

The Battalion

Belles of the Ball



Runners-up for the Freshmen Regiment Sweetheart and the Sweetheart stand on the bandstand in Salsa before the final selection. The Sweetheart was selected by Dean H. W. Barlow, Col. E. W. Napier, Col. Joe Davis, Lt. Col. Robert

Melcher, Col. Edward Sauer and Pete Hardisty. The finalists are Miss Gwen Clark, Miss Beverly Hendricks, Miss Janice Turbeville, Miss Edwina Chamberlain, and Miss Sharon Hughes.

Old Saying

Prettiest Girls Come to Fish Ball

By HARI BAKER
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The old Aggie saying that "the prettiest girls always come to the Fish Ball" was again proved Saturday night when the freshmen and their dates danced to the music of the Aggeland orchestra in Salsa Hall.

Miss Patti Cameron, a brownette from McKinney, was selected Freshman Class Sweetheart. She was escorted by Dick McCasland, an engineering major from McKinney.

She was given a bouquet of red roses by Jerry Ramsey, chairman of the sweetheart committee. On behalf of the freshman class, class president Karl Meilke presented her with a silver bracelet with a heart on it, engraved "Freshman Class Sweetheart, Class of '55."

Runner-Up Gift

The other five finalists received a bouquet of white carnations and a locket in the shape of a heart. They were Gwen Clark, Beverly Hendricks, Janice Turbeville, Edwina Chamberlain, and Sharon Hughes.

Judges for the contest were J. P. Abbott, dean of the school of arts and sciences; Howard W. Barlow, dean of the school of engineering; Col. E. W. Napier, PAS&T; Lt. Col. Robert L. Melcher, dormitory counselor; Col. Joe Davis, commandant; Col. Edward F. Sauer, QMC, military department; and Pete Hardisty.

Couch Promoted To Colonel in ORC

James R. Couch, professor of biochemistry, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Army Organized Reserve Corps, Captain M. B. Findley, local unit instructor, announced today. Colonel Couch was one of three Medical Service Corps officers in the Fourth Army Area selected for promotion to this rank.

Air Force Originator

Signal Corps Has 89th Birthday

Most of the time a person or thing that is 89 years old is thought to be a dottering, feeble something. But the Army Signal Corps proves there is an exception.

The Signal Corps, now a vast and diversified organization engaged in a multitude of activities, had its official beginning in the Civil War Days, at the time when communication amounted to runners and wig-wag flags.

At the time of its organization the Signal Corps was unique in the world's military picture. Since its start, on March 3, 1863, military units from the world's armies have copied its organization.

Separate Branch

The corps was authorized as a separate branch of the Army by the Congress and was put under the direction of Major Albert J. Myer, inventor of the wig-wag system of signalling. He was later

ty, business manager of student activities.

To give Shiba an atmosphere fitting for fish, the band stand was draped in a large fish net, in which were caught cardboard fish. The eighth regimental flag and the numbers 55 were displayed over the bandstand. To enter the dance, guests had to walk through the open jaws of a fish at the door.

Approximately 700 couples attended the dance.

Processing Cut For AF Flying To Four Weeks

The four month processing period formerly required of civilians desiring to enter directly into Air Force flying training has been reduced to a maximum of four weeks, the Air Force said today.

The speed-up of the administrative and testing procedure will enable accepted cadets to start training within three to five months after applying. A wait of seven to ten months has been necessary in the past.

A complete medical examination now may be given at the nearest Air Force Base the same day that an applicant first visits his recruiting station. This change has saved several weeks of time formerly consumed by travel, correspondence, and delays while awaiting appointments.

If physically qualified, the applicant is scheduled for early testing to determine his potential flying ability. Those qualified for aviation cadets are immediately authorized a four month Selective Service deferment while awaiting class assignment.

made a colonel and then promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

Major Myer was a doctor who in his youth had served an apprenticeship as a telegrapher. As a young lieutenant and Army surgeon, he is supposed to have struck upon the idea of visual signals when observing a Comanche warrior use his lance to signal his war party.

First for Deaf

The first director devised and developed a signal system as a means of communication for the deaf. When his system was reviewed in 1859 by the war department board of which Robert E. Lee was president, the report said the surgeon who was to become the army's first signal officer.

"In the application of his principle of practical purposes the inventor has displayed much ingenuity and is entitled to the com-

Truman's Reorganization Plan Due for Showdown

Washington—March 3—(AP)—President Truman's plans to reorganize the Internal Revenue Bureau faced a possible showdown today with the administration making a last-minute effort to save it.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Joseph B. Dunlap was scheduled to get a final word for the Truman plan before the reportedly hostile senate expenditures committee takes a vote on a resolution aimed at killing it.

Key point of the Truman plan to reorganize the Revenue Bureau is to put an end to presidential appointment of the 64 collectors and place all Bureau officials except the top man under civil service.

Many of the present politically-appointed collectors have been under fire in tax scandals which have led to indictment, dismissal or resignation of 168 officials and employees of the Bureau and Justice Department.

Russia May Wreck Korea Truce Talks

Washington, March 3—(AP)—Russia apparently is so determined to gain a role in Korean peace-making that may wreck the truce talks in the attempt.

Some highly ranked officials offered that explanation today for the present deadlock in the armistice talks at Panmunjom. They assume, as Washington has generally assumed from the first, that the Kremlin in masterminding the Communist strategy in Korea.

The Reds' insistence that the Soviet Union be included in a proposed commission of "neutral" nations to police the truce, if and

when one is agreed upon, it thus regarded here as a move inspired and doggedly persisted in by the Soviet government itself.

State and Defense Department authorities do not believe the North Korean and Chinese Communists want their big friend on the commission merely because it might be a nice gesture.

Backdown

The first signs of a possible backdown from this position came during today's negotiations. When the Reds were told objections to Russia could not be removed, Chinese Col. Chang Chung San replied that the Allies had the right to reject any nominee but should give logical reasons.

United States officials said here, as United Nations negotiators have said in Korea, that they will never agree to accept Russia as a "neutral." The U.S. has taken the stand that Russia told the North Koreans to start the war in the first place.

What the U.S. would agree to and what may prove to be the way out—if there is one—would be to drop the idea of a neutral commission entirely and go back to the proposition originally suggested by the United Nations' side that the truce be supervised by a joint commission of belligerents.

Russia and the United States would then be represented in equal position, provided Russia was willing to acknowledge a belligerent status.

Moscow's interest in "getting in to the act," as diplomats see it, stems from a desire to trade on peacemaking credit in Korea.

Senate Selects TISA Delegates Ten to Attend

Ten delegates were named to the annual Texas Intercollegiate Student Association convention March 6-9 in El Paso at a called noon meeting of the Student Senate Friday in the MSC senate chamber.

The special meeting was called by Senate president Grady Smallwood to find three replacements for men who were previously designated delegates at the convention to be on the campus of Texas Western College.

The purpose of the convention each year is for the students of all Texas Colleges to "get together" and discuss their various problems in student government.

Last year the annual affair was held in the MSC on the A&M campus, Ken Wiggins, student senate member, was elected Cultural and Entertainment manager for TISA at that meeting.

A&M has played a strong and active part in TISA since its organization and the Aggies will be well represented again this year with ten official delegates making the trip, and the A&M rifle team as unofficial delegates during the convention.

The following student senators are scheduled to leave the campus Wednesday morning: Don Young, Bob Layton, Hansel Kennedy, Don Buchner, Bruce Miller, Bob Travis, Ted Stephens, Gene Steed, Duane Vanderburg, and Jack "Spud" Mergle.

System Board OKs \$318,083 Building Plan

By JOEL AUSTIN
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The A&M System Board of Directors appropriated \$318,083.97 for buildings, equipment, and maintenance for the college at its meeting on the campus Saturday morning. Included in the appropriations was \$62,000 for a maternity barn and six silos for the new Dairy Center, and \$44,000 to go for equipment in the new Engineering Building.

The Board voted to spend \$41,000 for library stacks for the Texas Engineers' Library, College Library and other equipment for the Engineers' Library.

Largest single amount appropriated was \$125,000 for maintenance and minor alterations of buildings and facilities or the A&M physical plant. Other allocations were as follows: \$4,600 for construction of a paved parking area at the College Administration Building; \$5,500 for extending water and electric lines into the Firemen's Training School area; \$3,500 for equipment at Junction Adjunct and for cost of moving equipment thereto from College Station and back.

Twenty thousand for repairing and painting six dormitories; \$10,500 for repairs to the basement of Bolton Hall (Electrical Engineering Building); \$1,001 for moving former shop building at Easterwood Airport to a more suitable location at the airport; and \$982.97 for the additional appropriation for Engineering Building.

Stadium Seats

The board also awarded a contract for \$5,132 for construction of stadium seats at Tarleton State College to Quisile Construction Company of Fort Worth. Funds were donated by Tarleton Former Students.

They confirmed an increase in contract with Fisher Construction Company of Houston for construction of the Engineering Building at A&M from \$432,000 to \$525,816.45.

Dr. E. H. Hereford, president of Arlington State College gave his annual report to the board. He explained that the enlarged industrial population of the Dallas-Fort Worth area would show a substantial increase in the Arlington enrollment in the years to come. He gave a brief history of the school and told of its services to students of the state.

Physical Plants

T. R. Spence, manager of Physical Plants for the A&M System, reported on the progress of A&M's building program. The program includes total appropriations and allocations of \$7,046,093. Most of the construction is finished or already under way.

In other action taken by the board, Dr. T. D. Brooks was named acting dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Brooks will serve in the absence of Dr. Ide Trotter, who has been ill for the last few months. Dr. Trotter is expected to resume his duties by June 1.

Dr. Brooks was dean of the graduate school for 14 years prior to going on modified service in 1947.

A&M Rodeo Team Selects Members

A rodeo team was selected recently by members of the Rodeo Club to represent A&M at the Intercollegiate Rodeo to be held at Sam Houston College at Huntsville on March 22 and 23.

The team will be composed of Jack Willingham, Don Tabb, Bobby Rankin, Jim Smith, Charley McDonald and Lovie Rice.

Cowboys from several colleges and universities will vie for honors in bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull dogging, bull riding and calf roping events.

Radio Show to Hon A&M's President

"The Halls of Ivy," radio program over NBC each Wednesday night, will salute Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of A&M College, next Wednesday night, March 5.

The program is played by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Coleman, Herb Butterfield and Elizabeth Patterson. It is a college play and its popularity is nationwide.

Church-School Cooperation Needed—Epsy

Dr. R. H. Edwin Epsy, executive secretary of the National Student Council of the YMCA was guest speaker for a YMCA faculty-student dinner Friday night.

Dr. Epsy explained the importance of the YMCA in serving as a service to bring together the church and the school. He warned that Communism is bringing about an even greater threat to the world than did Nazism because of its physical power, basic ideology, and because it has a perverted religious motivation.

"The church and the university have become so far apart that in some cases they criticize one another on certain issues," Dr. Epsy commented.

"The church and university must enrich one another, must let influences of Christian religion be felt. The church and the university must act in partnership; it is this partnership the YMCA represents. The YMCA has one foot in the organization of the school, one foot in the work of the church," he added.

Stock Picked for Dairy Show; Set for April 29

Participants in the 16th Annual Spring Dairy Show made the first preparations for the big show recently when they selected the cattle they will show.

The Dairy show is sponsored annually by the Cream and Kow Klub and will be held in the new dairy headquarters April 29.

Dairymen's Show

Prof. A. L. Darnell, in charge of the show since it originated in 1933, emphasized that participation is not limited to dairy husbandry majors. He said the experience gained from fitting and

showing dairy stock would be invaluable to those planning a career in extension work or vocational agriculture.

Entering the college contest are 22 dairy majors and one AH major.

These men have picked 48 heifers from the A&M herd, approximately half of these being Jerseys and half Holsteins. The animals will be shown in the following classes:

Senior Yearling Heifers, Junior Yearling Heifers, Senior Heifer Calves, Junior Heifer Calves, and Sub-Junior Heifer Calves.

Those men who do not have the time necessary to fit an animal for show but who wish to participate may take part in an extra event, Darnell said.

Proceeds from the Dairy Show will help to pay the expenses of the Dairy Judging Team.

Job Shortage Seen On Campus Work

There is a shortage of jobs for students, according to George Long, manager of the Student Labor Office. Long said 150 students are seeking student labor jobs for which there is no employment available.

More than 800 students are now working in part time jobs. Of this number, 200 students are working as waiters in the dining halls. Candy, newspapers and other concessions account for about 300 student labor jobs. Other students are employed by the various departments such as the Experiment Station, animal husbandry and horticulture farms.

"Students who show a real desire to work are given preference in the available jobs," said Long.

Weather Today



BREEZY

WEATHER TODAY: Partly cloudy and windy. The high yesterday was 67 degrees and the low was 55 degrees. The precipitation recorded for College Station during the past 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. was .31 inches.