

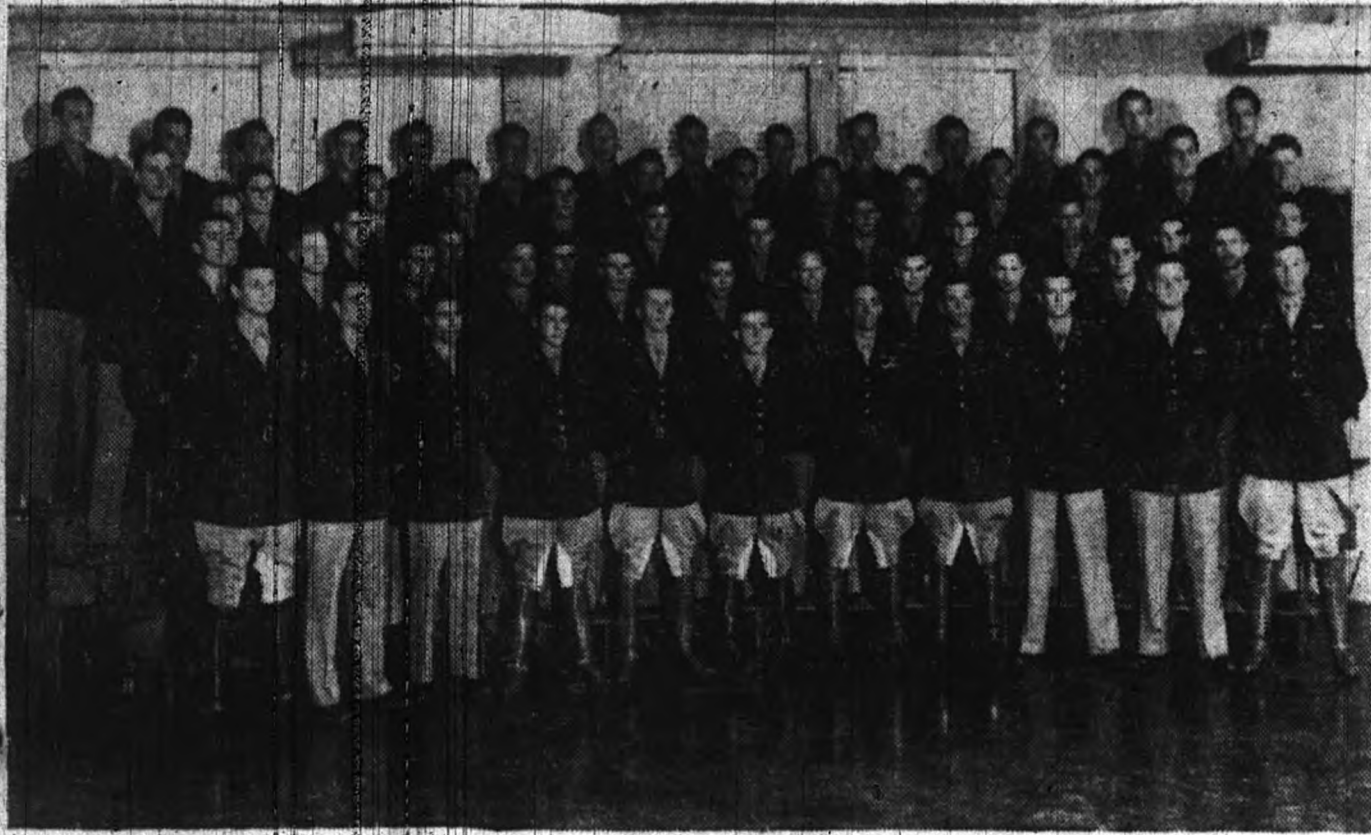
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THE SINGING CADETS, under the direction of Bill Turner, gave their spring concert Sunday at Guion Hall. Turner has resigned from Kings of Mountain Music to continue directing the Cadets.

## Sophomore Ball Will Have Theme of Gold Rush Days

By GEORGE CHARETON

The Sophomore Sweetheart Ball will get underway next Friday night at Sbis Hall in a "forty-gold" setting of covered wagons, gold dust pans, gold crepe paper and saloon props.

## Manpower Expert To Make Security Speech Wednesday

James C. O'Brien, director of the manpower division of the National Security Board, Washington, D. C., will speak to the members of the Great Issues Class Wednesday at 8 p. m. Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the history department announced today.

O'Brien has had many years of experience in executive work in the government, Dr. Gammon said. He was executive officer of the National Roster of the U. S. Labor Department, and was chief of the U. S. Employment Service.

The National Security Board was created by the National Security Act of 1947 to advise the President concerning the coordination of military, industrial, and civilian mobilization.

O'Brien entered Georgetown University in Washington in 1927. Upon graduation from law school and admission to the bar, he entered the Government Service with the Civil Service Commission.

After several years experience with the various phases of personnel work, he became Promotion Officer for that organization. He was appointed along with Dr. Leonard Carmichael at the outbreak of World War II, to establish an agency to channel the nation's qualified scientists and technological experts into the war effort.

About 50 seats will be available for interested persons not members of the Great Issues Class, Dr. Gammon added.



MISS PEGGY KENNEDY of Corpus Christi will be the duchess of the Industrial Education Club at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. She will be escorted by Thad Johnson.

Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of A&M, was one of many college and university presidents who took part Saturday in the inauguration of Ernest H. Poteet as president of Texas A&I College in Kingsville.

Dr. Henry T. Heald, president of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, delivered the principal address on "Toward a New Tomorrow."

President-Poteet succeeds Dr. E. N. Jones who resigned last September to become vice president of Texas Tech at Lubbock.

## Issues Class Hears Gossett Election Scheme; New Atlantic Pact Endorsed

The newly signed Atlantic Pact last night was given a full endorsement by Congressman Ed Gossett of Texas in a talk before the Great Issues class in Guion Hall.

Gossett, who came to A&M to explain his proposed constitutional amendment which would change the method of electing the president of the United States, said at the opening of his lecture that he thought it only proper to consider the new "defensive alliance of the western nations."

"This is a red-letter day in our history," he stated. "We have learned our lesson in two world wars that unpreparedness is not the way to maintain peace."

The new alliance proves that "We are determined that we must henceforth and forever be the strongest military power on the earth."

"We will not rely on the United Nations alone for the prevention of war. From now on we must take no chances."

This new pact is not aggressive, he commented, but has been drawn up "in the hope that it will promote peace."

We have taken our chances before and lost, Gossett stated, and now "We must rely on American dominance and American justice."

Gossett supported his views on the Atlantic Pact with examples of the failure in the past of nations to take together to maintain peace. Adequate and well supplied armed forces are now necessary to back up the American desire to maintain peace.

He pointed out that military might is one factor that aggressor nations respect. The respect they hold for world government through the United Nations, he stated, is not sufficient to give the United States and other peace loving nations a feeling of security from attack.

with Hubert C. Wertz, Jerry Green with Curtis Edwards, Puddy Harwell with Robert Giles, Patsy Miller with Don Stigall, and Bettie Bledsoe with Frank Thurmond.

Later when the judges' selection is announced, the Sophomore Sweetheart will be escorted to the band stand by four "miners" and presented a gift from the sophomore class of '51. The other five nominees will also receive gifts. The Aggieband will play "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

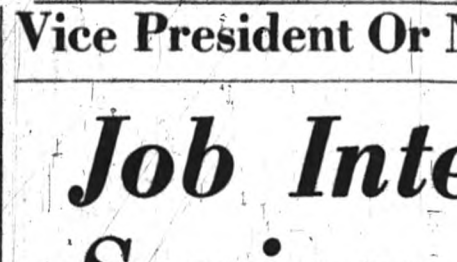
Uniform for the dance is still tentative, but either khaki shirt and serge pants or serge blouse and serge pants will be worn. An announcement will be made later in the week announcing dress for the dance.

Tickets cost \$2.50 and may be obtained from any one of the ticket sellers in each outfit. Tickets will not be sold at the door. All seniors have been invited. Refreshments for the dance will be cokes and cookies.

All sophomores on the dance program will rehearse tomorrow night and Thursday night at 8:30 in Sbis Hall. Wilman Barnes, chairman of the program committee, announced that all participants should attend these two meetings.



MISS ALICE OSBORNE from Abilene will represent the Abilene Club at the Cotton Ball. Miss Osborne will be escorted by Billy L. Shaw of Abilene.



MISS MARY ANN RICHARDSON from Amarillo, Texas, will represent the Ex-Aggies from Amarillo at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. She will be escorted by Jim Farrell, Fish yell leader.

MISS MARTHA MCKINNY from San Antonio, will be escorted by Daniel J. Longsewer at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. She is representing the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

After weeks of watching the department bulletin board for interview notices, Joe Whatchacallit saw a notice one morning concerning one of the companies he was interested in. He joined the footrace to the administration building and got on the interview list by a nose.

Joe had a few days to wait before the interview, so he decided to read up on the company and be ready for anything the joker might ask him. This was Joe's first interview and anything could happen.

When the day came for the interview, Joe attended the general

## Aggie Rodeoers Rope First In TU Round-Up

A&M's hard-riding championship rodeo team journeyed to Austin last Saturday to participate in the annual University of Texas Round-Up Rodeo and returned with first place in their hip pockets as they amassed a total of 145 points.

Baylor placed second with 70 points and Texas A&I third with 50 points. The University's rodeo men failed to win any points.

Bubba Day of A&M roped and rode his way to first place in individual honors, running up a total of 55 points. He received a beautiful hand-tooled saddle for first prize. James Poyner and Wallace Cardwell of A&M tied for second place.

Bubba Day, Maxie Overstreet, Lloyed Kruse, Charlie Wampler, Lloyd Griffith, and Wallace Cardwell composed the Round-Up winning rodeo team.

The stock and all prizes were donated by Buck and Tommy Steiner of Austin. The stock was the roughest encountered by the team so far this year.

Silver belt buckles, hand-made boots, and spurs were given to the men who placed first, second, and third in each event.

Working under the strain of a galloping clock dial and a number of engineering gremlins, the show participants squeezed every word and bit of music possible into the allotted time and came out with an extra two and a half minutes for which they could find no outlet.

Winning answer to the first contest question for the "Campus Views" portion of the program was read by veteran's wife Mrs. Virginia Baker. She gave her opinion as to whether or not a veteran student's wife should help him with his home-work.

Time wouldn't allow the reading of the answers to the remaining two questions although the winning contestants did receive their prizes.

The answer to the question of how to solve the woman shortage at A&M ran thusly: "I didn't know there was a woman shortage at A&M. I see plenty of women around here. All four floors of the Academic Building are full of them. When I get a book out of the main library it is checked out by a woman, when I get checks at George's or the Cave I pay a woman, a woman gets my record out of the files when I report to the Campus Security Office, I had to see a woman when I claim my laundry, a woman gives it to me."

"I just can't understand why anybody should ask a question about a woman shortage."

"However, if there is such a shortage, I have done my best to ease it—in the first place I married a girl and brought her here, and in the second place we now have a daughter. What more can a man do?"

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ALVIN C. HOPE, formerly of Lima, Peru, will give an illustrated lecture in connection with Open House Day, May 7 and 8.

## Special Lecture On Peru With Pictures Slated for May 8-9

The Spanish Club is sponsoring a special lecture with slides on Peru as a part of its contribution to the A&M Open House, May 7 and 8, according to Martell Moore, president of the Spanish Club. Faculty members, students and their guests are invited.

Alvin C. Hope Jr., formerly of Lima, Peru, will give the illustrated lecture at 10 a. m., May 7, in Room 123, in the Academic Building. Hope is a senior, majoring in geology. He hopes to return to Peru after graduating from A&M. He is vice president and program chairman of the Spanish Club and secretary-treasurer of the Geology Club. During the war he served in the Ordnance Department of the Army.

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A proposal to abolish the electoral college system for electing presidents of the United States was discussed before the class in Great Issues last night by Congressman Ed Gossett, author of the proposal.

Speaking in Guion Hall, the congressman from the 13th congressional district, first explained and then answered questions from the audience in regard to his proposed constitutional amendment.

"The present system for electing presidents is an open invitation to fraud," Gossett warned. "It would be possible in a close election for a party in power to disqualify many ballots because of technicalities."

Gossett explained that his amendment would not do away with the electoral vote, but would change the method in which this vote was cast.

The present system is set up so that all the electoral votes of a state go to either one candidate or another. Under the proposed system, the electoral vote would be proportioned among the candidates on the basis of the number of popular votes they received.

"This new system," he said, "would tend to reduce the power of the five pivotal states—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan."

Seventy five percent of the campaign money spent during the recent elections was spent in these states, he stated.

"Party platforms—and I mean Democratic as well as Republican—are written to satisfy minority pressure groups in these five states. This is true of the F.E.P.C., the anti-lynch law, the anti-poll tax proposal, and others like them."

"If the power of these pivotal states could be reduced we would have people coming down here trying to win friends and influence people too."

"The survival of our country may one day depend on our having unselfish groups within the government," he commented, and with such groups as those in the pivotal states having a hand in government the unselfish groups may be hard to find.

"Reform of our election system is long overdue," he concluded. "There are some people who fear that the proposed system may weaken the two major parties."

"To this I can only say that any party that cannot survive under an honest system doesn't deserve to survive. The present system has resulted in hypocrisy in every party, but under the new system principal would be placed above party."

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## Big Ticket Sale Reported For Seniors' Dance

Ticket sales for the Senior Ring Dance, numbered \$50 by Monday afternoon, Roy Blanton, social secretary of the Senior Class, announced today.

The Saturday night dance was the biggest seller with 500 tickets sold for that affair. The other 350 were for Friday night.

The banquet ticket sales numbered 600.

Tickets will be on sale for the remainder of the week in Room 207 of Goodwin Hall, Blanton said. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sales will be made from 1 until 5:30 p. m. They will be sold all day Friday and from 8 a. m. until 12 noon on Saturday.

The green or buff ring stubs issued with the tickets should be retained, Blanton said, since admission to the ring will be made according to the number on the stub. The time schedule for this event will be published at a later date in The Battalion.

The Ring Dance tickets are \$3, stag or couple. The banquet tickets will cost \$1.25.

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## Interviews Slated For Research Men

Harry H. Pierson, director of the student program of the Institute of International Education, will be on the campus April 30 for interviews, according to R. L. Elkins, assistant to President Bolton.

Pierson will explain the recently enacted Fulbright Act, which enables graduate students and professors to do research or teach in foreign universities. He will conduct personal interviews with interested applicants and answer further questions.

"Anyone interested should see me in my office Room 204, Academic Building to get some material pertinent to the Act, and if he desires an interview, he should notify me," Elkins concluded.

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