

## Ag Nine Sweeps 3 Game Series

By HAROLD GANN  
A&M's baseball team increased its Southwest Conference prominence here Friday and Saturday, sweeping from a thrilling three-game series from TCU that featured everything from the placid thud of balls hitting mitts to the frantic rhapsody of quarreling coaches, players, and umpires.

Wally Moon, who drove in four of the Ag runs, slapped his second conference homer high over the green board behind the center field fence, driving home ahead of him Guy Wallace, who had doubled.

Highlighted by Moon's two-run double, A&M's biggest inning came in the second when four runs were scored off three hits and two errors.

The Aggies bombarded highly-touted Knobby Graves for six runs, a homer, two doubles, and two singles before he was replaced by Mike Salim in the third.

After facing the blazing speed of Graves, Cadet batsmen had difficulty at first adjusting their sights to Salim's soft stuff.

**A&M 7, TCU 6**  
In the first game of Saturday's twin bill, Guy Wallace's two-run double that broke the chalked line in left field gave A&M a 7-6 story book finish over the Frogs in the bottom of the ninth.

The Ags started fast with four runs in the first, waited for seven scoreless innings, and then clinched the three markers that clinched the game in the final frame.

Both Wallace and Yale Lary figured in the scoring, and added another oddity to baseball's bag of tricks. Wallace set off the fireworks in the first with a double to left center. Yale Lary added the final cadet touches with a towering two-run homer over the left field fence.

Then in the sixth the batters reversed their procedure. Lary spearheaded the rally with an infield hit; Wallace this time had the last word with his double.

The Aggies got the four runs (See SERIES, Page 3)



King Nelson Brunnean crowns his Queen of Cotton Docia Schultz as they prepare to reign over the 16th Annual Cotton Pageant. The Pageant Friday night was witnessed by more than 4,000 people gathered in Kyle Field.

## Overstreet In Tie for Rodeo Champ Title

Maxie Overstreet, A. H. major from Haslet, was tied by George Merzbacher of Texas A&I for Championship Cowboy in the Hardin-Simmons Intercollegiate Rodeo held April 27-29.

A&M rodeo team tied for third in the overall meet, with 210 points, New Mexico A&M was the rodeo winner with 280 points, while A&I took second with 260 points. Hardin-Simmons which did not compete for the team title, scored 310 points.

Overstreet won first in bareback riding and third in bull riding, while Merzbacher won first in bull riding and fourth in calf roping and bare back riding to tie Overstreet for the championship.

Other winners were Jack Resch, A&I, in calf roping, Bill Guest, Hardin-Simmons, bulldogging, Roy Reynolds, West Texas State, in ribbon roping and Tarry Hopson, New Mexico A&M in saddle bronc riding.

**Results**  
Bareback riding—won by Overstreet; Hook Chisum, Arlington State, second; Jimmy Mickler, Hardin-Simmons, third; Merzbacher, A&I fourth.

Calf roping—won by Resch; Neale Vann, Oklahoma A&M, second; F. C. Stover, New Mexico A&M, third; Merzbacher, fourth. Best time by Vann: 11.9 seconds.

Bulldogging—won by Guest; Eugene Knappenberger, Ranger Junior College, third; Richard Thompson, New Mexico fourth. Best time by Don Driggers, New Mexico A&H, 6.2.

Bull riding—won by Merzbacher; Virgil Riley, Ranger, second; Overstreet, third; Bill Lockridge, Texas A&M, fourth.

Ribbon roping—won by Reynolds; Stover second; Vann, third; Earl Reynolds, West Texas, fourth. Best time by Reynolds, 26 seconds.

Saddle bronc—won by Hopson; Norman McNew, New Mexico, second; John Daniel, New Mexico, third; Winley, Sul Ross, fourth.

## Haines New Prexy Of Singing Cadets

David Haines was elected president of the Singing Cadets at their fourth annual banquet held Saturday evening Duncan Hall.

Bob Stinson was elected vice-president; John Derry, business manager; Foster Gray; librarian; and Ken Wiggins, reporter-historian.

Special awards for eight semesters of membership in the group were presented to Bill Alexander, Bill Blankenship, Jerry Byrd, Conrad Cone, Bill Menger, Leonard Perkins, Fred Slinger, Ray Smith, T. G. Smith, Bob Stinson, and George Thomas.

Bill Bleker, Buddy Boyd, David Kreauger, and Bill Moss received letters of appreciation for six semesters membership.

Four semesters membership awards of gold keys were presented to Vergil Bohac, Dick Adams, Jim Dalton, Jim Boyles, John Derry, David Haines, Ed Finley, Bob Hardy, Burton Lambert, George Schwarz, and Bob Tate.

Silver keys for two semesters membership were awarded to Carol Cato, Ed Chapin, Bill Cuckburn, Jerry Dietert, Don Forney, Foster Gray, Jack Grissett, Larry Hardwick, Harold Hughes, Don Hinton, Koimeith Hill, Ed Munford, Thurmond Munson, John Richardson, Jimmy Rollins, Jack Norman, Bob Terrell, Bud Van Cleave, Dick Weatherall, Dale Walston, Ken Wiggins, George Rodgers, Bill Lewis, John Ready, Thomas Savage, John Tarver, Jerry Ward, and Raymond Willford.

President Jerry Byrd was master of ceremonies and Bill Menger was Banquet chairman. Decorations for Duncan Hall and the Music Hall were supervised by Bob Stinson, Program chairman was Bob Terrell.

A short summary of the Sing-

## Engineering School Names Six Achievement Award Winners

Six graduating seniors were named Friday to receive the School of Engineering Faculty Achievement Awards, according to H. W. Barlow, dean of engineering.

Willy F. Bohlmann, Frank A. Cleland, Donald E. Jarvis, Emmitt A. Ingram, Jr., Charles D. Kirk-

ham Jr., and Tom D. Reynolds will receive the awards at the Awards and Merits Day Program, Sunday afternoon, May 14.

"This award is given by the faculty in recognition of scholastic attainment, demonstrated leadership, organizational ability, and for proficiency in the performance of extra-curricular activities," Dean Barlow said.

"It is only given to students who have made notable contributions to the progress of the School of Engineering and to A&M," he added.

**Plaque Awarded**  
The award is in the form of a large bronze medallion on a mahogany plaque, Barlow said. The medallion and plaque are produced by D. W. Fleming and Miles Watson of the M. E. Department. The plaques will be on display in the window of the Exchange Store during the week of May 1, he said.

Members of the selection committee were John M. Rowlett, chairman; G. L. Farrar, H. C. Dillingham, L. E. Flanagan, D. W. Fleming, R. M. Holcomb, and R. L. Whiting.

Cleland, cadet colonel and regimental commander of the Composite Regiment, is a member of the Student Senate, Tau Beta Phi, Student Engineer's Council, was elected to Who's Who, is program chairman of the All-College Day committee, and has been selected for a regular Army commission.

"Cleland was selected for his high scholarship, ability to accept responsibility, cooperative spirit, tact, finesse, likeable personality, ability to delegate authority and participation in extra-curricular activities," Barlow said.

He is majoring in chemical engineering and is from Genoa.

**Jarvis Chosen**  
Jarvis, fifth year architecture student from Fort Worth, is president of Tau Beta Phi. During his senior year in the Cadet Corps, he was corps adjutant, holding the rank of cadet lieutenant-colonel. He was a student senator, a member of Who's Who, and winner of a student aid for a European trip.

"Jarvis was selected for his brilliant scholarship, his ability as a leader and counselor, his wisdom, his judgment and his modesty, for his accomplishments, his friendly attitude and his diversity of interests," said Barlow.

Reynolds, civil engineering student from Victoria, was selected "on the basis of brilliant scholarship, leadership, dependability and a modest, friendly and cooperative personality," according to Barlow.

A lieutenant colonel in the corps of cadets, he commands the Engineer Battalion. Reynolds is treasurer of Tau Beta Phi, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, has been a distinguished student every semester, and is a distinguished military student.

**Bohlmann Selected**  
Bohlmann, civil engineering student from Schulenburg, is a cadet colonel, commander of the Sixth Regiment. He is a slide rule plaque winner, a distinguished student three semesters, best-dressed sophomore in his company (1947-48), outstanding junior in his regiment (1948-49), and a distinguished military student.

"Bohlmann was chosen on the basis of high and constantly improving scholarship, leadership in the cadet corps and in student activities, an unfailing sense of duty and responsibility plus the willingness to work hard and long, and a pleasant, friendly modest attitude," Barlow said.

Ingram, fifth-year architecture student from Fort Worth, is president of the Student Engineers Council and a student senator. While in the corps, he was a cadet captain on an Air Force squadron staff.

"Ingram was selected for his accomplishments, his diversity of interests, his achievements in the cadet corps, his professional attitude, and for the recognition which he has brought to the college by being awarded first prize in the student division of a national competition contest by the Timber Engineering Company," Barlow said.

**Kirkham Senior Officer**  
Kirkham, management engineering student from Cleburne, is a 22-year old veteran. He is chairman of the editorial board of The Battalion, a three-year member of the Student Senate, and president of that body last year. He is now non-military vice-president of the Senior class, a member of the debate team, and has served on many committees, including the Aggie Muster committee for two years.

He was Mother's Day Speaker in 1947 and represented the student body in 1948 in a statewide broadcast speech at the Mustang.

"Kirkham was selected for his outstanding participation in student activities, leadership, and his excellent attitude toward all phases of college work and outstanding service to the college," Barlow said.

## Another Worthy Cause . . .

## Clinic Planned for Crippled Children

By GEORGE CHARLTON

Every kind of a specialist from a speech therapist to a pediatrician will be on the campus and available at the fifth annual free Crippled Children's Clinic on May 8.

Serving as consultants to the crippled youngsters of 11 surrounding counties, the group of doctors will include orthopedic specialists, neurologists, plastic surgeons, speech therapists, and pediatricians. Among prominent doctors present at the clinic will be Dr. Hips of Marlin, and Dr. Eggers, Dr. Ainsworth, and Dr. Otto of Galveston.

The clinic which will be held in the basement of the hospital will act as a veritable clearing house for consulting and diagnosing crippled children of the 11 county area. Money for corrective surgery will be obtained by the clinic if parents are not able to pay costs.

Children who have had burns, or children marked at birth or from injuries who can be helped by plastic surgery have been especially invited to this the fifth such affair. Registration begins at 8 a. m. and ends at 12 noon.

A new service to be offered this year will be for children with speech defects. Youngsters with stutter or stammer or falter in speech, who are tongue tied or have other speech defects are invited to the clinic. A speech therapist from the State Medical School at Galveston will be present.

## Marines Explain Officer Selection

A two-man team of Marine officers will be on the campus tomorrow and Wednesday to explain the Marine Corps officer procurement program to all interested students. Lt. Col. J. H. Kelly, PAS&T, said today.

Major E. L. Bale, '42, and Capt. R. P. Mawyer will be in the lobby of the YMCA for interviews from 8 a. m. until noon and from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m.

The Marine program leads to a reserve commission. All men completing the program, which is called the Platoon Leaders Class, will also be given an opportunity to qualify for a regular commission.

Men interested in the program should plan to complete college work leading to a degree. They will also have to serve in two summer training programs of six weeks duration each.

Major Bale and Capt. Mawyer are in charge of interviewing prospective Marine officers for the Dallas District.



The Royal Court of King and Queen Cotton posed for this formal picture Friday night at the start of the 16th Annual Cotton Pageant. Cloudy skies which at times sent down a misting rain failed to halt presentation of the colorful spectacle.

## Water Resistant . . .

## Rain Fails to Halt Cotton Show

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

The weatherman came within a thread's breadth of putting the damper on the 16th Annual Cotton Pageant and ball Friday night, but through the perseverance of both cast and audience, and a well-timed statement by Pageant Master of Ceremonies Joe Woolket, the show did go on and lived up to its pre-publicity as the "biggest and best" in the series' history.

Light, fog-like rain had fallen intermittently all during the Pageant on Kyle Field but it really poured into a shower just as the last of the organizational duchesses floated across the stage. All the duchesses and their escorts seated around the stage clutched their belongings about them and fled screamingly toward the exits.

Members of the audience put their programs over their heads, the wiser ones donning the raincoats and raising the umbrellas they had brought, and most of them began working toward the ramps.

head, he began pleading into the microphone that the show would, and must, go on. The audience hesitated momentarily. His face suddenly brightening, Woolket looked skyward, and with water dripping off his glasses he shouted brightly, "Look, it can't be raining—the moon's still shining!" Almost with the words the shower slackened back to a fog, the audience and most of the duchesses came back to their places, and the show did go on.

And it was quite a show that did go on. Before the rain, the audience had seen and heard a performance by the A&M Tumbling Team and numbers by the Aggeland Orchestra. Woolket then introduced Lamar Flemming, president of the Anderson Clayton Company. Flemming crowned King of Cotton Nelson Brunnean.

After introduction of the eight maids of honor of the court, and their escorts, Woolket introduced the seven Southwest Conferences duchesses, the Agronomy Society duchess, and their escorts. The SWC representatives and their escorts were A&M's Jeannine Holland, the Aggie Sweetheart, escorted by Allan Eubank; Arkansas' Jacques Galloway, escorted by

James Pace; Baylor's Jane Dennis, escorted by "Red" Duke; Rice's Marie Lehmann, escorted by Carl "Buddy" Moberg; SMU's Nell McGrew, escorted by John Taylor; TCU's Barbara Sterling, escorted by Donald Jarvis; Texas U's Pola Ellis, escorted by Herman Dietrich; and the Agronomy Society Duchess, Annabelle Miller, escorted by C. F. Patterson.

Then Queen Docia, in a white net dress with a ruffled skirt leading into a log train, came up the center of the stage to the cotton throne and was crowned by King Nelson.

With Woolket on one microphone and David Haines, of the corps staff, on the other, the 150 organizational duchesses were introduced. Then the rains came.

After the shower subsided, the Prairie View Quartet, under the direction of R. Von Charlton, presented two numbers. Then the TSCW Modern Dance Trio and the Capertettes, from the same school, did two dance routines each, interspersed by two numbers by the Arlington State College trumpet trio.

After the formal program of the Pageant, the Sangers group began

their display of summer cotton costumes from beachwear to formal. Jesse Southworth, fashion commentator and quipster extraordinaire, was the narrator and engaged in a running verbal joust with the audience all through the show. It was difficult to tell which the predominately Aggie audience appreciated the most the clothing or the models.

Another hit of the show was Elizabeth McGee, national maid of cotton, who modeled five pieces from her internationally created wardrobe.

The rain which almost broke up the Pageant managed to move the Ball from the Grove into Sbis Hall, where the customary Cotton Ball capacity crowd danced to the Aggeland Orchestra music.

As it is each year, the Pageant and Ball was produced to raise funds for a cotton study tour by members of the Agronomy Department. Leo Mikeska, R. A. R. broker, L. E. Goerdel, and Ray Kunze as alternate were announced at the Pageant as winners of the tests to determine who would make the tour.

Detailed plans for the trip have not been worked out as yet. Estimated attendance at the Pageant was 4,000 persons.

## I Flight Cadet Hurt in Wreck

Robert L. "Bobby" Amsler, junior agricultural economics major from Hempstead, was seriously injured Saturday in an automobile accident between Seely and Hempstead.

Amsler, who is now in a Houston hospital, was reported to have suffered a brain concussion, spinal injuries, and cuts and abrasions. The car in which he was riding collided with another car on a bridge between the two towns.

Three other persons were reported to have been in the car but Amsler was the only one who reportedly suffered serious injuries.

Details of the accident were scarce. College authorities late last night had received no news of Amsler's injury. The Highway Patrol, when contacted by The Battalion, radioed the patrolmen who covered the Hempstead territory. They reported that Amsler was in "pretty bad shape" but had no further details.

Amsler is a member of I Flight Air Force.