

New Editors Named In Mid-Term Staff Re-organization

Your Batt should look and read a little better this semester. A complete staff re-organization aimed at better coverage, better written stories, and a better looking Battalion went into operation today.

Co-Editors Bill Billingsley and C. C. Munroe effected the change both for improvement of operations on the paper and to fill staff positions left vacant by graduating seniors.



John Whitmore

Whitmore will edit the Friday edition of the Battalion during the Spring semester. He also serves on the feature staff.



Dean Reed

Dean Reed will hold the post of Wednesday news editor and serve on the Batt sports staff during this semester.



L. O. Tiedt

News editor for each Tuesday's Battalion will be L. O. Tiedt, sophomore ag journalism major from La Grange.



Otto Kunze

Otto Kunze, senior Batt staffer from La Grange, will serve as News Editor for the Monday Battalion for the remainder of the year.

A single position of managing editor was established to assist the co-editors in overall supervision of editorial production for the paper. The managing editor slot will be filled by Clayton L. Selph, former editor of The Little Batt and co-editor this past summer. Selph is a junior journalism and economics major from Houston.

News Editors Named

Under the new organization, responsibility for each day's paper will be in the hands of one of five news editors. Each day's news editor will make story assignments, edit and correct all copy going into the news pages, and design the front page each day.

Monday news editor for this semester will be Otto Kunze, who has served in this capacity for the past two semesters. Kunze is a senior ag engineering major from La Grange.

Tuesday's Battalion will be under the supervision of L. O. Tiedt, sophomore ag journalism major, also from La Grange. Tiedt was managing editor of the Freshman Page last year and served as copy editor during the fall semester.

Dean Reed, editor of the Freshman Page last year, will edit Wednesday's edition. Besides his news editor job, Reed will handle sports stories this semester and serve as Sports news editor for the Friday Battalion.

Thursday's paper will be edited by Dave Coslett, present feature editor of the Batt and former associate editor of The Little Batt in 1947-48. Coslett, who is a junior journalism major from Miles, will also continue to direct the feature staff this semester.

John Whitmore, junior journalism major from Houston, will be news editor for the Friday Battalion. Whitmore served as managing editor for the Tuesday Batt the latter part of the fall semester. Besides editing the Friday paper, he will continue to write on the feature staff.

Copy Editors to Try Out
Assisting the daily news editors will be five copy editors who have not yet been named. Various members of the reporterial and feature staffs will try-out in the copy editor slots for the next two or three weeks. At the end of the three week period, the editors will name permanent copy editors from these men showing the most ability at the job.

George Charlton, junior journalism major from Dallas, was named to the post of assistant feature editor for the Spring semester. He will supervise the feature staff while Coslett is serving as news editor. Charlton was a staff writer for The Little Batt at the Annex and served as a feature writer last year. During the fall semester he was a member of the editorial board.

Sports Editor Named

With the graduation of Bill Potts, sports co-editor for the past two semesters, Chuck Cabanis, senior pre-law student from Garland, was named sports editor. Cabanis was sports co-editor with Potts during the fall semester, and is also co-editor of Aggie land 1950. He was sports editor of the year book last year and also served as an editorial writer for the Batt. The sports department will be under the direction of a single editor for the remainder of the year.

Features on campus sports personalities during the Spring semester will be handled by Frank Simmen, Sr., junior business major from Giveston. Simmen, who was sports editor of The Little Batt, has been named Sports Feature (See EDITORS, Page 4)

Walton to House Weekend Guests

Ramps I, J, and K of Walton will be open for dates to the Junior Prom and all college dance Feb. 10, and 11, Bessie A. Zinn, assistant dean of students announced today.

Students having guests staying in Walton Hall will be charged \$1.25 per night per guest. Guests will be admitted to their rooms at 4 p. m. Friday. Rooms must be vacated by 11 a. m. Feb. 12.

Room assignments may be made at Room 100, Goodwin Hall. Students whose guests will stay both nights may secure assignments, beginning Feb. 6 at 9 a. m., Zinn said. Students whose guests will occupy the room one night only may secure assignments beginning at 1 p. m. Feb. 8, Zinn added.

Dates must be in not later than 2 a. m. Friday and 1 a. m. Saturday, Zinn concluded.



Clayton L. Selph

Selph has been named Managing Editor of the Battalion for the Spring Semester.



Dave Coslett

Coslett, who is presently Feature Editor of the Batt, will also serve as News Editor for the Thursday paper during the Spring semester.



Chuck Cabanis

The Battalion sports page goes back under a single editor this semester with the naming of Chuck Cabanis as Sports Editor. Cabanis and Bill Potts were Sports Co-editors during the fall semester.

Andy Anderson Speaks Tonight To Journalists

Andy Anderson, roving editor of the Houston Press, will deliver a talk on "The Human Side of Newspaper Work" in the Cabinet room of the YMCA at 7:30 this evening. He will be the first in a series of talks by prominent journalists being secured by the Journalism Department for this semester.

Author of two Houston columns, "Fishin' With Andy" and "Rambler," Anderson also writes frequent magazine articles and broadcasts a regular program over station KTHH. He has been in newspaper work for 30 years, 22 of which were spent as sports editor of the Press.

He now devotes most of his newspaper work to helping charities and welfare drives. Among his titles are chairman of the Outdoor Writers of America and chairman of the Employ the Handicapped Committee.

Anderson plans to gather material for an article on A&M while he is here. His talk will be open to all journalism students and any other persons interested in attending.

Medical Speech Slated Tuesday

"Embryonic Circulation" will be discussed by Dr. Bradley M. Patten, noted medical researcher and professor of anatomy at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, in a lecture in the Chemistry Building tonight.

Sponsored by the local chapter of Sigma Xi, national scientific research society, the lecture will begin at 8 p. m.

Son of a distinguished biologist, Dr. Patten grew up in an atmosphere of devotion to science. Later he went on expeditions into the interior of Canada and Newfoundland with his father, shaping his later interests.

He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1911, summa cum laude, and with the award of the Chamberlain Fellowship. In 1912, Dr. Patten received his M. A. at Harvard and a Ph. D. there in 1914.

Currently Dr. Patten is devoting himself to the preparation of the sections on the development of the heart and the normal structure of the adult heart for a forthcoming reference book on the pathology of the heart.

For the same work, he is serving as embryological consultant to Dr. Jesse Edwards of the Mayo Clinic, who is preparing a section of the book on the congenital defects of the heart.

Handball, Matmen Begin Next Week

Intramural wrestling and team handball will begin Monday, Barney Welch announced yesterday. All wrestling entries will have to weigh-in today or tomorrow, Welch added.



Chaplain Steve P. Gaskins
Major Steve P. Gaskins Jr., post chaplain at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, will conduct informal discussions among students during Religious Emphasis Week.

Sophomore Class Meets Tonight

The Sophomore Class will meet tonight at 7:15 in the Assembly Hall, according to class president R. A. Ingels.

Col. H. L. Boatner, commandant of the college, will speak to the class on a topic yet unannounced. Col. Boatner said, however, that the meeting will be "very important" and requests all class members to be present.

All regimental commanders, first sergeants and staff sergeants are also requested to attend the meeting.

Volunteers Begin Year With Banquet

By GEORGE CHARLTON

Once again the oldest organized student activity on the campus will formally begin another year of activities at the Ross Volunteers initiation banquet Thursday night.

The annual affair begins at 7 p. m. in Sbis Hall and will feature Major General A. D. Bruce, Deputy Army Commander of the 4th Army Headquarters, as guest speaker.

The RV's have long acted as escort and honor guard at inaugurations of Texas governors. And on many other occasions, the honor company has acted as honor escort throughout the state.

Organized in 1887, the first company was called the Scott Volunteers in honor of Colonel T. M. Scott, who was at that time business manager of the College. Purpose of forming the organization was to band together the most military men in school into a crack drill company.

When ex-Governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross became president of the College in 1891, the name of the company was changed to Ross Volunteers. Following his death in 1898, the name of the organization was changed to Foster Guards, again honoring the new president of the College, L. L. Foster.

Ags Risk League Lead; Face Ponies in Dallas

By HAROLD GANN
Battalion Sports Staff

Confident of winning their first conference crown in 27 long years, the Aggie basketball squad left for Dallas this morning where they will battle the SMU Mustangs in Perkins Gymnasium tonight.

The seven SWC teams, who have the habit of beating each other on any given night under any circumstances, start the second half of the 1949-50 race this evening. TCU plays Texas in Austin in another crucial contest.

SMU is the team that bowled

the Cadets over in College Station, January 4. A&M's 48-53 loss was its first exposure to SWC basketball this season.

SMU 1, A&M 0

The Mustang victory led Cadet backers to believe that A&M would have another poor season. But coach Marty Karow's assemblage—bolstered by the greatest talent in many years—used TCU as a springboard the following night to catapult back into striking distance of first position.

A&M stayed among the leaders with convincing conquests of Ar-

kansas, conference favorite before the season, and Rice, cellar-dwellers.

Texas University tripped the Ags, 48-46, in Austin, but the fast-moving Cadets quickly resumed their pace by slapping Baylor Friday night in Waco—a feat that hadn't been accomplished in four campaigns.

Anything Can Happen

A&M is the only quintet in the conference that hasn't been beaten by a decisive margin. Arkansas absorbed 10 and 11 points lickings from the Bears after bowing to the Aggies by eight tallies.

SMU lost to TCU by 10 markers but was able to beat A&M by five. Rice defeated TCU with 18 points

The A&M-SMU basketball game will be broadcasted tonight at 8 over KORA. Coach Marty Karow announced today.

To spare, and later A&M drubbed Rice by 19. Anything can happen in Southwest Conference ball.

When the Cadets tangle with the Mustangs tonight, they will be seeking revenge over a smooth-running, well-coached quintet that came from behind in the last eight minutes of play to hand A&M one of its two SWC defeats.

Mitchell Spurs Mustangs

The Ponies are spurred by Paul Mitchell, 6' 3" pivot man who is fourth among conference scorers with 77. Two potches below Jewell McDowell, in seventh place, is guard Fred Freeman, another SMU standout with 68 points.

To complete the starting five, Jack Brown and Charlie Lutz will be at forward positions, and 6' 4" Tom Nelson will be in the other guard slot.

Despite TCU's triumph over SMU in Dallas Friday, Coach Doc Hayes' Mustangs are always difficult to beat on their home hardwoods.

Ags Risk Title

An SMU victory would place the Mustangs in a tie for first place with A&M, and if TCU takes Texas, the Frogs would gain undisputed possession of the lead.

On the other hand, if the Aggies win, they can rest comfortably on the top rung at least until Baylor comes to DeWane Field House Friday.

A&M's defensive work improves with every game. Before last Saturday's tilt with Baylor, the Farmers were ranked nineteenth nationally among the teams that were noted for defensive work.

A&M Victory Bound?

Now the league-leaders are within the top fifteen defensive clubs in the nation. Excellent guarding has been turned in by Jewell McDowell, Walt Davis, and John DeWitt.

The Aggies are a much-improved ball club as compared with the slow, unorganized group of ineffectual athletes who lost to SMU in DeWane at the outset.

Exerting all the steam it could muster, the Aggie land Express rolled over the toughest SWC blockades—Arkansas and Baylor. Aggie fans are hoping that the glory-bound express won't be derailed in Dallas tonight.

Symphony Fine In Guion Appearance

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB

Two Guion Hall audiences—a sparse matinee gathering and a capacity Town Hall assemblage—yesterday found the magnificent responsive and tempered Houston Symphony Orchestra, lucidly and brilliantly conducted by Efreim Kurtz, to be the most satisfying event presented in the venerable auditorium this year.

Reorganized last season under Kurtz, the Houston Symphony is a first-class orchestra without a disturbing weakness. It is an orchestra of character: thick, rich, with deep tones, yet full of clarity and precision.

The orchestra's strings sounded mellow and unmechanical, its woods and winds and tympani alternating between effective solos and a satisfying blend.

Kurtz' reading of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7 in A Major" was incisive, and played up the dramatic aspects of the work. Particularly appealing was the fourth movement, which was properly fiery and bombastic without sounding harsh or harsh. Barber's "Adagio for Strings," with its languorous, lush use of strings, was technically and sensuously exciting, along with Saint-Saens' haunting "Danse Macabre." It was in this selection that the orchestra displayed some of its most vital tone color.

Three of the orchestra's most enjoyable selections were ballet suites: Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," Chopin's "Waltz in C Sharp Minor" from "Les Sylphides," and Von Weber's "Invitation to the Waltz." Each was treated to warm strings and long melodic lines in a combination that produced some of the most pleasant moments of the evening.

We found Faure's "Pavanne" too buoyant and airy for treatment by an organization the size of the Symphony. A small, strong ensemble would have been much more effective in extracting full worth from this selection.

Lively, energetic, and when the occasion demanded it, lyric, were Kurtz' interpretation of Herold's "Overture to Zampa," Haydn's "Symphony No. 88," and excerpts from Berlioz' "The Damnation of Faust."

Two encore numbers—"Jazz Pizzicato" and "Fiddle Faddle"—were fine examples of high polish in orchestral performance. Kurtz put his charges through these numbers with vigor, sing, and finesse. The music crackled and sparkled with remarkable excitement.

Best received by both audiences was Richard Rodgers' "South Pacific" suite, which was a regular part of the matinee performance and an encore at Town Hall. Under firm control the orchestra delivered the romantic tunes with mellow suavity, and the more slipshod numbers with a zestful, peppery bounce.

The first uniform of the company was of white duck with gold ornaments. The headgear was a tin helmet which has long since been discharged in favor of the lighter white military caps. For the most part, the uniform has always been of white duck; however in 1907 grey breeches, blue shirts, and big Stetson hats were worn. This type of dress, according to some old timers, was not so appealing to the eye, and therefore the white duck uniform again became vogue.

According to present statutes of the organization, at no time shall the company exceed more than 125 members. Beginning in September of 1948, the membership became limited to a ratio of two juniors to one senior.

Leach to Address 'Great Issues' Class

Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, President of the American Scandinavian Foundation will address the Great Issues class at 8 p. m. Feb. 8 on "Scandinavian vs. American Democracy" in room 301 of the E. E. building, according to S. R. Gammon.

A question and answer session will be held at 11 a. m. Thursday in the same room for non-members and students of the Great Issues class. All those interested may attend to the capacity of the room, Gammon, chairman of the Great Issues Committee, said.

He Served Time Here, Too . . .

McCarthy Due Here Friday To Present Junior Beauty

By DAVE COSLETT

Glenn McCarthy, Houston oil and gas millionaire and owner of the Shamrock Hotel, will be on familiar grounds when he presents the class gift to the girl chosen sweetheart at next Friday's Junior Prom.

The colorful Texas personality once ate in Sbis Hall, scene of the prom, as an A&M student. That was about 20 years ago when he was here studying Civil Engineering in the class of '31.

McCarthy was born Christmas Day, 1907, near Beaumont, Texas, beside Spindle Top oil field where his father was a driller.

After being graduated from San Jacinto High School in Houston, he attended Tulane A&M, and Rice Institute. During vacations, he worked as a roughneck and roustabout in the oil fields.

Making a little money on some cleaning and pressing and service station ventures, he began work in the oil field as a wildcatter in 1933. His first well came in at Big Creek after he had drilled a dry hole at South Strang. Several disappointments follow-

ed, but he cleared enough on a well at Conroe to enable him to make his first fortune on a well at Anahuac.

Until 1940 his oil activities consisted of a series of ups and downs, but since that time, he had pretty well been on the road up.

After '40 he brought in most of his major wells that rank him today as among the nation's most important independent oil and gas operators.

Ten years ago he pioneered the selling of low cost gas in the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange area. Today, his operations include exploration, drilling, production, manufacturing, transmission and sales of both oil and gas.

In addition to his oil and gas interests, McCarthy owns a publishing company, a radio station, a motion picture production company, and the Shamrock Hotel. He is director in one of Houston's largest banks and a director of Eastern Airlines.

Last December, he sponsored the Shamrock Charity Bowl professional football game and raised money for the National Kids Day Foundation, Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and Holly Hall, home for the aged in Houston.

His most recent accomplishment along civic lines has been the institution of the Varsity Matinees at his Shamrock Hotel. Each week, he opens the Emerald Room for teen-agers to come out and enjoy top entertainers at prices compatible to a teen-age budget.

Married to the former Faustine Lee, McCarthy is the father of four daughters and a son. He has a home in Houston and a 15,000 acre ranch.

At the forthcoming junior prom, he will help a committee of faculty members select from six previously chosen finalists, the sweetheart of the prom. He will present the class gift to the girl chosen for the honor.

At the banquet preceding the prom, McCarthy will be a guest of honor. He has been asked to say a few words in addition to the talk being given by the main speaker of the evening.



Glenn McCarthy, Houston millionaire oil and gas man and owner of the Shamrock Hotel, will be honor beauty judge at next Friday's Junior Prom. At the prom, he will present the class gift to the girl chosen sweetheart. He will be a guest of honor at the banquet preceding the prom.