

## Press Club Banquet Honors Journalists

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

Approximately 275 student publications staff members and guest college staff members ate, drank, received awards, and had fun poked at them Friday night in the Eblon annex.

Occasion was the annual Press Club Banquet, which has as its primary purpose the issuance of awards to students who have worked on the various papers, magazines, and year book produced by the college, and the secondary aim of everyone having a roasting good time.

Editors of The Battalion, the Aggeland 1951, the Commentator, the Engineer, the Agriculturist, and the Southwestern Veterinarian all received watches, and the various members of their staffs were given keys indicative of their time spent on the publications. Joel Austin, Freshman editor of The Battalion, was also presented a watch. First-year workers received bronze keys, two-year men silver keys, and three-year staffers got gold awards.

**Special Awards**

Two special awards were made to outstanding staff members of The Battalion. Current feature editor, and co-editor-elect for 1950-51, Dave Coslett was given a suit of clothes for his work in editing the national prize winning Christmas safety edition which brought The Battalion \$500 in cash. Cos-

lett also accepted the National Safety Council's Public Interest Award for 1949, which was awarded The Battalion for the same edition.

A. W. Fredericks, advertising representative for The Battalion, was given a pen and pencil set by the paper for outstanding work in selling \$5,000 worth of advertising for the paper during the school year.

### Journalism Awards

Presentation of the Journalism Department's awards to the two freshmen who show the most promise in work on student publications was also made at the banquet. Harold Gann, sports writer for The Battalion, and Joel Austin, editor of The Battalion freshman page, received the two award scrolls from head of the Journalism Department, Donald D. Burchard.

Presentation of the various staff awards was made by President Frank C. Bolton, who praised the publication men for their contributions to the college this year.

Dr. Bolton, along with most of the other college officials present, was the target of the banquet "program," which jibed the visiting dignitaries. Feature of the program was a slide film entitled "Inside College Station," which was billed by its producer, Battalion staffer Don Reed, as revealing some of the clandestine activities indulged in by college officials.

### Fake Film

The films were made by superimposing the faces of other people in various compromising positions and actions. It opened with a shot of president-elect Tom Harrington, smilingly clutching a bottle of Four Roses, moved through a stiff pose of Dean J. P. Abbott doing an adagio dance with a slinky brunette, and concluded with a pose of Commandant Colonel Hayden L. Boatner as a tipsy Shakespearean actor.

Other parts of the program included "Auctioning off" the services of several members of the student activities office, and several fake telegrams delivered to the various dignitaries.

Banquet master of ceremonies was C. C. Munroe, co-editor of The Battalion.

## Storage Plans Announced For Summer Period

Plans for storing baggage during the summer were released today by Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men.

Cadets living in odd numbered dormitories in the New Area may store all items, except lamps, in the gun rooms of Dormitories 5 and 1. These storage rooms will be open on Friday, May 26 from 3 until 5 p. m., Tuesday, May 30 from 2 to 5 p. m. and Thursday, June 1 from 2 to 5 p. m.

Cadets living in even numbered dormitories and in Hart Hall may store all items except lamps in the gun rooms of Dormitories 4 and 6. The times during which the storage rooms will be open are the same as those for the odd numbered dormitories.

Students living in non-military dormitories may store all items including lamps in the gun room of Dormitory 15. This storage room will be open on Friday, May 26 from 3 to 5 p. m. and on Tuesday, May 30 from 2 until 5 p. m.

Cadets may store lamps in the gun room of Dormitory 2. The room will be open from 3 to 5 p. m. on Friday, May 26, Tuesday, May 30, Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2.

**Summer Session**

All students who wish to attend the second summer semester but not the first semester may store all items in the gun room of Dormitory 16. Zinn said. This storage room will be open on Thursday, June 1 from 2 to 5 p. m.

Students from the Annex may store all items in either of the places indicated above, preferably in the area where they expect to live next year, Zinn explained.

**Agronomy Society**

The storage will be handled by the Agronomy Society and all revenues will be placed in the treasury of that society, Zinn stated. The baggage will be stored at the student's own risk but all possible precautions will be taken to safeguard it.

Lamps may be stored at 40 cents each and bicycles at a dollar each. Other baggage will be stored at 40 cents per piece for containers not exceeding two cubic feet in volume, Zinn concluded.

## Senior Calendar

- May 26—Friday—Last day of classes for seniors not failing courses.
- May 27—Saturday—Finals begin.
- Miscellaneous — Senior invitations now being distributed in Agricultural office, second floor, Goodwin Hall. Those without down payment will be sold after Friday afternoon.
- June 2—Baccalaureate and commencement exercises, commissioning ceremony, and final ball.
- June 3—Final Review.



The big day finally arrived. Glen Kothman looks at his date Janie Boothe before they go into the Senior King Dance. The background was designed by seniors in the Architecture Department.

## Teddy Through Truman

# Eight Ex-Presidents Endorse Texan's Mason Credentials

Pecos, Texas. — The A Pecos man has a slip of paper signed by eight consecutive presidents of the United States.

The paper is capt. M. L. Swinehart's 32nd degree Mason credentials. Theodore Roosevelt signed it first, in 1908. Harry Truman signed it in 1948. The in-between presidents signed while they were in office.

The 75-year-old Pecos man is a promoter, railroad man, and religious director as well as an army veteran.

Swinehart is a former engineer of Goshwin, Ind., where he designed and built the town's water sewer and parking system. As chief engineer of the Pecos Water Company in Riverside, Calif., he built one of the largest irrigation systems in the country. He then became general manager and chief engineer of the St. Jo Valley Railway Company and built and operated the 100-mile line for a time.

Coming to Pecos in 1909, he was promoter and builder of the Pecos Valley Southern Railway and served as president of the railroad for a year. From the railroad business, the captain's eyes turned to religious work, and he spent 26 years as business manager of the Korean Christian missions in his spare time. He built a 250-room college in Korea, traveled around the world three times distributing Gideon Bibles, and recruited 24 missionaries for service overseas.

Thomas R. Marshall, who was later to be Vice-President, presented Captain Swinehart's credentials to Teddy Roosevelt, beginning the series. Marshall was the man who took captain Swinehart through Masonry.

Swinehart then personally saw the next four presidents and got their autographs. He saw William H. Taft in 1910, Woodrow Wilson in 1913, Warren G. Harding in 1921, and Calvin Coolidge in 1924.

The captain was not present in 1929 when Herbert Hoover signed the credential, but he was back in Washington in 1934 for Franklin D. Roosevelt's signature. FDR called the captain in, and the two talked for about 20 minutes about "this and that."

Captain Swinehart was not present when President Truman signed his document. Federal District Judge Ewing Thomason took the document in. This was while Judge Thomason was in the U. S. Congress. President Truman called in newsmen to show them the rare document.

The captain takes good care of his credentials, taking them out of a bank vault occasionally to show to his friends. The writing is well preserved, considering its age. He had to get a silk cloth put on the back of the credential while in Korea. He plans some day after getting several more Presidents' signatures to turn his credential over to Masonic museum.

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# Seniors Climax College With Biggest Weekend

The Class of 1950 Saturday put the wrappings on four years of college with its Senior Banquet and Ring Dance. Dodging heavy rains which threatened to ruin their plans, an estimated 1,000 couples took part in some or all of the weekend activities.

One complete wing of Duncan Hall was filled to overflowing for the banquet. The 1,200 persons who attended heard President F. C. Bolton and Dean M. T. Harrington make the principal addresses.

Thirty one winners of Who's Who were presented at the banquet by C. G. "Spike" White, director of student activities. Gold, engraved keys were awarded each of the men as a token of his selection.

Bobby Byington, class president, was master of ceremonies. After an invocation by King Egger, corps chaplain, Byington welcomed the seniors and their dates and guests to the banquet.

The menu for the evening included tomato cocktail, salad, T-bone steak, french fried potatoes, fresh lima beans, iced tea and baked Alaska.

A quartet from the Singing Catalogue for the 1950-51 school year.

Flukinger who was elected president is the first sergeant of B Engineers. He has been a distinguished student since 1947. He is also a member of the AIEE and the Phi Eta Sigma honor fraternity.

James Pianta, San Antonio, was named vice-president, and Wallace Hooper, Ft. Worth, was elected recording secretary. Albert W. Rollins, Dallas, was elected corresponding secretary. Jes D. McIver from Honey Grove, was named treasurer for the coming year. Robert Ransom from Houston was named cataloger for the 1950-51 school year.

The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers will hold its annual convention in Houston in 1951, H. L. Heaton, registrar, has announced.

Heaton has been named chairman for the 1951 convention, which will mark the first time for the organization to meet in Texas since it was established in 1910.

Two A&M registrars, however, have served as president of the association. They are Charles E. Flirey, now president of Iowa State College, and E. J. Howell, president of the Tarleton State College. Elwood C. Kastner of New York University now is president.

The choice of next year's meeting place was made in San Francisco at the organization's convention, which Heaton attended.

The convention will be in the Rice Hotel the week of April 15, Heaton said. He predicted that 600 to 700 registrars and admitting officers who are members of the 1300-member organization would attend.

Heaton is in charge of all program arrangements for the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ivys were hosts to the local alumni of Oklahoma A&M College, Thursday night in their home at Grove and Elm in College Station.

Movies of last fall's Oklahoma Aggie-Tulsa University football game were shown. The group also planned a picnic dinner to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Potts on July 14.

Local members of the alumni present were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Beanblossom, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Vezey, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitehead, Captain and Mrs. Seale, and Mrs. James D. Simpson.

Costa Ricans Recover Virgin Of Los Angeles after 9 Days

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 21. — Devout Catholics rejoiced today for the recovered virgin of Los Angeles, a black rock statue revered at the patios of Costa Rica, which disappeared nine days ago and mysteriously reappeared yesterday.

Church bells rang out the news of the reappearance and the faithful thronged the streets in celebration. Archbishop Victor Manuel Sanabria and other church and government officials hurried to San Jose, 20 miles southeast of San Jose, to view the image. — about seven inches high — which first appeared to an Indian woman named Peryera deep in the jungle, according to legend. The woman took it home with her, but during the night it vanished only to be found the next morning at its place of origin.

A church was built over the statue, dedicated as the Virgin of the Angels. The site a Cartago became one for pilgrimages. Underneath the spot is a subterranean stream to which miraculous healing powers are attributed.

By recent estimates it is worth approximately \$150,000, it was stolen May 12 from the Basilica by thieves who murdered the church watchman and escaped with the statue and money and jewels from the church altar box.

The sacrilege aroused a wave of indignation throughout Costa Rica. President Otilio Ulate Blanco proclaimed three days of national mourning and Costa Ricans raised more than \$50,000 reward for the return of the image.

Police searched hotels rooms, homes and pedestrians on the streets, including priests, but paid particular attention to foreigners leaving the country.

Details of the recovery have not been disclosed. There was no hint whether the missing money and jewels had been recovered.

Who's Who Awards

Byington then introduced White and Grady Elms, assistant director of student activities, who presented the Who's Who keys. The awards were made to Doyle Avant, Lytle Blankenship, Bobby Byington, R. L. "Bill" Billingsley, William D. Barnes, Chuck D. Cabaniss, David L. Coslett, Tom G. Calhoun II, Frank A. Cleland, J. T. Dotson, James H. "Red" Duke, Joe Fuller, J. D. Hampton, Floyd Henk, Cecil H. Huey II, George Kadera, Charles D. Kirkham, Dave Krazier, Charles Modisett, Lloyd Mearjot, A. D. Martin Jr., C. C. Munroe, Harry Ramsey, Hal Stringer, John L. Taylor, W. F. "Bruce" Thompson, Jimmy Ray Woodall, and Walter W. Zimmerman.

Dean Harrington was introduced by Byington. He congratulated the seniors on their accomplishment, urging them to continue their education.

**Education's Characteristics**

He listed the characteristics of an educated man as "having a certain amount of factual knowledge; neither too much nor too little; the ability to write and speak correctly; mathematical skill; good behavior, manner, or taste in daily living; the ability to think clearly; and character."

President Bolton was introduced by Harrington. He reviewed the accomplishments of the college, citing the chances on the campus since his arrival here in 1909. "The good old days were often not quite as good as we would like to think," he said as he reviewed some of the history connected with the older buildings on the campus.

**Grove Ruled Out**

The Ring Dance, which had been scheduled for The Grove, was held in Shiva Hall after repeated showers threatened to interrupt the traditional ceremonies.

Benny Strong and his orchestra furnished the music for the thousands of couples who jammed into the building. Long lines formed quickly before each of the huge replicas of the Aggie Ring as couples waited their turn to go through the ring ceremony.

Robert Ransom, cataloger for the next year, is a member of the AIEE and the Phi Eta Sigma.

South Amboy, N. J., May 22. — The death toll in the South Amboy munitions disaster Friday was fixed officially at 27, and bandaged survivors gathered outside patched-up churches to give thanks there were no more deaths.

The bodies of only four of the 27 have been recovered. The rest disappeared in the funnel of flame and black smoke which roared into the sky as 600 tons of munitions blew up at South Amboy last Friday night.

Churches held special Sunday services to mourn the dead and to give thanks the toll was not higher.

Munitions For Pakistan

Meanwhile Coast Guard headed quarters in Washington disclosed that the munitions which exploded were destined for Pakistan from Newark, Ohio.

Vice Admiral Merlin O'Neill, Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, said in a statement that the Coast Guard decided to let one last shipment of more than 500 pounds of munitions clear through South Amboy Arrangements had been completed before a May 9 Coast Guard order limiting the amount to be shipped from the congested area to 500 pounds.

Admiral O'Neill said, "The Coast Guard considered it safer to permit the movement of this one additional shipment of explosives through South Amboy rather than have it remain in boxcars in congested East Coast rail yards pending routing to another explosive loading facility."

Church Services

Most of yesterday's church services in this waterfront city of 10,000 persons, 21 miles southwest of New York City, were held in lawns outside the battered, boarded-up churches.

It was warm and sunny, the first spring-like day since the drizzling rains of Friday night's disaster.

30 Russian Boats Seen Off England

Falmouth, England, May 22. — Thirty Russians fishing trawlers and a mother ship left here but anchored a few hours later around a cape in Mount's Bay near the tip of Cornwall.

The unexpected visit, a few days before the Brussels Pact navy engaged in maneuvers in the Bay of Biscay, has raised questions as to its purpose.

All movements of the ships were being reported to the Naval commander at Plymouth. The British aircraft Fleet was in the channel today on a cruise which took it close to the 2,900-ton mother ship.

The captain of the mother ship, the Tambor, told British customs officers yesterday the vessels are one way from the Baltic Sea to reinforce the Soviet fishing fleet in the British Sea.

A British admiralty spokesman said that there was nothing improper about the passage through the channel.

Town Hall Meeting Will Be Tonight

The citizens of College Station will meet in the Petroleum Building Lecture Room tonight at 7:30 for a Town Hall meeting according to Mayor Ernest Langford.