

Directors Pass College Budget

BY L. O. TIEDT

A reduction in the 1950-51 budget of the college amounting to \$1,245,827.50 was approved by the System Board of Directors in its meeting on the campus Saturday morning. The group also awarded construction contracts totaling \$1,271,583.92 and appropriated \$1,934,223.00 for use throughout the A&M system.

Board members met in an informal executive session Friday night, with the board meeting taking place Saturday morning in the Board of Directors Conference Room. Members present at the meeting were G. R. White, John W. Newton, Rufus E. Peoples, Roy C. Potts, C. C. Krueger, Gibb Gilchrist, and Tyson L. Bell. Members not present were A. E. Cudlipp, E. W. Harrison, and Henry Reese III.

Budget Approved

A total of \$29,767,127.12 worth of budget was accepted for the entire system, with A&M receiving \$3,832,463.46 for educational and general purposes, and \$11,573,652.80 for other purposes. A&M's 1949-50 budget totaled \$16,651,943.81. According to information given the Board by College Comptroller W. H. Holmann, of the 2976 persons employed by the college, 401 will receive an overall salary increase of \$10, while 36 persons receive a salary decrease. A cut in personnel will account for the remainder of the budget cut.

The athletic council received a budget of \$379,850.00 for the 1950-51 fiscal year. A story concerning changes in the athletic council may be found in today's Sports page.

Construction Contracts

Contracts amounting to \$439,228.67 were awarded for equipment and construction on the college and grounds. The accepted contracts provide for the purchase of laboratory equipment and lecture room seats for the Biological Sciences Building, construction of farm buildings for poultry and swine husbandry, and Junction Adjunct Buildings, a Dry Cleaning building for the Association of Former Students, and of farm roads.

Contracts were also awarded for the construction of a \$349,000 Plant and Animal Industries Building at Prairie View A&M College. According to Dr. E. B. Evans, the college's president, this is a large step in the development of that school, and with it the school will be better than any other of its type in the country.

A contract was also awarded to a Fort Worth firm for the construction of a new Agriculture Building at Tarleton State College. Nearly 2 million appropriated.

Of the nearly 2 million dollars appropriated for future use, A&M received an appropriation of \$664,923. The purchase of books and periodicals amounting to \$50,000 has been authorized for the Library. An equal amount will be spent for alterations and improvements on the Aggeland Inn which will house the administrative offices.

B&PW Club Meets At Oaks Tonight

The Bryan and College Station Business and Professional Women's Club will meet at 7 p. m. Tuesday at the Oaks in Bryan. Dinner will be served at this monthly meeting.

Reports from delegates who attended the recent state convention held in Austin will make up the program. Mesdames Ida Mae Farr, Helier Arhds, Florence Low, Frances Arnold, Mary Beth Gandy and Ina Harlin attended the convention.



Just slightly on-peg were these people at Saturday night's annual Shipwreck Dance at The Grove. Winning awards for their costumes at the dance were right, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, and left, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Williams. "Come as you were when the ship sank," instructed co-sponsors Bob Page (at the mike) and Keith Allison (hat in hand), and so they did. The Browns were clad in fig leaves, enough of them to win first prize, and the Williams' using towels for their wardrobe and for second prize.

Music South of the Border—'Rio Rita'



Jeane Ostner

Miss Ostner, stage favorite from the Aggie Players, has been coaching dramatics for "Rio Rita."



Bill Lawshae

Lawshae will play the part of Devalos, a bandit, in Wednesday and Thursday night's production of "Rio Rita."



Bob Stinson

Stinson, who also designed sets for the production, will appear in "Rio Rita" as Gonzales, a Mexican captain.



Judy Oden

Miss Oden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Oden of College Station, will sing in the chorus of "Rio Rita."



Nancy Stevens

Miss Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stevens, will also sing in the "Rio Rita" chorus.



Gordon Milne

Milne will portray the role of Patrono, a Mexican innkeeper, in the two-act opera.



Lamar McNew

McNew, a sophomore student from College Station, will play the comic role of Chick Bean, a bootlegger.



LaVerne Hunt

Miss Hunt will be the orchestra's pianist for the opera and will accompany the soloists.

QM Camp Reports 40 Cadets Training

By JOHN WHITMORE
Camp Correspondent
Quartermaster

"Sarge, this uniform doesn't fit." This was the byword at the Quartermaster ROTC Training camp in Fort Lee, Va., as the initial uniforms were issued to the troops.

By 11 p. m., most of the Aggies had signed in at the base and had been issued their uniforms, blinks, and field packs.

Big John Stants, a member of B Vets from Edinburg, drew one of the Army's famous fatigue caps that "accentuated his pointed head" at least that was the remark of Bill Moss from Bryan.

The transition from civilian life to Army life came fairly easy for the 40 Aggies reporting to Fort Lee, but for the men from other colleges it was a dismal day. Many men assumed the "sad sack" look with disgusting ease.

At the clothing issue, men received three sets of fatigues and

Ring Dance Pix May Be Returned

Anyone who is dissatisfied with pictures taken at the Senior Ring Dance may return the pictures to the Student Activities office and be reimbursed. Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities, said this should be mailed or sent to his office at 209 Goodwin Hall, said Elms, in regard to those who are dissatisfied with their pictures.

'Rio Rita' Booked For Two-Night Run

BY DEAN REED

Take two acts of western melodrama, add a highly polished group of community vocalists, sprinkle liberally with a sparkling orchestra and what a "have" "Rio Rita" is. After several weeks of nightly rehearsals and practice, Bill Turner's annual summer aggregation takes to the stage of The Grove tomorrow night to present the colorful opera by Harry Tierney and Joe McCarthy.

Leading the crew before the footlights will be Billie Jean Barron and Dean "Buddy" Boyd, who will sing the female and male leads, respectively. Mrs. Barron is cast as titlist "Rita," while Boyd will portray "Jim," a singing Texas Ranger.

Local Cast

The entire cast for the production has been selected from a group of A&M students and Bryan-College Station residents. Turner, who directs the Singing Cadets and the Aggeland Orchestra, during the regular term, is directing the opera.

Mrs. Barron, who also sang the lead feminine role in last summer's "Chocolate Soldier," is the wife of Joe Barron of Bryan. A graduate of TSCW, Mrs. Barron has participated in the last three annual Lion's Club Minstrels and other civic productions.

Boyd, who will graduate in July, was baritone soloist last year for the Singing Cadets. He played one of the principal roles in the 1947 summer presentation of "The Mikado."

In supporting roles will be Jerry Ruthledge, Lois Thompson, Pat Scheibgen, Dolly Moss, Pete Carson, George Wilman, Harry Gooding, Bill Lawshae, Bob Stinson, Gordon Milne, George Rodgers, Lamar McNew, and Mack Knight.

Why Not Try a Lifesaver? . . .

Ship Goes Down; Survivors Swim for Dance at Grove

By SID ABERNATHY

Down the mighty fog laden, Brazos steamed the good ship Rock And Rye with a cargo of merry-making cadets and coeds.

When the first termite-infested board of the ship's hull gave way to the rivers onslaught, captain Keith Allison said to his cohort, "I say, ole boy, looks like the old girl is up to her ole tricks again."

"Righto," was co-captain Bob Page's answer.

Old Rock and Rye wasn't long for this world as more boards gave way. She was going fast and the captains knew it.

Captain Page stepped up to the intercom system and with tears streaming down his cheeks, gave the unforgettable order, "You better git while the gitten's good-ole boy."

Give Up The Ship

Miraculously, everyone aboard managed to escape the fluttering boat and made it safely ashore. After two verses of "Auld Lang Syne" and a short yell practice, it was unanimously agreed that everyone should proceed to the Grove (dressed as they were) and continue the interrupted celebration.

The "dressed as you are" clause was very embarrassing to M. H. Browne and wife so they quietly slipped into the woods and fashioned themselves a frouseau of fig leaves.

Survivors struggled onto The Grove between 8 and 9 p. m. Saturday night.

On hand to greet the lucky escapees were Bill Turner and the

Aggeland Combo and a host of idle passersby whose curiosity got the better of them.

After re-enslaving themselves with cokes, 7-Ups etc., the group began shaking the salt out of their hair to the tune of "The Johnson Rag."

The scantily-clad crew continued dancing to the tunes produced by the music makers until some fatigued soul pleaded for an intermission.

After intermission, the entire crew of the ill-fated ship was assembled on the stage for the purpose of choosing the most representative shipwreck of the shipwrecked.

The survivors, some clothed in fig leaves, other draped in towels, and one even wearing striped-uh, ummentionables, caused much discussion among the judges before the two winners were announced.

First place was won by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Browne, dressed in the fig leaf ensemble.

Second place honors were bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Williams, draped in towels.

Co-Captains of the cruise, Page and Allison, presented the winners with gifts donated by Student Activities.

As the party was breaking up, some unidentified salt (you could tell he was a salt by his white hair and swaggering gait) was heard to remark,

"Well, shiver me timbers, if it ain't the goldenest thing ever I did see. Reminds me of the old days, cap'n we didn't have win-men aboard."

Council To Set Yearly Budget

BY JOEL AUSTIN

The College Station city council convenes at 7:30 tonight in the City Hall to decide on the city budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year. The meeting, to be public, will afford citizens an opportunity to express their opinions on the matter and hear council members decide on the final draft of the new budget.

A total of \$145,182.03 is proposed for expenditures for the new fiscal year which begins July 1. The proposed budget is approximately \$5000 more than the estimated expenditures for the 1949-50 fiscal year, a budget summary released by the city treasurer showed.

Expenditures Exceed

Estimated expenditures for the closing year exceed the estimated revenues for the 1949-50 fiscal year slightly more than \$3500, the summary reported. However, proposed revenues for the new year were set at \$147,019.95, nearly \$10,500 more than expected revenues from the year ending this month.

The summary showed the general fund revenues of ad valorem tax and other taxable items and expenditures for administration, police department, fire department, health department, street department, and other general expenditures—will have a total of \$69,155.57 as the proposed expenditure figure, while revenues to the general fund will probably be \$49,658.00.

Proposed revenues from the electric fund total \$60,440.00 for the new year. This revenue exceeds the expected expenditures of the electric fund of \$56,180.11 by \$24,259.89. An estimated profit of \$14,886.41 was realized from this fund during the 1949-50 fiscal year.

Water-Sewer Fund

The city officials will decide on the proposed expenditures of \$30,076.40 for the water and sewer fund. The summary shows that revenues from this fund should run as high as \$45,160.00 during the next year. Estimated figures for the closing year set \$41,618.00 as total revenue from the fund and \$36,308.22 the expenditures for the water and sewer fund.

The summary of revenues and expenditures placed \$769.95 as the proposed sum for income and expenses from the cemetery fund. The 1949-50 estimate showed a big loss from this part of the budget with \$1,184.60 in expenses and \$884.95 as revenue.

Final designations as to the proposed budget will be outlined, discussed, and passed upon at the meeting tonight. The council is expected to break down each item and consider each figure before the new budget is adopted.

A&M Students Named Officers At AF Camp

Twenty-four Texas A&M Air Force ROTC cadets have been appointed cadet officers during the first two weeks of the six weeks' Air Force ROTC summer encampment at Kelly Air Force Base, near San Antonio.

Jewell M. Lightfoot was appointed a cadet lieutenant colonel and served as wing executive. Richard B. Kelly also appointed lieutenant colonel, served as group commanding officer.

First week appointees were Edward O. Abrahamson, captain, squadron executive; Bobby R. Farrow, first sergeant; John A. Holland, first lieutenant, flight leader; Douglas D. Henning, major, squadron commander; Robert G. Pitts, captain, squadron executive; Robert E. Wimberly, captain, squadron adjutant; David Robertson, first sergeant; Thomas E. Field, Roy P. Goldston, and Richard H. Weatherall, first lieutenants and flight leaders.

Cadet second lieutenants Alvin D. Aaronson, Eddie C. Apel, H. D. Cobb, Charles H. Fuller, Richard C. Graham, D. T. Higdon, Richard R. Morris, Arnold F. Schmitz and C. L. Selph are element leaders. Charles R. Crittenden, Roy W. Long and Bobby J. Usery are flight guides. Clarence C. Tatch, is a guidon bearer.

Although work on the street signs will be slow and won't begin until the numbering system is completed, the new signs are expected to be up all over the city within six to eight months after work is begun. Rogers said only two forms for casting the concrete posts were on hand, but work will be done as speedily as possible.

The signs will have the street names on all four sides and will be placed two to each intersection, Rogers added.

Councils Slate Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of the College Station and Bryan city councils will be held Wednesday night in the City Hall council room in College Station at 7:30 p. m., according to Mayor Ernest Langford.

Purpose of the meeting will be to further discuss the proposed raise of rates by the Southwestern States Telephone Company which serves Bryan and College Station on the same exchange.

Officials of the two cities failed to reach a compromise with the telephone company leaders at an earlier meeting held in Bryan. The cities offered acceptance of a "reasonable" rate increase, but did not meet the demands of the communication company.

8 p. m. Movie—"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" (MGM), with Frank Williams, Gene Kelly, Esther Sinatra. Also "Little Orphan" cartoon.

House Numbers To Be Changed Soon by City

A systematic numbering process which will change the house numbers of virtually all houses in College Station is nearing completion and should be announced sometime within the next three weeks, according to Raymond Rogers, city manager.

The re-numbering of the houses is only a part of the program recently put underway by the city council in an effort to standardize street names and numbers. As soon as the street naming and numbering process is completed, entirely new street markers of the latest design will be erected, two at every corner, the city manager reported.

At the Grove Tonight

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Taking a short break during the long proceedings at Saturday morning's meeting, the A&M System Board of Directors talk informally of the college's problems. Members of the Board present for the regular session were (left to right) Roy C. Potts, Rufus E. Peoples, John W. Newton, president of the board G. R. White, Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, Tyson L. Bell, and C. C. Krueger. Absent from the meeting were directors A. E. Cudlipp, E. W. Harrison, and Henry Reese III.