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## Texas A&M Wins Sportsmanship Award

### Sons of Pioneers, Audience Have Big Time in Guion Hall

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

Bob Nolan and his electronically equipped Sons of the Pioneers played to a full house in Guion Hall Friday night, and it's difficult to say which of the groups had the better time.

Although the Pioneers' clothing and equipment smacked of the sound stage, their music didn't, and the audience ate it up and called for more. The music ran the gamut from "Tear Drops in My Heart" and "One Has My Name" on the one side to "Indian Love Call" and "Whiffenpoof Song" on the other.

The main body of the entertainment force was Nolan and his movie and recording band, but assisting them were two female vocalists, the Oklahoma Sweethearts, and a yodeling, vivacious blonde called Carolina Cotton. Miss Cotton has a voice strikingly like the screen's Joan Arthur, and despite a touch of laryngitis, went through her vocal smoothly.

Scheduled in strictly Dixie Land style, the show started with music by the group, broke up into solo spots, and then they all joined in again to finish it off with a chorus.

### Gosset To Explain Proposed Change

Representative Ed Gosset, member of the Judiciary Committee of the national House of Representatives, will explain his proposal to change the methods of electing the president to the Great Issues class tonight at 8 in Guion Hall.

All history classes have been released to attend the talk, said Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the History Department, and all others are welcome to the meeting which will be free.

Gosset's proposed amendment to the national constitution would apportion each state's electoral votes according to the number of popular votes each candidate received, Dr. Gammon said. Thus if a state had a million votes of which the Democrats polled three-quarters of a million, then the Democrats would have only three quarters of the state's electoral votes in the Electoral College.

Under the present system the party receiving the majority of the popular votes controls all the states electoral votes.

Gosset is the representative of the thirteenth Congressional District of Texas, which includes Vernon and Wichita Falls. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1927, practiced law for 11 years, and served as district attorney of the forty-seventh judicial district from 1933 to 1937. He has been a member of congress for six terms.

The speech explaining the proposed change will take up the first hour of the program, Dr. Gammon said. Following the speech, Gosset will conduct a question-and-answer forum during which the audience may ask clarification of points it doesn't understand.

Gosset's proposal would have an important effect on the nation's politics if passed, Dr. Gammon said. For that reason everyone should learn all he can about the idea.

### Calves Purchased By AH Department

Eight stocker calves were purchased from the Brenham Auction Co. last Monday by O. D. Butler Jr. of the Animal Husbandry Department. The calves, sold at auction, were bought in competition with packer buyers and other livestock men.

Five of the calves will be used to train cutting horses at the horse barns. The remainder will be used as slaughter calves in the meats classes, Butler said.

The livestock marketing classes judged the calves this past week and compared the prices paid in the livestock auctions with those paid at the large central markets.



JOAN HILL will represent the Marketing and Finance Club at the Cotton Ball and Pageant.

populace was holding it's own. The house appeared to be a complete sellout.

When the show began, we suspect some of the audience had their tongues partially in their cheeks and weren't sure Western music would hold up with other Guion shows of the season. But when Nolan and his very-professional group took their last bow, everyone seemed convinced. The quality of the music was just as good as the concert variety, and it was a heck of a lot more fun.

### Format Expert Slates Speech To Journalists

Wesley E. Carter, director of public relations for the Mergenthaler Linotype Company and editor of The Linotype News, will speak on typography to the staff of The Battalion and members of the Journalism Department Tuesday night at 7:15 in the Batt office.

Carter graduated in journalism from the University of Kentucky and later attended Columbia University in New York. He has had many years of experience in typography and printing.

Carter has worked for weeklies, dailies and wire services as reporter, feature writer, and editor. His paper, the Elizabethton (Ky.) Enterprise, won first place awards for typographic excellence and also for outstanding community newspaper of the state.

Carter has long been interested in a program for the improvement of the appearance of newspapers and has given lectures on typography and make-up to various states and national press associations, as well as to New York University, Washington and Lee, and Columbia.

He has advised publishers and redesigned formats for papers in this country as well as in Canada, Mexico, and other foreign nations.

### Ag Ed Majors Will Visit Murray Cox At WFAA Station

About forty agriculture education seniors plan to visit Murray Cox, radio farm director for WFAA, Friday, April 29, according to John Bradford, president of the Collegiate Future Farmer Chapter. The majority of the group will leave by bus at 2 a. m. Friday. They expect to be in Dallas for the "Early Bird Program." Others will go by private cars, leaving at a later hour.

Several months ago Cox invited the group to visit his program and to be his guest for a day before the close of the spring semester. Murray will explain the techniques of farm broadcasts in its application to farmers and farm problems, Bradford said he continued that many agricultural teachers already have a daily program and the teachers of the future may be expected to carry-on such programs.

### EVEN POLICE MUST PAY PHONE BILL

TOKYO. —(P)— When Tokyo's 73 police stations failed to pay their telephone bill the government cut off service to them.

Telephone service was finally restored on a police promise to pay up. Slow payment of taxes was blamed by police for the telephone bill being in arrears.



MINERVA COLLINS will represent the Field Artillery Regiment at the Cotton Ball and Pageant.



LOU PROTHO will be the duchess of the A&M Mothers Club of Dallas at the Cotton Ball and Pageant.

### (An Editorial)

A&M Student Body, a shake of the hand, a stogie in the mouth, and a cold drink to each of you!

As you know, A&M College, and more specifically you, the Student Body, has won the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy in stiff competition with six other conference schools.

It is something of a record that A&M should win the trophy in the second year of its existence. This has not been through the efforts of a select few of the Student Body but rather as a result of a mass change of psychology.

Whereas three years ago, city fathers hated to see Aggies migrate to their town in force, they now welcome them with the proverbial open arms. Another thing, not a single A&M student has painted the campus of a competitor in two years.

We have quit yelling while the opposing team is in huddle or while signals are being called. Instead of looking on visiting teams and Student Bodies as enemies, information booths have been set up on our campus, and delegations have gone to the opposing schools to invite them here.

We are not saying that we are perfect sports, not that at all. We are saying that, by comparison with previous years, we are doing darned good.

We did not get the trophy lying down. TCU, SMU, and the others gave us some stiff competition. Because they didn't win the award doesn't mean that they were not good sports themselves. It merely means that, in the eyes of our sister schools, we showed a better over-all attitude.

But our job is not finished. Neither the Student Body nor its leaders can sit down and say, "We have won the trophy; let's stop and rest." Sportsmanship cannot wait until tomorrow or next game. It must be practiced every time A&M comes in contact with another college.

We've won the trophy; let's begin now, say in the next baseball game, to get it again next year.



GLORIA FEITLER is the duchess of the Cotton Ball and Pageant for the Air Force Guard.



MARY ESTHER HASKELL will represent the Composite Regiment at the Cotton Ball and Pageant.



MISS DOTTIE CAMP will be the FFA duchess to the Cotton Ball and Pageant.



LAURIE SIMPSON will be the Baylor duchess to the Cotton Ball and Pageant.

### TCU And SMU Are Second And Third With Rice Fourth

A&M was presented with the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship award at the Texas Relays in Austin Saturday afternoon. The award is made each year to the school in the Southwest Conference which exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship in all inter-conference contact, athletic and socially, throughout the school year.

Southern Methodist University won the award last year and Joe Redwine Patterson, president of the student body at SMU presented the trophy to Clark C. Munroe, representative for A&M. Munroe is chairman of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship committee.

### Juniors and Dates Celebrate at Prom

By C. C. MUNROE

The old familiar phrase, "It was the best dance of the year," echoed across the campus Saturday morning as weary juniors and their equally weary dates talked over the annual junior banquet and prom held the previous night.

A crowd of more than 400 students and guests attended the banquet in Sblisa Hall, while over 600 were at the prom.

Doyle Avant, president of the junior class and sergeant major of the corps, was toastmaster for the banquet.

After the invocation by Ken Landrum, and the dinner, Avant introduced the guests present and

### U. S. Air Force Allows Use Of Bryan Field

The U. S. Air Force does not contemplate reactivation of Bryan Air Force Base in the foreseeable future and has no objection to the continued use of the field by A&M during the 1949-50 school year, Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist was officially informed yesterday.

The information was received in a letter from Maj. Gen. William F. McKee, assistant vice-chief of staff, to Gilchrist.

The letter stated: "I refer to your letter of March 15, 1949, concerning the continued use of Bryan Air Force Base, Texas, by the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College."

"In accordance with present plans, the Air Force does not contemplate the reactivation of Bryan Air Force Base in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, there is no objection to the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College continued use of facilities at this installation during the school term 1949-50."

"In the event the Texas National Guard has a requirement for the establishment of a unit at Bryan Air Force Base, it may be necessary to also accommodate them at this installation."

"I appreciate your interest in Air Force matters."

In connection with proposed National Guard use of the part of Bryan Army Air Field not being used by the College, Gilchrist said:

"We have been in touch with General H. K. Berry, Adjutant General of the State of Texas, and his plans, as outlined to us, do not in any way interfere with our work. In fact, we would like very much to have them as co-participants in the use of the field."

### Senior's Rings Ready Tomorrow

The March order of A&M rings will be ready for delivery tomorrow, H. L. Heaton, registrar, announced today.

For the convenience of the students these rings will be given out in room 16, Administration Building, from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. except during the noon hour, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 5, 6, and 7.

After these dates they will be delivered from the ring window in the registrar's office from 8 a. m. to noon each day.

### Kream, Kow Club To Hear Ag. Dean

Dean Charles N. Shepardson will be the guest speaker at the next regular meeting of the Kream and Kow Club, April 5. He will speak on a subject of his choice, according to Ralph Baumhardt, club president.

read letters from several persons who were invited but were unable to attend.

John Taylor, sergeant major of the cavalry squadron, gave a history of the class from its first days at A&M.

Colonel H. L. Boatner, PMS&T and commandant, was the main speaker.

Musical entertainment for the banquet was provided by a quartet from the Singing Cadets. Accompanied by Leonard Perkins, assistant director of the Cadets, the group sang "Easter Parade," "Sing a Little Tenor," and "Coney Island Baby."

Sblisa Hall was decorated in what many commented was the finest set of decorations so far this year. Maroon and white streamers were strung throughout the room, and a large trellis enclosed the band stand.

The Aggeland Orchestra again outdid themselves in furnishing the music.

Under the direction of Bill Turner, the Aggelanders gave the dancers, as one junior put it, "the music we wanted, the way we wanted to hear it."

Guests for the banquet and prom included, in addition to the deans of several schools of the college, Chancellor and Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist; President and Mrs. F. C. Bolton; and Colonel and Mrs. H. L. Boatner.

### Hospital Program Open to Employees Through April 15

Staff members may join the college hospitalization and surgical reimbursement group between April 1 and 15 without evidence of good health, according to J. Wheeler Barger, secretary-treasurer of the group.

Two representatives of the insurance company that underwrites the group will spend this period on the campus explaining the plan and assisting employees who are not already members in making application. They are O. M. Cole, division manager, and J. F. Barnes assistant manager, of the Houston group office of the Occidental Life Insurance Company.

The college group was organized in January 1941, and now has nearly five hundred members. All regular full-time college employees are eligible. Coverage is available to dependents. Children between the ages of ten days and nineteen years are covered, Barger said.

During the period of its operation, the group has paid dollars and cents in claims, which is over fifty five percent of the premiums collected. This is considered a high claim ratio by insurance companies.

The semi-annual premiums payable April 1 and October 1 are \$7.00 for an individual member; \$17.29 for a member and his wife and \$25.54 for a member, his wife and one or more children.



PATSY JO WILLIAMS will be the duchess of the Junior Class at the Cotton Ball and Pageant.

A&M received a total of 184 points, while second-place TCU received 125 points. SMU placed third with 112 points. The other schools in order were Rice, fourth; University of Arkansas, fifth; University of Texas, sixth, and Baylor seventh.

The winner is decided on the basis of ballots cast by members of each school and by officials of the Southwest Officials Association. This year, each school was allowed seven votes; one from the yell staff, one from the school paper, two from the student government, one from the athletic director, one from the dean of students and one from the former students association.

Each ballot contained a first, second, and third choice. A first place vote was worth 5 points, a second-place vote, 3 points, and third-place 2 points.

In addition, the executive secretary of the Southwest Conference and 16 conference officials voted.

The idea for the trophy and the annual award was originated in 1947 by James K. B. Nelson of Bryan, then co-editor of The Battalion. The Battalion paid for the trophy and has donated it to the conference schools in the interest of better sportsmanship.

A sportsmanship committee composed of students from each of the conference schools has been organized. Members of the committee consist of a representative of the student newspaper, the student government and the yell staff. At its first meeting here in the fall of 1948 a Sportsmanship Code was drawn up and presented to the conference.

Yesterday, prior to the awarding of the trophy the committee met for a business session and decided means of furthering the sportsmanship idea.

The trophy circulates among the conference schools, each winner holding it for one year. Then, each winner, when he surrenders the trophy to the following year's winner, receives a bronze plaque engraved with the details of the award.

Attending the ceremonies at Memorial Stadium for the presentation from A&M were Charles Kirkham, president of the Student Senate, Kenneth Bond and Tom Carter, co-editors of The Battalion, Tommy Splitterger, yell leader, Clark Munroe, chairman of the Committee, and J. K. B. Nelson, originator of the award.

### Miller Pessimistic About Foot, Mouth Disease in Mexico

A pessimistic point of view should be taken toward eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease in Mexico, J. C. Miller, head of the Animal Husbandry Department, says.

"I'm not saying that it can't be done, but we will be extremely fortunate if we eradicate the disease," Miller said. Finding that the vaccine is good for only four months instead of the figured eight months is one of the causes of his pessimistic attitude, Miller stated.

He continued that lack of labor, control of wildlife and misunderstanding on the part of the Mexican farmer are other causes.

The area of infection is large and contains over 15 million head of livestock. The output of vaccine covers only a little over one million head per month.

People understand little about the disease, Miller pointed out. Ordinary people think that once an animal has had the disease it is immune but this is the wrong conception, Miller said. Even animals that have had the disease are immune only temporarily, he concluded.

### DOROTHY BRUMFIELD CHOSEN AS DUCHESS

Miss Dorothy Brumfield of Cleburne, Texas has been elected as Duchess to represent the Johnson County A&M Club at the annual Cotton Ball and Pageant. Miss Brumfield's escort will be A. G. Pinson, EE major of Cleburne.