

## Three New Men Needed by Senate

Three student senators will have to be replaced by election because they have resigned or been disqualified, said Bob Travis, president of the Student Senate last night at its first meeting of the spring semester.

Jack Mergele, representative from Mitchell Hall, is disqualified from the Senate because he moved from Mitchell Hall. Doyle Lowry, Law Hall senator, resigned from the Senate.

Prince Vickers, a junior class representative, is disqualified by reason of leaving school.

Other business transacted last night included a resolution to have Travis notify senators with two absences that they need only one more absence to lose their membership on the body.

### Constitution Says

According to the Senate constitution, three absences in one year (two semesters) is enough to cause loss of a senate seat. Eleven senators were absent last night. Lamar McNew read a letter from President Herford of Arlington State College inviting an Aggie and his date to represent A&M at Arlington's annual coronation of the student body queen in March.

### Social Committee Selects

The Senate social committee, of which McNew is chairman, will select the A&M delegate.

Harold Hudspeth revealed that the Campus Chest committee has chosen the week of Mar. 9 for the yearly Campus Chest drive.

Gov. Dan Thornton of Colorado is being considered by the muster committee for main speaker at the Apr. 21 event, said Gene Steed, chairman of that committee.

## Ed Harding Set For Tuesday Knife and Fork

Ed Harding, humorist and goodwill ambassador of North Carolina, will speak to the Knife and Fork Club Tuesday night in the MSC Ballroom, said Pat Newton, chairman of the meeting.

Harding spoke to the Knife and Fork Club two years ago, and he is the only speaker to be asked back, Newton said. He has no subject for his speech.

"He is regarded by many people as the outstanding humorist in the United States," Newton said. Harding was deputized by the governor of North Carolina and appointed official goodwill ambassador of the state.

The meeting will begin with a smorgasbord dinner and serving will begin at 7:15.

## Ag Bridge Players Will Vie Nationally

Aggie bridge players will compete with players from 110 colleges from 37 states in the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament, Feb. 19-21, Ray Davenport, assistant to the director of the MSC, said yesterday.

Hands will be mailed to all contestants by the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament Committee and will be played on the contestants' home campuses.

Colleges winning national titles will be awarded cups. Each of the four individual winners will be awarded a smaller cup. Team cups will be held by winning colleges for one year.

## Strange Elected New President Of Canterbury

Don Strange was elected president of the A&M Canterbury Association Wednesday night in the Parish House of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

The Abilene junior assumed the office vacated by John Jacobson of Texas City. Also elected were Jules Vieaux, vice-president; Bryon Farham, secretary; Frank Jochimsen, treasurer; John Jacobson, senior director; Robert E. Lee, junior director; Henry Coutret, sophomore director; T'ree Hardy, civilian director, and Peter Goldstone, freshman director.

Rev. Robert L. Darwall, Canterbury advisor, said the Canterbury Association would have covered dish suppers with the parish every Wednesday night during Lent. Rev. Charles Gosnell, rector of St. Mark's Church in San Antonio will speak Wednesday night, Feb. 11. Episcopal Bishops and clergymen will speak at the covered dish suppers, said Rev. Gosnell.

The Diocesan Canterbury Association Convention will be in Houston on Apr. 17-19.

## 4-H Scholarships Picked This Week

Winners of two \$500 college scholarships for 4-H club girls will be picked this week at the meeting of the state judging committee, said Miss Bonnie Cox, acting state home demonstration leader.

The committee will review the records of district winners and score each contestant. They will then visit the homes of the 4-H Club girls to make the final selection for the Helen H. Swift and Maggie W. Barry Scholarship Awards. These awards are presented each year by the Texas Home Demonstration Association to assist 4-H girls with their college education.

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NEW DIRECTORS—Recently appointed to fill vacancies on the A&M System Board of Directors are W. T. (Doc) Doherty of Houston, left, and R. H. (Jack) Finney Jr. of Greenville. They were appointed Tuesday by Gov. Shivers along with Harold Dunn of Amarillo.

## 'Gig'um Gals' Get Thumbs Down Rule

By JERRY BENNETT  
Battalion Managing Editor

With the annual formal dances approaching, a large number of girls will be visiting A&M to attend these events.

Although this feminine influence always is conspicuous on the all male campus, one group of young ladies stands out in particular. They know the school yells and songs better than the Aggies themselves; their thumbs are usually at a 90 degree angle as they practice their seemingly one word vocabulary consisting of variations on "Gig'um"; and they sometimes substitute their jewelry with the AMC brass.

"These girls are usually termed 'corps happy'. One student described an extreme case about a young lady who is known to have used the 'board' on her boyfriend.

Opinions vary concerning these spirited females. They are honored by some Aggies and barely tolerated by others. Jim Read, senior, prefers his women to hold their thumbs in a normal position. "The main reason I bring a date here is to forget about this place," he said.

Gus Wulfman, Air Force junior, held the opposite opinion. Wulfman said he liked his date to be "corps happy" at an A&M event. "When I have a date anywhere else, it doesn't matter," he said.

## Fails '50 Gets Wings At Multi-Engine Base

Second Lt. James C. Fails, '50 Route 1, Comanche, was graduated with other members of Class 53-A-1 of the USAF basic pilot school (multi-engine) and was awarded the silver wings of an Air Force pilot at Reese AFB, Lubbock recently.

Lt. Fails entered the Air Force in April 1951. He took his primary pilot training at Bartow AFB, Fla., transferring to Reese in August, 1952.

## Miller, Fritts, Juel Named RE Week Dormitory Leaders

Three leaders for dormitory discussion groups in conjunction with Religious Emphasis Week, have been selected said J. Gordon Gay, YMCA Secretary.

Discussion will be held in dormitory lounges and leaders will live in the dormitories where their discussion groups will meet.

In the afternoon sessions, any subject students feel is of interest will be discussed, Gay pointed out, while after supper discussions will be on subjects voted on previously by the students.

As a new feature of RE Week this year the interest locators were tabulated by dormitories so different topics will be discussed in different dormitories Gay said.

The Rev. Herbert A. Miller of Houston will lead the discussions for Dormitories 1 and 3 in the Lounge of Dormitory 1, Gay said.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Rev. Miller is a graduate of Davidson College in Davidson, N. C.

Stuart Cowan, senior from McKinney said he likes his date to "act feminine" and not become carried away with A&M traditions.

Some students preferred not to commit themselves concerning "corps happy" females. Jim Moore, junior A Armor, said, "I don't want them to be more 'corps happy' than I am." Fagan Cox, senior from Houston, likes his girls to be just a little "corps happy." He said if they have some spirit he doesn't have to explain all the traditions to them.

Turning the spotlight on romance was John Vaello, sophomore, who said he wants his date to have something better to talk about than A&M. Don Greene junior said, "I want them to like my uniform but not one else's." Holman Griffin, E Battery freshman, doesn't believe in traditions standing in the way of romance. He believes his date should keep her mind on him only.

### Feel Conspicuous

"Corps happy" girls make you feel too conspicuous," said Merrel E. Gaines, sophomore from Port Arthur. Burt Holdsworth, Sqd. 10 junior, said he thinks it's silly for a girl to be "corps happy." Holding a completely opposite opinion was Haskell Simon, senior, who answered the question whether he liked "corps happy" girls or not with a flat "yes."

"I just don't like that type of woman," said Oran (Doc) Hrneir, junior. He likes girls who are attractive in their own way without having to be corps happy to make boys notice them.

Dick Leavitt, Dallas junior, said, "I like my date to get in the spirit of things but not be the type that loves a uniform so much she makes you wear it all the time."

One student was unable to make any comment on the subject. "If I could just get a date, I might find out," said Bill Hunter Air Force senior.

Dr. Martin O. Juel, co-ordinator of health and physical education at Southwest Texas State Teachers College, will live in dormitory 9 and lead the discussions for the groups from dormitories 9 and 11.

Dr. Juel served as athletic director for Clifton Junior College in Clifton, until 1948 when he returned to the University of Minnesota in 1940.

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## Shivers' Program Said Threat to Local Plans

## Air Force Picks Five Finalists For Sweetheart

Five finalists for Sweetheart of the Air Force Ball have been selected from pictures turned in to Student Activities office. The Sweetheart will be chosen at the dance, Feb. 14, in Sbsia Hall.

The finalists are Jonetta Lovett, submitted by Key Kolb, Chere Swenson, submitted by Robin Ransone; Patricia Martin, submitted by Don Garey; Di Ann Boulevard, submitted by David Wilkinson; and Sueia Yaney, submitted by Samuel Warren Johnson.

A sixth finalist will be selected from the dance floor the night of the dance, according to Pete Hardesty, Student Activities business manager. Two secret judges will select the girl.

All finalists will be given presents, and the Sweetheart will be presented with a bouquet of roses.

Pictures entered in both the Air Force Sweetheart and junior ball competitions may be picked up in the Student Activities office, Hardesty said.

## Influenza Cases Recede Over Area

The influenza epidemic which reached a peak of 485 cases in the Bryan-College Station area during the latter part of January has dropped considerably, said the Bryan Brazos County Health Unit recently.

During the week ending Jan. 24, 219 cases of influenza were reported in College Station; however, the number had decreased to 80 cases by Jan. 31.

The college hospital reports the epidemic has been broken, and only 4 cases of flu were confined in the hospital Wednesday.

## Magazine Publishes Hardeman Article

L. B. Hardeman, assistant professor of industrial education, has written an article on spun metal lamps for the January issue of "Industrial Arts and Vocational Education."

The article is illustrated and gives a description of the procedure for making various types of spun metal lamps along with a bill of materials and optional designs for a wall version of the lamp.

Professor Hardeman has written a series of articles on spun metal projects.

AUSTIN, Feb. 6—(AP)—The Texas State Teachers Association slapped at Gov. Shivers' school financing plan yesterday as a threat to the school building programs of local districts.

The TSTA's executive secretary said many plans for new school construction may have to be scrapped if local contributions to the minimum foundation fund are increased by the Legislature.

The TSTA is asking a \$600 increase in the minimum annual salary of beginning teachers. Shivers says teachers need a raise, but has recommended only a 10 per cent cost of living boost.

"Local schools already are paying more than 40 per cent of the cost of public education in Texas," executive secretary Charles Tennyson said. "Those who want to rearrange the school financing pattern cite only the figures showing that local schools pay about 20 per cent of the minimum foundation program cost."

The governor has suggested arranging of school financing to re-establish the 75-25 division between state and local contributions, to the minimum foundation school program.

Gilmer-Aikin Law  
The Gilmer-Aikin school laws of four years ago used a 75-25 ratio in fixing the amount of local support of the minimum program at 45 million dollars per year. Because the cost of the minimum program has gone up, that 45 million now represents only some 21 per cent of the combined state and local total.

Tennyson said it is misleading to consider only the cost of the minimum program as this does not represent total school costs.

"Local school districts must pay additional expenses themselves, including the cost of new buildings and facilities," Tennyson said.

He quoted figures compiled by the Texas Education Agency to show the total cost of public education in Texas the past school year was \$318,963,078, of which the local school districts paid 41.6 per cent; the state, 56.7; and the federal government, 1.7.

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## Crippled Kids Clinic Set Here May 4

The annual Kiwanis Crippled Children's Clinic will be held May 4 in Sbsia hall this year, said Dan Russell, chairman of the Kiwanis crippled children committee.

Each year specialists from over the state donate their services for diagnosis and care of crippled children in this area. The clinic gives free diagnosis, but those who are financially able are asked to pay for any treatment other than the diagnosis.

"We are going to get all children we can," Russell said. "All crippled children are invited, including the children of A&M students."

Russell said they are expecting over 100 children to receive help at the clinic. The Kiwanis Club pays the expenses of putting on the clinic, including expenses of the specialists.

## Mayeaux to Sing For Talent Show

Part of the program for the Aggie Talent Show, scheduled Feb. 10, has been announced by Miss Betty Bolander, program consultant of the MSC.

Performers announced yesterday were John Sutton, popular vocalist; Jimmy Harrison, folk singer; Ernest Martellino, popular piano stylist; a barbershop quartet composed of Robert Jones, Truett Fields, Ronny Cheves, and Ken Jones; a Latin American trio composed of Malcolm Stephen, Severin Schaffer, and Jerry Lindner;

Another barbershop quartet from the Singing Cadets, composed of Don Friend, Ben Blankenship, Lamar Ashley, and Richard Reynolds; and Pete Mayeaux, popular vocalist.

Robert Boone, director of music at Consolidated High School, and Carl Best, director of music at Stephen F. Austin High School of Bryan, will be two of the judges who will select the two acts to represent A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent Show.

## Former Prof's Autobiography Praises A&M

One of the last tasks completed by Dean Dexter S. Kimball, Cornell University College of Engineering, and former distinguished professor of A&M College, was checking proofs on his autobiography, "I Remember."

He died Nov. 1, 1952, after more than three-quarters of a century of service to the engineering profession.

Mentioning A&M College in the book, Dean Kimball said:

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## Hughes Offers Engineers Aid In Grad Work

All June graduates getting degrees in electrical engineering, physics or mechanical engineering will be eligible to apply for aid in working for a MS degree from Hughes Research and Development Laboratories of Culver City, Calif.

The Hughes Cooperative Plan for MS degrees was initiated last year and under it the successful candidates will spend half their time working for their degree and half in regular work in industry. They will be employed, full-time during the summer.

The studying toward the advanced degree will be done either at the University of California at Los Angeles or the University of Southern California.

Approximately 100 cooperative awards will be given if sufficient candidates present themselves, the Hughes announcement stated.

Those interested should write immediately for application forms to Committee for Graduate Study, Hughes Research and Development Laboratories, Culver City, Los Angeles County, Calif. Final date for submitting completed applications in Feb. 28.

## Weather Today



WEATHER TODAY: Cloudy to partly cloudy with widely scattered rain showers. The maximum temperature will probably be in the upper 60's and the minimum about 50.