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Jacques Abram To Be Here in January

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Guion Hall will resound to the thunderous applause of the Town Hall audience, January 5 when Jacques Abram, celebrated pianist makes his appearance there.

Since his electrifying Carnegie Hall Concert in 1946, Jacques Abram has won an international reputation as one of the big pianists of front rank stature.

He has been acclaimed by such national magazines as Life, Liberty, and Harpers Bazaar. In the course of his brilliant six week tour of South and Central America during 1947 critics spoke of him as "one of the greatest masters of the piano."

Early Days

At the age of five, Abram started off on the road to becoming a concert pianist. It began with a visit to his grandmother at Lufkin, Texas. In the home was a piano on which an older cousin was taking lessons at the time.

The second morning the household was awakened at daybreak by Jacques, perched on the stool in his night clothes, trying to pick out a tune. Each morning thereafter he was up at dawn for the same purpose.

Although Jacques' mother was innately musical, no other member of his family had thought of music as a career for him.

Yet from the time of that first introduction to the piano young Abram could not be held back.

Scholarships

At ten, Abram was awarded a scholarship to the Curtis Institute. Three years later the Juilliard Graduate School gave him a fellowship. In 1938 he won first prize of the annual Federation of Music Clubs contest and the Schubert Memorial Award.

He then made his formal debut as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy in Philadelphia Academy of Music and then in Carnegie Hall.

Lives in New York

Although Abram was born in Lufkin and his family resides in Houston, he now lives in New York when not on tour. He has a studio apartment on New York's street of music—57th street—also known as "Musicians Row."

Not too far from Abram's apartment is the mecca of pianists, the basement of famed Steinway Piano Company.

"Take any normal day and you will find half a dozen of the world's great pianists making their way to the 20 pianos in the basement, hearing their colleagues play, exchanging shop talk, and arguing fine points with the piano tuners."

Huge Audiences

When Abram appeared with the Symphony Orchestra of Mexico at the Places of Fine Arts in Mexico City, audiences of standing room only proportions greeted his playing of the Brahms' First Piano Concerto with tumultuous ovations.

Fifty thousand gathered to hear his performance of the Rachmaninoff Second Piano Concerto at Grant Park in Chicago in August 1947.

Critics Comments

Abram's return to music-making at Carnegie Hall, after four years of war service, provided one of the most stirring concerts in New York's crowded music season.

The New York Sun placed him "among our foremost pianists," the New York Herald Tribune Reviewer called him "a pianist of exceptional gifts, fiery temperament, driving force, and incandescent spirit."

The Houston Post said "the beauty of his performance was of the sort that tightens the throat and dims the eye."

Town Hall Tickets

Town Hall student season tickets will be on sale at registration on August 27 and September 17. They may also be purchased at the Student Activities Office.

Price for students is general admission, \$3.50; reserved seats, \$5.50.

Non-student season tickets will not go on sale until October 12, but at that time they will be offered on a first-come first-served basis, according to C. G. White, director of Student Activities.

WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Generally fair this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperatures; moderate east and southeast winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS—Generally fair this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; except a few scattered showers in Panhandle Thursday afternoon; not much change in temperatures.

SUNNY—Thunder showers in Panhandle Thursday afternoon; not much change in temperatures.

Breazeale Will Be Annex Dean

William G. "Breezy" Breazeale, assistant director of Student Affairs, has been named Dean of Students at the Annex for the 1949-50 school year, according to W. L. Penberthy, dean of students.

Breazeale has been on the college staff since 1945. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Industrial Education.

Coming from Crockett Breazeale received his B.A. in 1935. He won three letters and one numeral in basketball while in school here. He also won a letter in track. Breazeale captained the Aggie basketball team in 1935.

Serving in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II, Breazeale attained the rank of major. He served with the 147th Infantry.

"We are very fortunate in having Breazeale at the annex as Dean of Students and I know that he will do a good job," Dean W. L. Penberthy said.

"He will be a lot of help to the new students," Penberthy added.

Town Hall Tickets For Non-Students

Emphasis was placed today on the fact that non-student season tickets for Town Hall may not be purchased until October 12, by C. G. White, director of Student Activities.

White also said that non-student tickets could not be purchased by phone or mail, but would be sold only at the Office of Student Activities in Goodwin Hall.

No person may buy more than four non-student tickets.

VA Office Heads Here Thursday

Two representatives of the Veterans Administration regional office in Waco will be on the campus Thursday, August 25, according to Taylor Wilkins, college veterans advisor.

They will be at room 240 Bizzell Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or may be contacted by phoning 4-1210 between these hours.

"Any veteran, whether a student at A&M or not, who has any discrepancy with VA matters or has any questions that local representatives cannot answer, is urged to see these representatives at this time," Wilkins said.

A Bunch of Old Fossils . . .

Rock Hunters Gleefully Snoop Out Stone Supply; Capture Dead Crab

By OTTO KUNZE

Have you ever watched a baker mix the ingredients of a cake? Perhaps you haven't. But if you have been around the A&M Campus during the past summer semester you have probably seen what mixing it takes to teach a geology field course which is required for geologists at the University of Texas.

The only difference in this case is that the constituents of the field course did not have to be "beat well" as is required in the mixing of most cake ingredients.

The whole affair has caused a rather unique situation on the A&M Campus. Although the geology course is being taught here, no members of the college faculty are being used. Professors from the Louisiana State University and from the University of Kansas and an instructor from the University of Texas are doing all the teaching. The 39 students constituting the class are also from the "forty acres."

Director of the course is Dr. G. W. Murray, professor of geology at LSU. He is a graduate of LSU and also received his Doctor's degree there in 1941. After receiving his Doctorate, he did geology work for the Magnolia Petroleum Company for seven years. During the past year he has been



Billie Jo Nevills, Bryan High School's entry in the twirling contest on Kyle Field September 17, has won five first places in twirling meets. She will be among the beauties who will lend color to the occasion when the Aggies open against Villanova under the arcs.

Library Recalls Books on Loan

Students and faculty are requested to return all library books to the Library, by Friday, August 26, Paul S. Balance, librarian, said today.

Physics Lab Book Is Being Published

A new laboratory manual for Physics 201 and 202 is now being published and will be ready for use at the beginning of the Fall semester, says C. H. Bernard, author of the book.

The title of the Manual is Laboratory Experiments in College Physics, and is being published by Ginn & Co.

Although the book is to be used in both courses, those students who already have the mimeographed copy of it from their 201 course may use it in 202 this semester, Bernard said.

This manual has already gained widespread recognition throughout the state and is used in four other colleges.

The book was designed to be used with the simplest apparatus and can be used in conjunction with any text book, Bernard added.

Registration Starts Saturday; Room Sign-Up Ends Thursday

Student Identification Cards To Be Prepared at Registration

Student identification cards will be prepared for all students and any college staff members who desire them, according to Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men.

The cards will be prepared by the Photographic and Visual Aids Laboratory and will be issued by the Registrar's Office.

Water Carnival To End Summer Recreation

Two water carnivals will climax the College Station summer recreational program this week. Both will be held at the A&M swimming pool under the direction of Art Adamson, Aggie swimming coach.

The first carnival will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. Taking part in the event will be low beginners, Class C; low intermediates, Class A; high beginners and the advanced class.

The second carnival will be held Friday at 8 p.m. It will include low beginners, Class A; low intermediates, Class B; and low intermediates, Class C.

On both nights the program will include comedy diving, exhibition of fancy diving, and individual competition in several events.

On Wednesday night boys 13 and under will compete in a two-lengths back stroke race and girls 13 and under will compete in the 2-lengths free style.

Friday night three races will be held: two-length breast stroke for girls 13 and under, one length back stroke for girls 11 and under, and one free style for boys.

SAM Wives Club Completes Plans

The Sam Wives Club met Tuesday night in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA to complete plans for an open house to be given Thursday, September 22 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

All wives of management engineering majors and their husbands are invited to attend, Mrs. Dick Trainer, acting chairman, said.

The first business meeting of the semester will be held September 29 to elect officers.

All wives of management engineering majors interested in joining the SAM Wives Club are urged to attend this meeting in order that they may vote for the officers for the Fall semester, Mrs. Trainer said.

Preliminary registration procedures got underway here yesterday as students commenced to pay their fees and get their new room assignments for the Fall semester.

In order to keep the room which they now occupy, all students now enrolled who expect to attend school during the Fall semester should pay their fees and register for their rooms before 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Students in school under the GI Bill of Rights should secure their fee waiver slips from the Veteran Advisor's Office in Room 104, Goodwin Hall. All students should pay their fees at the Fiscal Office.

Representatives from the Fiscal Office will be in Goodwin Hall, Room 100 on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 23 and 24. After Wednesday students will be required to pay their fees in the Administration Building.

Room Reservations

Students who wish to reserve the rooms they now occupy or the rooms they occupied during the spring semester in dormitories now closed should register for their rooms immediately. Thursday noon, August 25, is the deadline for this purpose. Students who wish to change rooms within the dormitory they now occupy may do so by presenting a room change slip signed by the housemaster prior to Thursday noon.

Students who fall into any category not listed above may sign for rooms on a first-come-first-served basis beginning at 1 p.m., Thursday, August 25.

The Athletic Department will have representatives in Room 100 of Goodwin Hall until Friday afternoon to issue coupon books to students who have paid their fees.

Deadline for Moving

All students must be moved to their newly assigned rooms by 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 27. This includes all students who are planning on moving into a dormitory which is now closed. All dormitories will be open on Thursday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. On Saturday all dormitories will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Side doors will be unlocked for this purpose.

Day students are also requested to pay their fees early and to get their receipts stamped at the Housing Office.

The Photographic and Visual Aids Laboratory will have a booth in the Sbia Hall Annex all day Saturday for the purpose of taking pictures for the identification cards. Registration cards will be issued to graduate and undergraduate students at the east entrance to Sbia.

The Exchange Store will accept this list and will package all of the enumerated supplies so that when the student returns in September, all that he will have to do is present his claim check together with his GI orders or cash and the supplies will be delivered to him. Arrangements are being made to use the east window of the Exchange Store for this purpose, Birdwell said.

If the student finds upon his return that he does not need all the books which he had previously listed, the unnecessary books will be removed from the package. By taking advantage of the plan, the student will be able to accomplish in five minutes what otherwise may take hours, to do. Birdwell hopes that between 1000 and 1500 students will take advantage of the plan.

All reserved packages not called for by September 24 will be returned to the stock, Birdwell concluded.

Students remaining on the campus between terms may register for Dormitory 14 by paying room rent of \$6 at the Fiscal Office and presenting the receipt at the Housing Office in Goodwin Hall. This includes students who will live in Dormitory 14 this Fall.

This registration must be completed prior to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Students who will not live in Dormitory 14 this Fall but who will live there between terms should move the bulk of their belongings to the room which they will occupy in the Fall and take only what will be required for a few weeks to Dormitory 14.

Students must be moved to their new rooms prior to 5 p.m. Saturday, as the students from last spring will be arriving for registration September 16 and 17 and will be moving into their rooms, some of which are now occupied by summer students.

The Campus Corner will be closed during this period. The Campus Corner will be open during September 5 through 10 and on September 14 and 15. During this period the Cave will be closed.

J. G. Feniston, subsistence chief, stated that the cafeteria will close this Saturday and will open again on September 15 or 16.



Willy F. Bohlmann Jr. has been named colonel in command of the Sixth Regiment for 1949-50. Bohlmann is majoring in civil engineering.

Lay Away Book Plan Offered By Book Store

If you don't like to stand in line and wait to purchase your books, you should take advantage of the "Lay Away Book Plan" which is being offered by the Exchange Store, Carl Birdwell, manager, said today.

He pointed out that students participating in this plan would be under no obligation when they returned in September. The only action required of the student now is that he make a list of the books which he will need for the Fall semester, then take this list and turn it in to the Exchange Store.

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What's Cooking

BRYAN - COLLEGE STATION NURSES CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, Chamber of Commerce Room, Varisco Building, Bryan.

PETROLEUM WIVES CLUB, 6 p.m., Friday, August 26, Wiener Roast at Sue Haswell's park in Bryan.

BRAZOS CHAPTER TSPE, 5:15 p.m., August 28, Court House lawn Bryan. Inspection of sewage disposal unit and power plant. Dutch supper being arranged.



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