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## Second Class Of '49 Votes To Buy Chimes For Gift

By PAUL BERRY

The Senior class met last night at 7:15 in the Chapel of the YMCA with Don Kasper, president, presiding to decide on the gift the class of '49 would give to the college.

Buddy Bell, chairman of the gift committee, said the tentative plan was for the 1st and 2nd class of '49 to pool their funds and buy one gift. Elmo Livingston, president of the 1st class of '49, was present at the meeting and acted as their representative.

For the 2nd class of '49 Bell made the following recommendations:

1. Water fountain to be put in front of the Student Memorial Center.
2. A trophy case to go in the card room of the Memorial Center.
3. A set of chimes to be installed with the clock which is to be placed in the Memorial Center.
4. An organ to be placed where ever needed.
5. A silver serving set to be engraved and placed in the Student Memorial Center.

After the recommendations Don Jarvis, vice-president of the class, said that the class should act officially in getting the two classes to pool their money. Livingston said he could not act officially for the 1st class of '49 then, but he added, there was a committee in his class working on recommendations for a gift and would present these recommendations tonight at their class meeting. George Edwards followed by making the motion that the 2nd class agree to pool their funds with the 1st. The

class approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Kasper then advised the 2nd class to decide on a gift to be contingent with decision of the 1st class. Dick Denny made the motion for the chimes. The motion was seconded and carried by a large majority.

A motion was made and passed that Kasper appoint a committee of three men to work with a similar committee in the 1st class to iron out the details of the gift, providing, of course, that the two classes agree on the chimes as the gift. If they don't agree, a joint meeting of the two classes will be held to decide on an appropriate gift.

Bob McClure showed the class color post-cards which are to go on sale by the end of dead week. Ninety-five per cent of the profits will go to the class fund and five per cent will be retained for the cadet officers fund.

Billy Shields made the motion that a class roster be made before the end of the semester so that the men would have some means to keep in contact with each other after graduation. The class agreed on this and Shields was selected to head the committee to carry this plan through.

The question of whether juniors would be allowed to wear boots to the Final Ball was brought up. It was decided that they would not. Also, sophomores will not wear summer surge.

Roy Blanton, social secretary, was called on to give the class a financial report, which he did. Blanton also discussed the results

of the Senior Ring Dance with the class.

Kasper recommended to the class that letters of appreciation be written to the people who have been of great help to the class during the year. George Edwards said it would be proper and appropriate if individuals would personally thank many of these people for their untiring work in the class behalf.

Nominations were made for a class agent to represent the 2nd class of '49. Tommy Splitzgerber from Mason was elected.

Following the election of Splitzgerber, the class discussed commencement exercises. It was mutually decided that graduating seniors in the Corps wear uniforms to the exercises.

After a discussion the meeting was adjourned.

## Candidates For European Tour Apply at YMCA

Letters of application of candidates who wish to make the annual European student tour must be submitted to M. L. Cashion, secretary of the YMCA, or to C. G. White, director of Student Activities before 5 p. m. Monday, April 23.

The letter of application should tell why the student thinks that they should make the tour and why he would want to make it. Cashion said. It should also include the student's journalistic and public speaking background. Phases of European life that are of particular interest to the student may also be added.

The tour will cost approximately \$900, Cashion continued. A sum of \$400 will be furnished the student through joint contributions of the YMCA and the Student Activities Office.

The student who is to make the tour will be chosen by the Student Welfare and Recreation Committee. This committee consists of C. G. White, Dr. Jack Miller, head of the Animal Husbandry Department; Bill Carmichael, athletic director; M. L. Cashion, secretary of the YMCA; Doyle Avant, president of the Junior Class; Charles Howard, a member of the Student Life Committee and Ted Copeland, a Colonel in the Cadet Corps.

To be eligible the student must agree to write articles for the Battalion while he is on the tour and must also agree to speak to campus clubs and continue writing articles for two semesters following the tour.

The Student Life Committee recommended that the student should have sufficiently high grades so that he will be able to continue to do passing work despite the numerous speeches which he would be expected to make the following semesters.

The object of the tour is to get a student's point of view concerning the educational and economic conditions in different European countries. Various organizations in the United States send students on this tour every year. One of these is the National Committee of the YMCA for student work. The tour will cover England, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Italy, Germany, and several Russian States if possible, Cashion said.

The representative from A&M last year was Don McClure. Approximately 80 students from the U. S. made the tour last year. The group this year will leave the United States on June 30 and will return approximately September 10, Cashion concluded.

## Caudill to Attend Building Meeting

W. W. Caudill, professor of architecture, will participate in a school building conference to be held next week by Columbia University in New York City. Caudill will be the guest of Douglas Haskell, editor of the Architectural Forum.

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These five local stars appear in the Aggie Players' presentation of "Ghosts" in Guion Hall tonight. Top row: Betty Jo Edwardson and George Willman, center: Lindell James, and bottom row: Karl Wyler and Jeanne Kernode.

## Betty Jo Edwardson Plays Lead Role In Ibsen Drama

By CARL STEVENS

Betty Jo Edwardson, who is well remembered for leading the casts of the Aggie Players' production of "Hedda Gabler" and "The Little Foxes" is again the star of one of their presentations, Henrik Ibsen's "Ghosts."

She will have a highly dramatic role such as she has played in other productions here. Her ability in this type of part has been proven many times. She has been cast in similar parts, not only here at A&M, but also at TSCW where she took part in "The Cherry Orchard" and "The Show Off."

Such dramatic gazings as Mary Shaw and Mme. Nazimova have been seen as Mrs. Alving, the character Mrs. Edwardson will portray.

Mrs. Alving's Character

Mrs. Alving is a woman who was forced by society to remain with her husband regardless of what he was and in spite of his depraved condition. She is an intelligent woman who, after her husband's death, has successfully taken care of her estate and attempted to hide from the world her husband's sins by creating a false air of purity to surround his memory.

While doing this she gradually changes the ideas of morality she once held dear. The fact that her son whom she sent away from her father and herself when he was very young, returns to her a diseased youth reminds her so much

## Friestadt Asks Consideration

Washington, May 19 —(AP)—Hans Freistadt, avowed Communist, told congressmen yesterday that if his atomic energy commission fellowship is taken away, the same sort of thing may happen later to a "militant new dealer, a progressive, or even a Republican."

The Austrian-born student defended his Communist beliefs but at the same time asserted he is loyal to the United States. He said he would quit the party if he believed it to be under foreign control.

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## 'Ghosts' To Be Staged Tonight In Guion Hall

Henrik Ibsen's "Ghosts," described as "Ibsen's most remarkable polemic, and perhaps his most intellectual effort," is slated for production tonight in Guion Hall at 8 by the Aggie Players.

This latest of the Players' productions was banned for many years by the censors in most European countries because of its theme. When first produced, critics of both art and life praised it, however.

Havelock Ellis, who is famous for his books on love and marriage, said: "In 'Ghosts' it seems to me Ibsen reached the highest point of his art."

Sin As Theme

The central idea of "Ghosts" is that the sins of the father shall be visited unto the children of the third and fourth generation. A more immediate social theme is the extent to which a wife should hold to her marriage vows when her husband is depraved and diseased.

The story is about a woman who, when the pastor with whom she was in love sent her back to her corrupt husband, fought for a life that would conceal her husband's villainess. She fought this battle especially for her son whom she sent away as soon as he was able to ask questions about the situation.

Cast Of Five

Great dramatic tensions are built up in "Ghosts," even though the cast consists of only five people. Betty Jo Edwardson is starred as Mrs. Alving. The widow who has been faced through her entire

life by the problem of her licentious husband and the results of his excesses.

Oswald, Mrs. Alving's son, portrayed by Lindell James, is in some ways a "ghost" of his father in his actions. His ideas about the ways of life in the artists' section of Paris are extremely shocking to the minister of the community.

Karl Wyler enacts the part of Mr. Manders, the pastor of the local parish.

In many ways Manders is a child in his ideas and beliefs concerning his fellow man. He is a firm believer in the strict doctrines of the church and cannot bear the feeling that his ideals and thoughts, concerning the Alving household, are in any way wrong.

Jeanne Kernode is the girl who works in Mrs. Alving's service. Her name is Regina Engstrand, and she is the daughter of a crippled carpenter, Engstrand, Regina's father, is a disgraced individual who tries to drag them around him down to his level. George Willman will be seen in this role.

George Dillavou, who has been the guiding hand behind the Aggie Players since 1946, directs the production.

## Five Engineers Given Award By Ag Society

Five scholarship keys were awarded to senior students in the Agricultural Engineering Society who have done outstanding work during the past year at a society barbeque which was held at Hensel Park Tuesday evening.

The keys were awarded to Leon Music of Tolar, Bill Napier of Chicago, Leonard Coleman of Mart, Clarence Love of Terrell and Pat Henry of Pontiac, Mississippi. The awards were made by Fred R. Jones who is head of the Agricultural Engineering Department.

Kirwin Manning, president of the Agricultural Council, officially awarded the Student Branch of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers with a certificate for winning the membership contest carried on in the agricultural schools during the past year. The society will have its name engraved upon the plaque in the lobby of the Agricultural Building.

Charles Modisett from Lufkin was announced to be the new president of the Agricultural Engineering Society. He is the First Sergeant of the Army Security Company and was also the secretary-treasurer for the society for the past year. The balloting was carried on in Jones' office during the past week.

Other officers who were elected are Mark W. Gordon of Honey Grove, vice president; Ray E. Bernard of Beaumont, secretary-treasurer; Henry P. O'Neal of Terrell, parliamentary, and Otto R. Kunze of La Grange, reporter.

Special guests for the evening were Dean and Mrs. Howard W. Barlow, Dean Marion Harrington and Dean Charles N. Sheppard. Mr. and Mrs. Kirwin Manning and a group of rural electrification short course students were other guests for the evening.

Dean Sheppard complimented the society for the splendid work which it has done during the past semester. He said that the fine display put on by the students and faculty of the organization during the Open House Day is only one of the outstanding examples of the work which the society has been doing all year.

Earlier in the evening, the engineers had a soft ball game with the men from the Range and Forestry Department. Later a short game was played with the men attending the rural electrification short course.

## Texas Colleges Set Bond Sale

DALLAS, May 19, (AP)—All except one tax-supported Texas college have voted to put their building bonds on public sale July 7 instead of handling each bond issue separately.

The action was taken yesterday at a meeting of officials of the colleges.

Texas Tech, which was not represented at the meeting, already had announced its bonds will be sold separately. In addition, the University of Texas and A&M will offer some \$15,000,000 in a different type of bonds July 14.

The decision means that some \$12,000,000 in school bonds will be offered for sale July 7. Clarence E. Crowe, an investment counselor who attended the meeting, estimated.

That will be the official start of a great building program for Texas colleges, said R. L. Thomas of Dallas, a regent for the state teachers colleges.

Attending the meeting were W. J. McConnell, North Texas State College president; Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor for the A & M College System; E. J. Howell, president of John Tarleton Agricultural College; E. H. Herford, president of North Texas Agricultural College; John C. Jones, regent for Texas College of Arts and Industries; W. P. Hamblin, regent for Texas State College for Women; L. H. Hubbard, TSCW president; W. M. Loveless, TSCW business manager; R. L. Thomas, regent for the state teacher colleges; and John D. McCall, investment counselor.

## Nebraska Teacher To Speak on Corn

The use of atomic energy in studying the genetic changes in hybrid corn will be the main topic of The American Farmer program heard over WTAW Saturday, May 21, at 12:30.

Another discussion on corn will be held by Professor Frolik of the University of Nebraska. He will give a report on corn, seed on hand, and the outlook for corn and corn products.

## Prince Appeal Bond Is Set at \$15,000

DALLAS, May 19 —(AP)—Federal Judge T. Whitfield Davidson today set appeal bond at \$15,000 for Willie Otto Prince, Corsicana car dealer and cattleman under 10 year sentence on charges of robbing the First State Bank at Rice last August.

## Jim Snider Winner Of Welding Award

By HANK MECHALAK

Jim B. Snider, senior mechanical engineering student from Waxahatchee, has been chosen as winner of the \$200 First Prize A. F. Davis Undergraduate Welding Award for writing the best paper on a phase of welding.

Basis for his prize was an article, "The Atomic and Crystalline Structures of Metals," printed in the December, 1948 issue of the Texas A&M Engineer. R. E. Harwood, then editor of the Engineer, received notice of Snider's award in a telegram from the New York office of the American Welding Society.

Details of the presentation have not yet been released, according to the telegram, but presentations will be made when the American Welding Society holds its annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Winners last year were Robert Baysinger of Ohio State University and Mark J. Orelup of Rose Polytechnic, Terre Haute, Indiana. A duplicate cash prize award of \$200 will be made to The Engineer for printing the winning article. A. F. Davis, sponsor of the award, is vice president and secretary of the Lincoln Electric Company, Cleveland.

In the nation wide contest, no restriction was placed on entries so long as they covered some phase of welding design or its application to construction. Any undergraduate in any college or university in the United States or Canada was eligible to enter.

Snider's prize winning article dealt with the atomic structure of metals and strength of iron crystals. In developing this topic, he explained the weld stages, the weld metal, the solid weld and the growth of crystals. To emphasize his descriptive processes in welding techniques common to most metals, Snider used a series of simplified charts and drawings of atoms, planes and molecules.

A graphic illustration of the various changes in metal as it is heated was shown by a thermometer. At different temperatures, he showed transition of crystals as the degree of heat was increased. His article was made more meaningful to the reader because all terms used in explaining the processes were defined in "everyday" words.

Davis sponsors the writing contest each year to stimulate undergraduate interest in welding. Article entries in the contest were judged by the Educational Committee of the American Welding Society. They judged each article for originality of subject chosen, originality and clarity of presentation, and thoroughness with which the subject was presented.

## Brazos Club To Have Barbecue

When the Brazos County A&M Club entertains Aggie athletes and coaches of all spring sports this Thursday at the Bryan Country Club they will have as guests approximately 250 heavy eaters, including all coaches and the yell leaders.

Baseball will account for approximately 50 guests, basketball 35, track 20, tennis 15, swimming 22, golf 14, rifle team 10, pistol team 9 and fencing 6, which together with the coaches and yell leaders, adds up to a distinguished list of guests.

Club president Oscar Crain states that he feels sure any member of the Brazos County A&M Club, after seeing this list of prospective guests, will be glad to purchase his ticket to give these men a royal party Thursday night. It will be fairly easy and painless to obtain a ticket for this affair, Crain says, if the member goes to O'Connell's Pharmacy, Black's Pharmacy, Conway & Company, Lipson's Pharmacy, AggieLand Pharmacy, or to the thirty or forty Aggie selling these tickets.

Crain even goes so far as to suggest that each club member try it Monday or Tuesday to see that the purchase of a ticket is not difficult.

Pinky Downs, who is in charge of transportation, said that all members and friends who plan to attend the meeting should drop by Hart Hall at 6:30 at pick up the athletes. The barbecue starts at 7 p. m.

## Sophomores Note; Four Runoffs Due

The Sophomore Class held elections for next year's officers Tuesday night at the Grove. No final selection was made, since none of the candidates received a majority of the written votes.

According to A. D. Martin, present president of the Class, the following men will be in a runoff next Tuesday night: For president, Wilman Barnes and Don Joseph; for vice-president, Bill Parise and Joe Johnson; for secretary-treasurer, John McCall and Dave Coslett, for social secretary, Bill Thompson and Bill Carnish.

## A&M Top In NIRA Part Scores Show

The A&M Rodeo Team is first in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association standings as of March 16, 1949, according to Charlie Rankin, president of the NIRA.

This standing is based on results of four shows, which were held at Texas University, San Francisco, Baylor, and New Mexico A&M. There are five other shows which have not reported results, two of which A&M entered. They are TCU, Hardin-Simmons, Kansas State College, Cameron Agricultural College and the University of Wyoming.

## Town Hall List For Next Year

Selections for next year's Town Hall program were announced today by the Town Hall Selection Committee. The groups which will perform here were chosen from a list of several hundred.

The program includes Joseph Szegedi, violinist; Burl Ives, folk singer; the Robert Shaw Chorus; and Jacques Abram, concert pianist.

Others on the program are the Houston or the San Antonio Symphony Orchestras and some name band such as Spike Jones or Tommy Dorsey. The selections have not been made.

The selection committee consisted of four faculty members and four students. The faculty members were Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean at the Annex; L. F. Hauer of the English Department; Palmer Barker of the Physics Department and W. M. Turner, director of the Singing Cadets. The students were Helmut Quirnan, president of the Singing Cadets; Guy B. Daniel, Town Hall Manager; George Charlton, Battalion reporter and Roy L. Blanton, social secretary of the Senior Class.

The groups which are scheduled to perform will represent more than \$9000 worth of talent. C. G. White, director of Student Activities, said.

## R and F Students Make Range Tour

Thirty students in Range and Forestry 401 made a tour Friday of several range areas near Conroe and vicinity. D. F. Wilson, professor of range and forestry, conducted the field trip.

The class visited a large forest of loblolly pine east of Conroe. Some of the pine had been cut for lumber and hardwoods were taking over.

Undisturbed vegetation was observed along a railroad track. Switch grass, which is commonly adapted along the Coastal Prairie region, was identified by the group. Bushy bluestem and silver beard, two tall grasses, were found growing in that area.

The class visited the Marcus Ross farm and ranch near Conroe. Ross has recently built a large home from pine trees grown on his farm. He used a portable saw mill, furnished by the extension service, to saw his lumber.

## Fire and Storm Take Toll of Two Vessels

HALIFAX, N.S., May 18. (AP)—The eight crewmen of the fire gutted vessel Urwick were reported rescued yesterday off Newfoundland's east coast by the cable ship Lord Kelvin.