000 Approved For Dorm Water Fountains

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

Meeting in Stephenville, on the campus of John Tarleton Agricultural College, the Board of Directors of the A&M College System approved Friday appropriations of \$20,000 for drinking fountains in the A&M College dormitories, \$26,000 for installation of new underground electrical transmission lines to the Mechanical Engineering shops, \$10,800 for street improvements in College View, \$12,000 for reroofing the Project House

ROTC Grads Not Needed By Army

"It will no longer be necessary to call newly commissioned ROTC graduates to extended active duty as second lieutenants following graduation," Colonel H. L. Boatner, PMS&T and Commandant, announced this morning.

The announcement from the Department of the Army said the requirements for officers on extended active duty have been greatly reduced because of the reduction of the planned strength of the Armed Forces.

Saber Award Will Be Made by Past ROA Presidents

The outstanding non-commissioned officer of the cadet corps this year will be presented an officer's saber by the past presidents of the Brazos County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association, according to Grady Elms, chapter president.

Heretofore, Elms said, the chapter has presented the saber, but as a result of a suggestion by Lt. Col. Sid Lovell and Lt. Fred Benson, members of the chapter, the past president will make the presentation in the future.

The change was approved at the monthly meeting of the ROA held Thursday evening in the Petroleum Lecture Room.

Loveless discussed the newest phases of National Service Life Insurance at the meeting. He advised all men who had allowed their N.S. L. to lapse to reinstate it before considering any other form of life insurance.

Also under discussion was the Hook Bill, presently in Congress. The bill, Loveless stated, would eliminate G. I. insurance as it is now known for new members of the armed services.

In its place, he said, a free insurance plan would be instituted for a man while he is in the service but it would end automatically when he was discharged.

VA Requests New Eligibility Papers

Any veteran who receives a supplemental certificate of eligibility from the Veterans Administration should submit this certificate of eligibility to the Veterans Advisors Office, Room 105 of Goodwin Hall, Taylor Wilkins, veterans advisor, announced yesterday.

These certificates should be submitted immediately, Wilkins said, regardless of the number of papers that have been filled out through the Veterans Advisor previously.

Livestock Team To Participate In Oklahoma Contest

The A&M Livestock Judging Team will leave for Oklahoma City tomorrow, to participate in the annual judging contest to be held there Monday, W. M. Warren, team coach, has announced.

The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the contest in connection with their Junior Livestock Show. Approximately 12 teams will be entered.

The team will leave Saturday after lunch and return Tuesday. Enroute they will stop at the R. L. Underwood ranch at Wichita Falls to judge several classes of quarter horses, Warren said.

Men expected to take the trip are Charles R. Green, J. Sears Sentell, Bryan M. Mills, Bobby Joe Bland, Tom P. McNeill, Jr., and Warren.

The classes to be judged in the contest are four classes of cattle, both fat and breeding; three classes of sheep both fat and breeding; and two classes of quarter horses. Eight of the 12 classes are reasons classes and the remaining four are placing classes, Warren said.

Who's Who at A&M



DOYLE AVANT

A&M Men to Judge Livestock at Show

Two A&M men will serve as judges at the annual Williamson County Livestock Show, to be held at Georgetown, March 14 through 16, S. L. Neal, district agent of the Extension Service, said today.

These men are George Robertson, animal husbandry instructor, and Richard Burleson, dairy specialist of the Extension Service.

Robertson will judge the swine show, and Burleson will judge the dairy show, Neal said.

Completion of the cinder track at Prairie View A&M College was made possible by an additional \$2,500 appropriation. The track is used for the Texas Interscholastic League Track Meet and the Intercollegiate Track Meet for Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma for Negroes.

The Board accepted gifts and grants offered since its last meeting—\$21,300 in cash, \$9,000 in equipment, and an unspecified sum in loans.

In addition to fiscal considerations, the Board heard a report on (See FOUNTAINS, Page 4)