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Standard Oil Vice President Briefs Men On Job Interests

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"I like my job so well that I would do it without being paid; however, you needn't let my boss know that," said John H. Suman, whose "boss" is president of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Suman spoke to the Great Issues Class Monday.

Suman, vice president of Standard Oil of New Jersey, made this statement in emphasizing the point that college students should decide early in their college careers what they want to do after they graduate, and prepare themselves in their undergraduate days for this occupation, whether it be petroleum engineering or digging sewers.

"If I liked to dig sewers, I could put my head into it and become the best sewer digger in the world; if I didn't like it, I would get no where at all; students should realize that before they get out into the world and try to make their way," Suman added.

"Our experience has been that a great percentage of students see a course in a college catalog which strikes their fancy and decide immediately that this particular course just suits their abilities and likes. With no further investiga-

tion or consideration they launch themselves into a career in which they may not at all be suited. "These are the type men who get jobs as petroleum engineers and are left behind because they cannot keep up with the more concentrated efforts of the people who knew what they wanted to do. These who are left behind find themselves discontent, unhappy, and a failure in their profession, when they might well have been successful and highly satisfied with an occupation more suited to their talents."

Suman emphasized the inability of the average college graduate to express himself clearly and intelligently, to write satisfactory reports, and in the case of engineers, to produce drafting work of professional caliber.

Quite often brilliant engineers are limited in their advancement simply because they do not have sufficient command of English to prepare satisfactory reports. This is especially true of A&M men, Suman added.

The standard four-year college course is of no greater advantage in industry today than the high school education was 20 years ago and because of this, the student who wants to get ahead in the

petroleum industry will in most cases have to equip himself with added study.

Naturally, when the petroleum industry is hiring college graduates, they are trying to get "the most for their money" and that is where the value of an added degree is most apparent, Suman added.

Another trait which the young graduate should not overlook, is self-reliance. "I believe that the most valuable thing a young man can do is to go out and get his own job; nothing else inspires confidence in one's self so much," Suman said.

Grove Summer Program Plans Are Completed

The summer program for the Grove has been announced by the members of the Summer Entertainment Committee of the Student Senate, who are Dick Baugh, Dick Denney, Charles Kirkham, and Marvin Rice.

The program is as follows: Monday nights, skating and dancing; Tuesday nights, movies; Wednesday nights, bingo or a special entertainment; Thursday nights, movies again; Friday nights, square dancing; Saturday nights, dancing to the Aggeland Combo or Juke Boxes; and Sundays, skating. The regular events will begin at 7 p. m. each night.

Special events scheduled, which will begin at 8 p. m., include: The Chocolate Soldier, produced by Bill Turner and George Dilavon, July 7; The Zucker Sisters, a duo piano concert team, July 13; and Do-raine and Ellis, costumed comedians of famous musicals, July 27. One other entertainment will be presented, but negotiations for it have not been completed.

Admission to all events is free to students and their wives. Yellow fee slips will be checked at the gate, but non-students will be admitted if they bring their own chairs.

Chem Corps Will Conduct Courses

The Chemical Corps School will conduct two indoctrination courses for the Organized Reserve Corps officers at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, Colonel Oscar B. Abbott executive for the Texas Military District, has announced.

Classes of two weeks duration will begin on June 5 and on July 10 and are to provide training for Chemical Corps reserve officers in biological warfare, radiological defense, and new and revised doctrines and technical aspects of chemical warfare.

All active reserve officers of the Chemical Corps are eligible to attend and may make applications through their local Organized Reserve Corps instructor's office.

Change of Address Needed by VA

Veterans leaving school or otherwise changing their address at the end of this term should report the changes, according to Taylor Wilkins, veterans adviser.

When reporting the change of address, a veteran should designate whether it is "temporary" or "permanent."

Subsistence checks for May will be mailed out at the end of May or the first of June. A veteran wanting his May check sent to his present address and his June check to a different address should notify the VA now, and date the change June, 1949.

Some veterans will be receiving leave checks. These will be mailed out about June 30. Notice of address change applies to leave checks as well as to regular checks.

Soliciting Starts For Baptist Center

Donations for the Baptist student center fund are being collected on the campus. So far \$362.15 has been collected. Puryear Hall leads in the donations with a sum of \$51.50.

Future collections will be made in all the dormitories. Collections of donations are also being made in the trailer areas and at College View. The Student Center will cost \$63,000. The students of the college are attempting to raise \$20,000 for the center.

Juniors Name Byington, Kirkham, Christensen, Top Officers For 1950

By C. C. MUNROE



Winners of the Freshman essay contest sponsored by The Engineer are shown with Don Brown, editor of the magazine. From right to left, they are Luke Miranda, third prize winner; Kenneth Van Tassel, second prize winner; and J. E. Sick, winner of first place in the competition. The winning essays are published in the April issue of The Engineer.

The class of 1950, in what was unquestionably the most harmonious election in its history, named Bobby James Byington, electrical engineering major from Dallas, as its president for the coming school year at a class election held last night in The Grove.

Byington was the top man in a three man run-off for the presidential office.

Two juniors were elected to assist Byington as vice presidents during the coming school year. They were John Christensen, industrial education major from Galveston, and Charles Kirkham, management engineering major from Cleburne.

Kirkham thus became the first man to fill the new class office of co-vice president which was inaugurated last night. The purpose of the office was to give non-military students an opportunity to elect a man to the class offices.

The move to inaugurate the co-vice president's office was begun at the suggestion of several cadets. It was approved by a large majority after spirited debate from several juniors present at the meeting.

The secretary treasurer of next year's senior class will be Conrad Ohlendorf, agriculture major from Lockhart. Ohlendorf was the victor in an election which featured two runoffs.

Close Election
The closest election of the evening was for social secretary. Tim Word, San Antonio civil engineering major, was a one vote winner over Joe V. Pike, Jr., electrical engineering major from Dallas.

Jimmy Ray Woodall, animal husbandry major from Fort Worth, defeated Floyd Henk, civil engineering major from San Marcos, for the position of corps editor for Aggeland 1950.

The corps representative to the Athletic Council for next year will be Jack K. Happy, business major from Dallas. Happy defeated three other candidates for the position. They were William B. Scrimgeour, business major from Galveston; Jack Miller, architecture major of Houston; and D. A. K. Proctor, petroleum engineering major from San Antonio.

The two junior yell leaders for this school year, James "Red" Duke and Glen Kothmann, were retained in the same position for next year.

Duke, who is a business major from San Antonio, defeated John Laufenberg, Port Arthur chemical engineering major, and Jack Miller who had also run for corps representative to the athletic council.

Town Hall manager for the 1949-1950 school year will be Jarvis Miller, animal husbandry major from Orange Grove. He defeated two candidates, Herb A. Frede, business major of Goodwin Hall before Saturday noon, May 14.

Pat Henry, chairman of the Open House Committee, gave a lengthy report on the success of Open House Day. He expressed his sincere thanks to all the students and faculty members who participated to help make the day a success.

He read a letter from President Bolton complimenting the Open House Day Committee for the splendid work which it did in planning, organizing and directing the activities of the day.

Approximately 2500 people saw the Aggie Follies, Henry told the Council. More than 750 saw the performance on Friday evening and the audience for Saturday evening numbered nearly 1800. After all the expenses are paid, the remaining money will be divided among the three major schools of the college.

The Agricultural Council elected Park To Editorship of 'Agriculturist'

Jim Park, a dairy husbandry major from Amarillo, was elected to be the editor of the Agriculturalist for next year at a meeting of the student Agricultural Council last night.

Park, a veteran, is presently classified as a junior. During the past year he has served as associate editor of the magazine. He said that he hopes to make the Agriculturalist a monthly magazine if at all possible.

The student branch of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers won the club membership contest which was carried on among the different agricultural societies during the year. The FFA Chapter was the winner of the contest last year. The name of the winning club will be placed on the plaque on the wall in the lobby of the Agriculture Building.

The FFA Chapter placed second in this year's contest and the Agronomy society placed third.

J. E. Endrissi of the Agronomy Society displayed a large drawing of the keys which are being ordered for members of the national intercollegiate judging teams in the School of Agriculture. The keys will have the initials A-T-M (Texas A&M) centered on the face of the key and intercollegiate judging team will be written around the edges.

The background of the key will be in oxidized gold but all the lettering will have a finished surface. The student's name, department and year of participation on the team will be engraved on the back of the key.

Keys for the Agricultural Council will be of the same pattern. All members of the Council who wish to purchase a key should turn in their order at the Student Activities Office on the second floor

La Grange, and Dave G. Bowers, pre-med major for Abilene.

Large Slate
The nominees for the office of class president constituted the largest slate of men offered in all the elections. Nine men were nominated for the position. The three men tallying the largest number of votes were then pitched in a run-off election.

The two candidates which Byington defeated were Jim Magruder, industrial education major from Fort Worth, and Phil Parker, civil engineering major from El Paso.

The election for class social secretary, which was won by Tim Word of San Antonio, closed the class meeting and provided the only real exhibition of excitement during the evening.

Word was named in a slate of six candidates. A rising vote from the floor resulted in a three man list of candidates, each separated from the other by just three votes.

Word, Joe V. Pike, Jr. from Dallas, and John Ben Templeton, civil engineering major from Dallas were the three men.

A motion from the floor to place

the names of the three men on a ballot to be distributed in the dormitories was defeated. So Templeton, who had polled 53 votes, was dropped from the list of candidates.

Pike, with 55 votes, and Word, with 58 votes, were then named in the run-off.

By this time, since the social secretary election was the last one, many of the members of the class had left the meeting. Those who remained formed into two camps. When the voting was completed, Word emerged the victor over Pike by a one vote margin, 55 votes to 54.

The naming of head yell leader for the 1949-50 school year will be held at a later date. The names of the two winners of last night's election, James "Red" Duke and Glen Kothmann, will be placed on ballots which will be distributed in the corps dormitories.

The election of a corps editor for The Battalion was uncontested. Clark C. Munroe, business major from San Antonio narrowly won out over a popular write-in candidate named "Spot."

Doyle Avast, junior class president, presided at the meeting.

Potential Scholars To Try For Awards

More than 200 prospective students who have made applications for the Opportunity Awards this year will be on the campus Saturday to compete in exams which will determine their scholastic abilities. E. E. McQuillen, director of the A&M College Development Fund, announced today.

Burl Ives First On Town Hall

Burl Ives, "Wayfarin' Stranger" of the stage and screen will open the 1949-50 Town Hall Season here on October 27, C. G. White, director of Student Activities, announced today.

Ives' folk songs have long been an authentic expression of his land and its people, White said. He will sing the songs that his grandmother taught him in the Midwestern farm country, songs remembered by old timers in small towns all over the land, songs he heard hobnobbing, songs that have taken the entire country by storm, White added.

Ives, who is frequently referred to as the greatest ballad singer of all, has been recently featured in Walt Disney's film, So Dear to My Heart. He also played in 20th Century Fox's Green Grass of Wyoming film.

In addition to the movies, Ives makes recordings for Decca. He recently turned author and his autobiography "Wayfarin' Stranger" is enjoying excellent sales in bookstores throughout the country.

Ives appears over the Mutual Broadcasting System every Friday night at 8 for Philco.

We believe Ives will delight our Town Hall audience with his stirring but simple rendition of America's finest folk songs, White stated. Town Hall Season tickets for the 1949-50 season will be placed on sale in September.

Endeavor Essential to Success In Industrial Writing - Ragsdale

Silas Ragsdale, managing editor of The Petroleum Refiner, told journalism students and faculty members last night that the primary prerequisite for success in industrial journalism was good hard work.

The former executive editor of The Galveston News was speaking in the YMCA lecture room on opportunities in the field of industrial journalism.

Stressing such writing essentials as "crystal clearness" and economy of words, Ragsdale listed the "Four Es" of industrial writing.

"Simplicity," said Ragsdale, "is the best key you can hang on to if you would enter the portal of those who write most effectively."

His third "E" was enthusiasm—plenty of enthusiasm with which to swim across the sea of life. External accuracy completed Ragsdale's list. Here, by way of illustration, he quoted Dave Crockett's statement—"Be sure you're right, then go ahead."

To supplement the list, the journalist added the quality of making writing "Downright entertaining."

Welch, Nolen Head Commentator Staff

Frank Welch and Mack Nolen were named Co-Editors of The Commentator for 1949-50 by the Arts and Sciences Council at a meeting yesterday afternoon. The two were the only applicants for the editorship of the magazine.

Welch has been handling art work for the magazine this year, specializing in layouts and pictorial spreads. Nolen has concentrated on the actual writing end of the magazine work during the spring semester.

An architecture student from Sherman, Welch lives in Dorm 15. Nolen is a history major from Wichita Falls who lives in Puryear.

Spring editor of the magazine Larry Goodwyn reported to the group that the bi-monthly publication had approximately 1200 subscribers during the past year. In addition, over 400 issues were sold individually in the Corps last month.

Council Size Increased
Earlier in the meeting the Council adopted a motion offered by James Liverman to increase the size of the group. Beginning next year the Council will consist of two students from each organization composed entirely of majors of a particular department of the School of Arts and Sciences; one student from each organization not limited exclusively to a particular department's majors and one additional student appointed by the head of such a department; and two students appointed by the head of any department not represented by an organization.

Dean M. T. Harrington suggested that all arts and sciences organizations that elect officers in the spring notify him of the results of such elections.

Liverman as a member of the Open House Day Committee recommended that the Council name its representatives to that committee by October 15, if possible, in order to facilitate the group's work.

Coke Fund Use Explained
Joseph Savins explained to the Council the work of a special committee that had made recommendations concerning the use of the coke funds received by the Colleges from Coca-Cola machines placed in class room buildings. The special committee was composed of three representatives from each of the student councils on the campus.

As much of the special committee's recommendations as called for use of some of the fund for aid to delegates representing A&M at national and regional conventions had been accepted by President Frank C. Bolton. The recommended committee had been set up with a few changes to supervise the allotting of this aid.

Members of the fund supervisory committee include a representative from each of the student councils and the Assistant to the President, R. L. Elkins. Aid requests are considered by the group on the basis of the publicity and furtherment of A&M as an educational institution that will result from use of the funds.

Obtained Through Channels
Requests that are submitted to Student Activities may be referred to the President and sent by him to the supervisory committee. If the committee after investigation approves the use of some of the fund as requested, the President submits the allotment for the approval of the College comptroller.

So far seven requests have been approved by the various agencies involved.

Groneman Judges Industrial Contest

Chris H. Groneman, head of the Industrial Education Department is attending the tenth annual Conference of the American Industrial Arts Association meeting at St. Louis, Mo.

The meeting commenced today and will continue through Saturday. Groneman will talk on "Safety Films for the School Shop" at today's session.

Record Birth For Sheep Claimed

A record for multiple birth in sheep occurred on the J. K. George Ranch near Thayer, Kansas when a crossbred ewe gave birth to sextuplets, according to F. I. Dahlberg of the Animal Husbandry Department.