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Dan Davis Officer In New Association

BY BILL BELLINGSLEY

Dan Davis, freshman student senator from the Bryan Field Annex, was elected vice-president of the newly formed Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, in the association's organizational meeting at North Texas State College Saturday.

A constitution was drawn up, officers were elected, common student problems were discussed and a site was selected for the next year's convention, during the TISA's organizational meeting in Denton. Baylor University is to be the site of the spring meeting next year.

Other newly elected officers in the TISA are President Dick Barnaby of the host school; Secretary Rosine McFadden of the University of Texas; Treasurer Evelyn Balcar of TSCW; and Parliamentarian Tony Frlouk of the University of Houston.

Davis, A&M's only officer in the association and the only freshman in the A&M delegation, is a business major from Lubbock. He is in the Air Force regiment at the annex.

The meeting was attended by 150 delegates from 23 Texas colleges and universities, and two observing delegations from schools in Ohio and Oklahoma.

Delegates from A&M were Charles Kirkham, Chuck Cabaniss, Bert Heubner, Dan Davis, and Bill Billingsley.

They were accompanied by faculty representative Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men.

According to the TISA constitution, the purpose of the organization is to "encourage and promote active student governments; to foster an intelligent interest in all phases of college citizenship and to act as a laboratory for the discussion and exchange of ideas concerning the various problems confronting the student governments of this association."

The TISA constitution must be ratified by 2/3 of all the charter member schools before the association becomes a permanent organization.

All the association's business meetings were held Saturday, with a stage show and dance for the visiting delegates Saturday night. Registration began in North Texas' newly opened Student Union Building at 8 a. m. At 9 the general organizational meeting got underway in the building's main auditorium. After an hour's meeting the convention broke up into two committees for nomination of officers and drawing up of its constitution. Those members not in committee toured the campus.

Meats Class Visits Local Locker Plant

Roy W. Snyder, Extension meat specialist, took the 431 meats class on a field inspection trip last Wednesday.

The class inspected meat locker plants in Madisonville, Huntsville, Conroe, and Hempstead. They studied room layout and size of operations. They also observed the methods each plant used in handling and preparing meat.

The students were shown the books of several of the locker plant so as to give the students some idea how large an investment is needed to get into the locker plant business, and to find what returns can be expected.

until the 11:30 luncheon.

Main speaker for the luncheon was Professor Casa March, of the Baylor Law School, and a former candidate for governor of Texas. After lunch the convention reconvened and went into several small meetings to discuss Student Courts, Honor System, Student Government Finance, Election Procedure, Council Authority, and Union Building support and student prices.

Following the panels the convention went into body meeting again, elected the association officers, and was adjourned. The delegates were guests of honor that night at the weekly North Texas stage show and all college dance, held in the new union building.

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Following the convention, optimism was high among the delegates who felt they had seen a badly needed organization off to a good start. Opinions that the TISA membership would mushroom quickly were predominate among the delegates.

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Juniors Are Escorts For Miss America

Twelve juniors acted as escorts this weekend for Bebe Shopp, Miss America of 1948, at the Onion Festival in Raymondville. The juniors met her at the airport in Brownsville and formed an arch of sabers as she alighted from the plane.

Those acting as escorts were Ben Templeton, Ace Jordan, Riley Epps, Jackie Miller, Bob McGlasson, Bill Mayo, Bob Spears, Jeff Jeffries, Jake Leisinger, Jack Furtotto, Bill Blackburn, and Danny James.

Later they participated in two parades, riding on floats and in convertibles. Also they participated in Noisio—onion spelled backwards—which is the annual coronation held there.

Saturday night at the Governor's Ball they were present again to lend their dancing talents to the beautiful Miss America.

After returning from the trip the juniors proudly exclaimed that they had been in four major newsreels, television, and took part in a radio broadcast before the Aggie Muster.

Each one returned with a picture of the fair Miss which was signed "To Ben (or whatever the name was) from Bebe." It was a weekend that they will long remember since it's not every A&M student who gets to dance with Miss America.



ROBERT E. STRIPLING, former chief investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee, will address A&M's Great Issues class tonight at 8 in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

Senior Ring Dance Called Big Success

BY TOM CARTER

"One of the best dances of the year." That was the phrase that most seniors used to describe the Senior Ring Dances that were held Friday and Saturday nights.

With music furnished by Hal McIntyre and his orchestra, the seniors held their last class dance before graduation.

The banquet Saturday night in Duncan Hall also was a hit with those who attended. Boyce House, famed Texas Author, was guest speaker for the affair and he kept a constant ripple of laughter going with some of his tall tales of Texas.

The Ring Ceremony, the most impressive thing of the weekend, was held in the dining room adjacent to the dance floor of Sbisas Hall. Two rings were used and the ceremonies were over in much shorter time than last year. Tables were arranged so that those sitting at them could watch the ceremony. The Hall was decorated with maroon and white crepe paper forming a large "T" in the center of the ceiling. On the walls were cartoons depicting incidents in the life of a student. Covering the front of the band stand was a drawing of a group of "Wildcatting" seniors rejoicing over the near-ending of school.

CIO Director To Talk Wednesday

Stanley H. Ruttenberg, director of the Department of Education and Research of the CIO, will speak to the general public on some phase of the labor question Wednesday at 3 p. m. in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

Ruttenberg will be on the campus as a featured speaker of the Accounting Conference.

He was formerly associate director of research of the CIO and has been with that organization since 1937, when he graduated from Massanutten Military Academy. When he first became associated with the union, he was a field representative and organizer and went to the national headquarters in 1939.

Ruttenberg is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bureau of Economic Research, the National Commission of UNESCO, advisory committee to the Federal Government, and the Labor Committee of the National Planning Association as well as several other organizations.

Russell to Attend Welfare Meeting

Dan Russell, of the Rural Sociology Department, who is state president of the Texas Social Welfare Association, will attend a meeting of that group in Crockett, Thursday.

Theme of the meeting will be "Progressive Laws for the Public Welfare Make for a Progressive State of People." Fifteen counties will be represented at the meet.

Counties to be represented include Angelina, Robertson, Burleson, Milam, Brazos, Washington, Trinity, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, and Walker.

Nine Students Selected For Engineering Faculty Awards

Attention Bird-Dogs . . .

Maid of Cotton Arrives Friday

BY FRANK CUSHING

Miss Sue Howell, National Maid of Cotton for 1949, will arrive on the A&M campus Friday to participate in the Cotton Style Show and Pageant. Named as the good will ambassador of the American Cotton industry, Miss Howell is sponsored by the National Cotton Council, the cotton exchanges of New York, Memphis, and New Orleans; and the Memphis Cotton Carnival.

The 19-year-old blonde was selected '49's Cotton Maid from the candidates entered by cotton-interested groups from the 18 cotton-growing states. The National Council of Cotton designates the girl to be named maid after judging on the basis of personality, intelligence, poise, background, ability to meet people, and talk before groups as well as on appearance.

Lives in California. Miss Howell, whose home is in Bakersfield, California, was attending the University of California when she was selected. A sophomore there, she was taking a liberal arts course with a planned major in speech and psychology.

She appeared on the cover of Life Magazine October 25, 1949, where she was tagged as a typical American College girl. In case memory fails you, she shared the cover with two other University of California co-eds; all three were busily engaged in rooting for the football team.

Miss Howell's normal college life was varied and busy since she worked as a reporter on the school daily, was a member of the Symphony Forum, and also belonged to the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

Officers Against Federalization Of National Guard

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., April 25 (AP)—Texas reserve officers are against federalization of the National Guard.

The officers, meeting here yesterday, voted against taking the National Guard from jurisdiction of the states and placing it under federal control. The National ROA takes the opposite stand.

Judge Bob Hall of Dallas, said, "The National Guard is functioning ten times as good as the organized reserve corps." Hall is national junior vice president of the reserve officers association.

Col. Guy I. Warren, Corpus Christi, resolutions committee chairman, said: "As long as the U. S. Army allows 200,000 to 300,000 reserve officers, not to mention enlisted men, to wilt on the vine, they have no right to take over the National Guard. Until the army gives us the reserve, a program, it should not be allowed to take over the guard and let it wilt on the vine too."

Maj. Francis G. Bray of Houston is the new commander of the Texas department. He was senior vice commander.

Lt. Comdr. Ray Edson of Corpus Christi is the new senior vice commander.

Other officers include: Lt. Col. Haskell Cooper of Dallas, vice commander; Lt. Wallace N. Masters of Wichita Falls, vice president for Navy and Marines; Col. Wayne Wood of San Antonio, vice president for the army; Col. Tom Kellum of Austin, judge advocate; Robert M. Lively of Lubbock, historian; Col. Herbert A. Sullivan, surgeon; and Lt. Bruce Brannon of Marshall, chaplain.

At the concluding session yesterday Houston was selected as the next convention city.

Business Society Will Meet Tuesday

Marvin Hagemeyer, president of the Business Society, has announced that the Society will hear an address by Harry Stiteler, head football coach at A&M.

According to Hagemeyer, the meeting of the Society will take place in the YMCA Chapel Tuesday night at 7:30.

Also on the agenda, according to Hagemeyer, will be a discussion by the Society members to determine just what type of party the Society will have this spring.

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Sent To New York

After being named the Maid of Cotton for '49 in February, Miss Howell was flown to New York where her wardrobe was assembled and photographed. Naturally her apparel has all been fashioned from cotton. In addition, while in New York, she received the Conover Career Girl course which included training in make-up, modeling, speech, and other important factors under the direction of Condy Jones, wife of Harry Conover.

Her tour as the ambassador of cotton will extend through June and will consist of appearances in 30 major cities in America. She will journey to College Station from Dallas where she will have been featured in style shows.

Tours England

In March the Cotton Maid flew to England and was presented to style and fashion leaders. She traveled to France from England and received French originals from the famous designers there. She returned to this country on April 15th.

After modeling several gowns in the Agronomy Style Show, Miss Howell will attend the Cotton Ball. Her escort to the dance is unnamed as yet.

Annual Contest To Be April 30

The annual engineering drawing contest sponsored by the Engineering Drawing Department of A&M will be held on April 30 from 1 to 5 p. m., according to B. F. K. Mullins, associate professor of engineering drawing.

Entry is on a voluntary basis and is restricted to students of engineering drawing who have A or B grades and who have been recommended by their instructors, Mullins said.

Four classifications of drawing comprise the contest: A working drawing made with instruments; a graphic solution of a descriptive geometry problem; a sheet of free-hand lettering; and a freehand pictorial sketch of a machine part.

Prizes will be donated to the three highest scorers in the contest by the Eugene Dietzgen Company of New Orleans, the Frederick Post Company of Houston, Shaffer's Book Store, and the Student Co-op Store of College Station.

The awards will be made in a public ceremony at the A&M Annex theater at 2 p. m. May 6. They will be made in connection with the final session of the Engineering Drawing Conference to be held at College Station May 5 and 6.

The winning drawing will be on exhibition at A&M for the A&M Open House Day on May 7.

Corps Inspection Will Be Thursday

Federal inspection of the Corps of Cadets, cadet records, dormitories, and classrooms will be conducted Thursday by officers from the Fourth Army Headquarters in San Antonio, the Texas Military District Headquarters in Austin, and the 12th Air Force at Brooks Field.

The officers will dine with the cadets Wednesday evening. Inspections will be carried on all day Thursday. Regular classes for the corps on the campus will be suspended Thursday.

Inspection at the Annex will be held Wednesday. Regular classes for the corps members at the Annex will be suspended that day.

Agronomy Society To Decide Dates

Several of the Sanger Brother models are still without dates for the Cotton Ball and Pageant, John Andrizzi, president of the Agronomy Society, announced today.

Agronomy majors will get their final chance at the dates at the society meeting to be held in the A&M Lecture Room at 7:30, Tuesday evening. Final plans for the ball will be made. Andrizzi requested that all members attend the meeting.

Nine men have been selected to receive the Engineering Faculty Achievement Awards at the baccalaureate ceremonies this year. They include, Elmo Livingston, Russel Ross, Norwood Talbert, Ray Holbrook, Charles Howard, Charles McGinnis, Howard Oliver, Ralph Shannon, Gene Summers.

These awards are presented each year to graduating engineers who have achieved distinction by high scholastic attainment, demonstrated leadership, organizational ability, and for proficiency in the performance of extra-curricular activities. H. W. Barlow, dean of Engineering, said.

The selections were made by a special engineering faculty committee and were confirmed by a vote of the entire Engineering faculty. Each award will be a large plaque and will be presented by Dean Barlow.

Holbrook is a chemical engineering major from Highlands, Texas. He has been captain of the track team and was selected to Who's Who this year.

Howard is a mechanical engineering major from Galveston. He has been a distinguished student every semester and has been president of the A&ME.

Livingston

Livingston graduated in January in Electrical Engineering. He was president of the 1947-48 Senior Class and was elected to Who's Who.

From Kansas City, Missouri, McGinnis is majoring in Civil Engineering. He was the outstanding member of the Engineers this year and a company commander.

Oliver is from Dallas and is majoring in Electrical Engineering. A battalion commander last year, he is president of Tau Beta Pi.

An aeronautical engineering major, Ross is from Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He has distinguished all semesters and graduated in January, 1947-48.

Shannon is from Bonita, Texas and is majoring in electrical engineering. He has distinguished every semester and was commanding officer of the infantry regiment in 1947-48.

Summers is from Bryan and is majoring in architecture. He was president of the engineering council and was Who's Who.

Talbert is from Port Arthur and graduated in January in Chemical Engineering. He was chairman of the engineering council and was a student senator.

Hedgecock Elected Head of Writers

Professor E. D. Hedgecock of the English Department was elected president of the Southwestern Section of the American Business Writing Association, at its annual meeting in Fort Worth, April 15 and 16. The group met jointly with the Southwestern Social Science Association.

Hedgecock also took part on the program by leading a discussion on problems in business writing. Other features of the meeting were an address by the national president of the association, Professor C. R. Anderson, University of Illinois, and a paper by Professor Raymond V. Leskar, of Texas Christian University, on the status of correspondence—improvement programs based on a 1948 survey of American business leaders.

New adult beginner square dancing classes will begin May 2 at St. Thomas Parish House under sponsorship of the College Recreation Council, Mrs. J. R. Lyon, chairman of the Council's square dancing activities, announced today.

The class will be closed when 16 couples are registered. Entries may be made with Mrs. Lyon through telephone 4-8709.

Hour-long lessons, 7 to 8 p. m., will be given by Lee Thompson each Monday for the following 6 weeks, Mrs. Lyon said.

Square dancers desiring advanced instruction can register with Mrs. Lyon Monday evening at the Parish House. Instruction will be given from 8 to 9 p. m. each Monday, she added.

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David Haines, sophomore of B Battery Field Artillery acted as master of ceremonies at the 1949 Muster ceremonies.



Jimmy Astin, vice-president of the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas, was the guest speaker at the annual Muster ceremonies in Guion Hall this year.