

Protect 'Real' Tradition Bruce Tells Volunteers

Every A&M cadet must do all in his power to "preserve tradition" and, at the same time "preserve pride" in himself and his college, Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, 16, told the Ross Volunteers at their initiation banquet last night.

Speaking before 150 people in Sbis Hall, the Ross Volunteer who is now deputy commander of the Fourth Army urged cadets to examine their traditions. Separate the "real" ones from the "so-called" ones, he advised. Preserve the "real" ones which are compatible with the "thinking of modern times."

He qualified "real" traditions as those which fostered character development through leadership, not force.

Too often, he continued, we label as tradition all those things we were required to practice as freshmen. "But, when you examine them closely, you will find they are not" true traditions.

Gen. Bruce joined sixteen other guests of honor at the first Ross Volunteer social function of the year. They witnessed the formal initiation of approximately 82 juniors and seniors into A&M's only honor military organization.

Ross Volunteer commander D. P. McClure introduced Gen. Bruce and also C. C. Krueger, member of the board of directors of the A&M System.

Bolton Will Be Named
Krueger said that the college would miss the full time services of President F. C. Bolton when he retires. However, he continued, both the board and the college are pleased with the knowledge that President Bolton's position will be filled, for the first time, by a former student of A&M.

We on the board looked a long time and in all parts of the country for a successor to President Bolton, but after every search we returned to A&M to find the most capable man for the job already on the campus, Tom Harrington.

Following Krueger's short talk, McClure introduced Gen. Bruce. The Deputy Commander of the Fourth Army drove to A&M with Krueger for the initiation ceremonies. He spoke on discipline in military organizations and on the future of ROTC.

Eliminate Branch Instruction?
There is some thought, Gen. Bruce said, on whether the Army should continue branch instruction in ROTC. "Some of us feel," he continued, that by deleting branch instruction in the ROTC, economy can be made in personnel, equipment, and funds.

Another reason for possible elimination of branch instruction in ROTC is that it "simplify the interchange of students . . . and allow cadets to devote more time to "fundamental subjects that all officers should have."

The main advantage for eliminating branch training, however, would be that it would give the army "time to develop and evaluate character, integrity, discipline, leadership and related subjects," Gen. Bruce said.

Discipline Not Punishment
"The Ross Volunteers have a mission to be the highest example of discipline on the campus," Gen. Bruce continued. But this discipline should be one of "self-control and obedience to given standards or orders," not one of "punishment or chastisement."

Actually, he said, discipline is based on two elements. One is "willingness to obey" and the other the "standard or order of the commander."

"Morale, esprit de corps and pride go hand in hand with military discipline," he continued. He traced the development of discipline as a product of the home, school, church, and society. A&M is perpetuated by taking this product and "firming" it so that it "will stand the tests of adversity."

Deviating from his prepared talk, Gen. Bruce said, "hazing has no place in the firming process and it has taken too many people too long a time to learn this, "but I can tell you from long years of experience that it is true."

The Fourth Army deputy commander informed the RV Company that its members, as well as all (See BANQUET, Page 2)

A&M Students Are Guests At Fat Stock Show

Twenty-six A&M students of foreign countries were in Houston yesterday as special guests of the Houston Rotary Club at the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo for the International Day ceremonies.

The group left yesterday at 8 a. m. by bus accompanied by Colonel of the Corps Doyle Avant. Avant joined the group on the request of the International Day Committee chairman Gale Whitcomb as a representative of the Corps.

The student group was the only college group outside of Houston honored at a luncheon in the Rice Hotel. The students were presented to the gathering during the program.

The students attending the show were:

S. deAlba, A. H. Bres, Alvaro Perez Trevino, Pablo Muerer, Thomas J. Marentes, Robert W. Ruffini, Octavio E. Flores, and Jose Yassin, Chasut, all of Mexico; In. Wai Hui, Chao-Hung, Hsu, Chung Min, Tiao, and Shubert Liao, all of China; Joe Devadanam, Vishram Prasad, and Harbhajan Singh, of India.

Others in the group were James McArthur, and Bruce Levelton, both of Canada; Ahmed Abun-Nasr of Egypt; Sheik I. Ahmad of Pakistan; Emilio Chomorro of Nicaragua; Guillermo Artecona of Uruguay; Sebastian Joseph Bilgarla, Thomas N. Stack of Australia; Mario Sol of El Salvador; Orlando Reio of Cuba, and Annar E. Espat of British Honduras.



Tessie Journalism major, Wanda Jean Kercheval, will be displaying her obvious talent tonight at the Junior Ball. Bill T. Thompson will escort this green-eyed brunette.

All American Cage Star Speaks Here

By CURTIS EDWARDS

One year back in the 30's, a train stopped at a small whistle stop, 75 miles short of Durham, North Carolina. A mob of students of Duke University caused the stop. A cry went up for one man on that train and they demanded that he come with them.

He did this willingly for these students were his friends. They had formed a caravan of over 40 cars and had traveled 75 miles to welcome him to their campus and escort him there in hero fashion. And here he was. For one week each year for 11 years, he performed for these students in a manner true to his all-American reputation, only now it was at a pulpit instead of a basketball court.

What manner of person was this to command so much respect and why was he in such demand.

If we turn back the pages of sports history we find him named all-American basketball guard for Wesleyan College of Connecticut in 1910.

His college career also included heading the glee club and dramatic society. His acting ability was acclaimed outstanding, as even a possible profession, but his future lay in another field.

His popularity is exhibited by the fact that he averages better than one address a day. He is probably best known among the colleges of the country, having lectured in well over 150 academic institutions from Maine to California.

A graduate of Wesleyan College, he went through the Boston University School of Theology. He took graduate work at Harvard and received his D.D. degree from both De Pauw University and his alma mater, Wesleyan College.

Florida Southern College conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws.

His experience and background seems extensive, having traveled around the world and to the Orient and Europe several times. He was delegate to the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam where he met many outstanding religious leaders of the world.

A local personal opinion of him was expressed by Rev. Jackson of the First Methodist Church of College Station, who while a student at Duke University heard him speak.

"He is the best speaker for college students that I have ever heard," Jackson said, "and I couldn't say anything too good about him. He is dynamic and forceful yet speaks on the level of the audience and you never go away wondering what he's talking about. He talks right to you and after hearing him once, you always want to hear him again."

A&M students have the opportunity to hear this man give five sermons plus special discussions and interviews as principal speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, February 13 through 17.

His name is Dr. Henry H. Crane, a name that may be forgotten but it is not likely Aggies will forget what he has to say.

Things in Small Packages . . .

New Commentator Issue Off Presses

By GEORGE CHARLTON

If lateness of publication means greatness, the January issue of The Commentator should be the staunchest epitome of writing achievement and artistic layouts that A&M has seen in a long time. Although the 24 page issue does not reach these proportions, what meager written material it does contain is quite good.

Foremost of the issue's good points is an intense short story concerning an enraged veteran on the verge of dispatching his unscrupulous father to that place where all unscrupulous fathers inevitably go. The son seems quite peeved and voices over a loaded revolver in the third paragraph, "I'm going to, Dad. I'm going to kill you, but you're going to sit and wait and think about it." The father sits and waits, and how the well written piece of dialogue ends is a surprise that even O. Henry would smile upon.

One of the most smacking-with-atmosphere short stories to appear in any campus publication in the last few years is "The Winner," concerning a Negro boxer on his way to the top. An absorbing bout gets underway after the first few lines: "Jake scuffed his feet in the resin dust. The ring lights were



Carlos Molina, reputedly presenting the smartest dance music of two continents, will provide musical background for A&M's Valentine Dance February 11 in Sbis Hall.

AAUP Discusses Salary Proposal

By JOHN WHITMORE

"There is a need for us to come out of Ivory towers—and through unity we may achieve action," Judge Otis Miller, journalism department, said last night in a meeting of the American Association of University Professors.

In this meeting the final draft of the "Proposed Criteria for Granting Promotions and Salary Increases at Texas A&M College," was discussed. Dr. John Sperry, chairman of the proposal committee, read the proposal while members of the organization made alternative suggestions from the floor.

In regard to pay increases the proposal suggested a complete revised pay scale. Part of this scale embodied such changes as raising the current minimum and maximum salaries.

One of the bitter problems discussed by the group was the difference in the pay scale for the different departments. One professor present said that teachers in the engineering department were higher paid than those in such departments as the mathematics or English departments.

A suggestion from the floor was that the college start a pay plan which is similar to that at Purdue

Junior Banquet, Prom Top Big Weekend List

By DAVE COSLETT

Glenn McCarthy, Carlos Molina, the Mysterious Dr. Klipp, six beauty contenders, the Class of '51, a dash of old time vaudeville, and an invasion of female beauty from over the state combine forces tonight and tomorrow to form the first double-header weekend on the 1950 Spring Social Calendar.

The Junior Class starts things off tonight with their annual Banquet and Prom featuring the theme "Out of This World".

Sweet Conducts Church of Christ Night Services

Rev. R. B. Sweet, minister of the University Avenue Church of Christ of Austin, will conduct services each night of Religious Emphasis Week in the Church of Christ of College Station, according to Gordon Gay, assistant secretary of the YMCA.

In addition to these sermons which will be held at 7:15 p. m., he will be available for dormitory discussions each night at 9 p. m.

The Rev. Sweet is a stranger to A&M as it was he who inaugurated the work of the Church of Christ here when they built their present plant here several years ago.

Sweet left a good position with the Western Union Telegraph Company to become full-time pastor of small suburban church in Dallas at the request of the congregation to whom he had been preaching part-time.

He has served pastorates in Belton, home of Mary Hardin Baylor; at A&M and at Austin, home of Texas University, thus giving a number of years experience with students in all three types of schools, all girls, all men and co-educational.

In the way of education, he has done work at Austin College of Sherman, Texas, received his bachelor's degree from SMU and his graduate degree from the University of Texas.

quet and Prom featuring the theme "Out of This World". Millionaire McCarthy and the Mysterious Dr. Klipp, the name assigned to the main speaker at the banquet, will lead a long list of honor guests. Music for the Prom will be furnished by the Aggeland Orchestra.

Valentine Ball
Tomorrow's schedule will be in the hands of Carlos Molina and his orchestra and troupe who have scheduled a concert in Guion Hall followed by the Valentine Ball in Sbis Hall.

The well-known hotel-orchestra leader will bring with him a group of vaudeville entertainers to help at his Guion show at 6:30. Admission will be 70 cents.

Sbis Banquet
Serving at the Junior Banquet in Sbis tonight will begin at 7:15. Doors to the banquet hall will be closed at 7:30 after which time no one will be admitted. Tickets for the banquet went off sale yesterday at noon.

Identity of the main speaker for the event will not be disclosed until the banquet. "Dr. Klipp," columnist, speaker, and philosopher, has chosen a subject in line with "Out of This World" theme.

Highlighting the menu "will be filet mignon. Guests arriving after 7:30 will be allowed a refund on their banquet tickets.

Junior Prom
Bill Turner and his boys sound off for the Prom at 9 p. m. This affair will last through 1 a. m. High point of the dance will be the selection of a Sweetheart from six contenders chosen earlier this week.

Nominees for the honor are Jo Ann Whittle, Dacia Schultz, Ann Malcom, Zanna Landers, Wanda Jean Kercheval, and Doris Ellis.

Six Nominees
A hazel-eyed brunette, Jo Ann Whittle is from Dallas where she is a student at Hockaday Jr. College. Her escort will be Lavonne Massengale of Corps Staff.

Dacia Schultz, a 19-year-old junior at TSCW, is from Garland. She will be escorted by Lee Stainback of the White Band.

J. D. Hinton of "C" Field Artillery will escort Ann Malcom, a 19-year-old brunette who is also a student at Hockaday in Dallas. Her home town is Abilene.

TCU's nominee for the Sweetheart title will be 18-year-old brunette, Zanna Landers. A Menard, Texas, girl, she will be escorted by Bob Blum of "A" Ordnance.

Another Tessie, green-eyed, brunette Wanda Jean Kercheval will have Bill Thompson of "A" Chem Warfare as escort. From Marshall, Texas, she is a junior journalism major at TSCW.

Blue-eyed, blonde Doris Ellis is a Dallas girl and a student at Woodrow Wilson High School. She will be escorted by Kenneth Hartman of "D" Battery.

Faced with the problem of selecting the beauty will be a four-man committee composed of Fred D. Meyers of the Engineering Drawing Department, Lambert Wilkes of the Ag Engineering Department, D. E. Newsom of the Journalism Department, and Sid Wiese, assistant manager of Student Publications.

McCarthy Honor Judge
Glenn McCarthy, serving as honor Sweetheart judge, will assist them in the task. At the final selection of the Prom, the Houston oil and gas magnate and owner of the Shamrock hotel will (See WEEKEND, Page 4)

words of veteran yell leader Bill Thornton, who was the chief figure in the attack. It continued by naming the three SMU football squads, identified by the three Aggies and their dates.

Asks For Details
"I reluctantly make such a report" the letter continued, "because I certainly don't want to make any false accusations. In this case I have Mr. Thornton's word. If you can learn any details of the affair, I shall appreciate a note from you."

A prominent SMU student leader, contacted yesterday afternoon by The Battalion, said a letter of apology for the affair was being drafted by the SMU athletic office. The student, who refuse to be quoted, said Zinn's letter had not reached SMU office Thursday morning, so no official action had been taken at the hilltop school.

Had Not Received Letter
In an AP story, datelined Feb. 9 (Thursday), Tate was quoted as saying he had not received the Zinn letter and had heard nothing of the fight.

"If I get a protest, we will investigate the matter carefully," Tate said. "It is surprising to me, however," he continued, "that something like that could occur without news of it spreading around the campus."

Dean Penberthy said he had the utmost confidence in Tate, a former All-American tackle at SMU, and was convinced the SMU investigation would be fairly and impartially handled.

Expects Cooperation
"We have given the SMU folks the information we have," Penberthy said, "and will work with them to assist in their investigation from their end. We feel that when they have investigated and have the facts, they will take the proper actions."

As an example of cooperation between dean of men's offices in the conference, Penberthy cited the recent recovery of A&M cadet's cap, stolen by a University of Texas student at the Jah. 14 A&M-TU game. The University of Texas as dean of student's office recovered the cap within two days, and returned it with apologies.

George V. Charlton, junior journalism major, has been named Assistant Feature Editor of The Battalion for the Spring Semester. He is from Dallas.



Doris Ellis, a Dallas lovely, will be among the six girls trying for the Sweetheart title at tonight's Junior Prom. A student at Woodrow Wilson High, this blue-eyed blonde will be escorted by Kenneth Hartman.

Annual Notices

All organizations desiring to reserve space in the Aggeland 1950 must do so by noon tomorrow, Feb. 11, the co-editors of the yearbook have announced. There will be no more extension of deadlines for reservations, they added.

All space reserved by organizations must be paid for by noon Saturday, Feb. 11, the co-editors explained. Further explanatory details can be obtained from the receptionist at the Student Activities Office in Goodwin Hall, they said.

Noon, Saturday, Feb. 18, is the deadline for turning in Senior Favorite and Vanity Fair pictures, the annual Chiefs reported. This is the second and final deadline extension for these pictures, they added. Seniors who have made reservations for these sections must have their pictures in by the Feb. 18 deadline, the editors concluded.



Jo Ann Whittle, another darling from Dallas, should offer stiff competition to her five contenders for Sweetheart at the Junior Prom. A 5' 4" hazel-eyed brunette, she will be escorted by L. V. Massengale.



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