

First A&M Debate Tournament Gets Underway Today

The first debate-tournament ever sponsored by Texas A&M began this afternoon at 1:30 on the campus. Competing are a total of 36 teams in both junior and senior divisions, A&M Debate Club sponsors Harry E. Hiorth and Lee Martin announced.

Entered in the debate tournament are 31 teams from 11 visiting colleges and universities and five teams from A&M. The debaters embarked on a round of four debates for each team today, and eliminations will be held tomorrow. The first debates were started at 1:30 this afternoon. The second round will commence at 3 p. m.; and evening debates are scheduled for 7 and 8:30.

Scene of the verbal competitions will be the Academic Building, Chemistry Building, and YMCA. A complete schedule of debates and locations is posted on the English Department bulletin board on the third floor of the Academic Building.

Hearne, George Grupe and Billy Stephens, Charles F. La Rue and Robert E. Huffman.

Freshman debate coach Milford Allen has entered one freshman team in the junior division of the tournament.

Housing
Visiting girls being housed in Walton Hall. The men visitors are staying in Post Graduate Hall. Attending the tournament with the debaters are their coaches and several observers.

The next scheduled debate for Aggie debaters will be on March 18 when an A&M team will meet a team from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Last year's West Point-A&M debate resulted in an Aggie victory. The subject was on federal aid to education.



Here are five of the sharpest officers this school, or any other ROTC outfit, will probably ever see. They are the leaders of the Kilgore Junior College Rangerettes who will appear here for Sports Day. Standing, left to right are Lt. Joan McCarthy of Longview, Capt. Judy Barden of Dallas, and Lt. Phyllis Foster of Kilgore. Seated, left to right, are Lt. Florence McElwee of Kilgore and Lt. Dottie Jo Holley of White Oak.

Girls! Girls! Girls!

Rangerettes Dance, Drill In Stadium Show Tomorrow

By RAY WILLIAMS

Fifty-three, and yes you can count 'em, beautiful young ladies will be on the campus tomorrow to perform for the student body. The girls will be at Kyle Field, with a half of a football game to precede and a half to follow their performance.

Bearing the official title of Rangerettes of Kilgore Junior College, the group is scheduled to appear as part of the Sports Day Program. The girls are to put on their show at the halftime of the football game.

Coming to College Station with a reputation of unexcelled poise and grace in intricate marches and dances, they are due to put on an eye-opening show.

Director of the group is Miss Gussie Nell Davis, a graduate of TSCW with a BA and of USC with a Masters. She organized the group in 1940 and has been its only director.

Sponsor of the Rangerettes is L. N. Crim, showman and oilman. Crim owns movies in Ft. Worth and Kilgore. Denard Haden is the choreographer. He is well known in the state as dancing instructor,

and is secretary and treasurer of the Texas Dancing Association, and an active member of the National and International Dancing Association.

Some of their appearances especially noteworthy are the International Lions Convention, New Orleans, 1941; performances at bond shows, service camps, and hospitals during the war; the 1946 Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, California; 1949 Cotton Bowl, Dallas; and the 1950 Sugar Bowl, New Orleans.

Co-ed leader of the group for 1949-50 is Captain Judy Barden, Judy is a graduate of Adamson High School, Dallas, where she was the majorette with the band. She is a straight A student and sweetheart of Kappa fraternity at Kilgore.

Accompanying the Rangerettes will be the Ranger Band. This organization is made up of 50 members and four majorettes. Director of the Band is H. L. Walker, and drum major is Lex James of Terrell, Texas.

12 Seniors Finish Practice Teaching

Twelve June Agricultural Education seniors will complete their two week practice teaching duties in five Texas high schools on March 12.

All seniors enrolled in Agriculture Education must complete two weeks of practice teaching before becoming eligible for a degree, according to state requirements.

L. J. Gentry, Jr., and J. C. Frisby are doing their practice teaching at Waxahachie, while G. B. Gilbert, R. A. Keown, and R. B. Walker are teaching at Mineral Wells.

M. E. Elliott and W. W. Fox are relieving the regular Vocational Agriculture teacher at Weatherford.

Bernhardt Chosen Prexy of Gulf LSA

Ken Bernhardt, senior accounting major from Port Arthur, will be installed as Gulf Regional Lutheran Student Association President at the Ashram scheduled for March 31-April 2, Werner Lindig, local LSA reporter, said this morning.

College groups throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas make up the Gulf Region LSA.

The annual Regional Ashram will be held at Mo Ranch, 25 miles west of Kerrville.

Purpose of the Ashram is to bring students together for a week-end west of Kerrville.

Recreational facilities of swimming, boating, fishing, basketball, tennis and bowling are available.

The A&M LSA bowling team, last year's winners of the church bowling tournament, has challenged the LSA team from TU to a match scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 1.

Members who have already sent in reservations from A&M are Werner Lindig, Doug Dittmar, Alton Tietken, Les Fissler, Quinton Johnson, Leon Tolle, Ken Bernhardt, Eric Carlson, Calvin Beckmann, James Lehmann, Oscar Rockhorn and Larry Bernhardt.

Registration blanks may be obtained from Lindig and should be mailed before March 10, Lindig

Sports Day Tries Again, With Clear Skies Slated Tomorrow

Sportsmen of A&M will display their wares tomorrow in the annual Sports Day, once postponed but now ready to show the crowds an equally attractive lineup.

Sponsored by the "T" Association, Sports Day will be featured by two major contests—the final intra-squad football game, Maroons versus Whites, and the Aggie baseballers in a tangle with the Brooke Field Medics, nine.

Tickets are still on sale for football and baseball games at \$1. The tennis match is free.

Baseball Game

Coach Marty Karow's baseball team will meet the Medics in the initial event of the afternoon on the Kyle Field diamond at 2 p. m. A&M's varsity tennis team, under the direction of Coach W. M. Dowell, meets the University Houston netmen on the clay courts

opposite the field house at 3 p. m. Details on the tennis match are on Page 5 of today's Battalion.

Tomorrow night's grid game on Kyle Field will begin at 7:30. With one of the largest number of returning lettermen in the conference, this Maroon-White clash will be last of the season, since the 30-day training period closes then.

Both teams are in top shape, other than a few injuries, trainer Bill Dayton said this morning. Expected to miss the squad clash are Van Heatherly, Dave Duncan, and Kay Graves. Only minor injuries plague the trio.

Each Has Victory

Each of the teams has one victory in the two previous spring training games, and tomorrow night's game should provide incentive, with the winner having a majority of the practice tilts.

In the two earlier games, both teams exhibited a strong defense, with most of the scores coming after long runs or passes.

Both squads appear fairly evenly matched, with previous scores indicating that the victory could go to either team.

Rangerettes Here

The "Rangerettes" of Kilgore Junior College, guests of the "T" Association this weekend, will feature half-time activities at the football game.

Rangers-up in last year's SWC campaign, the A&M baseball team will meet Brooke Field in their second home game of the season. One of key men in the Cadet infield, all-conference shortstop Guy Wallace, will be out of the lineup due to a bad sprain of his right ankle. Wallace is expected to be ready at least by the opening game of the conference season, trainer Dayton said.

First conference game will be against Baylor in Waco on April 1.

Getting a late start in baseball practice this season were Wally Moon, Bobby Farmer, and John DeWitt, who have occupied most of their time with basketball, and Yale Lary, who has been quarterbacking many plays for the football varsity.

Lindloff Out

Cotton Lindloff, all-conference second sacker who graduated last year, will be missed from the infield line-up this season. Little Joe Savarino will handle second for the 1950 squad and has given all indications that he will do a creditable job there.

Large numbers of newcomers are up for the varsity, veterans of last year's freshman campaign. And they seem to be "looking" (See FOOTBALL, Page 5)

Eliminations Saturday

Saturday morning at 8:30 the first round of elimination debates will be held. Participating in these debates will be the top eight teams from both the junior and senior divisions. As teams are defeated in the eliminations, winning teams progress toward the finals.

The final debates will be held at 1 Saturday afternoon in the YMCA.

Teams entered in the senior division are: Rice, TCU, University of Corpus Christi, University of Houston, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Baylor, and A&M.

Junior debate teams have been entered by Del Mar College of Corpus Christi, TCU, Wharton Junior College, Midwestern University (formerly Hardin College), University of Houston, SMU, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Baylor, and A&M.

Girls Teams Entered

Five colleges—Del Mar, Wharton, University of Houston, Sam Houston State Teachers and Baylor—have entered girls teams. The girls' teams are competing with men teams in the tournament.

The debate subject for the tournament is "Resolved: That the basic non-agricultural industries of the United States should be nationalized." This is a national debate subject for 1950, Hiorth said.

"Interest in the debate tournament is being encouraged by the English Department," Martin said. "All English 210, 401, and 403 classes are required to attend one debate." Members of the English Department are assisting in management of the tournament by acting as chairmen and judges in the several debates, he added.

Procedure Explained

In debating, the first speaker for the affirmative has 10 minutes to present his side of the debate question. He is followed by the first speaker for the negative. The four presentation speeches—two affirmative and two negative—are 10 minutes each. Each of the four debaters in a contest presents a five minute rebuttal, the affirmative having the last rebuttal.

Aggie members of senior debate teams are: James Farmer and Dan Davis, Joe Perry and Douglas

Cotton Court Leaves For Denton Tomorrow

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

The Agronomy Society's Court of Cotton, their faculty advisor, and style show director will leave for Denton tomorrow morning at eight to select the Queen of Cotton and the eight royal duchesses for the 16th Annual Cotton Ball and Pageant.

Driving to TSCW in three cars, the group will stop by Sanger Brothers in Dallas to confer with Sanger designers on production details for this year's elaborate cotton style show.

Both the Pageant, which includes the Sanger's fashion parade, and the Cotton Ball are part of the Agronomy department's spring cotton fete, which provides funds to send Agronomy students on a world cotton inspection tour. This year's show will be held Friday night, April 28, on Kyle Field.

Cotton Court

Composing the male half of the Court of Cotton, and making up the Denton selection group, are King Cotton Nelson Brunnaman and dukes of the court Conrad Ohlendorf, Jim Troublefield, David Rivers, Roy Cook, Raymond Kunze, Leo Mikiska, Tommie Duffie, and Don Hegel.

Faculty sponsor is Professor Eli Whiteley, of the Agronomy department, and director of the pageant is Mrs. Bill Turner. Accompanying the group to Denton will be Mrs. Whiteley; Mrs. Joe Mogford, wife of last year's faculty sponsor, and a Battalion publicity representative.

32 Nominees

Nominees for the court are 32 of TSCW's fairest, chosen eight each from the four classes.

Senior nominees are Frances Abernathy, Dorothy Brueck, Druena Collins, Norma Beth Cooke,

Geologists to Hear Salt Dome Speech

G. C. Clark, Division Geologist for Stanolind Oil and Gas Company at Tyler, will discuss his paper, "The Interior Salt Domes of East Texas," for the Geology Club in the main lecture room of the Petroleum Building on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30.

Clark has received much recognition for his work on this paper and presented it before the regional meeting of the A. A. P. G. in Biloxi, Mississippi, October of last year.

The Geology Club extends an invitation to anyone who wishes to hear Clark, to be present Tuesday for the talk.

J. A. Mortensen

Mortensen was awarded the annual W. R. Burpee award of a \$100 scholarship Wednesday night. He is a senior horticulture major from Crystal City.

Third Installment Fees Are Payable

Third installment fees of \$46 for corps members and \$18.60 for veterans must be paid before March 20 to avoid penalty, announced W. H. Holzmann, comptroller of the college.

Top Graduate Students Attract Replacements

"Before A&M can be in a position to draw top graduate school students from other colleges, it must send good graduate students to them".

Dr. Ide P. Trotter made this statement to the local chapter of the American Association of University professors last night.

The subject of Dr. Trotter's talk was, "Problems now Confronting the Graduate School."

"It is the business of everyone connected with the college to help advance the standards and reputation of the graduate school of A&M," he said.

New Problems

"The individual enrollment of the graduate school has increased from 57 in the fall term of 1944 to 523 for the fall term of 1949.

"This increased number of students in the graduate school has brought about problems that must be straightened out immediately if we expect to have a graduate school standard equal to that of other schools".

Problems presented by veterans that re-enrolled after having their schooling interrupted during the war was given considerable discussion at the meeting.

Rule Amended

An old rule that only permitted students with a grade point ratio of 2.0 to enter graduate work has been amended to allow for those students that returned and began making better grades than before, Dr. Trotter said.

Since the war many students have been permitted to enter the graduate school on a provisional basis. The provisions depending upon the grades made during undergraduate work.

In 1940 the total enrollment for A&M was 6,534 of which 2.7 per cent was graduate student. In 1949 there was a total enrollment of 7,772 with graduate students comprising 7.65 per cent. Dr. Trotter said.

Standards Raised

"This raises the standards of our graduate school tremendously but it also presents us with numerous problems that must be solved", he said.

One of the main problems confronting the graduate school is the cost of carrying classes with a limited number of students.

The State appropriates approximately \$175 for each student enrolled in the school. But the cost of carrying a graduate student through one year of work is close to \$1,200 per student, Dr. Trotter pointed out.

The group agreed that some

means should be worked out where by courses would be offered only in certain semesters thereby increasing the number of students in each class.

Dr. Trotter's talk was followed by a question and answer discussions with all members participating.

Leprosy Issue Speaker Topic In 'Y' March 13

The Christian approach to the religious, social, and medical problems of leprosy will be presented at the YMCA Chapel on Monday, March 13, at 7:15 p. m. by Eugene R. Kellersberger, General Secretary of the American Leprosy Missions, Inc.

Drawing on his world wide study and observations of leprosy work, Kellersberger will discuss the key role played by Christian Missions in arousing international concern in behalf of leprosy victims.

He will also relate how Christian missions have influenced various governments to take preventive steps in the fighting of this disease.

Kellersberger, through experience received as a medical missionary in the Belgian Congo, has become an expert in the field of leprosy and other tropical diseases, notably African sleeping sickness, and he was twice decorated for research in that field by the Belgian Colonial Government.

In addition to his position in the American Leprosy Missions, Kellersberger holds membership in the U. S. Public Health Service Commission on Leprosy, the American Society of Tropical Medicine, and the International Leprosy Association, among others.

Deadline Set For Senior Favor Orders

Senior "favors" must be ordered by March 25 in order to have them available for the Senior Ring Dance, Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities, said this morning. Others are to be placed with the Student Activities office for the favors, which are replicas of the top of the Aggie ring. They can be ordered with or without a chain and guard, Elms said.

Forman Will Be 'Great Issue' Guest Monday

Harrison Forman, traveller and explorer during fifteen years in China, will address the Great Issues Class with a "Report From Red China" in the Physics Lecture Room Monday night.

Fifteen years of travel and exploration in China has given Forman first-hand knowledge of that country and its inhabitants.

Forman has recently published a series of articles in Collier's magazine entitled, "Can We Save China From the Kremlin."

He is a Fellow of the American Geographical Society and a member of both the Explorers Club and the Overseas Press Club.

He has worked as foreign correspondent for the New York Times, London Times, Colliers Magazine, and the National Broadcasting Company.

Everyone interested is invited to attend the talk.

Tennessee Gas Co. Awards Fellowship

The Tennessee Gas Transmission Company again has made available a \$2,000 fellowship for graduate students in petroleum engineering at A&M.

The fellowship covers a 10-month period beginning next September.

In addition to the \$2,000 stipend, \$500 is available for purchase of necessary research equipment. Research work, preferably to be done in the field of natural gas transmission, may be accepted toward a master's or doctor's degree.

Candidates considered for the fellowship must hold a degree in petroleum from an accredited college and must meet the requirements for admission to the graduate school.

The recipient of the fellowship will be chosen by the head of the Petroleum Engineering Department, in consultation with other members of the staff, and with the approval of the company. Applications must be received on or before April 25.

White Band Wins First In Regimental Review

The White Band came in first in the Composite Regimental review Wednesday afternoon, Col. H. L. Boatner, commandant announced this morning.

A Chemical Corps came in second and a Signal Corps came in third.

The remainder of the companies in the regiment were graded in the following order: A Transportation, A ASA, A QMC, B QMC, A Ordnance, and B Transportation coming in last, Boatner said.



The Army ROTC rifle team recently won first place in the Fourth Army Intercollegiate and Interscholastic rifle matches. Eighteen teams entered in the competition. Members of the team seated are R. G. Durrille, G. S. Kent, R. E. Cross-

ser, C. A. Taylor and R. T. Zapata. Standing are P. J. Arhelger, C. T. Easley, C. C. Taylor, Master Sergeant W. R. Reese, J. E. Braun, F. P. Wilhite, and R. D. Cook.

A&M Seeks JC Ag Graduates

At the Agricultural Council meeting in the assembly room of YMCA last night, C. N. Shephardson, Dean of the School of Agriculture, stressed the necessity of having graduating agricultural students from the Junior Colleges of the state enroll at A&M.

Acting upon Dean Shephardson's suggestion that student contacts are perhaps the best way to reach these students, the council decided to invite all prospective Junior College agricultural graduates to A&M for a weekend of observation and entertainment.

A committee consisting of Richard Chase, Robert Webb, Douglas Wythe, Ray Pevaler, and Calvin Reese was appointed to make arrangements for the Junior College students' visit.

Charlie Modisett reported on the Open House Day committee proceedings. He announced that all agriculture clubs must have their Open House Day programs in by March 15.

Doug Preburg invited all agriculture club members to the Cattlemen's Ball to be held April 22 in Shiba Hall.

Preburg announced that the Ball will be open to anyone in the School of Agriculture.

Senior Invitations Available for Order

Seniors may order commencement invitations in Student Activities office from now until April 12, Grady Elms, assistant director of student activities said today.

Invitations are available in leather cover, for 50¢ each, cardboard cover, for 25¢ each, with list of graduates and etchings included, Elms said, or in French roll type at 9¢ each.

This type is the invitation and embossed cover only, Elms said. Engraved and printed personal cards may also be ordered, he added.

Seniors Selection For Duchess Deadline Set

All men who wish to submit pictures for the Senior Class Duchess to the Cotton Ball must do so by Friday, March 10, at 5 p. m.