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A&M Wins Third Southwest Track Title

Louis Hartung Selected As Former Student's President

Louis A. Hartung, '29, of San Antonio was elected president of the Former Student's Association in a meeting held here Saturday night. For vice-president, the group selected A. E. Caraway, '34 of Dallas.

Three members of the Executive Board selected for two year terms were Roy J. Chappell, '41 of Tyler, W. T. Doherty, '22 of Houston, and Norman E. Buescher, '22 of McAllen.

Eleven district vice-presidents were also selected. They include W. G. McMillan of Lubbock, T. W. Riffin of Fort Stockton, Penrose B. Metcalfe of San Angelo, Fred A. Elliston of Fort Worth, J. U. Parker of Tyler, E. J. Sebasta of Marlin, George E. Morgan of Beaumont, N. B. Killian of San Antonio, R. N. Conolly of Corpus Christi, A. H. Weyland of Shreveport and Col. T. H. Barton of El Dorado, Arkansas.

A. F. Mitchell of Corsicana, S. C. Evans of Houston and Clyde L. Murphy of Wichita Falls were named the three student loan trustees.

Two representatives on the Development Fund Board who were

selected for three year terms were George Smith of Houston and Herman F. Heep of Austin.

T. F. Smith was elected representative on the Athletic Council for a two-year term. C. L. Babcock is the other member of this board.

Retiring President

George Smith, retiring president of the organization, said in his address that "During the past year, it has been my pleasure to be associated with the College, its staff and faculty and its student body. I firmly believe that this great institution continues to make strides in the fields of education, science and in the art of turning out young men equipped to face the realities and overcome the hardships of a competitive world. The Cadet Corps continues to make a favorable impression on all occasions. The fact that A&M won the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy is proof enough of that statement. On Corps trips, at athletic events, social activities, in the class rooms, and on the drill field, the student body has stood the test of a first class college."

In a report of the student loan fund trustees, A. F. Mitchell, chairman, said that during the past eleven months 1,350 loans have been made for a total of \$50,290. The average amount of each loan was slightly over \$37.

Donations and Gifts

E. E. McQuillen reported that during the last twelve months \$253,072 has been given to the college. Since 1942 nearly two million dollars has been given A&M by former students and friends. Referring to the opportunity awards, he said that 80 winners are now in school and he believed 70 new winners would enter in September.

Diek Hervey, executive secretary of the Former Students Association, reported that as of Saturday 7,340 gifts were made to the Development Fund by former students with a total of \$53,603.42. He said that this is the best year the Fund has had since its beginning. Last year's number of gifts were 7,510 and Hervey said that the Fund is twice as far along this year as it was the same time last year.

Tommy Splittgerber, yell leader, explained to the group the meaning of the Southwest Sportsmanship Award, in order to give the former students some idea of what the student body is doing along those lines.

Draw Up Resolution

The Former Students decided at their meeting to draw up a resolution congratulating the student body on winning the trophy this year and they also voted to draw up another resolution commending the track team for winning their third Southwest Conference track title in a row.

Don Kasper, president of the Senior Class, thanked the group for donating the dress rifles to the Cadet Corps.

Sunday morning the executive council had breakfast with the Board of Directors, the deans, and the directors of the services. J. W. Newton vice-president of the Board talked to the group in connection with the present and projected program of the A&M System.

Texas Places Second; Owls Third As 5 Records Tumble

Ten Aggie seniors finished their college track careers at Fayetteville, Arkansas, Saturday afternoon as the track squad of coach Frank Anderson whipped the University of Texas and the rest of the field. A&M earned a total of 58 1/2 points, Texas 49%, Rice 36, SMU 13, Arkansas 11%, Baylor 9%, and TCU 1. Not until the last two events, though, did the Farmers take the lead to hold it.

Five records fell before the onslaught of the Maroon and White slightly clad. Never before have so many records fallen in any modern conference track meet, and especially not to one team. The Cadets practically rewrote the record book as they tucked away their third successive championship.

These were not flimsy records only recently set by second rate performers. Some stood for 25 years, and others were set by national champs and Olympic performers. Before the team left, this paper said that five records might fall to the Aggies. But one possibility was certainly overlooked.

When Bob Hall, Junior from Dallas, hurried out of the straight away in the preliminaries of the 220-yard low hurdles, it seemed seconds before the rest of the pack came into sight from the partly hidden runway. It turned out that Hall had lowered the record in that event to 22.8 seconds. Clyde Scott of Arkansas and Fred Wolcott of Rice had held the previous

record of 23 seconds flat.

J. D. Hampton started the parade of records the next day in the final mile run. Hampton, a junior in the mile run. Hampton, a junior by Jerry Thompson three full seconds to 4:17.2.

Close on the heels of Hampton was Julian Herring of Abilene. Unofficially Herring was also clocked below the old record time. Herring is a sophomore.

Four of the six men to qualify in the 440-yard dash were wearing the Aggie colors. They were Ray Holbrook, Connie Ludwig, Ervin Bilderback, and Don Mitchell; Desmond Kidd of Texas and Tom Cox of Rice, being the other two. Holbrook would have had a good shot if he had not turned in a good performance, but he did not let that hinder him. Holbrook drew the outside lane where he was unable to see what the rest of the field was doing and thus pace himself. When it was all over, however, he had cut an even half second off the old record of 47.8 seconds, held by

Harold Hall of Rice since 1941. Holbrook led all the way and practically ran Kidd into the ground. The Texas runner finished a fading fifth.

Perry Samuels joined into the stretch for the record in the 100-yard dash, which was already held by Lawler of Texas, Wolcott of Rice, and Martinson of Baylor. Samuels got an almost unbelievable start as he left the field by three yards and yards away from the blocks.

J. D. Hampton sprinted the stretch of the two mile run to lower the oldest record in the conference book by two seconds. Hampton was challenged by Brooks of Texas during the first half of this race, but began to put the pressure on in the last mile to pull away clearly.

Chances for a new record in the mile relay looked slim as the last event of the day approached. All four of the members of the team had run in the open quarter mile, and some were even doubting if they could outrace the Rice team. Assistant coach Ray Putnam changed the order of the team as they prepared for this race. Instead of small Don Mitchell, Ervin Bilderback opened the relay.

George Petrovich gained unexpected points for the University of Texas by placing in the number one position in the shot put, the first event finished in the 1949 Southwest Conference Track and Field meet. Petrovich shoved the shot out to a distance of 47' 5", the best effort that he has ever made. George Kadara was second in this event.

Texas lost some of their points in the javelin as taped up Tobin Rote of Rice won with a 195 foot throw. Following Rote were Frank Guss and Ray Martek of Texas.

J. D. Bond, Warren Wilson, Bob Hall, and Bill Napier surprised the field by taking the 440-yard sprint relay from Texas. A&M took an

Peat Bog Seen On Field Trip

The Range and Forestry Ecology class made a field trip to Lexington last Wednesday. A study was made of vegetation found in a normal hydrosere at a peat bog.

The vegetation consisted of plants growing in the water, on top of the water, and around the body of water. This particular hydrosere was a natural peat bog and one of the few found in the state.

Peat bogs are composed of many layers of decayed plant tissue, primarily mosses. The bog contents are almost one hundred percent pure organic matter and are very black with an oily appearance when wet. When dried, the peat is a light tan and becomes light and powdery.

The bog visited is being worked out and the dried material is being sacked and sold to greenhouses and used for other horticultural purposes. Range and Forestry as well as Wild Life majors made the trip. R. R. Rhodes, professor in the Range and Forestry Department, supervised the group.

Dr. Ide P. Trotter will confer with officials of the United States Department of Agriculture, May 16-20, on problems of international trade in cotton. Special emphasis will be placed on problems which affect cotton producers in Texas.

During the summer of 1948 Trotter, then director of the Extension Service, conducted a study of the cotton situation in the Orient. He was loaned to the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations of the USDA. He visited Japan, China, India, Pakistan, and Greece.

Trotter is now dean of the Graduate School and extension consultant on personnel and professional improvement. He goes to Washington in the latter capacity.

It is also proposed that while Trotter is in Washington that he participate in a conference on agricultural extension and agricultural educational activities throughout the world which are being undertaken largely with the assistance and advice of various groups of agricultural specialists in the United States.

Trotter has been asked to bring to this conference his extensive observations and conclusions regarding these activities obtained on his round the world tour last summer. Some of these observations have been presented to extension and other groups in Texas since his return.

Repairs and improvements in the amount of \$12,000 dollars are also in the offing for DeWare Field House. On the recommendation of T. R. Spence, manager of the physical plants of the college, the board set aside the sum to improve the rooms and to construct additional shower rooms on the north side of the field house.

Prairie View Dormitory

Prairie View A&M College was given permission to request bids for construction of a new girl's dormitory. Dr. E. B. Evans, president of Prairie View, spoke to the board on the need for the new dormitory.

Plans call for construction of a 71 room building. Three girls will be housed in each room. The college now has capacity for 1,652 students on a three person to a room basis. However, due to increased enrollment, it has been necessary to exceed this limit.

The board heard plans for issuing revenue bonds for a 30 year period to pay for the construction.

NTAC Appropriation

North Texas Agricultural College was given appropriations amounting to a total of \$65,700 dollars. A major portion of this, \$46,000 dollars, will be to furnish a new boy's dormitory which is expected to be completed in time for the coming fall semester.

The remainder of the NTAC appropriation will be to provide farm improvements including an implement shed, warehouse, sheep shed, wash and disinfecting shed, garage, broiler house, and fencing.

The board authorized transfer of \$4,000 dollars from the Creamery Improvements Account of A&M for the purchase of a bottle washing machine for the creamery.

Cotton School To Be Here June 6

The 40th annual cotton classing and stapling school will begin June 6, according to Dr. L. G. Jones, coordinator for the six weeks summer course.

Approximately 70 students are expected to attend. Several from Mexico and Guatemala have already made applications for enrollment. More applications from South American countries are expected, Dr. Jones stated.

Among prominent speakers scheduled during the course are Fred C. Elliot and Dr. D. T. Killough. Elliot will speak on "Cotton Improvement in Texas," and Killough will talk on "Varieties of Cotton in Texas." In addition, F. E. Lichte will speak upon "Cotton Ginning in the Southwest."

After completing the course and passing a cotton classing examination, members of the class will receive a cotton classer's certificate, Jones said.

Burchard Placed On Plans Board

Professor D. D. Burchard, head of the Journalism Department, has been asked to serve on the committee on arrangements and programs at the 30th annual meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalistic fraternity. The meeting, which will be held in Dallas, will celebrate the 40th year of the fraternity.

Other members of the committee are Ted Barret, of the Dallas Morning News, and B. C. Jefferson, of the Dallas Times-Herald.

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Board Clears Separate Water System; Streets To Be Fixed

Streets of the college will be getting a \$33,000 dollar face lifting this summer as a result of action by the board of directors at a meeting on the campus Saturday morning.

The board authorized the expenditure of that amount for new gutters, curbs and black topping for all the streets.

A \$600,000 dollar program to develop a separate college water supply system was given the go-ahead signal by the board of directors at a meeting on the campus Saturday.

The decision to provide the campus with a complete water supply system independent of the Bryan water system was made after lengthy discussion between the board and a committee of Bryan officials headed by Mayor R. C. Dansby.

The newly authorized college water system will stem from a series of six wells to be drilled north of Bryan Field. Four of the wells will be on the original plan of construction; the remaining two will be for later use as the college expands.

Robert Shaw Chorale Has Been Booked for 49-50 Town Hall

The Robert Shaw Chorale has been booked for the 1949-50 Town Hall Program. C. G. White, director of Student Activities, announced today.

Shaw will bring an orchestra of 20 pieces and a mixed chorus of 30 people. Tentative arrangements call for the Shaw group to appear here on November 9.

Shaw and his work with choral groups was featured in the December 25 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. He has conducted Glee Clubs for Fred Waring and has also done work for Bill Rose's Acquaada.

Shaw is recognized as the greatest choral conductor in the country at present, White stated.

Born in Red Bluff, California, the son of a minister, Shaw attended Pomona College, where he sang in the glee club. The instructor in charge of the glee club had to give up the job because of illness, and Shaw, although still a student, was placed in charge of the organization and granted a yearly salary of \$500.

It was during his tenure as head of the Pomona College Glee Club that Shaw met Fred Waring. Waring came to Pomona with a movie company, dropped in on one of the glee club, and heard it rehearse. Before leaving he took Shaw aside and told him that if he ever needed a job to let him know.

In 1938 Shaw wired Waring and told him that he needed work. Waring promptly wired \$150, with instructions to come to New York, where Shaw immediately organized a choral group.

He was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for his work with choral groups and started to study music under Julius Herford at Juillard School of Music in New York.

In his spare time, Shaw organized the Collegiate Chorale in New York, which has gained nationwide fame for its singing. This group replaced the Edgar Bergen show last summer.

New Treasury Children's Bond Certificate

Plans for Turkey Short Course Told

The poultry department has announced completion of plans for a Turkey Short Course to be held on the campus during the week of June 6 through June 11. Approximately 30 representatives of turkey breeders and turkey hatcheries throughout the state are expected to attend.

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Karl Wyler To Be in 'Ghosts'

Karl Wyler will appear as Mr. Manders in the Aggie Players production of Ibsen's "Ghosts." It will be given on Thursday and Friday evening at 8 in Guion Hall.

Wyler, known as "Bueko" to his friends, is a junior modern languages major and is a member of C. Cavalry. He hopes to make a career of radio work and one of his main ambitions is to be program director for a large radio station.

Wyler started work in radio while at home in El Paso by announcing several programs for the local station there and substituting as "disk-jockey" and engineer. He has announced for several months over WTAW.

The theatre is not entirely new to him either. While attending the College of Mines in El Paso he appeared in several plays. One role he says he will never forget is the one he had in "My Sister Ellen."

"In this play I was the man who fell flat on his face every time he came on the stage. Fortunately there are no remaining bruises on me."

When asked about his role in "Ghosts" he said:

"This is my first 'heavy' role. All of my past experience on the stage has been in comedies. I really enjoy playing the part of Manders, the pastor. He is a slightly stupid individual who is stepped on by almost everyone. This makes him a martyr in his own eyes and he enjoys this very much. However, when he sees that there is some chance that he might have been wrong all of his life he becomes pathetically confused."

Other members of the cast are Betty Jo Edmondson, Jeanne Kernada, Lindy James, and George Willman.

George Dillavou of the English Department, is in charge of the production.

ASCE Slates Final Meeting Tuesday

The J. T. L. McNew Student Chapter of the ASCE will hold its final meeting of the school year Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Civil Engineering Lecture Room, W. E. London, chapter president, announced today.

George Smith, vice-president of the Texas Construction Materials Company of Houston, will speak on sales engineering. Officers for the next school year will be elected, London said.

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