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WHEN YOUR dorm senator or his assistants come to your room tonight, they'll be seeking money for the Campus Chest.

And when you give that money, it won't be a gift—it'll be an investment. Your contribution will be an investment in A&M and in its future students.

For the majority of this year's Campus Chest collection will go to two scholarships—the Twelfth Man Scholarship, now in its second year, and the new foreign student award, which this year will go to a Norwegian student.

Still another part of the funds will go to the College Station Community Chest, as a token of appreciation for aid rendered by this group to many students, faculty members, and their families.

The Twelfth Man Scholarship is administered, like most other A&M awards, through the Development Association under the able hand of E. E. McQuillen. After meeting last year's winner—now a freshman student here—we have more confidence than ever in the abilities of that office to select deserving men.

The award is given to a student who has

attained an outstanding record in high school and who appears competent enough to carry that record on into college. We don't believe a single Twelfth Man Award winner will ever be anything but a credit to A&M.

World problems are many in these troubled days, but somehow—somehow—they can be solved. They may be solved through what appears now to be minor actions.

The Foreign Student Scholarship is a step in that direction. If enough students from Europe could be brought to the United States to study, we feel sure that a mutual understanding between those countries and our nation could be achieved.

Students from other parts of the world are not unusual at A&M. Each of these men carry back to their homeland a more definite idea of true democracy. And only by knowledge abroad of these ideals can we ever hope to obtain peace and understanding.

Students will be visiting you tonight. If you plan to be out of your room or home, leave a contribution with someone else, or wait until they return Thursday night.

That contribution is for A&M's Campus Chest—a wise investment in A&M's future.

From the City Desk

Working Together Produces Results

... By Joel Austin

"COLLEGE STATION—2 miles," the sign reads as you enter the city from Bryan on Highway 6. For many years that sign has been correct and that gap between the two cities has been a bridge crossed many times by people of College Station and Bryan as well as students of A&M.

Bryan has for many years been a mother city to this community in which we live and still furnishes a large portion of the luxuries and necessities not available here.

The length of that two miles has been traveled by men and women for the purpose of friendly trade with a larger city offering better selections of merchandise for them to buy. Since the college was first established, there has been a growing need here for places of business such as are in Bryan, but due to the lack of population and potential customers, the businesses were slow in coming.

The three shopping centers of College Station now boasts many stores which conveniently serve residents of this city and are realizing handsome profits from the increasing population of the city and A&M College.

All the needs of the people of College Station cannot be found here, however, and students and housewives, teachers and businessmen all must continue to look to Bryan for many of the necessities of life.

Two Miles Don't Exist Now

The two-mile sign is no longer correct. That distance doesn't exist between the towns any longer. And in most places College Station and Bryan are jam up together now, with the city limit line of both running in the same spot.

The distance between the towns was eaten up for various reasons. Both cities have said additional land was taken to "straighten" boundary lines. Another reason was because residents of the area either favored being in a municipality when asked, or they themselves asked to be a part of the city.

Whether the two places have been justified in their efforts to "out-grab" certain tracts of land is another question. For while neither Bryan nor College Station has shown they were not trying to annex the new property before the other could gain control of it, they have given evidence that if one didn't take it, the other would.

A complex situation exists now in the relations of the two city governments, and unless this "if we don't take it now, they will tomorrow" idea is squelched, we are likely to find ourselves in a not-too-pleasing state of being.

It is well for us to remember the City of College Station is not on even terms with Bryan in matters of this kind, for if such an "annexation battle" is to exist or be carried any further, Bryan's home rule charter provisions could allow them to do practically anything they please in the way of annexation.

Trying to Obtain New Charter

College Station civic leaders are now trying to obtain a home rule charter—which this city is qualified for—through the regular necessary legal channels.

The city is fortunate that College Station Council was able to annex as much territory as it did in what proved to be a last ditch fight to possess the property.

But we believe that even with this newly annexed land and the rule charter, the bickering between the two municipalities is not going to be conducive to bettering or even maintaining the relations of people living in both towns.

We would ask that since Bryan and College Station are so near each other and also since so many people of Bryan are dependent upon A&M and the people of College Station (whether they want to admit it or not) while College Station and A&M rely on Bryan for many of the things it needs, the two cities should direct their efforts in providing the things they have in a spirit of friendly cooperation.

Available Money

With the great amount of money available to be spent by A&M students and College Station residents, people of Bryan should be quick to realize the necessity of negotiating friendly terms in this city.

Obligated to Trade

As we mentioned sometime ago in this space, students of A&M as well as College Station residents, are obliged to patronize business places of Bryan because there is no other place to go.

Why can't this business be cultivated so the customers from College Station will do their shopping for items not available here with desire to trade with the Bryan merchant, rather than do business in an air of compulsion because what they want is not available elsewhere?

As College Station grows, the mercantile facilities will also increase, but with its spread-out shopping centers and inconveniently located places of business, College Station is going to have to wait quite some time before merchants can adequately serve the needs of the community.

You help me—I'll help you. That's the attitude both cities must take. And in so doing, they can both work for a greater Bryan and College Station.

Journalism Profs Attend SDX Meet

Donald D. Burchard, Earl Newsum, and Otis Miller of the Journalism Department attended the monthly meeting of the Gulf Coast Professional Journalism Fraternity, which met in Houston on April 16, April 16.

Bible Verse

AND when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be: but the end shall not be yet.—Mark 13:7.

Due May 9

Scientific Research Boosted With Sigma Xi Installation

Local scientific research activities and accomplishments will be given further recognition when the A&M College of Texas Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi is formally installed on May 9.

Installation ceremonies will be conducted by officers of the National Society, and will include the organization of the Chapter, presentation of the charter, a reception, a dinner in honor of guests and official delegates from other Chapters, and an address by an outstanding scientist.

The sole purpose of Sigma Xi is the "encouragement of original investigation in science, pure and applied." The Society was founded at Cornell University in 1886 by eight engineering students and an instructor in engineering who, at the time, was the youngest member of the Cornell faculty.

Total membership now numbers about 65,000, more than half of whom are associated with active units of the Society established in 165 of the leading universities, colleges, and technical institutions in the United States and Canada.

Over 100 Members Here

More than 100 local members of Sigma Xi are distributed among the instructional staffs of the several Schools of the College, and the research staffs of the Agricultural and Engineering Experiment Stations. This group was organized as a Club of the Society in 1945, and has been in the process of transferring to Chapter status for nearly three years. Election to membership in the Society is only by action of duly established Chapters.

Permission to establish a chapter at A&M was granted by the Society at its annual convention held last December. Favorable action was taken only after the local group had submitted preliminary and formal petitions summarizing the past and current scientific research activities on the campus and listing the research accomplishments of the individual members of the petitioning group, and after reports had been made by representatives of the Society who visited the campus for inspection purposes.

Encourages Research

The objective of the Society, to encourage pure and applied scientific research, is accomplished in several ways. Probably the most important of these is through the recognition given to qualified graduate and undergraduate students by election to membership in the Society.

As a result of the high standards maintained throughout the years by the many chapters of the Society, such election has come to have a definite meaning in scientific circles and gives to the young scientist at an early stage of his development a distinction attainable in no other way.

Staff members and others qualified in research are also eligible for membership. In the election of research accomplishment must be tangible, while in the case of students potential research capabilities are of greater importance.

Further encouragement to research activity is given through series of scientific lectures sponsored and arranged by each Chapter. Graduate and undergraduate students, staff members, and the interested public are encouraged to attend these lectures. Speakers are selected from off-campus and local research groups and are chosen for their ability to give informative as well as understandable presentations of material within their special fields of knowledge.

The Society selects annually several outstanding scientists as Sigma Xi National Lecturers. The visit of a National Lecturer to a Chapter or Club is normally regarded

as one of the high lights of the year's activities. Arrangements are usually made for visiting lecturers to meet with small groups of graduate students and staff members for the discussion of research problems of mutual interest.

A number of grants-in-aid for the support of worthy research are made each year by the Society of the Sigma Xi. Individual grants usually range from \$150 to \$500 and are made to graduate students and staff members. Thirty-two such grants totalling about \$10,000 were made for 1950.

An additional important activity of Sigma Xi in keeping with its desire to encourage research is the publication of authoritative articles by leaders in a variety of specialized fields. These appear in the Society's official quarterly publication "American Scientist", received by all members, and in volumes of collected papers under the general title "Science in Progress."

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