

Student-Faculty Relations Outshine Chest Benefit Tilt

Bettering student and faculty relations stole the spotlight yesterday from a Campus Chest benefit basketball game request at the Student Life Committee (SLC) meeting.

Discussions on improving the relations between the two groups included the following suggestions:

- Elimination of the apple-polishing attitude caused when students go to see instructors for additional help. This may be done through the use of compulsory conferences.

- More investigation by the subcommittee and possibilities of presenting report of recommendations to the Academic Council and the Commandant's office.

Dr. S. S. Morgan, head of the English department, said all freshmen are required to have conferences in their English courses. He said: "If we can destroy the rowdy attitude that a student only wants a personal advantage in seeing his instructor, I think we will have accomplished a great deal."

Morgan suggested that the company commanders recommend cadets see their instructors when having trouble in different courses.

Conferences Help
Councilman Lyle Wolfskill said compulsory conferences did help eliminate this attitude. He cited the freshman English course as the only example of compulsory

student and instructor conferences.

In other business, the SLC:
• Approved the sponsorship of a 12th-Man Air Force and Army basketball benefit by the Campus Chest committee of the Student Senate, but declined a Cadet proposal to split future 12th-Man football bowl game benefits.

Harold Hudspeth presented the request. Barlow (Bones) Irvin suggested that a football bowl game date be set at the next SLC meeting.

- Allotted only \$1,275 of the \$1,525 asked by the student welfare and recreation subcommittee for the dormitory athletic equipment fund. The \$250, which would be used in buying footballs, was kept in the fund to keep it at a \$2,900 level, the amount promised by the SLC to be used in filming a story about A&M. Further inquiry as to the production of the movie will determine whether or not the money will be given, the committee agreed.

- Accepted the Academic Council's report approving the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges selections.

- Approved the presentation of Who's Who keys and certificates at the Senior King Banquet, May 16. Keys were paid for by the SLC.

- Postponed action on rearranging the annual college calendar.



John Scott

Noted Reporter To Speak Here

John Scott, a Time, Inc. correspondent who recently returned from Europe and Africa, will speak on "America's Impact on Europe," Friday March 6 at 7:30 p. m. in the MSC Ballroom. His talk is sponsored by the Journalism Club, no admission will be charged.

At times an author, editor, and chief of various overseas bureaus for Time and Life, Scott is currently on tour of American colleges and universities. He has had many experiences in Europe and especially in the USSR.

He spent nine years in the Soviet Union during the '30s working in industrial plants. Forced to quit work in 1937, Scott stayed in Russia as correspondent for HAVAS, the French news agency.

Senate Committee Okeys Bill For Compulsory Activity Fee

Students Believe RE Week Is 'Great'

By BILL ROGERS
Battalion Staff Writer

Religious Emphasis Week is the greatest occasion of all the year's events, said Berke Sorelle, agricultural engineering major from Canyon, when asked his opinion on the value of last week's religious services.

"More time should be devoted to religion and religious work on the campus," he continued.

Sorelle was one of the five students asked if he thought the week was worthwhile, and if the benefits from it justified dismissing of classes.

"Good deal," said Henry Parkman, sophomore architecture major from Houston. "I attended all the services and believe I got a lot out of it."

RE A Good Thing

R. C. Fisher, a senior accounting major from Baytown, thought it was a good thing to have and that the boys got a lot out of it.

These programs provide an opportunity for students to think, said Fisher. It is easy to get out

of the habit of going to church, and this type of service will bring many back in line, he added.

The services this year were extra good, but many who did not go missed out on a good thing, said Jack Fritts, senior animal husbandry major from Austin.

J. M. Gonzales, junior business administration major from Laredo, summed things up with, "It's good. Let's just hope they keep on having them."

Bill Leaps Biggest Hurdle With Only Two Desenting Votes

By JOEL AUSTIN
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AUSTIN, Feb. 23—The Senate state affairs committee today approved a bill allowing Texas colleges and universities to collect a compulsory student activity fee not to exceed \$15 each semester.

With two desenting votes and no verbal opposition, the bill passed what was predicted its biggest hurdle and was sent back to the Senate for floor action.

Date for vote in the upper house is uncertain. An identical bill passed the House education committee last week. Both the House and Senate bill contain emergency clauses which make it effective immediately after receiving the governor's signature.

Sen. Wayne Wagonseller of Bowie and Sen. Carlos Ashley of Llano requested their votes be recorded "no."

Although opposition to the measure was anticipated by college officials, no one was present to speak against the bill.

Dr. J. G. Fowler, president of Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, represented the council of state college presidents who had unanimously approved the plan to authorize a compulsory activity fee.

Harrington Speaks

Sponsor of the bill, Sen. Searcy Bracewell, '38, of Houston, invited A&M President M. T. Harrington to speak in favor of the proposed legislative action.

Dr. Harrington said state colleges and universities would be criticized if they did not provide these activities for students.

He emphasized the proposed bill is permissive legislation and not compulsory, for none of the A&M System colleges have required payment of the fee to its limit every semester.

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Employees Dance Features Gilchrist

Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist heads the all-faculty talent show for the College Employees Dinner Dance club's version of Rue Pinalle scheduled for 8 p. m. Thursday, at the MSC.

Capt. A. J. Armstrong will emcee the event, which will begin with a supper to be served by a corps of waiters including Deans J. P. Abbott, W. L. Penberthy and David H. Morgan and Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant.

Boogie Busters Play

Featured attraction of the evening will be Dean H. W. (Bud) Barlow's Brazos Bottom Boogie Busters who will play intermittently for dancing.

Chancellor Gilchrist, who will

play the mandolin, will be accompanied by Mrs. Chris Groneman. W. M. (Bill) Turner, director of the Singing Cadets, will play a trumpet solo, having as his accompanist, R. J. Baldauf, biology department. Baldauf, who plays with the Aggieband Combo, will also entertain with several piano numbers.

Maj. J. H. Barfield, military department, will sing popular songs, Ed Harrington, electrical engineering, will sing Spanish songs, providing his own accompaniment on the guitar, and Mrs. Walter Delaplaine will give a reading.

Band Personnel

Personnel of the Boogie Busters includes, besides Dean Darlow, Bob Fletcher, mechanical engineering, Col. E. F. (Squiz) Sauer, military, Ralph Lee and Bob Alexander, chemistry, Carl Hartman, English, Howard Curtis, mathematics, L. E. Spangler, horticulture, and C. N. (Newt) Hielscher and Dr. Earl H. Kirk, of Bryan.

In addition to the floor show, other entertainment has been planned for the occasion according to J. Wayne Stark, chairman of the planning committee.

Because of space limitations, reservations will be restricted. Tickets will be on sale at the main desk of the MSC until 2 p. m. Wednesday unless the quota is filled before that date.

Physical Ability Tests Postponed Due to Rain

The tests for physical ability on ROTC seniors have been postponed indefinitely because of rain, said Capt. Paul Bennett, Army Operations Officer.

Most of the testing is being done in the little gym. The test consists of dips on the parallel bars, 150-yard dash on a 10-yard course and a basketball throw for distance.

The dash and basketball throw are conducted outside the gym.

Can Be Put To Good Use

Profs Say They Approve Recent Student Rating Poll

By BOB HENDRY
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Opinions of several professors favored the majority of those interviewed were in favor of students rating professors.

Most of the professors interviewed agreed that on the whole the ratings could be put to good use. However, each felt that certain considerations should be made in order to get a fair understanding of the ratings.

"The overall rating is pretty good, but I think the personal remarks should be left off," said M. S. Kavanaugh of the psychology department.

He also said the ratings have "greatly strained" student-faculty relationships.

Students Should Criticize

W. E. Koss of the mathematics department said the students criticize a professor before the ratings, and not use the ratings to get even.

Sharing the opposite view, J. A. Dabbs of the modern languages department said the ratings were all right.

"A good teacher should be flexible enough to improve any bad teaching habits brought out by the students," Dabbs said.

Another professor in the modern languages department, E. M.

Stack, took a lighter view on students ratings.

"If the A&M livestock judging team can get only sixth place in a contest involving its specialty, how can Aggies expect to judge professors?" Stack said. "How are they going to know if we are good bull?"

Creswell Pleased

H. S. Creswell, assistant professor of English, said, "I can see advantages and disadvantages of the rating system. However, I am pleased with my rating."

One professor especially liked the students' comments. Dr. T. F. Mayo of the English department said the criticisms were very well thought out and could help him become a better teacher.

"There was not a single point that wasn't well taken," he said.

Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the biology department, said he thought it was a good idea to discuss the results of the ratings with his present students. He said they had been most helpful as a teaching device for his present survey courses in biology.

"To get a fair opinion of the ratings you should consider how many students did the rating," said Dr. Doak.

Cotton Court To Be Selected

King Cotton and his court will be selected at the special meeting of the Agronomy Society tonight, said Dale Fischgrabe, president.

The King and his court will go to TSCW March 7 to select the Queen and her escorts, he said.

Members of the society visited TSCW Feb. 19-20 to make final plans for the coming Cotton Ball, Fischgrabe said.

They met with Dean Hufford, dean of women at TSCW, to make arrangements for the selection of the Queen and her court. Arrangements also were made concerning entertainment and expenses, he said.

Members making the trip were Fischgrabe; Pat Hitt, vice-president; Glenn Black, social secretary; Clarence Watson, faculty advisor; and Frances Ratten, director.

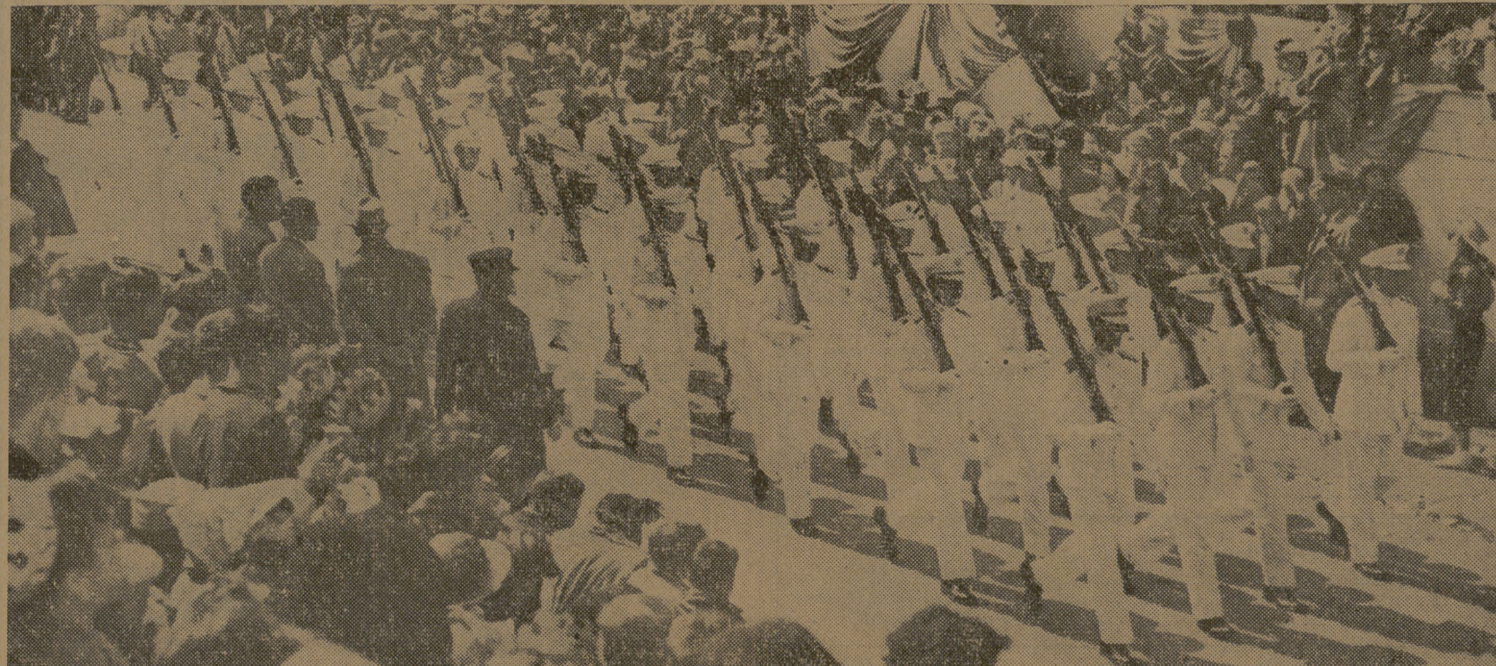
This year there will be no style show and the program will be shorter although there will be more entertainment.

The Aggieband Orchestra will play at both the Pageant and the Ball which will be held April 24.

Student wives and Agronomy secretaries will furnish refreshments for the club meeting, Fischgrabe said.

Ag Council Pictures To Be Made Today

Agriculture Council pictures will be made today at 5:30 p. m. on the South steps of the new administration building, said Glenn Black, secretary.



RVs Lead Mardi Gras Rex Parade

The Ross Volunteers march down Canal Street in New Orleans as the lead unit in Rex Parade, a highlight of Mardi Gras last week. The Aggies attended the final pre-

lenten celebrations in the crescent city in addition to marching in the parade. They were guests of the New Orleans A&M Club at a luncheon while there.

—Picture courtesy New Orleans Times-Picayune.

German Course For Grads Not A&M Sponsored

German lessons for graduate students, which may be taught here by Dr. C. V. Pollard of the University of Texas' Germanic languages department, will not be sponsored by A&M.

Dr. J. J. Woolket, head of the modern language department, said the UT professor has no connection with the modern languages department or A&M.

Pollard has offered to teach German to graduate students preparing for the examination in foreign languages.

John H. Milliff of the veterinary anatomy department said he wrote the UT professor asking if he could take Pollard's German lessons. Milliff said he is taking graduate work through UT and must take its German language examination.

Pollard answered the letter saying he would teach the course in College Station if enough students wanted to take it, Milliff said.

Milliff said he has already had A&M's graduate course in German. Since he must take the UT examination, Milliff said he believed it beneficial to review German through the University professor.

Dr. David H. Morgan, dean of the college, said Pollard has made no arrangements with A&M to teach the German lessons. He will not be allowed to use the college classrooms for this purpose, Morgan said.

Senate Cancels Thursday Meeting

The Student Senate has canceled its last meeting of the month for this Thursday as planned, said Bennie Zinn, assistant dean of men.

This final bi-monthly meeting was postponed during Religious Emphasis Week, and was tentatively set for Feb. 26. The Senate is scheduled for its regular meeting March 5, so a meeting this week will not be necessary, said Zinn.

A complete agenda has not been set, but the old business will consist of final details on the Campus Chest and the annual Aggie Muster program, said Zinn.

Weather Today



POSSIBLY COLDER

WEATHER TODAY: Light rains and possibly lower temperatures late tonight or early tomorrow. The low this morning was 39 and the high yesterday 45.

Singing Cadets Set Texas Tour Dates

The Singing Cadets, directed by Bill Turner, will give three concerts in Texas during March sponsored by the A&M Mothers clubs.

Their first concert will be given in the high school auditorium at Brownwood March 12; Amarillo, in the Amarillo College auditorium on March 13 and at Sherman, March 14, in the Municipal auditorium. The concerts commence at 8 p. m.

Foster Gray, Bryan, is president; Jeridan Strong, Velasco, vice president; Don Friend, Brownwood, librarian; Bill Wiseman, Dumas, reporter-historian and John Hildebrand, Houston, is business manager.