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The Mother's Day dance crowd tries out the revamped grove, which will be the scene of the Final Ball on June 3.

Final Issue For Twenty Graduating Staff Members

Today's issue completes the service of 20 members of The Battalion staff.

John Singletary and Harvey Cherry, managing editors, bow out. Singletary, physics major from Alto, was also the winner of an Arts and Sciences Achievement Award.

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Editors Tom Carter and Kenneth Bond retire with this issue. Carter, geology major from Beaumont, was a Lt. Colonel on the corps staff.

Flying Architects to Visit London Home of Lady Astor

The flying classroom students being sponsored by the Department of Architecture have received an invitation from the Lady Astor to be her guests in London upon their arrival in the capital city of the British Empire.

Lady Astor, has indicated that she would like for the group of students to visit her home in London, which publishes one of England's largest and most influential newspapers.

get all advantages of the contemporary philosophies in what the ideal city should offer its citizens, Meador said.

Students making the trip are Richard I. Alterman, San Antonio; William A. Bilsing, Galveston; Jack T. Crook, Corpus Christi; Henry H. Davis, an ex-Aggie from Shreveport, La.; A. E. Howard, San Antonio; Emmitt Ingram, Ft. Worth; Marmad Jaccard, Jr., Houston; Donald E. Jarvis, Ft. Worth; Russell L. Lown, San Antonio; Tom B. Livesay, Beaumont; Ira P. Montgomery, Baytown; Gerald Selinger, San Antonio; Clayton R. Shivers, Amarillo; James E. Goodrich, Houston; Eugene J. Huggins, Bryan; and Dr. T. O. Schindler, Galveston.

Turkey Short Course June 6

Arrangements for the turkey short course, which will be held on the campus from June 6 to June 11, have been completed according to E. D. Parnell, chairman of the committee.

Sponsored by the Poultry Department, the short course will be attended by approximately thirty persons.

Registration will be held in the Poultry Department Office, Agricultural Building, from 8 to 10 a.m. June 6. It will be handled by Poultry Department personnel, and the registration fee will be \$5 per person, Parnell said.

Rooms may be secured in college accommodations during registration and they will be provided in Dormitory-16. A charge of \$1 per night per person will be made with the college furnishing all linens. Meals may be obtained at the Aggeland Inn, or in the cafeteria of Sbis Hall.

B Infantry Has Barbecue June 3

B Infantry plans a barbecue for Friday night, June 3, as a final farewell to the graduating seniors. Freshmen from Bryan Field that plan to be in the outfit and old members are invited, according to J. C. Roberts B Company publicity man.

B Company has three graduating seniors: E. B. Chasman, Aaron Charles, and E. C. Nichols, who will be special guests at the barbecue, Roberts added.

Ponthieux Is Director Of Summer Sports

The Recreation Council of College Station has announced the appointment of Nickle Ponthieux as new recreational director of this area for the summer months of June, July and August.

Ponthieux is an instructor in the A&M Physical Education Department and has worked at the A&M Annex this year instructing freshman classes in tumbling and conditioning.

He will organize and direct a program of softball, tumbling, boxing, and tennis at the A&M Consolidated high school. A copy of the exact schedule, when completed will be placed in the hands of all school children before school is dismissed next week.

The swimming program will again be under the direction of Art Adamson, A&M Swimming coach, according to Mrs. Fred Hale swimming chairman.

Diving instruction will be given by Emil Mammaliga, A&M diving coach.

Two junior baseball teams will be organized and coached by Les Richardson, Consolidated High School principal. Boys from 11 to 14 will be eligible for membership and games with Bryan Junior teams will be scheduled, Ponthieux said.

Spring Term Ends Friday

Spring Semester, 1949, will be officially over Friday, June 3, the Registrar's Office said today, after the last conflict final has been taken. Grades will be posted in most courses Friday, and by the time summer school begins, all the grades will be entered in the files at the Registrar's Office.

Finals will begin Saturday and continue through Thursday, with Friday being "conflict day" for those who took too many courses with the same letter after the section number.

Registration for the first summer session will be held Monday, June 6, for those students who did not register May 12. The first session will begin Tuesday, June 7, at 7 a. m., and will end July 10. Registration for the second term will begin Monday, July 18, and classes will start Tuesday morning. The second session will be over Saturday, August 27.

Today's paper is the last for this semester. The Battalion will be published three days a week during the summer months, starting Wednesday, June 8.

Square Dance In Grove Saturday

The Promenaders and the "Aggie Squares" will have an old fashion square dance on the Slab Saturday night at 8, Bob Lyle, publicity director for the groups, said today.

Dr. Carl Lyman, and Mrs. Asa Hildebrand will be the callers for the evening. Music will be provided by the juke box, Lyle said.

All of the summer Friday-night dances will be built around these groups. Non-Members interested in square dancing are invited, Lyle said.

Kipling, Poe and Potts — Poets All ...

Poet Laureate Of Campus Named After Dis-spirited Contest Ends

By FRANK CUSHING

The Battalion which has prided itself during the past two semesters on featuring the most pointed and least interesting contests ever designed by a warped mind (i.e. So You Know A&M?, Tall Tales) is overjoyed to announce it has reached the ultimate of such contests. Further, The Batt would like to state that this contest—The Poetry Contest—has succeeded in securing the most apathetic reader-reaction ever recorded to an accredited, competitive event of this nature.

In short the recent efforts by the Battalion to locate the Poet Laureate of A&M have ended with a terrific flop. The expected hotly-contested battle simmered down to something quite the contrary.

For those readers who failed to notice the cartoons run on the editorial page for the past few weeks—and there evidently was a large number who did—they were designed by the members of the Bat-

talion staff to ignite the creative desire within those who observed the pictures. Beneath each picture was a carefully written but incomplete poem. The idea was that by seeing the cartoons and reading the lines of poetry—each student would be seized with a mad desire to supply a last line which would be both humorous and apt.

The poems were skillfully constructed by Marvin Rice who has held the position of poetry editor because of his ability and qualifications. (He can rhyme all sorts of things like moon and June; some times, when he's feeling especially gifted, he makes three line poems and use the word upon too.)

Unfortunately a slight snafu popped up when one accepted the responsibility of starting and promoting the contest. Therefore, in defiance of those students who might have rallied to the call, it must be admitted that the cartoons and incomplete verses appeared in the columns with little fanfare to herald their coming.

However, despite the lack of contestants or rather because of them, an individual has been awarded the title of The Poet Laureate of A&M. By dint of being the only entry to complete all the featured poems Scott E. Potts, has achieved this doubtful distinction. Potts is a junior from Denison who is majoring in chemical engineering.

Along with the title of Poet Laureate, Potts will receive the first (and only) prize which consists of a set of plastic dominoes. The dominoes are of the non-galloping variety and were contributed to the contest by the Memorial Center's confectioneries—Campus Corner and the Cave.

The runners-up for the title and prize were Joe Bodine and a poet with the unusual name of Posticus Leuticus. Bodine is a faithful follower of all the Battalion's contests having submitted fully seven stories to the Tall Tales affair. His poems made up in suggestibility what they lacked in meter.

The prolific if anonymous writer who appeared under the pen name of Posticus Leuticus, devoted the majority of his poems to slandering the Battalion and its editorial writers. Although all of the judges were members of the editorial staff, they showed no prejudice as they burned Posticus's Poems.

Single contributions to the contest were made by H. C. Wilson, who lives in Bryan, David A. Sanders, Jacksonville, and Hilton Lytle, College Station. Lytle's poem was the best of all those received. However, quality alone couldn't win this contest.

With the awarding of the plastic dominoes—which should give Potts something better to do than write poems, the Battalion closes its contest activities for the year. Next year, however, more contests of this nature may be expected. After all, even if the articles don't interest anyone, they fill up a lot of space in the columns which might otherwise be empty.

Over 1,200 Seniors To Receive Diplomas At Commencement

'Great Issues' Is Rated By Students

Randolph Churchill will be rated as the speaker most enjoyed by the Great Issues Class this semester, according to Dr. S. R. Gammon after a check of about one-half of the questionnaires filled out by the class members. Dr. Eisenhower and James O'Brien are running a close race for the next most enjoyed, but there has been no indication as to who will win last place.

An overwhelming approval of the Great Issues course is also indicated, as well as the desirability of having the course offered again. Nearly every questionnaire examined indicated that ten speakers were not too many in number for the program and that the topics discussed have led to considerable out of class discussion.

One of the most interesting reactions, according to Dr. Gammon, was the question "Do you think the course of study in each of the several schools should be revised so that Great Issues would be required of all seniors here (as is the case at Dartmouth) with no increase in present total of hours necessary for graduation?" On this, the vote was two to one in favor of such a change. The vote on whether the course should be changed from a two-hour to a three hour course was about two to one against the change.

Suggestions for changing the course indicates a desire to avoid two-hour night meetings, an aversion to required parallel reading, a preference for quizzes on essentials touched by visiting speakers over quizzes on the Sunday New York Times, and a preference for a closer check on absences from public meetings of the class. Other preferences expressed were: more time for discussion in class on articles in the New York Times; one or more debate sessions by visiting speakers; and an objection to visitors who read their speeches.

Spence Accepts Bids for New Science Hall

Sealed proposals for the construction of the Science Building will be received by T. R. Spence, manager of physical plants of the A&M System, beginning next Tuesday, J. H. Getz, assistant to the A&M System architect, announced today.

The new building will have a floor area of approximately 56,000 square feet. The proposals will be received in Room 33 of the Administration Building, Getz said. Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. on Tuesday, June 28. At that time all the proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Separate bids will be received for general construction, plumbing, heating, electrical work and the freight elevator, Getz continued.

Information, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the A&M System architect in Room 238 of the Administration Building.

A deposit of \$25 will be required for either general construction or mechanical plans or a deposit of \$50 to cover both. All deposits will be refunded upon the return of the plans, Getz concluded.

Phone Officials, City Council Meet

Officials of the Southwestern States Telephone Company will meet with the College Station City Council and interested citizens at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, June 2 in the city hall.

This meeting was arranged in response to action by the College Station Development Association and city council asking the telephone company to show cause why it has failed to live up to terms of its contract. The company is now operating under a franchise, granted in 1939, which has six years to run. The franchise binds the company to "furnish services to its subscribers and to maintain their plant and equipment in good condition."

Baccalaureate Sermons Will Be Held in Guion, Assembly Hall

More than 1,200 seniors will be graduated from A&M at Commencement Friday, June 3. Commencement activities at A&M will begin Friday, at 10 a.m. and will continue through Saturday, June 4, when Final Review is over.

Included in the activities are the Baccalaureate Sermons, presentation of Reserve Commissions, President's Reception, the Commencement Exercises, Final Ball, and Final Review.

Baccalaureate sermons will be given in two places Friday at 10. Reverend Joseph Copeland of the First Presbyterian Church in Denton will speak in Guion Hall to engineering, veterinary medicine graduates, and candidates for advanced degrees.

Reverend Albert P. Shirkey of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Houston will speak in the Assembly Hall for agricultural and arts and sciences graduates. According to W. E. Street, chairman of the Commencement Committee, two baccalaureates will be given this year because of the large graduating class.

Reserve Commissions. Reserve commissions will be presented to advanced ROTC students at 1 p. m. Major General Lewis A. Pick, chief of Engineers, U. S. Army and Major General Glenn O. Bares, commanding general of the Twelfth Air Force, will speak at the presentation.

President and Mrs. F. C. Bolton will hold Open House from 2:30 until 4:30 Friday afternoon for graduates, their relatives and friends, and for faculty and staff members.

Commencement exercises will be held in Kyle Field at 8 p. m. President D. M. Wiggins of Texas Technological College in Lubbock will deliver the address. Dr. Wiggins received his bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons and went to Vernon High School as principal and coach. From there he went to Canadian as principal and coach, and was later made superintendent at Canadian.

Years of Service. Wiggins went to Yale, where he received his master's degree. He also received his Ph.D. from Yale a few years later. Appointed dean of Hardin-Simmons, he served until he went to the El Paso School of Mines as president in 1935. He received an honorary LL.D. from Hardin-Simmons in 1943, and received his present appointment at Texas Tech in 1948. Dr. Wiggins is listed in Who's Who in America.

President F. C. Bolton will give greetings, and the program will begin with the processional. Music for the processional will be furnished by the Aggie Band.

Invocation for the exercises will be given by the Rev. James M. Moody of the A&M Christian Church. Benediction will be given by the Rev. James E. Fowler, of the A&M Church of Christ.

Ryman Is Valedictorian. Dean M. T. Harrington will present the valedictorian, William P. Ryman of Matagorda. President Bolton will confer the degrees, and G. E. White, president of the Board of Directors, will present the diplomas. The hand will play for the recessional.

Friday night the Final Ball will be held in The Grove. Music will be furnished by the Aggeland Orchestra. An All-College Dance, it will begin at 9.

Saturday morning, June 4, the Final Review of the Corps will be held on the Main Drill Field, beginning at 9:30. At the review, graduating seniors will turn over their organizations to the juniors who will command them next fall. This will be the official end of the activities for the spring semester of 1949.

Committee Members. The Commencement Committee has requested that everyone come prepared to stay throughout the Commencement Services as a courtesy to the graduates. Members of the committee are Col. H. L. Boatner, E. L. Heaton, S. A. Lynch, Bonnie Rinn, and Bob Murray. W. E. Street is chairman of the committee.

Fayette Club Sets Barbecue June 4

The Fayette County Club will have a barbecue at Morgan's Camp in Smithville at 7 p. m. on June 4. The club decided at a meeting Monday evening.

Tickets for the event may be purchased from George Willman in Room 84, Milner Hall, or from Ray Lyons in Room 423, Dormitory 7. The tickets are selling for \$1.00 each. Deadlines for all ticket sales was set for Friday, May 27, Willman said.

Club members may bring dates and drinks will be furnished by the club, Willman concluded.



William P. Ryman, valedictorian of the class of 1949.

Ryman Will Be Class of '49 Valedictorian

William Paine Ryman of Matagorda is the valedictorian of the 1949 graduating class at A&M. H. L. Heaton, Registrar, reported today.

A geology major, Ryman has a grade point ratio of 3.94. He won the Houston Geological Society's annual award of a five-year paid membership in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists on May 9. Ryman received the award for delivering a paper before the association entitled, "The Origin of the Caliche Zone of the Gulf Coast of Texas."

Ryman entered A&M in September, 1942 and was a member of the 3rd Hq. Battery of the Field Artillery. In January, 1943, he entered the AAF and became a navigator and was discharged as a First Lieutenant.

He returned to A&M in February 1946, and has been here continuously except for one summer session in 1948. Since returning, he has served both as an assistant laboratory instructor and as a laboratory instructor.

Ryman is a member of the Geology Club, the Scholarship Honor Society, and Tau Beta Pi. He is 25 years old, married, and lives in Bryan.

Ryman plans to return to A&M next fall to work on his master's degree in geology.