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Juniors Plan Prom And Dinner April 1

The spring social calendar will have another big event engraved on it the evening of April 1, according to Doyle Avant, junior class president, when the Class of 1950 gathers for the annual Junior Class prom in Sibus Hall.

Decorations for the dance call for candles on the tables, "as little light as possible," and flag bedecked walls. Music will be furnished by Bill Turner and the Aggieband Orchestra.

Proceeding the dance will be a class banquet beginning at 7:30 p. m. Colonel H. L. Bontner, PMS&T, will be the main speaker. A history of the ups and downs of the class of '50 from its first meeting with the class of '49 until the night of the banquet will be given by John Taylor, pre-law major from Roman.

Seniors with dates and all class officers have been invited to attend the dance. Avant said, and they may purchase their tickets from the Student Activities Office or from ticket salesmen in the dorms.

Ten dormitories have ticket salesmen, Tim Word, chairman of the ticket committee, announced today. Individual canvases will be made of the other dormitories.

Those men living off the campus or who are not contacted by the March 30 deadline for purchase, may obtain tickets from the Student Activities Office.

All juniors who attend the banquet, Word said, must purchase dance tickets too, since guests will proceed directly from the banquet to the prom.

The ticket salesmen appointed for the dormitories are John Zerr, dorm 2; Tim Word, dorm 4; Will Barber, dorm 5; John Williamson, dorm 6; Sam Barnes, dorm 7; Ken Landrum, dorm 8; Gill Chambers, dorm 9; Don Hickman, dorm 10; Bob Lawler, dorm 11; and Bill Turner, dorm 12.

The dance tickets will be \$2 and the combined banquet and dance tickets will be \$3.25.

English Profs Open Council Meeting Tues.

The Joint Committee on Integration of English Teaching in Texas High Schools and Colleges is holding its third annual meeting here today and Saturday.

All meetings of the committee are being held in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department, is chairman of the meeting committee. The first meeting of the group began at 1 p. m. this afternoon and will last until 4:45 with an intermission from 3 until 3:30. Plans for the October workshop program will be discussed in the meeting.

Members of the committee registered for the meeting this morning in the English Department. At 6 this evening the committee will have dinner as guests of Dr. Mayo. Following the dinner, a second meeting will be held from 7:30 to 10 p. m. Comprehensive tests to discover deficiencies in English of high school juniors, and senior year remedial work will be discussed at the evening meeting.

Tomorrow morning from 8:30 to 11 the committee will elect a new chairman and discuss plans for making the committee a permanent organization.



Cast members of "The Play's the Thing," showing tonight again in Guion Hall, regard the antics of Robert Blakeney with mixed degrees of contempt. Left to right are Jerry McFarland, Blakeney, C. G. Milne, Bill Krause, Jeanne Ostner, and Allen Slinger.

Shepardson Says Poage Bill Opinion His, Not College's

Dean C. N. Shepardson said yesterday that he spoke on the Poage Oleomargarine Tax Repeal Bill before the House Ways and Means Committee purely as an individual, and his opinions in no way reflected those of the college. He stated further that his chief interest in the bill was to prevent the sale of yellow colored margarine at the factory because of the opportunities for fraudulent sale of margarine it afforded.

In an interview, Dean Shepardson said, "I appeared before the committee and read a prepared statement, which was distributed to the committee members, in which I stated definitely that I was presenting my personal opinions as a representative of the National Milk Producers Cooperative Association, and not as a spokesman for A&M College."

Shepardson said the confusion as to who he represented probably arose in the method of his introduction to the committee. He was introduced by an old college class mate, who was serving on the Ways and Means Committee, and whom he had not seen in some time. When Shepardson appeared, the committeeman requested to introduce him as a personal favor. In the introduction, he was mentioned as the Dean of Agriculture at Texas A&M, and several papers reported him as representing the College.

Fraud Possible
"I object to the unrestricted sale of factory colored, yellow oleomargarine because of the fraudulent sales possibilities it offers," Shepardson said. As long as a large price gap exists between butter and margarine, Shepardson continued, "unscrupulous retailers will attempt to sell colored margarine as butter and pocket the difference. If a person wants margarine he should most certainly be allowed to purchase it, but he should not be sold margarine in the belief he is buying a higher priced butter product."

As an example, Shepardson cited the recent horse meat controversy. "If a person likes and knows he is getting horse meat, he should be allowed to buy it, but not under a label of beef," he said. "The principle is the same for the sale of cotton for silk or any other cheaper product; no sale should be restricted, but no sale should be misrepresented."

Gilchrist Queried
The entire controversy had arisen after Dean Shepardson testified before the Ways and Means Committee and several papers and news agencies reported him as representing A&M College. Representative W. R. Poage of Waco, leader in the congressional move to wipe out the Federal Oleomargarine tax and permit the sale of factory-colored oleomargarine, wired back that Shepardson's opinions were his own and did not necessarily represent those of the college. Poage later acknowledged receipt of the telegram, but expressed doubt that Shepardson should have come to Washington as a special representative.

Shepardson said he was not opposing removal of the margarine tax and that he had supported the Granger Bill for many years. The Granger Bill agrees with the Poage legislation in that it opposes the tax. The Poage Bill, however, permits factory coloring of margarine.

Methodist Plan Freshman Night

Freshman Night, will be held in the A&M Methodist Church Sunday night, Asbury Lenox, minister, said yesterday.

Many of the freshmen from the Annex will take part in the service which will feature music by the Freshman Choir and a solo by Thomas Savage. C. L. Ray, John Hall, Lawrence Ashburn, and Harold Hughes, also freshmen, will take part in the service, Lenox said.

Refreshments will be served in the Student Lounge, Lenox said.

Balanced Agriculture
"I object to any pitting of one type of agriculture against another," Shepardson continued. "I believe we are all interested in a more balanced agriculture, and I think dairy and cotton farming complement each other. The Texas cotton farmer receives more income from his seed and hulls sold to dairymen than he does from the production of oleomargarine" he added.

Pointing out that Arkansas had a similar Bill, Shepardson said he doubted that the margarine identification portions of the Poage Bill could be effectively enforced. "We have identification laws now, but few public eating places post signs saying they are serving Margarine," Shepardson continued, "and there, as in sale across the counters, is a tempting opportunity to substitute colored margarine for butter."

Repeats Belief
Shepardson concluded by repeating that he was opposed to any restriction of fair agricultural competition, but that he was equally opposed to fraud and deception in sales of these products.

"These opinions are all my own," he said "and I hope they will be recognized as such. I gave them because I believe that factory colored margarine offers an opening for fraudulent sales and will in no way help Texas attain a better balanced agriculture."

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The front page of the Battalion since that time has carried Coslett's by-line many times on all kinds of subjects from Prunella Gilderclutch to President Bolton's workshop.

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Play's Really The Thing In Aggie Players' Show

By MACK T. NOLEN

The play was truly the thing last night in Guion Hall when the Aggie Players delighted a select theater-going crowd with Ferenc Molnar's "The Play's the Thing." A Broadway smash, the easy-moving and breezy production kept the audience tittering or howling all evening and promised to fill the house tonight.

Bill Krause, a Player landmark by now, having starred in practically every production of recent times, was his usual self as Sandoz Turai. Robert Q. Blakeney, Jeanne Ostner, and George Willman carried their weight in the play to leave the impression in mind that a better play could not have been selected for presentation here.

Ice Cream and Cheese Makers End Conference This Morning

The ice cream and cheese makers production conference ended this morning with an address by Neil C. Angevine on cottage cheese manufacture.

Earl Weed of Jackson, Michigan, was another speaker of the closing session. "When God made a lemon, he did a good job. He put all the flavor in the rind," Weed stated. He showed by diagrams the percentage combination of the esters, oils, and acids that make up a lemon. "Ice cream is as good as its flavor and never any better," he concluded.

The conference opened Thursday morning with an address of welcome by Dean Shepardson of the School of Agriculture.

C. A. Edge of the Lilly Ice Cream Company of Bryan was chairman of the conference Thursday morning, and W. E. Thomason of the Sun-Up Ice Cream Company of Houston served as chairman in the afternoon.

Other subjects discussed were control of mix composition, by R. Schanzberg; stabilizers and emulsifiers, by Clyde Gonyo; freezing problems, by H. M. Walling; and shrinkage in ice cream by J. G. Featro.

An outline of the frozen fruit industry was given by R. F. Cain of the Horticulture Department.

Cain showed how the frozen fruit industry had progressed from the early use of the barrel as a shipping container to the modern use of the 10 to 30-pound package. The changes which fruit goes through in the process of handling were pointed out as being classed as physical, microbiological, and chemical, the last two being of outstanding importance.

Problems of loss of flavor, aroma, and color in fruit because of oxidation were discussed. Other speakers included A. V. Moore, who spoke on plant sanitation, and Neil C. Angevine, who spoke on cottage cheese manufacture.

The Legal Aspects of Food production was the subject covered by Jack Johannes, attorney and counselor of Dallas. The address was given at a dinner which was held by the conference at 7 p. m. Thursday.

Hatless' Coslett Sells Hat Story
By BUDDY LUCE
A "hat" story written by Dave Coslett, a Texan of four years standing who never wore a hat, is featured material plastered on a two-page spread in the March issue of Hat Life.

The Battalion's Yankee-born feature writer is a sophomore journalism student from Miles. A cadet in A Flight, Air Force, Coslett joined the Battalion staff in Goodwin Hall when he came to the main campus last fall from the Annex.

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Exams for State Department Jobs in Fall

Foreign Service Officer examinations will be held in Dallas September 12 through 15, according to W. R. Hirsley, head of the Placement Office.

According to a letter from the Department of State, applicants must be between 21 and 31 years of age, American citizens for at least ten years, and must not be married to aliens.

Candidates must apply before July 1 to the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, Department of State, Washington 25, D. C. for permission to take the examinations.

Successful applicants will take written examinations in mathematics, vocabulary, comprehension, written expression, range of factual information, elementary economics, modern languages, history and government.

If they receive a passing grade of 70 or above on all of these, they will take an oral examination testing their appearance, manner, adaptability to the Foreign Service, and similar qualities. Early in 1950 a physical and moral examination will be given to those applicants who have successfully passed the others. Completion of these will qualify applicant for appointment in the Foreign Service.

Appointments are made by the Foreign Service at salaries ranging from \$3300 to \$4400 a year, according to age, experience and qualifications. The president with the approval of the Senate, makes the appointments.

Additional details concerning the application forms, qualifications, and examinations may be obtained at the Placement Office Hirsley stated. The application form must be State Department Form DSP-24, and must be received by the Board of Examiners not later than July 1, he added.

JAP VOLCANO ERUPTS
TOKYO, March 25.—(AP)—Fiery Mount Asama spewed smoke and ashes 10,000 feet into the air today.

The treacherous central Honshu volcano is one of the two largest in Japan.

Snapshots Still Needed By Aggie Land 1949

Snapshots of company activities and pictures taken in summer camp are still needed, said Truman Martin, co-editor of the "Aggie Land 1949."

These pictures should be turned into the Aggie Land 1949 office in an envelope with the name of the outfit and the names of the individual submitting the pictures. The location, names, and any anecdote that is associated with the picture should be written on the back, Martin said.

"If snapshots are not submitted in sufficient numbers to fill the space allocated to each outfit, snapshots from other outfits will be used to fill that space," Martin concluded.

Man E Delegation Discusses Merit Rating Procedures

The two-day Management Engineering Conference closed yesterday afternoon with informal discussion groups asking speakers questions and discussing in general the subjects brought before the conference. Job evaluation plans, merit rating of employees, and wage administration procedures were the subjects discussed at the conference.

Over 100 representatives from industry, largely management engineers, attended the conference which increased considerably in size over the first one held here last year. "We were really pleased with the number attending the conference and the interest they have shown in the subject matter presented," said Guy Johnson, conference director who is with the Management Engineering Department.

Merit rating of employees, merit rating procedures, and the types of personnel most receptive to merit rating systems were the subjects presented in yesterday's meetings. William B. Sprig-

gel, professor of Management at Texas University, opened the morning session with a talk on the formal procedures for rating employees and ways to put them in line for promotions based upon their ability and performance. He called merit rating as "an aid to settling grievances and union disputes."

William Busby, superintendent of Industrial Engineering for the Texas Foundries at Lufkin, recommended to the conference that each plant should develop, install, and operate its own plan for rating employee performance. "There is not one hard and fast way to rate employee performance that applies to all plants," he said.

An explanation of Sheldon's theory of type determination and temperamental characteristics as related to personnel promotions was given by J. W. Chapman, Industrial Engineer of San Antonio. Sheldon conceived the theory that all men betray their temperamental characteristics in their work and can therefore be classified to act a

given way to a given stimulus. Chapman cited the case example of a man recommended for promotion to foreman. If the promotion were granted, then Chapman said he could expect the man's work and behavior to be such and such. Therefore, in this particular case the promotion was refused because the man was irritable on occasion, he had an inferiority complex, and Chapman felt these undesirable characteristics would be reflected in the morale and production of the workers under this foreman.

Dallas L. Belcher, Extension Instructor of the Industrial Extension Service of A&M, spoke upon training supervisors to their responsibilities concerning job evaluation and merit rating. He also stressed the importance in achieving a successfully operating system. "Supervisors must be educated to the whole picture of job evaluation and merit rating systems," he said. They can either make or break a good program in these fields. "Make them want these plans," he said.

Belcher outlined the advantages of job evaluation as these: Eliminates wage inequalities, better understanding of jobs in departments, acquaints supervisors with their departments, helps in proper selection and placement of personnel, indicates an employee's need for training, standardizes job titles and defines lines of authority.

A view of the follow-up and diligent administration required for success year in and year out for the systems of job evaluation and merit rating was described by R. E. Kilpatrick, head of the job evaluation and salary administration for Socony-Vacuum Oil Company of New York.

V. M. Faires, chairman of the conference, summed up the conference, its subjects, and its purposes. As many of the speakers had done, Faires stressed the importance of making these systems simple—"So simple that every worker in the plant can understand them and have confidence in them".

Several men attending the conference said they were impressed by A&M's progressive strides in training men for management positions in industry.

Advisory Board Meeting Reset

The meeting of the Exchange Store Advisory Board, set for today, has been postponed until 4 p. m. Thursday, March 31, W. H. Holzmann, college controller, has announced.



Allen Slinger reaches the heights of drama in the play-within-the-play as he declaims in mixed French and English to Jeanne Ostner in "The Play's the Thing."