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## Paper Tops All But One Among College Dailies

Chicago, March 7—(Special)—"The Battalion," Texas A&M student publication, took second place today in the third annual national college newspaper contest in which papers campaigned for safer driving.

A prize of \$250 will be given The Battalion, which competed in the contest's daily paper classification, for all-around editorial excellence in its safety campaign. It won first place in the nation last year.

Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company, contest sponsor, annually awards \$2,000 to the college papers which do the best editorial jobs of promoting safe driving by students during the Christmas holidays.

Chairman James S. Kemper, who announced the winners here, praised The Battalion for its active editorial aid in impressing the hazards of holiday traffic on young drivers. "The accident rate of college-age drivers is especially high during the Christmas vacation period," he said.

### Judges Named

Contest judges were Mayor Martin H. Kennedy of Chicago; Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council; Ralph Budd, chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority; Franklin Krell, director of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute; Wesley I. Nunn, director of advertising for Standard Oil of Indiana, and Carl Kester, chairman of the executive committee of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity.

First prizes went to "The Daily Trojan," University of Southern California (daily) and "The Aztec," San Diego State College (non-daily). Second prize for non-daily (See AWARD, Page 4)

## CS Nurses Offer Red Cross Course

Six College Station ladies have signed up as accredited teachers for the Red Cross Home Nursing course. They are Mrs. T. R. Spence, Mrs. G. W. Litton, Mrs. W. H. Ritchey, Mrs. Louis J. Horn, Mrs. J. P. CoVan and Mrs. John D. Wheat. All of the teachers are registered nurses.

Classes are being held at 152 Jones Street. Mrs. Wheat teaches a class from 2 to 4 p. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. CoVan is teacher for a class from 9 to 11 a. m. on Monday and Wednesdays and Mrs. Horn has a class scheduled from 7 to 9 p. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs. Spence is chairman for the group. Negro classes in home nursing are scheduled to begin in about a week when plans are completed.

### Corps Collections

Eric Carlson, newly named sergeant-major of the Cadet Corps, is student chairman for collections on the campus under W. L. Penberthy, dean of men who is in charge of all Red Cross donations on the campus.

Students may contribute to the Red Cross through their first sergeants. Those contributing a dollar will be given a membership card. Other contributors may receive the Red Cross pin. These voluntary contributions will be accepted through Thursday, at which time the first sergeants will check in all the money. On Friday the contributions will be turned in to the Military Department, Carlson said.

### \$2,600 Goal

Goal for College Station this year is \$2,600. Those in charge of collecting this money are Mrs. Fred E. Smith, chairman of the business district. Mrs. Spencer J. Buchanan, in charge of the residential district, and Dean Penberthy in charge of campus collections.

The total goal for Brazos County this year is \$12,631. This money must be raised by March 31.

## Press, Military Dances On Weekend Schedule

The duo concert and dance engagement of Denny Backner, "The Madcap Merry-maker," and his orchestra and the Press Club Ball will help round out this weekend's activities.

Billed as the finest entertainment band to come up over the horizon since Kay Kyser, Backner and his organization will give a concert in Guion Hall at 7:15 Saturday night.

Following the concert, the aggregation will furnish music for the Military Ball scheduled for 9 p. m. to 12 midnight in Sbisla Hall.

Tickets for the concert and ball are on sale in the Office of Student Activities, Goodwin Hall. All seats for the concert are priced at 50 cents. Tickets for the Military Ball are \$2.50.

The Press Club Ball will be held Friday at 8:30 p. m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC. Music will be furnished by the Freshman Orchestra, and special entertainment is planned for intermissions, according to Roland Bing, director of student publications.

### Staff Members Invited

All staff members of Student Publications and the guests are invited to attend the ball the director said.

Backner's Orchestra has had holdover engagements at the Roosevelt Hotel in Washington, D. C. and the Hotel Park Central in New York. Their appearance at Aggrieland is through arrangements made



Maj. Gen. W. B. Palmer

## Maj. Gen. Palmer To Review Corps

Major General Williston B. Palmer, commanding general of the 2nd Armored Division and Fort Hood, will be one of the dignitaries visiting the campus for the Military Day Review Saturday afternoon.

General Palmer has 33 years of active service behind him, including the Normandy invasion, the St. Lo breakthrough, the Battle of the Bulge and many others. During World War II General Palmer was Artillery Officer of the 1st Army Group and later for the Army Forces in the ETO. Since that time he has commanded many Artillery schools and units including the VII Corps Artillery and the Famous 82nd Airborne Division.

The general was born at Fort

Sheridan, Ill. on Nov. 11, 1899 and began his military career in 1919 upon graduation from West Point as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

### Toured Europe

He toured European battlefields in 1919 and returned to the states for further artillery training. In 1920 as a first lieutenant, he did a tour in the Panama Canal Zone with the 4th Artillery, and later in the Hawaiian Islands as aide-de-camp to Major General A. J. Bowley.

In August 1936, General Palmer entered the Command and General School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and later the Army War College in Washington. His next assignment was with the War Department General Staff, Personnel Division.

General Palmer assumed his first major command in February 1942 with the rank of colonel, commanding the 6th Armored Division. In August of that year he was promoted to Brigadier General and Artillery officer of the Armored forces.

### Returned to US

Returning to the United States after World War II, Gen. Palmer commanded the field artillery school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma until January 1946. His next command was the Army Information School, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

In 1947, he was assigned as Deputy Director and later director of Logistics, Headquarters, European Command and in July 1949 was appointed Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters European Command. On Nov. 1, 1950 General Palmer was assigned as commanding general of the 2nd Armored Division and Fort Hood, Texas. He attained his present rank of Major General in February, 1950.

with the Music Corporation of America. Before taking up the baton, Beckner was a vaudeville comedy dancer. The tall, slim Texan does not play his instrument, the bass, but devotes himself to singing, clowning, dancing and otherwise attempting to keep the patrons in good spirits.

Girl soloist and dancer for Beckner and his Happymimers is Betsy Ross. She does combination tap and ballet numbers by herself and with Beckner.

A patented metronome, which provides a definite dance beat designed to satisfy all types of dancers, is used by the orchestra.

Exuberant Theme The orchestra plunged immediately into an exuberant theme of vigorous celebrations, moved shortly into a quieter phrase, and then rose to a climax.

The first performance of the D minor Symphony was given Feb. 17, 1889, by the Paris Conservatory Orchestra. Franck was 67 years old at the time.

Outfit Snapshots Needed by Annual Outfit snapshots are now being accepted at the Aggrieland '51 office, Frank Thomas, military editor of the annual said this morning. Pictures should be standard and of a uniform size, the annual editor said.

MSC Council Meets This Afternoon A date for electing two "at-large" members for next year's Memorial Student Center Council will be discussed when that group meets in a special session this afternoon at 5 in the MSC.

## Ags Thrash Frogs 50-44; Meet TU in Playoff Friday

By RALPH GORMAN  
Battalion Sports Editor

Coach John Floyd's pace setting Aggie cagers staged a spine-tingling second half scoring spree last night in Waco as they stunned TCU, 50-44 and forged their way into a three game playoff with the University of Texas to decide who will represent District 6 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's basketball tournament at Kansas City March 21.

The first game is slated for Friday night on the Cadet home court with the second and third games to be played in Texas' Gregory Gym Monday and Tuesday nights.

There was no doubt in the minds of the near capacity crowd that swarmed into Baylor's Rena Maars Gymnasium last night that the men from College Station put on their best show of the 1951 cage campaign, as they outshot, out-dribbled and just flat outplayed a Frog five that walked onto the court a three point favorite.

## Senior Favors Arrive; Sales Begin Monday

The 1950-51 Senior Favors have arrived, and will go on sale Monday at 8 a. m., announced Spike White, assistant dean of men for student activities.

Sale will be limited to one pin to a customer, on a first come first served basis, he pointed out. "Because of War Production Board curtailments in the use of base metals in jewelry manufacture, the L. G. Balfour Company of Massachusetts, with whom we have a contract, has been able to supply only five hundred '51 and one hundred '50 favors," White said. Of the '51 favors, 300 have attached guards. Prices for favors are \$2.50 without guard, and \$3.75 with guard. These prices include a 20 percent Federal Tax.

White added that the Balfour Company is preparing a bid on favors made of sterling silver with gold plating. "Since there has been no government freeze on sterling and gold, orders will be taken for favors for all classes through 1951, after the present supply of favors is exhausted.

"I sympathize with seniors who have to make a choice of deciding between giving a favor to their sweetheart or mother. But," he asserted, "the Balfour Company is doing the best it can, in view of wartime curtailments."

Letters received by White from the Balfour Company will be shown to those who might like to know more about the situation, he added.

## Walton Will House Weekend Visitors

Students having guests for the Military Ball Saturday night may now get room assignments in room 100 Goodwin Hall.

Ramp A of Walton Hall will be open Saturday to provide rooms for the visiting girls, according to Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men.

A charge of \$1.25 to cover costs of matrons and other incidental expenses is being assessed.

And there were times during the all-important "quick death" playoff game that Buster Brammon's Christians stretched that three points to a wide seven. But the margin was short-lived, as the elastic broke and the Aggies went hurtling ahead, at the same time employing a defense that allowed but five field goals in the final period to a team that had garnered 13 in the first half.

### Ags Shoot 43%

Truly it was a great night for the Cadets, as they poured 11 field goals through the nets in the opening period and an additional 12 in the second half to show a total of 23 out of 54 attempts and a 42.7 in the success percentage column.

On the other side of the fence it was different, as the Horned Frogs had a much smaller percentage of completion on their field goal attempts—18 out of 56 for 32 percent.

TCU's George McLeod was Aggies' big threat as he used his potent hook shot to good advantage in amassing a 16-point total for game scoring honors.

### Davis, McDowell Pace Ags

All-Southwest Conference cagers Jewell McDowell and Buddy Davis handled the Cadet scoring capably, as each netted 15 points for the evening. In McDowell, the fans witnessed real showmanship in his ball-handling and dribbling exhibitions, as well as the thrills in seeing this two-time All-SWC choice mesh the nets some five times from deep in the court. McDowell made good on seven of 17 field goal attempts.

One again the rangy 6' 8" Davis found himself embarrassed and slightly pressed, as he was branded three times in the first half on personal fouls and rang up his fourth one in the first minutes of the final period. But these fouls did little to slow down Davis, as he regained his breath and composure masterfully to count on shots that were seemingly impossible. On the pivot post, the Aggie center was credited with six out of ten from the field.

### Davis Retaliates

As the game opened the Frogs got the tip off and went for over a minute of battling before McLeod could find the basket. The Aggies' Davis quickly retaliated to even it up and then hustle back up the court to add another from the field and a point in the charity column to enjoy an early 5-2 lead.

The Christians were playing catchup now and Ted Reynolds, who played a brilliant game for the Cowtowners, counted three times from the field and was assisted once by McLeod, as the Frogs went ahead 9-7. McDowell let little water run under him as he and Leroy Milsch counted their first tallies just 15 seconds later (See AG TORNADO, Page 3)

## Insurance Firm Cites Local Man

John B. Longley of College Station has completed three years of service with the American General Life Insurance Company in the Central Texas Agency, said Sid Loveless, manager of the local branch of the firm.

During that time he has sold almost a million dollars' worth of life insurance to citizens of Brazos County, Loveless said. Longley has completed a course in Life Insurance Marketing at SMU and recently has begun teaching two courses in insurance at A&M.

A graduate of A&M in the class of '43, Longley is married and has one child.

## Great Issues Group to Hear Russian Woman

Russian born Mrs. Vera M. Dean, director of the Research Department of the Foreign Policy Association, will speak to the Great Issues class on "The Next Phase in U. S. Foreign Policy." The discussion will be held at 8 p. m. tonight in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Mrs. Dean came to the United States from Russia in 1919 and became a U. S. citizen in 1928. She has a B. A. and Ph. D. degree from Radcliffe and later earned her M. A. international law at Yale.

Wide travel and study have provided Mrs. Dean the opportunity to analyze situations and policy trends personally. She spent the late winter and spring of 1949 in Europe, where she gave a series of 15 lectures in French on "American Foreign Policy," at the University of Paris.

In 1928 she joined the research staff of the Foreign Policy Association and ten years later was appointed director. In addition to directing the general research program, Mrs. Dean is the editor of the publications. She is the author of several Foreign Policy Reports. Attendance and participation in meetings of international organizations such as UNRRA and the UN organization conference at San Francisco have expanded Mrs. Dean's personal acquaintance with officials and private individuals both here and abroad and added to her vast knowledge of the machinery of our foreign relations.

According to Dr. S. R. Gammon, Great Issues committee chairman, Mrs. Dean is one of the foremost authorities on the foreign policy of this country. She is the first woman to speak to the Great Issues class.

### Bettie Joy Bledsoe

... joins the ranks of this year's Vanity Fair under the auspices of Frank Thurmond who will squire the 5' 2", eyes of blue, blonde to the week-end presentation. The 19-year-old secretary from Austin was a finalist for Sophomore Sweetheart in 1949.



# V A N I T Y F A I R

## Autori Leads SA Symphony In Town Hall Performance

By FRANK DAVIS  
Batt Staff Writer

The 76-piece San Antonio Symphony Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor Franco Autori was called on for three encores last night by an estimated crowd of 1,000 at the third Town Hall performance of the year.

An Irish tune, "Danny Boy," from "Country Derby" by Percy Grainger; "Spiererei" by Carl Stix; and Prelude to "Carman" by Bizet were the encores selected by Autori.

Prelude to Act Three of "Lohengrin" by Richard Wagner, Symphony in D Minor by Cesar Franck, "Don Juan" by Richard Strauss, and "Capriccio Espagnole" by Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov were played on the regular program.

Wagner's introduction to the third act of "Lohengrin" depicted the festivities surrounding the wedding of Elsa and the strong and powerful knight, Lohengrin.

The orchestra plunged immediately into an exuberant theme of vigorous celebrations, moved shortly into a quieter phrase, and then rose to a climax.

The first performance of the D minor Symphony was given Feb. 17, 1889, by the Paris Conservatory Orchestra. Franck was 67 years old at the time.

## Handballers Meet

Students interested in joining the Handball team will report to the Physical Education office tomorrow afternoon at 5 p. m.

If bad weather prevents students from attending they should get in touch with Herman Segrest as soon as possible.

One of the distinctive hallmarks of the symphony, the English horn, occurred in the second movement, allegretto. The first and third movements were in allegro non troppo.

Strauss' tone poem was inspired by Lenua's "Don Juan," and not one of the innumerable other versions of the Spanish legend. Strauss, who died in 1949, depicted the libertine as the intellectual, the idealist, and the dreamer.

The tone poem opened with a passage that depicted the knight aflame with the lusts of life. Following were two love themes, and then the music changed its course.

The Don is the romantic. But the mood passed and the Don's second theme, one of the most noble Strauss conceived, was played by horns in unison.

The conclusion was tight-lipped. There was no wild complaint, only abandonment of life.

The Capriccio was in five movements, which were played with one pause. The movements were vivo e strepitoso followed by andante con moto, vivo e strepitoso, allegretto, and fandango asturiano.

Rimsky-Korsakov was born in 1844 and died in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1908. A movie entitled "Scherezade," was made of his life.

## Attend Methodist Conference

## Seminar Students Return

Four A&M students returned early this week from an 18-state trip to Washington, D. C. and New York City.

Ken Baker, Nat Kinney, Hugh Winn and Dale Walton attended a Methodist-sponsored Christian Government Seminar in the Eastern cities. The A&M delegation was accompanied by The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sneed.

Senators, representatives, and members of various executive departments spoke before the seminar in Washington. During the first session of the conference, Senator Robert Humphrey of Minnesota pointed out the slim chances for the passage of "needed social legislation."

### Senator Speaks

"Since we are now going all out for military preparedness, I doubt if affirmative action will be taken on bills for social legislation," the senator said. "Our real strength is in our

health and educational legislation to keep our available manpower at a peak."

At the next session, the question of "wheat for India" was discussed. Necessity for backing up any wheat delivered with health improvements, education, and the development of natural resources in India was emphasized.

Members of the State Department explained formulation of foreign policy to the conference, discussing the Far East situation, and Japan and Korea in particular.

Interviews with congressmen were given to the students during their visit.

### Meet Texas Senators

Both Texas senators—Tom Connally and Lyndon Johnson—met with the A&M students in Washington. Senator Connally left a committee meeting to talk to the group. He said he had voted to send wheat to India, but was ac-

tually against such "charity" in general.

Senator Johnson managed to see the Texans for a few minutes, breaking away from meetings on the UMT bill.

Answering questions on college ROTC, Johnson said he expected the group to be expanded from the present 600,000 students to 900,000 in the near future.

On Feb. 28, sessions of the seminar began in New York City, where the delegates studied workings of the United Nations.

### UN Session

The A&M students observed sessions of the Security and Trusteeship Councils at Lake Success during their study of the UN. Preceding the sessions, representatives of the UN Secretariat briefed the group on trusteeship, technical assistance and aid for Korea.

The seminar closed Thursday night, after which the students drove back to College Station.