

Parker Named Class '50 Agent, Ring Reserved for Senior Wear

By C. C. MUNROE

Phil Parker, civil engineering major from El Paso, was elected agent for the Class of 1950 at a senior meeting in the YMCA last night.

The Seniors also unanimously approved a resolution which would forbid any man not taking Senior privileges from wearing the Aggie ring. The resolution was passed after members of the class reported several men taking junior privileges were wearing the rings.

Parker's election automatically places him on the council of the Association of Former Students. Among his duties will be collection and sending news of the class to the Texas Aggie, monthly student newspaper.

The new agent is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of American

Military Engineers. He is also an inactive member of the Ross Volunteers.

The class voted to hold one Senior Ring Dance at the Grove Saturday, May 20. Tim Word, social secretary, said an estimated 1,200 men would attend the dance.

Word Explains

He outlined plans for Seniors and their dates to go through the two huge rings which will be placed at the Grove.

No orchestra has been signed for the dance at this time, Word said. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, spoke to members of the class on possible class gifts. The Seniors made no decision on the gift. They instructed the Gift Committee to present its recommendations at the next class meeting.

Members of the committee will receive suggestions from any member of the class. They are Dick

Marks, Ed Leuckemeyer, Bruce Thompson, Phil Parker, Conrad Ohlendorf, Bruce Morris, and Cliff McGowan.

Bobby Byington, class president, asked all men present to the meeting to assure non-military Seniors that they were invited to attend the Senior banquet. There had been some misunderstanding among non-military Seniors. Byington said, since the banquet was to be held in Duncan Hall, the corps mess hall.

Letter From Hervey

A letter of welcome into the Association of Former Students was read to the class by Byington. The letter, signed by Dick Hervey, executive secretary of the Association, read as follows:

"Dear Bobby: Each year at this time A&M men set aside a day for the traditional observance of the April 21st Muster, and the commendable part you and your classmates have played in carrying on this major activity has contributed in large degree to its continuing success.

"With the coming of Muster comes my personal realization that just a few scant weeks remain before another grand class graduates from A&M College and will take its position in the Association of Former Students.

"I look with confidence on the future of the Class of 1950, and I extend to you and your classmates the sincere congratulations of all former students.

Class Welcomed

"It is a real pleasure to welcome every member of your class to full-fledged membership in the Association. Because your class has shown remarkable unity and singleness of purpose, I feel certain that you men of 1950 will continue as former students your enthusiastic interest in the progress and welfare of the college which has been so evident during the past four years.

"I want to assure you that a place is reserved for a 1950 class members in the Association of Former Students. Again, congratulations, best wishes and welcome. Sincerely yours, J. B. (Dick) Hervey, executive secretary."

Ag Council Invites Jr. College Visitors

Plans for Open House Day and details for the forthcoming Junior College Visitation Program were discussed by Dean Charles N. Shephardson of the School of Agriculture, and members of the Agricultural Council Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Cabinet Room of the Y. M. C. A.

Charles Modisett, chairman of the Open House Day Planning Committee, reported that the programs have gone to press and will be available soon. He asked a representative from each of the clubs in the School of Agriculture to report on the progress of exhibit preparations by their club.

Ronald Chase gave a committee report on plans for entertaining junior college students who will be on the campus this week-end. These students have been invited to the campus for the purpose of looking over the School of Agriculture.

They will be shown the different departments in the Ag School and will then be taken on a tour of the college farm, by members of the Agricultural Council.

Finance Students Show Much Ability

Students of finance show a realistic grasp of sound investment principles, according to the Pierre A. DuVal Foundation which is offering three awards in finance to students.

Careful study of the first reports made by students indicate that the majority possess more than a theoretical knowledge of investments and economic principles.

More than 250 students from 50 colleges and universities are competing for the awards on the basis of the best "investment" of a theoretical \$25,000 dollars.

Agronomy Dept. Gets Soda Nitrate Grant

Three tons of nitrate of soda for experimental purposes, have been made available to the Department of Agronomy.

"This material has a retail value of \$225 for three tons," Dr. R. D. Lewis, director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, says. The material is from the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana.



Edith Boehlert

Edith, senior at Hardin Simmons University, will be the duchess for the Latin American Club in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She is from Abilene and will be escorted by Mario Sol, Ag E. major from San Salvador, C. A.

French General Sends 'Thanks' For A&M Visit

A letter of thanks to the Corps of Cadets from Brigadier General Jacques de la Boisse, French Military Attache, was received by Cadet Colonel of the Corps Doyle Avant yesterday.

General de la Boisse wrote Avant expressing his appreciation for the hospitality shown him during his visit on the Campus at the time of the Military Ball.

The letter received by Avant read as follows:

"I beg your forgiveness for my tardiness in replying to your kind letter of 20 March and thank you for the delightful welcome you gave me at your annual Military Day.

"My trip to your fine, large college was not an effort for me but rather a true pleasure. And in saying this I am not just using the ordinary formula of politeness but am expressing sincerely my true feelings. You cannot know how I regretted, during the day of 18 March, not being better able to speak your language in order to tell you how happy I was that you wanted to invite me to so impressive a ceremony.

The military in me was enthusiastic—and this word is not too strong—at the organization, the bearing and the spirit of the Cadet Corps of A&M College. We do not have in France the equivalent of your system of training Reserve officers in State civilian universities, and that is why my visit to College Station held a double interest for me. I was able to comprehend how the United States had been able, during the course of the last war, to activate an officer in such a short time the great Army which liberated my country and brought victory to the camp of Freedom.

May I tell you also how much I appreciated the kindness and affectionate comradeship with which you received me, and express to you and to your Cadets my deepest gratitude, begging you to be assured of my friendliest regard."

"Sincerely yours, Jacques de la Boisse, Brigadier General, French Army, Military Attache."

Positive TB Check Takes Short Time

By GEORGE CHARLTON

"They're always amazed how short a time it takes."

That's what Mrs. A. Blumberg said yesterday when asked how persons having X-rays taken were reacting to the test. She's executive secretary of the county tuberculosis association, and at the time, was stapling people's personal information cards while they waited for the check-up.

"Just as long as it takes to say 'take a deep breath, hold it, and that's all' is all the time it takes," she said.

Since Tuesday when the unit was first set up in the campus YMCA, 11,563 persons have had their X-rays taken. Of this number, 3,965 are students and faculty members. According to Mrs. Blumberg, the number of persons taking the check-up until 5 o'clock was approximately 900.

After Saturday, the unit will go to Caldwell. The unit will operate from 9 a. m. till 4 p. m. Saturday, and all persons in the College Station area or surrounding country are eligible for the free service.

Muster Set For 7:30 Tonight; Delegates Off to TISA Meet

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

Ten A&M representatives—five official delegates from the student senate, two college staff members, and three student observers—left this morning for Waco to attend the 1950 Texas Intercollegiate Student Association Convention.

The convention, consisting of an estimated 200 delegates from most of the colleges of Texas, will bring student government representatives together to discuss problems common among student groups. Problems will be considered in the light of the attempts each of the several student bodies have made to solve them. Keith Allsup, student senate president and delegate to the convention said.

After registration and a short general meeting this morning, the convention split into four seminar sections to discuss college honor systems, student government's program of building school spirit, betterment of student faculty relations, and whether student governments should investigate school prices and principles.

This afternoon four more seminars will be held. Joe Fuller, student senator from Law Hall, will lead the discussion on student government finance. Fuller will open the seminar by telling of ways the A&M student senate has financed its projects.

Charles Kirkham, senate delegate and co-vic president of the Senior Class will lead the seminar discussing cultural entertainment for TISA member schools. This meeting will explore the possibilities of securing big names in the entertainment world at reduced rates through a TISA circuit. Grady Elms, assistant director of student activities, will tell the seminar group how A&M goes about securing entertainment for its student body. He will also make suggestion on how a circuit may be organized enabling smaller colleges to obtain big name entertainment talent without too great an expense.

Parse Discusses

Two other subjects will be discussed by groups during the early afternoon seminars. Trinity College of San Antonio will lead the discussions on student court systems. Bill Parse and Charlie Royalty of the A&M senate delegation will sit in on this discussion.

Disciplinary committees and how they function will be led by a Texas Tech delegate. Later this afternoon the whole convention will participate in a parade through downtown Waco. Meetings for the convention are being held in the new Baylor Student Union Building.

Saturday morning a TISA Town Hall meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 in the Town Hall discussion, the general subject "What (See TISA, Page 6)

Educator Forsees Recreation Crisis

Dallas, April 21—g—A Maryland educator, Dr. George Gloss, said today the increasing number of leisure hours will give a "social crisis" unless recreation is organized on a national basis.

He urged that women's groups undertake the organization.

Dr. Gloss is chairman of graduate work in health, physical education and recreation at the University of Maryland. He is attending the convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation here.



J. Wayne Stark, director of the Student Memorial Center (on the far left), presents a check to the lone winners of the Inter-Collegiate Bridge Tournament Committee, R. C. Lyon and Bob Blake. The check, for \$165 was to pay expenses to a national meet to be held in Chicago. G. L. Farrar (far right) was the co-advisor for the team. A. M. Platt co-advisor is not pictured.

Sbisa Goes Western For Cowboy's Ball

By RAY WILLIAMS

"Swing your partner, like swinging on a gate; swing your partner and don't be late," will be the order of the day Saturday night when the Saddle and Sirolo Club throw their annual Cattleman's Ball.

Sbisa Hall is the location for the gala affair. Jesse James and "All the Boys", from the Forty Acres country, will furnish the music for both round and square dancing.

Honor guest at the affair will be G. R. White, president of the A&M Board of Directors. White, who is recognized as one of the leading livestock breeders in the state, will be awarded an honorary membership in the Saddle and Sirolo Club.

Also attending the ball will be

a number of prominent livestock raisers from all over the state. "Two hundred fifty invitations have been sent out, and we are already assured of a good attendance out of this group," said Pat Hensler, publicity chairman.

Livestock and meat judging teams that have been outstanding during the year will receive medals at the Ball.

The senior livestock judging team is made up of J. R. Strauss, Jr., Paul R. Weyerts, C. D. Green, Gene Turnbow, J. S. Sentell and C. R. Kempelin.

The junior livestock judging team who will also receive medals is made up of Douglas Wythe, W. V. Reyes, B. H. Gibbs, Glenn B. Dunkle, Maxie J. Overstreet, and W. M. Lindell.

Also receiving awards will be the senior meats judging team made up of B. J. Bland Jr., H. E. Riley, A. S. Agnor and W. G. Dunkum, Jr.

Ticket may be purchased from any man in the Dairy Husbandry or Animal Husbandry Departments. The price is \$2.00, stag or drag, and all Ag Students and their guests are invited. The time for the affair has been set for 9 till 1.

A prize will be awarded to the best dressed couple in western garb. The ones who look most like cowboys and cowgirls, that is. The sweetheart of the Saddle and Sirolo Club will be presented at the Ball.

Chemical Engineer Meet Here Today

A meeting of the South Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, in collaboration with the legal student chapter, will be held at the A&M campus, this afternoon.

Highlighting the meeting will be a demonstration talk in the Petroleum Building lecture room at 5:00, by M. H. Leavenworth, Manager of the Dallas Office of Dow Chemical Corporation. His subject, "Silicones at Work in Industry," will concern a class of compounds that is relatively new in the industrial field. Leavenworth, having had extensive experience with silicones, will demonstrate some of their unusual properties.

Other program arrangements include briefing on tours in the Petroleum Building lecture room from 3:00 to 3:30; tours of College facilities for the following hour and thirty minutes until the demonstration talk begins at 5:00; a social hour and barbecue in Hensel Park, beginning at 6:00.

P. G. Murdock of the Chemical Engineering Department is in charge of local arrangements.

Hundreds of Aggies—living on the campus and graduates who return for this occasion—will gather in Guion Hall this evening at 7:30 for the 47th annual Aggie Muster. A program embodying traditional features of Aggie Musters will be presented with David Haines acting as master of ceremonies.

This annual event among A&M men is a world-wide occasion. Wherever two or more Aggies can get together on this April 21, there will be a Muster.

The past three Musters on the campus have been organized and sponsored by a committee from the student senate working with the Association of Former Students, college officials, and representatives from the Brazos County A&M Club. Ken Landrum, chairman of the senate welcoming committee, headed this year's Muster planning.

Marion S. Church will deliver the principal address at this evening's Muster. An outstanding student while enrolled here, Church has continued his successful ways to his present standing as a prominent attorney and civic leader in Dallas. He was president of the Association of Former Students 1923-24.

Hartung to Speak

Louis A. Hartung, president of the Association of Former Students, will deliver a short talk to present students at A&M. Doyle Avant, cadet colonel of the corps of cadets, will give response on behalf of the student body.

The program for the 1950 Muster will begin with "The Aggie War Hymn" played by the band and sung by the audience. Haines will then call the Muster together and King Egger, corps chaplain, will give the invocation.

Next, the Singing Cadets will sing "The Twelfth Man" to be joined in by the audience on the chorus.

William DuPuy will read the Muster Tradition, a resume of the historical origin of the Aggie Muster and facts about outstanding Musters held since the first one in 1903.

Band and Singing Cadets

After another band selection and one by the Singing Cadets, Jack Norman will read the traditional Muster poem "Roll Call for the Absent." Following the reading Norman will call the roll of A&M sluted at this year's Muster. Five names of students who have died since the last Muster and three names of outstanding former students will be called. Comrades of these men will answer the roll call with "Here."

Names on the roll call are Jerry Oliver Bissom, Marcus R. Brown, Norbert James Lucas, Warren Nelson, and Reagan Dale Roberts. Former Student's names to be read are Abram Hensler, E. R. Lancaster, and Gen. George F. Moore.

A squad of Ross Volunteers will fire a three volley salute to the men whose names were called on roll call for the absent. These six men will fire their salute outside Guion Hall on the east side, Landrum said.

"And Lang Syne" will be sung by the Singing Cadets while Haines gives the closing ceremony. Concluding the 1950 Muster will be Silver Taps.

Landrum Heads Committee

Members of this year's Muster committee are Ken Landrum, chairman; Bill Parse; John Christensen; Jackie Miller; Chester Shroud; Dick Hervey, secretary for the Association of Former Students; and R. Henderson Shuffler, director of the college Information and Publications Office.

Hervey announced earlier in the week that attempts have failed to gain the presence of one of the men who attended the historic (See MUSTER, Page 6)

'Take a Break'

Fate dealt a cruel, cruel blow to the romantic inclinations of some Aggies during a recent field trip.

The travelers from this academy were headed through the heart of Mexico. While in a small town which doesn't see many tourists a blowout interrupted their progress.

Most of the group stayed with the car while the tire was being changed, but the "Romero" of the caravan decided to scout the territory.

In just a few minutes he returned, beaming from ear to ear. "Men, the world is kind. I've got dates for each of us for a dance they're having here tonight." Waving a slip of paper he continued, "Here, I've got their names written down."

He handed the list of "dates' names" to their guide, who, upon looking at it, burst out into laughter.

"Amigo," he cried, "you've been taken in. These are the names of four Mexican MOVIE STARS."



I didn't know the Cattleman's Ball was going to be formal