

Abram Due Tonight For Piano Concert On Guion's Stage

BY EMIL BUNJES, JR.
Basking in the kind words of the nation's music critics, Jacques Abram, pianist of growing stature, will entertain the Town Hall audience tonight at 8 p. m. in Guion Hall.

Abram is to arrive in College Station this afternoon at 5 p. m. and will stay in the Aggeland Inn over-night.

The "rising star" among the world's great pianists comes to this area having found unusual success on his extensive tours of the western hemisphere. He has played concerts with the New York Philharmonic, the NBC Symphony, CBS Symphony, and the St. Louis, Chicago, and Houston Symphony Orchestras.

Abram began trodding the road toward becoming a concert pianist when he was five years old. He became acquainted with the piano when he visited the home of his grandmother at Lufkin, Texas. The piano and Abram have been steady companions ever since.

Since the days extension pedals had to be put on the piano to meet his still short legs, Abram has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships. At ten, he was awarded a scholarship to the Curtis Institute and three years later received a fellowship from the Julliard Graduate school.

In 1938 he won first prize of the annual Federation of Music Clubs contest and the Schubert Memorial Award. Following these testimonials, Abram made his formal debut as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy in Philadelphia's Academy of Music and then in New York's Carnegie Hall.

Abram's brilliant career was interrupted in 1942 with the advent of the war when he was called into service in the army, where he served for three and one-half years. One of the most exciting recitals of the 1946 season occurred with the return of Abram to Carnegie Hall.

The pianist's initial debut at the age of eight has been called the most unique in the history of American music. Some twenty years ago in Houston, the distinguished pianist, Ernest Hutcherson, had just finished his concert. Among the first of the swarm of people that went backstage was young Jacques who said calmly to the artist that since he had listened

ed to the entire concert, it was only fair that Hutcherson listen to him play.

Hutcherson was so amused by this display of logic he marched the boy right on the stage. When the pianist announced there would be a second recital, the yet undisturbed number of people resumed their seats.

Houston papers the next day had the following headline: "Ernest Hutcherson and Eight-Year-Old Jacques Abram Give Recital."

The "Dairyman's Short Course" is designed to serve the dairymen and plant fieldmen who do not have the time for more extensive training in dairying or refresher work in this field, Darnell said.

Registration for the course will be held in the YMCA lobby from 8:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. on January 16. There will be a registration fee of \$2.50 per person.

G. G. Gibson, director of the Extension Service, will preside at a dinner to be held at 7 p. m. in Sbisla Hall, January 16. Guest speaker will be A. B. Jolley, County Agricultural Agent, Dallas County.

The first event of the program will be an address of welcome by C. N. Sheppardson, Dean of the School of Agriculture.

R. E. Leighton, associate professor of the D. H. Department, will speak on "Our results with wheat germ oil feeding as related to sterility." A balanced feeding program for the dairy herd," and "Our milking methods."

Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the D. H. Department, will talk on "Present status and future outlook for dairying" and "Possible causes of difficult breeding in dairy cattle."

Other speakers will be A. M. Meekma, Dr. R. R. Shroder, Mark Buckingham, W. B. Anthony, R. E. Eurlason, A. W. Craib, S. E. von Rosenberg, Dr. P. W. Burns, Dr. R. E. Redman, and Dr. A. V. Moore.

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Representing approximately 38,000 students, an eight man team of student presidents huddle in the University of Texas student Union Saturday (Dec. 16) during the Executive Council meeting of TISA. Quarterback Dick Barnebey, president of TISA from North Texas State, (himself not a student body president) called signals for

First Of Its Kind . . .

State and National Officials Praise Batt Safety Edition

A barrage of letters—oddly enough complimentary—has flooded The Battalion offices.

They refer to the recently printed Christmas Safety Section which appeared in the Dec. 16 issue, urging attention to safety throughout the holiday season, especially by A&M students.

F. C. Bolton, President of the College, says, in a letter to the Battalion, "With the appalling number of traffic accidents, it certainly is a worthwhile project to try to impress all of us with the necessity not only of being careful and not taking chances some of the time, but of the need to realize that a single deviation from safe practices may be the one that results in serious injuries to ourselves and to others."

Another comment, this one from the National Safety Council reads, "The Safety Section of The Battalion is really grand, and please accept the sincere congratulations and thanks of the National Safety Council for this outstanding contribution to accident prevention."

Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety says concerning the special edition, "We wish to express to you our appreciation for the cooperation that you have given us in our endeavor to make the streets and highways of Texas safer."

The Automotive Safety Foundation in Washington, D. C., complimenting the Battalion "on a splendid humanitarian project," says, "So far as our people here know, this is the first section published by a college newspaper."

An Aggie Ex. E. C. McFadden, President of the American Society of Safety Engineers, writes in a

letter to President Bolton, "In my opinion the editors of The Battalion are to be highly complimented for their alertness in realizing the need to stress the necessity of caution at this time. I feel sure that their efforts will result in the saving of many lives and injuries which would have resulted had not the importance of safety, been stressed in The Battalion."

McFadden continues in his letter to say, "I would like to compliment the college on its progressiveness in adding a course in

Safety Engineering to the curriculum for engineering students."

Harold P. Jackson, Chairman of the National Committee for Traffic Safety, comments, "I congratulate you upon this excellent production and your alertness respecting the hazard of traffic accidents particularly among students. Your issue is being filed with our national headquarters as an outstanding example of constructive cooperation in this great humanitarian cause."

In a letter from Dallas, Chairman C. J. Rutland of the Citizens' Traffic Commission writes, "I am sure it will have great value to its readers."

From Hartford, Connecticut, the Aetna Life Affiliated Companies says, in a letter to The Battalion, "We have read with interest the special Christmas section of your college newspaper and wish to commend you and the student editors for this worthwhile effort toward greater highway safety."

And from New York, the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies writes, "We most heartily applaud you for noteworthy efforts in the Traffic Safety field."

Started this year, the section was edited by Dave Coslett, Battalion feature editor. Stories for the section were written by members of the feature and news staffs.

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SMU Edges Ags 53-48 In See-Saw Opener Before Packed House

BY F. E. SIMMEN, JR.

Failing to get a fair percentage of their offensive rebounds, the Aggies hung another loss on their already mangled record last night when the SMU Mustangs slipped a 53-48 win over the Farmer cagers before a capacity crowd in De Ware Field House.

Leading at the half, by a small margin, the Aggies still hampered by their inability to start fast, lost the four point lead quickly, but

led again with eight minutes to play and then failed in a final effort to grab a win.

The lead changed hands seven times in the hard fought contest before the Mustangs staged a final drive, with the help of the new "last two minutes" rule to go home with a five point victory under their belts.

Waco ace John DeWitt shared scoring honors with Mustang forward Fred Freeman. Both cagers meshed a total of 15 points; DeWitt making his on seven field goals and one free throw while Freeman slipped in six field goals, and three charities.

Junior Methodist cager Jack Brown, last year's leading Mustang scorer with 11.3 average and 135 points in the conference play, was held to only nine points, five free pitches and two field goals. The 20-year-old, 6' 11" long shot specialist couldn't make his long ones click last night as he made only two of 16 attempted shots.

This is one loss that can't be blamed on a failure to make a fair percentage of free throws, for the Farmers, in sinking 10 of 11 charities, compiled their best percentage of the season.

The Dallas lads slipped in 11 free throws of an attempted 19, but fared just a bit better than the Ags on the field goal averages.

Making 21 out of 68, the Mustangs finished with a 30.8 percentage with the Aggies compiling a 31.6 percentage, sinking 19 of an attempted 60.

Buddy Davis tipped off to Bill Turnbow in the opening jump but the Cadets lost the ball on a walking penalty. Paul Mitchell, bald headed Mustang center made a tip in after Brown shot a long one to start off the scoring for the night.

Quickly the Ag cagers came back to grab a 5-4 lead on field

goals by Davis and De Witt and a charity by Turnbow. This slim lead lasted only 32 seconds as the Mustangs on a jump shot by Freeman took over the lead again.

With only 37 seconds remaining in the first half the Aggies were ahead by a 27 to 22 count which turned out to be their largest margin of the game. Seconds before the half ended Freeman sank a long one handed shot to notch the half time score at 27-24.

In the second half the ball changed hands eleven times before Freeman stole the ball and dribbled in for a crib shot to bring the Mustangs within one point of the slim Aggie lead.

The play zig-bagged back and forth for the next fourteen minutes with neither team ahead by more than three points. Slick and tricky ball handling by Brown led to passes to his teammates four consecutive times for scores.

Wally Moon, racked up ten points in the game to rank second among Aggie scorers. Davis slipped through nine while McDowell made eight and Turnbow and Sutton three points apiece to rank down the line.

Behind sophomore Fred Freeman from Monona, Iowa, came Mitchell, Lutz and Brown in the scoring column. Mitchell meshed 12 points while Lutz scored 11 and Brown nine.

SMU is now involved in a three way tie with Arkansas and Rice with the Aggies in a three way tie for the cellar. If TCU outpouts the Farmers in tonight's contest the Aggies will be undisputed holders of the cellar.

Rice defeated TCU and Arkansas slipped to TU in other games played last night in the Southwest Conference.

BOX SCORE
Aggies (48)
Player FG FT PF TP
DeWitt, F. 7 1 1 15
Turnbow, G. 1 1 2 3
Sutton, C. 1 1 2 3
Davis, C. 3 3 5 9
McDowell, G. 4 0 2 8
Moon, G. 3 4 3 10
Garcia, G. 0 0 1 0
Totals 19 10 16 48

SMU (53)
Player FG TT PF TP
Brown, F. 2 5 1 9
Holm, F. 2 1 2 5
Mitchell, C. 5 2 3 12
Freeman, F. 6 3 3 15
Lutz, C. 5 1 1 11
Owen, G. 0 1 0 1
Totals 20 13 10 53

Turkey Study
Grant Renewed

The Lederle Laboratories of Pearl River, N. Y., is renewing and increasing its grant-in-aid to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the station, said this afternoon.

The grant is \$2,000 for 1950 and is for the purpose of supporting research on the role of folic acid in the nutrition of turkeys.

"Our agreement with the Lederle Laboratories Division of the American Cyanamid Company, has been amended to include research on vitamin B-12 and, or the animal protein factor complex in the nutrition of growing and mature chickens and turkeys," Dr. Lewis says.

"This grant is being made for research under the direction of Dr. J. R. Couch of the Department of Poultry Husbandry and Biochemistry and Nutrition. The annual amount has been increased by \$700 in view of the work that is being done by Dr. Couch and co-workers," the director pointed out.

Hotard Drops Plan
For New Cafeteria

Hotard's Cafeteria of Bryan has dropped plans for the opening of a new cafeteria to be located in College Station. The tentative plans called for the new cafeteria to be located in the old Cadet Cafeteria across from the Aggie Cleaners.

The plans were dropped, according to J. C. Hotard, after it was decided that the new location was too small. The new cafeteria was to have opened early in January.

Staff School Open For Artillerymen

A quota exists for twenty-five Texas Organized Reserve Corps officers to accept a 90-day tour of duty with the Staff and Faculty of the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Chief of the Texas Military District, announced recently. The tours are available from now until June 30, 1950.

The quota is broken down in the following needs: six Lieutenant Colonels, four Majors and two Captains of the Field Artillery Branch; two Chaplains, Captains; two Military Police, three Adjutant Generals, three Signal Corps and two Judge Advocate Generals, all Lieutenants or Captains.

All Organized Reservists desiring to accept a 90-day tour for this duty should have their application in the Texas Military District Headquarters 35 days in advance of the desired starting date. Ap-

TISA Panel Topic On Senate Agenda

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Spike Jones proves to three members of this musical deprecation marching society that reconnaissance pays off. This military looking

group of musicians, together with the rest of the Jones troupe, will appear in Guion Hall on Jan. 19 with their 1950 stage review.

Assistantships Open at U of W

Assistantships are open at the University of Wisconsin, financed by the Alumni Research Foundation, Dean I. P. Trotter of the Graduate School, announced today.

Candidates for the assistantships are selected from among students in the natural sciences, including engineering.

"We are interested in students who show exceptional talent and originality," the Foundation said.

Dean Trotter is asked to nominate such students. Applications must be received by the University of Wisconsin by February 16. Dean Trotter has the application blanks.



Jacques Abram, noted young concert pianist, will make his first appearance at A&M tonight in Guion Hall. Abram is currently on a concert tour of the entire nation.