

Ag Heads



The officers of the newly installed Alpha Zeta Chapter hold an informal caucus after the Banquet held last night. The Alpha Zeta replaces the Ag Honor Society. Left to right they are Scribe Jim Tom House, Chronicler Doug Wythe, Treasurer Ray Kunze, Chancellor Walter Tanamachi, and Censor Marvin Twenhafel.

Levant to Perform In Guion Tonight

By BILL STREICH
Battalion Staff Writer

Tonight's Town Hall attraction is a concert pianist who refuses to plan a program before making his appearance on the stage.

The pianist, Oscar Levant, and one of America's outstanding musicians takes the spotlight in Guion Hall tonight at 8, with a completely unprepared program. Instead, he will play selections he thinks the audience will enjoy, filling in along the way with humorous patter.

Levant, who has been described as one of the most colorful personalities in American music, is making his first concert tour since completion of the recent motion picture, "An American in Paris," in which he co-starred with Gene Kelly and Jean Seberg.

The "sour genius of the keyboard," as he is also known, is probably one of the most superstitious celebrities to ever grace the stage of a concert auditorium.

Referendum Date Not Set - Parse

A new date for the student body referendum was not set at yesterday's Senate election committee meeting, Senate President Bill Parse said this morning.

"The Senate will probably hold a special meeting before we can continue with plans to conduct the poll," he said.

Discussion of the referendum—which proposes a President of the Student Body—is on the agenda for the Student Life Committee's meeting Monday, according to C. G. "Spike" White, secretary of the committee.

Aggie Rodeo Team Loses National Bid

The Texas Aggie Rodeo team was barely nudged out of the top ten college rodeo teams invited to attend the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association championship finals to be held in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth.

The top twelve teams in order are: Sul Ross, New Mexico A&M, University of Wyoming, California State Polytechnic College, Colorado A&M, University of New Mexico, Oklahoma A&M, West Texas State, Montana State Washington State, Hardin-Simmons, and Texas A&M.

The top individuals contenders in the nation have also been invited, regardless of team qualifications, along with the top cowgirl entries.

Agencies Establish Co-Publicity Room

A joint agricultural bulletin room for both Experiment Station and Extension Service publications is now in operation, W. N. Williamson, assistant Extension director, announced today.

The Experiment Station bulletin room was consolidated with Extension Service facilities in the Extension Building on April 11.

Students and faculty members may now pick up research publications from the bulletin room in the Extension Building, Williamson said.

This consolidation has been made to give better service with the same or fewer workers employed, Williamson stated.

Todd Named by Council, Awaits Board Approval

Only approval by the A&M System Board of Directors awaits the official naming of Dick Todd as A&M's new head football coach. The Battalion learned today.

Todd has been chosen by the Athletic Council and a vote-by-mail is being taken among the members of the Board of Directors.

Consent of the directors is usually only a formality. An official release from the college is expected momentarily, perhaps today.

A&M Alpha Zeta Chapter Initiated, Nation's Largest

By CHRIS ORTH
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The A&M Chapter of Alpha Zeta, agricultural honor society, came into being officially yesterday as 85 initiates became charter members, forming the largest chapter in the country.

Originally founded at Ohio State University in 1897, Alpha Zeta was formed with the purpose of fostering high standards of agricultural training and development of agricultural leaders. Membership is based on qualities of scholarship, character, and leadership.

A&M is the forty-fifth Land Grant College to have an Alpha Zeta Chapter.

Events of the day for the initiates and guests began with the initiation ceremonies in the afternoon and were terminated by the installation banquet yesterday evening.

Aggie Players Start Casting

Casting has been completed and rehearsals are in progress for "The Milky Way," third and final Aggie Players' production of the season scheduled for presentation May 13 and 15 in the Assembly Hall.

C. K. Esten, faculty advisor to the Players, is directing the play, a three-act comedy by Lynn Root and Harry Clark. Mary Eleanor Vaden is serving as assistant to the director in charge of production.

That the Aggie Players are versatile is indicated by the fact that many of the actors who appeared in "Antigone," the Sophoclean tragedy presented April 2 and 3, have been assigned parts in "The Milky Way," a hilarious comedy.

With the exception of Herman Gollob, who will be making his debut with the Thespians in the forthcoming production, all of the players in the cast took part in the Greek drama. Gollob will play the part of Gabby Sloan, fight manager.

Speed McFarland, world's middleweight champion, will be played by John Cagle with Bill Guthrie cast in the role of Spider, his trainer. The character of Burleigh Sullivan, mild-mannered purveyor of milk who becomes a challenger against his better judgment, will be enacted by Harry Gooding.

"The Milky Way," a predominantly masculine play, has but two women in its cast, Barbara Hodges, as Anne Westley, the manager's girl friend, and Alice Burke as Mae Sullivan, the milkman's comely sister.

Annual Banquet, Ball Saturday

RVs Social Weekend Starts Tonight With Bryan Party

By JOE PRICE
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The social highlight of the weekend is the annual Ross Volunteers Spring Banquet and Ball. The 275 expected guests will attend a banquet in the MSC Ballroom at 7 p. m. Saturday, to be immediately followed by the ball at 9 p. m.

The festivities will actually start Friday evening with an informal party to be held at D. O. O. K. Hall in Bryan.

The organization is the oldest organized student activity at A&M, being organized in 1887. At that time it was called the Scott Volunteers in honor of Colonel T. M. Scott, who was business manager of the college then. It was organized for the purpose of banding together the best military men on the campus into a crack drill team.

The name was changed in 1891 to Ross Volunteers in honor of

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, who was president of the college at that time. The name was changed three times following this, the policy being to honor the succeeding presidents of the college.

It was during the term of H. H. Harrington that the name was voted to become Ross Volunteers permanently.

When it was first organized there were only 40 cadets as members, all chosen from the junior and senior classes. For a time non-military students were allowed membership but the present policy requires the men to be taking Military Science and to have a "B" average in the course. The applicant must also be a junior or a senior.

In 1918 some freshmen and sophomores were allowed to become members, because the upper class enrollment was too small to supply the organization with sufficient membership.

John F. Cunningham, co-founder of Alpha Zeta and Dean Emeritus of Ohio State University, spoke on the founding of the fraternity.

Greetings were extended by E. J. Kyle, dean emeritus of Agriculture.

"This initiation is the result of years of effort on the part of Dean Kyle and myself to bring the fraternity to A&M," said Charles N. Shepardson, dean of the School of Agriculture.

"And yet it is interesting to note," he added, "that it was the action of the combined Student Councils which finally broke the barriers and brought the various chapters of national honor fraternities here."

Officers of the new chapter are Walter H. Tanamachi, chancellor, Marvin G. Twenhafel, censor, Jim Tom House, scribe, Raymond J. Kunze, treasurer, and Douglas Wythe, chronicler.

H. R. Albrecht, high scribe of the organization, presided over the initiation assisted by L. H. Dennis, high treasurer and general secretary.

Taking part in the installation were Dr. R. R. Schrode, R. E. Leighton, and Shepardson.

Little Southwestern Stock Show Opens For Two Days

The showing and auction of student processed and cured hams will be featured at the annual Little Southwestern Livestock Show to be held in the Aggie Rodeo Arena

today and Saturday. President M. T. Harrington will attend the show Saturday night to officially accept for the College the new arena which was built

members of the Saddle and Sirlon Club, sponsors of the event, and the Aggie Rodeo Club. D. W. Williams, vice chancellor of Agriculture, will present the arena to the college.

The Show, primarily for the purpose of giving animal husbandry majors experience in competitive showmanship, will also feature a professor's bloomer race, a 'fish' greased pig contest, calf roping, and cutting horse demonstrations.

The vice chancellor will judge the Grand Champion and award the Champion Showman. This year's show, under the direction of General Superintendent, Douglas Wythe, will, for the first time, feature a ham show and auction.

Proceeds from the auction of hams will help to send judging teams to contests throughout the country. Walter Britten of College Station will auction the hams Saturday night after the showing. Roy Snyder, Animal Husbandry Department, will be official judge.

Taking advantage of the bloomer race to fight out their differences will be "Ike" Dalberg and O. D. Butler, co-sponsors of the Saddle and Sirlon Club. Other entries are Waco Albert, Fred Hale, Maurice Shelton, and J. S. Moffitt.

Judges of the individual events will be Tommy Stewart, Gene Turnbull, Wallace Kimbrough, and Leonard Richardson.

The new city limits extension will include all property on both sides of Cooner Street, and then inside a line running at a 45 degree angle East, touching the extension of East University Drive and on into the Wooded Area of College Hills.

The new property includes the Ringhofer Addition, the Kelly, Armstrong Addition, the Putz Addition, and the Passler Addition. Most of the sections had a portion of their area in the city before the annexation.

Only a few days ago Bryan annexed the Beverly Estates plot which joins the area now taken by College Station.

This means the two municipalities are jam up together.

Annexation War Continues

And still the war of annexation continues. Other areas still in dispute are being considered by both groups and will probably be discussed at meetings of both councils soon.

"The property was annexed as a means of 'straightening' our boundaries," was the comment of Ward II councilman R. B. Halpin last night.

Application for annexation of the Tauber tract has also been received, according to Halpin.

A public hearing has been set by the City Council for April 30.

Slick'em Up



... the cows get a special cleaning and polishing for the show

Gen. Mac to Fly Back to States To Talk Policy

Tokyo, April 14—(P)—General MacArthur will fly to the United States Monday in a fighting mood to challenge the President who fired him over war policy.

This became clear today when his spokesman said MacArthur wants to minimize war, not expand it.

Maj. Gen. Courtney B. Whitney's statement, undoubtedly approved by MacArthur, carried an implied challenge to President Truman on an issue boiling throughout the United States and world capitals.

The issue: Whether to limit the war to Korea and hope the Chinese Reds eventually agree to a peace or to carry the war to Red China by bombing its Manchurian bases and opening a second front with Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist troops.

Modern Choir To Present Guion Show

An entirely different type of choral program will be presented in Guion Hall tomorrow night at 7:30 when the Modern Choir from TSCW presents a variety of musical selection designed to fit the trend of the times.

The female vocalists, under the direction of Dr. William O. Jones, professor of music at the Denton school, differ from the traditional choir in that each member of the aggregation stresses individuality.

The girls sing for the pleasure of singing rather than being forced to conform their tastes and style to the group itself.

The selections rendered by the vocalists have been designed to fit a wide range of musical tastes and range from strictly modern versions to light classical pieces.

Further diversion in the program is accomplished by the combination of vocal and instrumental solos, trios and duets.

Since its organization, the musical group has been a favorite with audiences throughout Texas. The group has appeared before a joint session of the Texas Legislature, at high schools throughout the state, at conventions and at several veterans' hospitals.

Assisting Jones in directing the choir will be Miss Martha Helen Card of Houston, the assistant director. Miss Joan Loerzel of Wheaton, Ill. is the pianist for the vocalists, while the choir manager is Miss Clem Neighbors of Memphis, Tenn.

The group from Denton will arrive tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 and will be guests of the Cadet Corps at the evening meal in Duncan Hall.

Following the concert, the girls will be honored with a reception in the Assembly Room of the MSC. This affair is jointly sponsored by the former students of TSCW and the Singing Cadets.

Admission price for the concert and the movie following has been set at 30 cents.

Johnston Speaks At Agronomy Meet

"Research carried on at the Temple Blackland Experiment Station," was the topic Dr. J. R. Johnston, superintendent of the station, presented to the Agronomy Society last night.

The main divisions of research at the station, he said, are soils, cattle, and crops. Color slides were used in stressing the finer points of each division.

Students to Get Breather, As Batt Staff Goes North

In answer to many requests, the Battalion staff is leaving the campus—but also to the disappointment of many, it will be only for the weekend.

Denton is the destination of the group, and the objective is the production of the Daily Lass-o, TSCW student newspaper.

Approximately 15 members of the Battalion staff will leave this afternoon to return the visit of the Lass-o writers who led the staff exchange with a jaunt on Nov. 4.

The writing crew will attend a banquet of Theta Sig, TESSIE chapter of the journalism fraternity, upon arrival in the land of women tonite.

Tomorrow the Aggie journalists will be forced to work to fulfill the reason, or rather excuse for making the 200 mile trip.

As of last year the crew will spread of the TESSIE campus running down news.

Since journalists are noted for their great capacity for coffee, the java joint proprietors of that northern community will be pre-

The President advocates the former, MacArthur the latter.

President Truman said Wednesday night that he had fired MacArthur as Far East commander because he feared the General's policies would lead to World War III.

MacArthur wants to expound his views before Congress. That's why he is rushing home to the land he has not visited in 14 years of war and peace.

Republicans Eager

Republican leaders are eager to provide the opportunity. Their bitter criticisms of the administration even have demanded the resignation of President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson and suggested impeachments.

MacArthur's plane was scheduled to leave Tokyo at 7 a.m. Monday (5 p.m., EST, Sunday). The General will be accompanied by his wife, son Arthur, 13, and six intimates.

They will travel in the General's gleaming Constellation, "SCAP," named after his former title in Japan, "Supreme Commander, Allied Powers."

The party will stop overnight in Hawaii and then proceed to San Francisco. Aides said the subsequent destination and schedule had not been decided.

Whitney's statement said "advocates of the general policy of appeasement" and the Communist press have attempted to propagandize MacArthur as an advocate of war expansion. It added:

Honorable End

MacArthur "has never advocated or even considered extension of the war except to the limited degree necessary . . . to bring the (Korean) campaign to an honorable end with the minimum loss of human life.

"He believes that appeasement would mean not less but infinitely more ultimate bloodshed and, following historical precedent, might well carry within the seeds of a new world war."

The statement implied only two alternatives in settling the Korean campaign: A limited expansion of the fighting, or appeasement.

The statement, second Whitney has issued since the dismissal, was expected to add new flames to the controversy. Its tone showed MacArthur was not through fighting.

Whitney also said today, on another occasion, that the General was fired without warning and without considering voluntary retirement.

This fresh exposition of his position came as his successor, Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, issued his first general orders taking over MacArthur's commands. Ridgway was in Korea but was expected to return soon to Tokyo.

Ft. Worth Award Applications Due

R. G. Perryman, secretary of the Faculty Committee on Scholarships, announced yesterday that the applications for the Fort Worth Mothers' Club Award should be turned into him in the Registrar's office by April 14.

The Fort Worth A&M Mothers' Club award of \$200 is given each year to some freshman, sophomore, or junior, from Tarrant County, who has shown outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership, and character, and who has had to overcome difficult obstacles in obtaining these qualities.

The reward is intended not only to recognize the outstanding qualities of its winner but to give the winner financial assistance to the extent of the award.

Golden Rule Necessity On Crowded Highways

When you are driving in crowded conditions, don't try to crowd out the other fellow, or try to outrun every car on the road.

Your fellow driver on the street or highway is in just as big a rush as you, and added speed or selfish use of the road will only lead to a motor vehicle accident which could easily result in someone's death.

Your Texas Safety Association says to apply the "Golden Rule" to good driving and play fair with your fellow motorist.