



Need an umbrella to avoid the Brazos dew? Perhaps these slick "Slickerettes," who will appear in Guion Hall at the Spike Jones fracas, could be persuaded to offer their protection. The Slickerettes represent only a portion of luscious femininity which Jones' advance publicity claims for the January 19 program.

## Abram Gives Guion Display of Talent

By GEORGE CHARLTON

Promptly at 8 p.m. with as little fanfare as possible, Jacques Abram walked across the lighted stage of Guion toward the piano and promptly proceeded to give his Town Hall audience a program that, in its entirety, was more of a display of the rising artist's talents rather than sheer musical enjoyment.

Highlight of the two-hour performance was included, not in the regular program, but rather in the interlude of two selections for encores. This was "The Ritual Fire Dance," and true to Abram's book of press releases, gave evidence of "a performance with fire and freedom."

The resounding of Abram's pounding style at the keys of this, his best selection of the evening, left some members of the audience happily enthused and ready for more of the like. Unfortunately, Abram was not disposed to do so.

The rising star initiated his program, devoted almost entirely to 17th and 18th Century music, with two sonatas by Scarlatti. The latter of the two was rousing enough to provoke long and loud applause, but two later selections, "Sonata in A Minor, K. 310" and "Carnival, Opus 9," more or less left those same clapping Town Hallers cold. Most likely, this situation was due to the complete unfamiliarity of the music.

During intermission time, members of the audience seeped out into the halls for rendezvous with cigarette packages. Approximately 1,000 Town Hallers were in attendance.

"La Petit Berger" by Debussy opened the second half of the program. Abram also prepared two other Debussy classics, "Clair de Lune" and "Poissons D'or," for acoustical consumption. This time his nimble and moodful talents, combined with these two, more widely known selections, were not lost in the appreciation of his audience.

A Chopin selection, "Sonata in E Minor, Opus 58," ending the scheduled program also received loud ovations. Abram made his bows and responded with another typically unknown selection, but more enjoyable on the take-in after a first hearing than some of

its first half of the program predecessors. Considered by many of the nation's critics to be one of the world's greatest pianists, Abram has played concerts with the New York Philharmonic, the NEC Symphony, the CBS Symphony, and the St. Louis, Chicago, and more local Houston Symphony Orchestras.

In fact, Abram is practically local talent himself. By local, we mean that he is a Texan. He first became acquainted with the piano at the home of his grandmother in Lufkin and had to have extension pedals put on the piano to meet his short legs. His somewhat spectacular career marked him as a child musical prodigy at the ripe old age of ten.

In 1939, he won first prize of the Annual Federation of Music Clubs contest and the Schubert Memorial Award. Following these advances, Abram made his formal debut as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy in Philadelphia's Academy of Music, and made a later debut in New York's Carnegie Hall.

Our last comment on seeing the talented pianist is that when he reaches the heights of musical greatness he is predicted to reach, we can look back to January 5, 1950, and sav we saw him.

Last night, however, he already looked not too far a distance away from those greats.

## Rifle Matches Set for Aggies

The A&M Rifle Team will start firing in the Fourth Army Intercollegiate and Air Force Intercollegiate Rifle Matches on Monday afternoon, Sgt. W. R. Reese, coach of the team, said this morning.

The firing will be in competition with teams from all college ROTC units in the Fourth Army Area, Reese said.

The A&M team has already fired in five matches this semester and has won all five. Included in the competition were Cornell and Texas Tech.

Firing in the Fourth Army and Air Force competition will be done in four stages. The first stage, prone and sitting, must be completed by Jan. 14, Reese said. The second stage, prone and kneeling, is scheduled for completion by Jan. 21.

Prone and standing, the third stage, must be finished by Jan. 28, and the final stage, kneeling and standing, must be completed by Feb. 4.

All members of the A&M Rifle Team were asked by Reese to complete their firing for the Hearst Trophy by Feb. 7.

A triangular match, pitting the Aggies against Arlington State College and Texas University, will fire the morning of Feb. 18, Reese said. Both Army and Air Force personnel will be used for this match.

## Eels Get Tanked

Toton, England.—(AP)—The water tank at the railway depot here went dry. Engineers and firemen fished in the supply line and pulled out thirteen eels. They ate them for supper.

## SAM to Hear Dick Price On Profit-Sharing

R. J. "Dick" Price of the Dick Price Motor Company of Dallas, will address the members of the Student Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management, Tuesday January 10, according to Charles J. Goodwin, Jr., president of the chapter.

Price has appeared on the campus as speaker for several organizations and clubs. Goodwin said, and is one of the finest speakers to come here.

Price is a native of Chickasha, Oklahoma and attended A&M as well as Oklahoma A&M and the University of Oklahoma, from which he received a BS degree in business administration in 1935.

Among many other civic activities, Price serves as a board member of the Dallas County Chamber of Commerce, Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, National Automobile Dealers Association.

Price entered the Army Air Corps in May 1942 and served there as secretary of officers mess, mess officer, base budget and fiscal officer and civilian personnel officer headquarters unit.

During the organization of the Dick Price Motor Company in November, 1940, Price instituted a profit-sharing plan in the company to split with employees. Although the business was closed from Dec. 31, 1941 until Price returned from the Army in July, 1945 the profit-sharing plan was instituted when the business reopened.

At the SAM meeting, Price will speak on profit-sharing plans for a small business, as well as other items pertaining to the management of small businesses.

Election of officers will also be held, Goodwin said. The meeting is planned for 7:30 p. m., room 301, Goodwin Hall.



J. W. Coffin, associate research engineer, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, was recently appointed as A&M's representative to Governor Allan Shivers' Industrialization Committee. He is in charge of the program of industrial surveys being conducted by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

## Cadets Gain First Loop Win, 49-45, Over Frogs

By HAROLD GANN

A&M's basketball assemblage pounded TCU's sophomore team into the Southwest Conference cellar Thursday night by downing the Frogs, 49-45, before a packed DeWitt Field House throng.

After losing a season-opener to SMU the night before, the Aggies gained a tie for third place with Rice in SWC standings. SMU, which is now tied with Arkansas for first position, edged the Owls, 53-51, at Houston last night.

Johnny DeWitt, who racked up 15 the night before, again received Ag high-point honors with 17 counters. George McLeod, of hook-shot specialist, amassed a total of 19 to retain his position as king of SWC scorers after two league games.

## McDowell Ices Gane

A&M was able to sew up the tussle in the final minutes of play, with guard Jewell McDowell threading the needle by hitting two long pressure buckets. The

recently innovated two-minute rule also helped the Farmers pick up their fifth victory of the campaign; this total equals the number they took during the entire '48-49 season.

When Walter Davis, Cadet starting center, was forced to leave the lineup early in the second half, the situation looked drastic for A&M. Then Coach Marty Karow hastily summoned Martin, a player who had seen little action this season, into the picture.

Martin proceeded to give the Ags the necessary amount of rebound grabs while collecting nine markers.

Successfully pinning his assigned opponent away from the basket, he controlled eight rebounds

off the TCU backboard during the second stanza.

DeWitt Standout DeWitt displayed his usually fine assortment of rebound work, shot-making, and all-around hustle. By shutting off his guard, "Long John" was able to hit his deadly set-shots, most of them coming from about eight feet from the ring.

TCU was handicapped by the absence of Ted Reynolds. With Ted on the bench nursing an injury received in the Rice game, the Frogs didn't have a guard who could consistently stick DeWitt. Most of the Aggie forward's eight field goals came on shots which found him free with plenty of time to aim.

Playing like a seasoned expert, McLeod, sophomore and nucleus of the Frog team, thrilled the fans with his dazzling array of wheel-and-deal shots. His shooting, along with the chip set-shots of guard Harvey Fromme, kept TCU ahead throughout most of the first half.

## Boat-play Sharp

McLeod was able to register only seven during the last chapter because of the close guarding of DeWitt, but continued to do a fine job of rebounding off both boards.

McDowell again sparkled on defense, holding guard Tommy Taylor scoreless while guarding the sophomore, and permitting Gene Schmidt, the sole starting senior, to four points in the second half.

Karow kept up a constant flow of replacements during the contest as the Aggies, slowly but surely, outlasted the Purple on a court that probably received more than its share of fast-breaks and other strenuous maneuvers.

## Tables Turned

Before entering the game, A&M had been plagued with an inability to wage an effective battle during the final moments of its games.

But last night the table was completely reversed as every member exhibited glue fingered ball-control, expert precision, and, most important of all, steady calmness.

A&M's next appearance will be against Arkansas, the SWC favorite, in DeWitt Field House on January 12.

## Box Score:

A&M (49)	FG	FT	PF	TP
DeWitt, F.	8	1	2	17
Turnbow, F.	0	3	0	3
M. Martin, C.	3	3	1	9
Sutton, C.	0	0	2	0
Davis, C.	1	2	5	4
Garcia, C.	0	0	0	0
McDowell, G.	4	1	3	9
Moon, G.	3	1	1	7
Houser, G.	0	0	0	0
Miller, G.	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	11	14	49

TCU (45)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Fromme, GF	3	1	4	7
Knox, F.	1	1	2	3
Campbell, F.	1	1	0	3
McLeod, C.	8	3	3	19
Brookshire, C.	0	0	0	0
Schmidt, G.	1	2	4	4
Taylor, G.	3	3	2	9
Totals	17	11	12	45

Free Throws Missed: A&M (4) Houser 2, Moon, Martin, TCU (8) Fromme 2, Taylor 2, McLeod 4. Referees: Mike Williamson and Abe Dietz.

## Senate Recommends TISA Discussions

By DEAN REED

The Student Senate, with only a bare quorum present, met last night and chose six suggested panel topics for the spring convention of the Texas Intercollegiate Students Association.

Included in the suggestions for discussion at the Baylor University meeting in April were: betterment of faculty-student relations (which received a unanimous vote); interest in school elections and activities; and disciplinary problems. Campus Chest, honor system in colleges, and faculty evaluation by students were the other three subjects voted on for discussion in Vaco by the senators.

## Traffic Investigation

Reports from various committees took up most of the evening's agenda. A five-man committee was named by Senate president Keith Allsup to investigate the traffic conditions on the campus and to make suggestions to the proper authorities.

Named to the committee were Bruce Thompson, Dorm 10; Bob S. Sykes, senator-at-large; Tom Calhoun, Legret; W. E. Forsythe, day-student senator; and Joe Fuller, senator from Law.

Calhoun brought the traffic subject to the floor, after H. E. Stringer, Dorm 17, told of suggestions made by the Student Life Committee for parking meters for

## Committee Reports

Stringer reviewed reports of the pre-Christmas meeting of the Student Life Committee, which was followed by discussion on barring of midnight yell practice, a proposed job clinic, and a dance proposal which would replace midnight yell practice as a corps trip event.

Bruce Thompson reported on the Exchange Store committee's activities at its last meeting. Recommendations were made, said Thompson, that "big name" orchestra be secured, if possible, to play for the opening of the Memorial Student Center here next fall. The money would be allocated from Exchange Store profits which fall to Student Activities.

Jeannine Holland, current Aggie Sweetheart from TSCW, will be invited here for the annual sport banquet of the Brazos County A&M Club, announced Louis Eubank, chairman of the social committee of the senate.

A motion was passed unanimously by the senate, recommending that menus be placed outside both Duncan and Shibe mess halls. Three serving lines in Shibe Hall were also requested.

## Clinic O. K.

W. E. Forsythe, chairman of the hospital committee, reported that (See SENATE, Page 2)

## Outstanding Events From Battalion Files . . .

# Houston Yell Practice, Harrington Promotion Top '49 Stories

By C. C. MUNROE

The Houston midnight yell practice controversy eked out a narrow victory over M. T. Harrington's selection as A&M's next president for the title of The Battalion's outstanding story of 1949.

Eight other news events completed a list of the ten top stories for the year. Selection was made, by ballot, by members of The Battalion staff.

When the voting was completed and the smoke of discussion had cleared away, the list of the ten outstanding stories included these events.

1. **Houston Midnight Yell Practice Controversy**—Starting innocently enough with a small two column report, this story eventually rated seven "lead" stories, six editorials, and innumerable letters to the editor. The Houston "MYP" as it was so often abbreviated during those hectic days, also took more time to cover than any other story in 1949. And, to judge from the reaction of the readers—exhibited in various and sundry forms—this was probably the best read story in this paper since the running account of the student revolt of 1946-47.

2. **Selection of Dr. M. T. Harrington as President-Elect**—This was one of The Battalion's "scoops" for 1949. The news of Harrington's forthcoming promotion was released at 10 a. m., Sept. 23, by 2 p. m. the same day, the paper was being distributed with the announcement of the new president-elect carried as lead story with an eight column headline. The news had been phoned from San Antonio just as the paper was going to press for the day. A fast switch in the front page enabled The Battalion to have the story "on the street" before any other paper.

3. **"Supercharged Ags Spur Mustangs, 27-27"**—This headline

stretched across the front page of November 7 issue of The Battalion. The upset of the highly rated Southern Methodist team by an underdog A&M eleven confounded the sports "experts" and provided Aggies the world over with a wonderful topic of conversation for many a day.

4. **From "Longhorn" to "Aggieldand"**—Climaxing with a campus-wide election on January 11, the selection of a new name for A&M's yearbook took fourth place in the list of The Battalion's top ten stories for 1949. More than one half of the student body took part in the voting which authorized the change and selected the new name.

5. **Death of Governor Beauford Jester**—Here was the second Battalion "scoop" for 1949. When Texas' governor passed away on a train bound for Houston, the news of his death was going to press when the flash came and readers of the summer Battalion were among the first to know of the tragedy.

That same day, Herman Gollub, now amusement editor for The Battalion, had an exclusive interview with the porter who had discovered Jester's body. Gollub was in Houston at the time and, when he heard the news, rushed to the porter's home from which he sent The Battalion a first hand account of the porter's discovery.

6. **"A&M Wins Third Southwest Track Title"**—This headline billed eight columns on the front page of the May 16 Battalion. The story told of the Aggie track team smashing five conference records. Bob Hall lowered the record in the 220 yard low hurdles to 22.8 seconds, J. D. Hampton reduced Jerry Thompson's record on the mile run three full seconds to 4:17.2, Ray Holbrook set a new record for the 440 yard dash with a 47.8 second run, Hampton also cut the old conference record for the two mile run by two seconds, and J. C. Herring, then an A&M sophomore, clocked below the record time on the mile

run which was won by Hamilton. Herring was second. The mile-relay team of Bilderback, Mitchell, Ludwick, and Holbrook whipped in first in that event.

7. **Award to A&M of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy**—The huge gold sportsmanship trophy which had been donated by A&M to the Southwest Conference came home to roost for at least a year on April 4. With all the conference schools voting, A&M placed first in sportsmanship. The trophy was awarded at the Texas Relays by Southern Methodist, the school which had previously won the honor.

8. **Military Ball**—Highlighted by two plane loads of visiting dignitaries, the band of Vaughn Monroe, and one of the most colorful weekends since the war, the Military Ball rated eighth place on the list of The Battalion's ten top news stories. Probably no other event has focused as much favorable state and national attention on A&M since 1939 when we won the national football championship.

9. **"\$2 Million Dollar Building Program Underway"**—This headline in the August 3 edition of The Battalion brought the attention of the readers to the vast improvement program being carried out at A&M. Results of this program are already apparent in the new lights on Kyle Field, the Student Memorial Center, and the new Science Building now under construction.

10. **Loyalty Oath**—Evoking a storm of comment, mostly unfavorable, the announcement in the Aug. 10 edition that all students and profs must sign a non-communist or "loyalty" oath got the last place slot on the list of top ten stories for 1949. Despite the protests, however, all students and profs did sign the oath.

These are the top ten stories of 1949. There were many more which might have been and maybe should have been included—the Cotton

Ball, the Christmas holiday petitions, Who's Who awards, the Metzgers Gun Collection, and innumerable others.

None of the stories included in the list of the top ten were selected for one reason alone. Taken into consideration were reader interest, general newsworthiness, and possible value of a story to the college.

Several items and features published in 1949 could not be included in the list of outstanding stories, but members of the selection committee thought they deserved special recognition. Among them were:

1. **Best Read Department**—The Letters to the Editor got the unanimous vote.

2. **Best Human Interest Story**—The plea for blood donors for Mrs. Louise Miller. Reader response was so great that a request had to be made for donors to stop sending in offers.

3. **Best Cartoon**—Jack Stanbury's "The Day After Christmas". It pictured an Aggie, knee deep in snow, talking to Santa Claus. The caption read, "No sir, I haven't been home yet, I'm from Texas A&M."

4. **Story Costing Staff Members Most Number of Grade Points**—Again the vote went to the Houston midnight yell practice affair. To give the day-to-day (or-night-to-night) coverage the story required, several staff members went as many as four nights apiece without sleep and spent up to ten hours a day reporting on the issue until it was decided at the Nov. 9 senior class meeting.

5. **Most Unusual Reader Offering**—Francis Sheffield's poem, "Twas the Week Before Christmas". He's wasting his talents as a mechanical engineer, he should have run for Battalion editor.

6. **Most Fitting Comment to Appear in a 1949 Battalion**—"The Fighting" Texas Aggie Band . . . won every engagement in which it participated." (From the Jan. 3 issue.)