

The Battalion

Members of SWC Now Conduct Final Sports Trophy Poll

Voting is now in progress for the annual Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy. The trophy is presented at the Cotton Bowl game by the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee.

Sixty-three voters representing all aspects of sports, will decide the winner of the trophy. Voting is in two sections, to cover the entire year.

Two Polls Taken

One poll is taken in the spring, after track, baseball, and basketball seasons, and another is taken after football, and basketball seasons, and another is taken after football season. The two ballots are tabulated together to decide the winner of the trophy.

Results of the voting will not be announced until the day of the Cotton Bowl game. The Executive Secretary of the Committee, Harri Baker of A&M, is in charge of distribution and counting of the ballots.

Membership of the committee is composed of each SWC school's student body president, head cheerleader, student paper editor, and an athletic representative.

The committee meets three times a year to coordinate its work and to discuss methods of furthering sportsmanship.

Ballots are sent to all members of the committee, and to each school's dean of students, alumni association secretary, and athletic director.

Eight conference officials also vote, as do the secretary of the conference, and seven sportswriters, one chosen by each school.

Voting Spread Out

Since the trophy is awarded on a basis of the sportsmanship of fans, alumni, and students, as well as teams; the voting is spread out to give a true picture, Baker said.

Arkansas won the trophy last year. A school may win the award twice in succession, but no school is given permanent possession of the trophy. A permanent plaque is also presented to the winning school.

Besides the trophy, the Sportsmanship Committee sponsors welcoming committees that go to visiting schools before each game, the saying of a prayer before games, an exchange of articles between school papers, the establishment of sub-committees for sportsmanship on each campus, and other projects.

Battalion Donated Trophy

Five-years-old this fall, the Sportsmanship Committee was organized by The Battalion in 1948 to promote sportsmanship and good relations in every field of student behavior.

The Battalion donated the four-foot high trophy, and gives the permanent plaque each year. Since permanent records of the organization are kept here, the executive secretary always is from A&M.

At present, no other conference has an organization similar to the Sportsmanship Committee, but several smaller conferences in Texas, both college and high school, have made plans to start them.



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE—Ray Davenport (center) assistant to the director of the MSC, shows Jim Baggaley the tobacco and pipes which will be awarded to winners of the annual Pipe Smoking contest Dec. 11. Frank Scott (left), who directed the contest last year, inspects one of the sets of pipes. Baggaley will be in charge of the event. (Staff Photo by Manitzas.)

False Alarm Stirs 'Fish'

Freshmen running across the campus in nothing but underclothes and others panicking at the word "fire" were set into action Tuesday night by pranksters when the fire whistle sounded.

"Fall out freshmen, the Academic Building is on fire," was the cry that interrupted the otherwise quiet call to quarter period at about 9 p. m.

And out they came, with few clothes on running in every direction as if their own dormitory was on fire.

Dormitory counselors and cadet officers finally rounded up the freshmen and sent them back to their rooms. The fire was at a College Station residence on Kyle Ave.

Army Contract Students Must File by Dec. 15

Spring Army contract applicants must have all necessary forms turned in not later than Dec. 13, said Capt. Erwin R. Brigham, Army Public Information Officer.

Contract applications may be obtained from the operations office, Ross Hall, or from the student's branch instructors office. Letters have been sent to students who presently are deferred for one semester to complete their requirements for a contract, but others do not know of this deadline, Capt. Brigham said.

The reason for the early deadline is all physical examinations must be forwarded to Fourth Army. No student will be considered for a contract until final clearance of his physical has been received by Fourth Army headquarters.

Student Senate Sets Meeting Tonight

The first December meeting of the Student Senate is Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the MSC Senate Chamber said Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men and advisor to the Senate.

The agenda includes a discussion of ticket committee findings. This committee is investigating problems concerning possible lower prices for student date tickets for football games. The group also is looking into the possibility of providing better seating for faculty members.

A report from the traffic committee, probing traffic and parking problems on the campus, also will be heard at this meeting, Zinn said.

Enthusiastic Support Shown

Aggies Eye Coming Corps Tilt

By ED HOLDER
Sports Editor

Some of the finest support ever shown on the A&M campus is being displayed in connection with the Army-Air Force benefit game coming up Dec. 18.

The entire affair is being planned, scheduled, and executed by students, for students. Operations are led by Bill Munnerlyn, head of the committee appointed to handle the game.

Barlow (Bones) Irvin, head of the athletic department, started things off in a big way when he donated the use of Kyle Field with all football equipment and facilities.

If lights were needed for the event, the athletic department would donate them free of charge, Irvin said.

Several students chimed in with ideas and followed through with action. The band and tumbling

team said they would be glad to put on the halftime show. Intramural Director Barney Welch offered to take charge of referees for the game, and Head Football Coach Ray George consented to announce the play by play.

Committee Heads Named

Munnerlyn asked several students to head committees, and they promised full cooperation. Gene Sparks, first division athletic officer, was appointed head of the ticket committee. He distributed tickets yesterday afternoon through athletic officers of the various units.

Ed Holder, Battalion sports editor, was named publicity chairman and Rodney East, third division athletic officer, was appointed Holder's assistant. These men have been in charge of publicizing the game, printing posters, and taking care of programs.

Foggy, Wet Weather Finally Clears Today

The sun was making a big effort to break through the clouds this morning following the foggy, rainy weather which has prevailed over College Station the last few days.

Visibility at Easterwood Airport was cut to one-sixteenth of a mile yesterday while the ceiling was dropped to only 100 feet from 5 to 9 a. m. The ceiling lifted to 200 feet at 9 a. m. but was never much higher until 3 p. m. when the sun came out for a few minutes.

All Traffic Halted

Air traffic at Easterwood Airport was halted yesterday until 4 p. m. when the first plane landed since Tuesday.

Water was standing all over the city, and in many spots on the campus small lakes were caused from the abundance of rain which has fallen in the last two weeks. The main drill field across from the MSC was virtually covered with water yesterday afternoon.

Rainfall yesterday was reported at 5.1 inches.

A norther was not in sight for the College Station area. Cold air masses were reported this morning in south Texas and northern Louisiana, but none were expected to hit here.

Today's forecast is cloudy to partly cloudy with the maximum temperature in the upper 60s. Minimum temperature this morning was 46 degrees, maximum yesterday was 61.

Sun Out for Few Minutes

Yesterday afternoon the sun broke through the clouds at about 3 p. m. for a beautiful blaze of sunlight, the first seen in this

Knapp to Speak At YMCA Tonight

Frank T. Knapp, professor of ichthyology, will speak tonight at the second meeting of the zoological seminar.

The meeting will be at 7 p. m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA. Knapp's topic will be "The Philosophy of Science Teaching."

He will leave A&M soon to take the post of chief marine biologist for the state of Georgia.

More Than \$80 Stolen In Dorm 6 Robbery

Four students in Dormitory 6 lost a total of \$85 last week, in an outbreak of sneak thievery while they were working on the bonfire.

Someone familiar with corps schedules went through the pockets of George Munns, 6-209; Aurelio Correa, 6-414; Clifton Davenport, 6-416; and John Brannen, 6-419, according to Lt. Jimmy Cashion, counselor for the dormitory.

The students left the dormitory around 1 p. m. Nov. 22 and returned in time for supper that evening, Lt. Cashion said.

The case first was reported to Chief Fred Hickman of the campus security office Nov. 24, by

area for many days. But just seven and one-half minutes later it ducked behind the clouds and hadn't been seen again late this morning.

Thundershowers followed the showing of the sun yesterday afternoon.

The Associated Press reported rain fell on much of East Texas and the coast throughout Wednesday.

Best Rain at Hillsboro

The best rains were recorded from Hillsboro which had about 2.25 inches, Ennis with 1.45, Texarkana .95, Waco .51, Tyler .40,

Palestine .34, and Dallas and Victoria .27.

Less than a quarter of an inch fell in the 24-hour period at Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, Laredo, and Lufkin.

After nightfall the fog closed in at numerous points. San Antonio reported zero visibility at 7:30 p. m. Dallas had one-fourth mile, Lufkin one-half mile, Tyler one mile, and Fort Worth one and one-half miles.

High temperatures Wednesday included a balmy 81 at Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Alice had 78 and Houston and Victoria 75.

Chest Short \$2,000; Only One Day Left

With only one day left in their active drive, the Community Chest is still more than \$2,000 short of their \$11,019 goal.

Fifty dollars added yesterday brought the total up to \$8,920. Deadline for the drive is Friday.

All major departments of the college and areas of the city have turned in completed reports, except the mechanical engineering department, from which some \$200 is expected. The ME department has kept returns out in an effort to get 100 per cent contributions.

"I believe we've gotten all we're going to get, except for a few small checks," said Bennie Zinn, chairman of the Chest committee.

Several businesses have promised to donate after the first of the year. Zinn said post-dated checks will be accepted, if any one wants to donate.

"We'll take donations throughout the whole year," Zinn said.

The Chest committee will meet next week to make a count of total returns and to allot money to its 12 participating agencies.

The agencies, and the amount they were to have received if the goal had been reached, are as follows: Brazos County TB Assn. \$1,000 Girl Scouts 2,000

Bryan YMCA	400
Salvation Army	500
Youth Committee	800
Boy Scouts	2,294
Recreation Council	1,000
Needy Childrens Fund	700
Brazos Co. Hospital Fund	500
American Cancer Society	300
College Station YMCA	400
Local Chest Charity Fund	1,000
Misc. Expenses	125

The committee does not have to allot the new budget on a percentage basis with this budget, according to Zinn. The new allotment is completely up to the committee.

The drive was extended from Nov. 9. Last year's Chest reached its \$9,850 goal after the drive was extended three weeks.

Prairie View Baptists To Give Program

The weekly program of the BSU Vesper Service will be presented by 38 Baptist students of Prairie View A&M.

This service, 7:30 p. m. Friday, will be the second inter-racial program for the A&M BSU this fall. The first meeting of this type was held on the Prairie View campus Oct. 21. Seventeen Aggies attended Prairie View's weekly religious meeting.

"The turnout for that meeting was amazing," said Cliff Harris, BSU secretary. "There were over 1,400 students there for the meeting and we were told 'the crowd is small because of tests tomorrow,'" he added.

Rev. Edward Hill, leader of the group and president of the National (colored) Baptist Association, will preside at the service and bring the principal message.

A fellowship will follow the vesper service.

All interested students are invited to attend the meeting, Harris said.

Funeral Services Set for Aggie-Ex

Funeral services for Lt. Paul Coffin '51 of Itasca will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in the First Presbyterian Church at Itasca. He was killed by a landmine in Korea early in October.

Lt. Coffin was graduated from A&M with a degree in animal husbandry. He was a battalion commander in the infantry division while at school.

College Station Community Chest

Goal	\$11,019.00
Total now	8,920.00
Still needed	2,099.00
Deadline	Dec. 5

Texas Farm Credit School Begins Sunday

The borrowing power of Texas farmers and ranchers will be discussed Sunday through Wednesday at the second annual Texas farm and ranch credit school for commercial bankers.

Texas farmers and ranchers borrowed nearly six million dollars from 851 commercial banks in the state last year.

The program will bring together some 175 commercial bankers and A&M scientists. They will discuss common problems at the three-day session in the MSC.

The school is sponsored by the School of Agriculture. Cyrus R. Timm, professor of agricultural economics, is program chairman.

"The Agricultural Outlook for 1953 and Beyond," will be discussed by O. V. Wells, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA. Bankers from Texas and adjoining states will attend the school and take part in discussions.

Gen. Boatner Plans Inspection Dec. 11

Maj. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, deputy commander of the Fourth Army, will inspect the Army ROTC Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Gen. Boatner was commandant of A&M from 1948-51 and now is famous for his exploits at the Kojie Island prison camp in Korea.

While on the campus, Gen. Boatner will visit ROTC classes and will speak to Army juniors and seniors at 2:15 p. m. Thursday in Guion Hall.

A supper at Maggie Parker's Dining Room in Bryan is tentatively planned by officers of the Army ROTC office in Gen. Boatner's honor Wednesday night.

After his inspection of A&M, Gen. Boatner will go to Ft. Bliss, near El Paso.

18 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

AND NOW TO DO MY XMAS SHOPPING.

FIGHT TO BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

CLOUDY

WEATHER TODAY: Cloudy to partly cloudy with maximum temperature in the high 60s. Low this morning 46, high yesterday 61. Rainfall yesterday was .51 inches.

PMA Official Stops Hay Orders

The Production and Marketing Administration in Texas is taking no more orders for hay in the government's disaster relief program for drought stricken areas.

No new orders were being taken until the backlog already on file has broken, said B. F. Vance, in charge of the PMA hay program. Even then, he said, he didn't know if new requests would be accepted.

"I understand just about all the money is gone," he said yesterday.