

Professors Rated In Surprise Poll

Faculty members were rated by students yesterday in a surprise canvass during 9 a. m. classes.

So quiet was the operation that department heads knew nothing of plans for the rating until 4 p. m. Tuesday.

Students filled out sheets with grades of one to five (one was

highest) on 11 factors listed on the rating sheet.

The following factors were included: preparation for class meetings, presentation of subject matter, ability to interest students, scholarship, stimulation of critical and independent thinking, tolerance and liberality, attitude toward students, personal appearance, personal peculiarities, fairness in grading, and comparison of instructor with other college instructors.

Space was also provided for general comment about each instructor.

Student received six sheets and completed one for each faculty member instructing them this semester.

Results Next Semester

The tabulation of scores will be done by electrical devices but results will not be shown to members of the faculty until next semester. College officials felt it would be unwise to release scores to faculty members until the semester is completed.

To make sure instructors did not examine rating sheets and to insure their delivery to proper authorities, one student from each class was required to accompany their instructor to turn in the sheets.

"Results of this rating by students will not bring any administrative action," said Dr. David H. Morgan, dean of the college. "The ratings were provided to aid members of the faculty in evaluating teaching practices."

Commenting on the faculty rating, Jack Steel, instructor of business administration, said, "My only complaint is that students aren't given an opportunity to rate us more often."

Health Tester Can't Take It

The monthly health inspection of College Station eating places ran into a snag.

Seems that the man who is making the inspection, L. E. Winder, Sr., got sick after visiting a few restaurants. He's in bed with a bad case of the flu.

Parking Lot Extension Set To Start in 10 to 14 Days

Purveyor-Law, Dorms 3-5 Lots To Be Enlarged

Two parking lots will be extended by Feb. 14 to take care of A&M's parking problem, the Student Senate Traffic and Parking committee said today.

Parking lots to be enlarged are:

The Law-Purveyor Hall parking lot will be extended north with an entrance made at Jones St. Now there is only one entrance which is on Old Main St.

The dormitory three and five parking lot will be extended south, almost to the Consolidated Band's drill field.

Construction will begin within 10 or 14 days, the committee said.

The committee of Jack E. (Spud) Mergle, Jack Thornton, C. M. Scott, G. D. (Red) Young,

Prince Vickers, S. H. Harper met yesterday in a two hour session with college officials. At the meeting were President M. T. Harrington, Commandant Col. Joe E. Davis, Assistant to the Dean of Men Bennie A. Zinn, Manager of the Physical Plants W. H. Badgett, Chief of Campus Security Fred Hickman, and System Manager of the Physical Plants T. R. Spence.

President Harrington also explained that Bizzell St., which runs behind the System Administration Building, will be extended to Jersey St., which runs in front of A&M Consolidated Schools. When this road is built, the parking lot behind dormitories three and five will be extended even further, the president said. No indication was given as to when construction on this road would begin.

Street markers for college streets also may be constructed in the near future, the committee said. Explanations that a "test marker now is being observed in front of the Board of Directors home." Construction of other street markers may be approved by the board in the near future. The markers are identical to those used by the city of College Station.

A lengthy discussion of parking tickets brought no new developments. The senate committee had collaborated with the traffic committee of the senior class in presenting plans before the president.

No Parking On Military

The committee was told by Zinn that 95 per cent of the tickets given last spring were distributed among 150 traffic violators.

Parking on Military Walk after the military department moves from Ross will not be allowed to students. The president said that the spaces would be reserved for short course students and visitors.

No parking will be allowed in Gilchrist Park, although widening the now one-way Trail St. looms as a possibility the committee said.

While the parking lots are being enlarged, students are encouraged to obey regulations and park on the street behind Duncan Hall, (See PARKING LOT, Page 4)

Exemption System Opposed

Instructors Believe Finals Necessary Part of Courses

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the exemption system used at A&M.

"Final examinations are a necessary part of the course and should be given to all students," was the opinion of a group of professors interviewed yesterday. All except two of the seven professors interviewed were against

M. S. Kavanaugh of the psychology department, the only professor definitely in favor of exemptions, said the system is good unless too much emphasis is placed on finals.

The general feeling about final exemptions, however, was also expressed by Kavanaugh. He said final examinations should be a final summary of the whole course. Too much emphasis, he said, is placed on them now.

"A good student will learn from any examination," said E. C. Klippie, head of the mathematics department.

B. C. Moore, also of the mathematics department, said an exemption system cripples the value of the examination. Moore said he was neither for or against exemptions.

All the professors agreed that an exemption system provides an incentive for students to do better work. W. E. Koss of the mathematics department contended that his incentive only applied to the men in the upper group of students.

"Contrary to popular belief, an exemption system creates more work for the professors since they have to figure averages twice," Koss said.

Exemptions Stimulate

M. S. Brooks of the agricultural economics and sociology department agreed that exemptions stimulate the student to make better grades.

"I think the student profits more by taking the final examination than by getting an exemption," Brooks said.

The present exemption system is fairly new to A&M, being installed in 1947. During the war years no final examinations were given because of the "speed up" program employed during this period.

J. R. Hillman of the mathematics department added a final thought on exemptions by saying, "If an examination was worth giving at all, it is certainly worth giving to all the students in the class."

Aggie Players Set March Date For 'Stalag 17'

The first amateur production in the Southwest of "Stalag 17" will be presented March 2 and 3 by the Aggie Players, said C. K. Esten, faculty director of the group.

"The holders of the copyright on the play will not release it for amateur production until March 1, so we are scheduling it as near this date as possible," Esten said.

The fast moving play, described by Esten as being a "comedy, melodrama, and mystery," deals with American prisoners in a German concentration camp during World War II. It will be presented in Guion Hall.

Esten said the play is too big to be presented in the theater-in-the-round fashion of the last Aggie Players' production, "All My Sons."

The play is a current Broadway hit and is being taken on tour of the country. A movie based on the play is also being made.

Cast Selected

Selections for the major roles of the all-male cast were also announced by Esten. Chosen for the lead was Bill Wittey. Supporting Wittey will be Jerry McFarland, B. B. Smith, John Samuels, Roger Melton, Harry Gooding, Raoul Roth, Vic Robinson, David Parnel, Glenn Whitley, Tom Lewis, Jim Baggaley, Roger Sherman, and Sherwin Rubin.

John Samuels was named student director, Harry Gooding stage manager, and Larry Taylor lighting director, Esten said.

"It might be that the selections for the major parts will be changed, and there are still five or six places to be filled," he said.

Esten added he is scheduled to review the play Tuesday for the women's book review club at Allen Academy.

March of Dimes Office Open Today

Headquarters for the 1953 March of Dimes campaign opened in Bryan today.

Located in the old Creamland building on Main Street, the headquarters will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. every day until the end of the drive Jan. 31.

Seventy-six women volunteers will take shifts being on duty to accept donations, to answer questions about the drive, and to give information about polio, according to Mrs. P. W. Barker, chairman of the headquarters committee.

Those on duty for the rest of the week are as follows: Thursday morning, Mrs. John R. Hester, Mrs. Ben Baskin; Thursday afternoon, Mrs. R. E. Hampton; Friday morning, Mrs. R. E. Leighton; Friday afternoon, Mrs. H. H. Pressley; Saturday morning, Mrs. M. C. Hughes; Saturday afternoon, Mrs. J. C. Goldsmith; and Sunday, Mrs. H. H. Carsey.



TENOR AND SOPRANO—Lauritz Melchior and Shirlee Emmons exercise their talented vocal chords to the accompaniment of Melchior's piano. Both artists will be at Guion Hall Jan. 18.

Emmons Featured In Melchior Show

Shirlee Emmons, concert and recording artist, will be one of the principal performers at the Lauritz Melchior Show at 3 p. m. Jan. 1-8 in Guion Hall.

She is one of six young vocalists who, along with Lauritz Melchior, operatic and movie star, and a duo piano team, will present a concert ranging from Wagner arias to Hit Parade numbers.

Miss Emmons holds two top music awards. She is the 1951 winner of the Fulbright Award which grants her a year of study in Europe. She also won the 1952

\$1,000 Marian Anderson Award.

Miss Emmons has appeared with the CBS Symphony and "Invitation to Music" in coast-to-coast broadcasts. She has sung with the Robert Shaw Chorale, the Waterbury Civic Symphony, the League of Composers and the Composers Forum.

Her records include Robert Shaw's "Sweet and Low" album. She is soprano soloist in a Sigmund Romberg album.

Another soprano soloist on the show is Angeline Collins, winner of the 1950 Naumberg Award and national finalist in the 1949 Young Artists Auditions of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Other artists include tenors Val Valente and Alan Werner; baritone Michael Roberts, understudy to the leads of the Broadway plays "Kiss Me Kate" and "My Darlin' Aida"; and bass Edward Williams.

The duo piano team includes George Roth and Ted Sadlovski, winners of a 1951 Paderewski Foundation Award.

The program for "The Lauritz Melchior Show" will be divided into five parts: romantic songs, piano classics, grand opera, operetta medleys, and Hit Parade songs. Each section of music will be introduced by original numbers.

Tickets are now on sale in the office of Student Activities. Two and three dollar reserved seat tickets are being sold. General admission tickets cost one dollar.

Quizzes Okayed During Dead Week

Contrary to an announcement in Wednesday's Battalion, major examinations are authorized during Dead Week. Due to a misunderstanding, Dr. David H. Morgan, dean of the college, was misquoted and the statement should have read practices of giving examinations during Dead Week will be as in the past.

He said no plans are in action for banning quizzes during the week before final examinations.

Weather Today



CLEAR

WEATHER TODAY: Clear. The low this morning was 58 and the high expected is 77.

Find 20 Kegs of Nails

A&M System Holds Housecleaning

A thorough house cleaning nearly always turns up certain unusual things of interest. The A&M System proved it was no exception when orders were given for a recent clean-up campaign throughout its colleges.

In two widely separated places on the A&M campus, searchers found 32 kegs of horseshoes which were purchased from the army as surplus after World War I.

Under the floor of an old building they found a trunk placed there in 1921 by a student from Puerto Rico.

The horseshoes were sold along with 68 tons of other scrap metal and the trunk went with countless truckloads of other useless material to the incinerator.

The clean-up at A&M was only part of a state-wide clean-up of the entire A&M College System, composed of A&M College, Arlington State College, Prairie View A&M, Tarleton State College, Agricultural Experiment Station, Agricultural Extension Service, Engineering Experiment Station, Engineering Extension Service and Texas Forest Service.

Building Program Ending

With a \$13,000,000 building program drawing to a close in the System, and many departments preparing to move into new quarters, administrators decided 1952 would be a good time to clean house generally.

In every department a special

effort was made to clean out old and unused records and material of all types. This material was moved to a central point on each campus for sorting and cataloging.

That which could be used by another department or part of the System was re-issued, and other, salvagable material is available as the need for it arises.

Material which could no longer be used was sold at auctions, by bidding, or as junk. What could not be sold was burned or buried.

Equipment Transferred

Thousands of dollars' worth of equipment was transferred to other departments; more than 68 tons of scrap metal was sold, and countless truckloads of old and dupli-

AF Graduates Will Hear Panel On Induction

Air Force seniors graduating this semester will hear lectures this afternoon about life in the Air Force.

A panel composed of Col. John A. Way, PAS&T; Lt. Col. B. P. Browder, Lt. Col. D. C. L. Honeycutt, Maj. H. O. Johnson, and Maj. J. C. Lowell will answer questions the 68 graduates receiving Air Force commissions may have on military life.

The panel will discuss living quarters, subsistence, pay scales, social obligations and duty to be expected on an Air Force base.

Lectures will be given on reporting to the processing center for the first time, wearing of the Air Force blues, and service customs.

Purpose of the program, according to Col. Way, is to make up for the deficit these seniors had by not attending summer camp. Many of the men are in the class of '52 which did not have any camp.

Next week, the January graduates will be given a guided tour of Bryan AFB to acquaint them with actual operations on an Air Force installation.

Two Symphony Concerts Billed In Guion Hall

The Town Hall spotlight will be turned on the Houston Symphony tonight at 8 p. m.

The orchestra will give a special children's concert at 3 p. m. Buses will be provided throughout Brazos County to take children from their schools to the concert and back home.

Tickets for the matinee cost 50 cents for children and one dollar for adults.

"Golden Age Polka"

The afternoon program includes the following: Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld," the fourth movement of Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 4," Shostakovich's "Golden Age Polka," Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1.

Ward's "Jonathan and the Gingery Snare," Anderson's "Sleighride," and the Romberg-Bennett "Up in Central Park." Andor Toth, assistant conductor, will direct the matinee.

Under the direction of Efreem Kurtz, the Houston Symphony will play Brahms' "Symphony in E Minor, No. 4, Op. 98 for its principal Town Hall number. Other works for the evening performance

are Chabrier's "Slavonic Dance," Puccini's "Intermezzo," Rossini's Ballet Music from "William Tell," Strauss' "Emperor Waltz," and Kabalevsky's overture to "Columbus Bfeugnon."

One of the Better Symphonies

Ranked as one of the better symphony orchestras in the nation, the Houston Symphony appeared on the Town Hall schedule of concerts last year. Its conductor, Kurtz, has been called by Toscanini as the "greatest concertmaster in history."

After the orchestra was re-organized in 1948, it made its debut on Nov. 1 of that year. In its initial program it presented the world premiere of the works of the contemporary American composer Aaron Copland.

In addition to regular subscription concerts, the orchestra gives radio broadcasts and makes classical recordings.

Teague Plans Texas' Float For Ike

Rep. Olin E. Teague of College Station is in charge of the Texas float in the inaugural parade Jan. 20 of President-elect Eisenhower.

Teague, as president of the Texas State Society which selected the float, will be responsible for the \$2,500 project.

The float will proclaim Texas as Eisenhower's native state. It will bear a replica, some seven feet high, of the house in Denison where the general was born.

Sparkling streamers will run back from the house to a huge map of Texas showing location of Denison. From the rear of the float will wave the six flags under which Texas has served.