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The Battalion Award Winners for 1953

after the Student-Prof Banquet recently were winners of The Battalion Awards. They are (left) Dr. David H. Morgan, dean of the college; (right) Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the oceanography department; Lt. Col. Charles R. Stapp, associate professor of air sciences and tactics; Robert L. Melcher, counselor in the Third Division; Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the oceanography department; Lt. Col. Charles R. Stapp, associate professor of air sciences and tactics; Robert L. Melcher, counselor in the Third Division; Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the oceanography department; Lt. Col. Charles R. Stapp, associate professor of air sciences and tactics.

Oak Ridge Biologist Talks April 30

William A. Arnold, biologist of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will speak to the public on "Connected With Nature" in the Biological Lecture Room, April 30, at 8 p. m. Arnold received a B.S. from the Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1935. He was a fellow and instructor in physics at Copenhagen, Denmark. Oak Ridge National Laboratory has devoted his career to photosynthesis, studied the calorimetric aspects of the quantum theory of photosynthesis and the chlorophyll-deficient mutants in studying the dark steps in photosynthesis. He also worked on the aspects of light in the chlorophyll and the ultraviolet light on the decarboxylation of carbon dioxide in reaction centers.

Deans Approve DS Honors; Think System One of Best

By CALVIN PIGG
Battalion News Staff

Deans of various schools believe A&M's system of recognizing outstanding students is one of the best. Six hundred and seventy-two students won distinguished student ratings during the fall semester. In a canvass of deans, administrators voiced reasons for allowing Distinguished Students rather than generous privileges regarding class attendance. Sentiment was if a student demonstrated himself a good student he should be able to govern himself in studies and in class attendance. College Regulations provide that a Distinguished Student may be absent from any theory class except for announced quizzes. **Unlimited Cuts** When asked if other students should be allowed unlimited class cuts as long as the student's grades were high, the deans voiced an emphatic "no." "A student should know if he is getting full benefit from his college studies and should govern himself accordingly," said Charles N. Shepardson, dean of the School of Agriculture. "If students are allowed unlimited cuts from class, some would cut their own throats." J. P. Abbott, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said there needs to be a self-stimulus on the part of the student to attend classes. "We have rules to control those few who abuse their rights," he added. **Stay High Longer** John R. Bertrand, dean of the Basic Division, pointed out that if a student is allowed to cut classes because of high grades, the student's marks probably will not stay high longer. "We recognize the need for a stimulus to interest students in class work," he said. "Rather generous privileges are given students who acquire Distinguished Student standings, and the DS privileges should be exercised only by outstanding students," said H. W. Barlow, dean of the School of Engineering. To be a recognized Distinguished Student, a student must complete a semester of not less than 15 hours with no grade less than C and with a grade point ratio of 2.25. Official acknowledgment of the student's achievement is made with the issuance of a Distinguished Student card from the registrar.

Officers Elected Chairman CS Recreation Council

Officers of the agricultural department are the new members of the College Station Recreation Council. Other officers were: A. E. (Buddy) Denton, secretary; Mrs. Walter Delaplane, treasurer; Ed Ivy, treasurer; and Herb Thompson, secretary. The council will finance two new baseball leagues, along with the Lions Club said Rogers. The council will sponsor the American baseball program and an all league. The date for the city's recreation program will be in although some of the programs begin earlier.

No Change In Uniform Set for AF

AF ROTC cadets will not change to the Air Force's blue uniform next year, said Col. John A. Way, PAS&T. Way also said he has no intention of supplying AF ROTC cadets with rifles as has been rumored. "If A&M Air Force cadets should ever change to the blue uniform modifications might be made so seniors could still wear boots," he added. The Fourth Army furnishes uniforms for A&M's AF ROTC, the PAS&T explained. Each issued uniform costs the Air Force \$120 by purchasing it from the Army, he said. If the AF ROTC could buy uniforms from the Air Force instead of the Army, the cost would only be \$100 per uniform, Way explained. Way said contract cadets at SMU are each given \$100 by the Air Force to purchase uniforms. With this money the students can buy a blouse, pants, shoes, shirts, cap, trenchcoat, and socks which are theirs to keep after graduation, he said.

AF Camp Locations Named This Week

Air Force summer camp locations for instructors will be released this week. It is customary for the students to be sent to the same bases as their instructors. "We will probably get the same bases as last year," said Col. John A. Way, PAS&T.

Class A Dress Set For Muster Review

Class A uniforms will be worn April 21, when the Corps of Cadets participate in the Aggie Muster Review, said Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant. Juniors will wear khaki ties. All seniors and staff juniors will wear green ties. Seniors will wear boots and cadet officers will carry sabers, he said. The corps will fall out in the dormitory area at 3:15 p. m. and will move out at 3:20, Wilkins added. Units will march on the field in a four man front and will pass the reviewing stand in an eight man front. This will be a graded corps review, he said.

School Curricula Cut Starting Next Semester

SMU, A&I Girls Win Debate Meet

Girl debating teams from SMU and Texas A&I took top honors in the Invitational Debate Tournament held here Friday and Saturday. First place senior division honors went to girl debaters of SMU and junior division honors went to girls from Texas A&I. Joe Riddle and Bert Weller, A&M senior division debaters, took second place honors in that division. The tourney ended with luncheon at 12:15 Saturday in the MSC Assembly Room. Joe Riddle, president of the A&M Debate Team, presented trophies to winning teams of both divisions. Teams entered in the tournament were A&M, Del Mar Junior College, Allen Academy, Texas A&I, Baylor, Blinn Junior College, Wharton Junior College, San Antonio Junior College, SMU, University of Houston and University of Texas.

A&S Hours Cut to 137; Engineering Changes Two Years

By CHUCK NEIGHBORS
Battalion News Editor

The arts and sciences curricula will be cut to a total of 137 hours from a 144 hour average next fall, said John P. Abbott, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. The change, decided upon in December, 1952 was made in time for inclusion in the next college catalog being printed soon. As reasons for the change, Dean Abbott cited the following: Need for more outside of class study time. Need for extra time for other than class work (clubs, etc.). 120 hours is standard throughout the United States, and without our 16 hours of military science and one hour of basic orientation, that's our total, he said. The cut won't affect next falls upperclassmen except that they will not have to take courses eliminated under the new program, he said.

Accountants Hear Mills Tomorrow

Leslie Mills, a certified public accountant, will discuss "The Impact of Taxation on Business" at the Sixth Annual Accounting Conference April 17-18 in the MSC. Mills will give his talk at the conference on the morning of April 17, following the welcome address by Dean of the College, David H. Morgan. Saturday morning G. L. Phillippe, manager of finance apparatus sales division of the General Electric Co., will give a talk on "Accounting Aids in Management." His talk will follow a panel discussion, "A Program of Financial Planning and Controls," with W. G. Cunningham, San Antonio, presiding. The panel will be conducted by the Monsanto Chemical Company.

High School FFA Boys Meet Here

More than 600 high school FFA boys will meet here Saturday for the Area 3 Regional Judging Meet. They will come from over 90 high schools in the south Texas Area. Livestock, dairy cattle, poultry, meats, dairy products and soil judging contests will be held with team and individual awards in each. The judging will take place at the Beef Cattle Center for livestock, the Dairy Center for dairy cattle and the Poultry Center for poultry. The meat judging will be in the meat lab of the Animal Industries Building, dairy products at the Creamery and the soil contest will begin at the Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room and proceed to farms in the county. Team and individual awards will be given at 2 p. m. Saturday in Guion Hall and the nine highest teams in each event will represent Area 3 in the state contest scheduled here May 2.

Committee to Judge A&M Consolidated

A&M Consolidated junior and senior high schools will be evaluated by a twenty-man visiting committee April 27 through 29. The results of the evaluation will be used to qualify for membership in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools. This is the only requirement for membership in the Association that has not been met by the school, which is already fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency. **Committee Report** The results of the visiting committee's report will be checked with a self-evaluation that the junior and senior high teachers have been making. "Our teachers have been working after school and at nights for several weeks on this evaluation," said Superintendent L. S. Richardson. Coordinator for the evaluation will be Dr. Chester Cochran, former superintendent of San Antonio public schools, and now professor of education at the University of Houston and educational consultant for Port Arthur public schools. **Nearby Colleges** Members of the committee will be from nearby colleges, universities, and public schools. Consolidated elementary school was visited by an evaluation committee in March.

Salary Raise Bill Aids Consolidated

Teachers at A&M Consolidated Schools will benefit from the pay raise bill now up for approval of the Texas House of Representatives. The bill was passed by the state Senate Tuesday. The bill calls for a \$600-a-year pay increase for teachers who are now making between \$2,400 and \$3,000 a year. All Consolidated teachers are in this bracket. Their exact salary is based on their experience and education. The bill does not include a provision for a superintendents pay increase. The bill was sponsored by Senator A. M. Aikin Jr. of Paris, who said "I am not trying to pass this

Phi Kappa Phi To Elect New Officers

The A&M chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society will elect new officers and members Monday, April 20, said W. H. Delaplane, president. Nominations for new officers are: W. H. Delaplane, president; W. W. Smith, vice-president; C. M. Lyman, secretary and E. E. Hedgcock, journal correspondent. Other nominations can be made from the floor, but these nominations were submitted by the nominating committee for consideration, said Henson K. Stephenson, Secretary of local chapter. The initiation of new members will be Thursday, May 7, at the MSC. Newly elected officers also will be installed at that time.

Rodeo Team Named for Tonight

Team members to represent A&M in the Fourth Annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo April 16-18 here have been tentatively selected. Shows will be held Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday afternoon and night. Sponsored by the A&M Rodeo Club, the annual event is an official meet and the records and times are recognized nationally. Top talent from 15 or more schools in the Southwest will compete for prizes ranging from levis for fourth-place winners in each event to an expensive saddle for the All-Around Cowboy. The saddle is now on display in the MSC. Six-man teams will represent each participating school. Individual competition records also will be kept. Points scored during the rodeo will be applied to individual standings in the annual NIRA's World Champion Cowboy competition. Among schools expected to enter teams, besides A&M are Hardin-Simmons University, Sul Ross College, New Mexico A&M, University of Houston, Texas Christian University, Sam Houston State, West Texas State, Oklahoma A&M, Texas A&I, Arlington State, Tarleton State, University of Texas-Baylor University, Ranger Junior College, Texas Tech, Southwest State, and possibly Colorado A&M. Girls also will participate in special events of the rodeo, although these events have not been selected as yet. Team members who will probably represent the Rodeo Club at the meet and one alternate are as follows: Bobby Rankin, Lowie Rice, Joe Connell, Billy Steele, Jim Watson, James Dickey, Vergil Patrick, and Duke Gibbs. Officers of the A&M Rodeo Club are Cecil Davis of Montell, president; Lowie Rice of Big Springs, vice-president; J. W. McDonald of Moody, secretary; Ed Harvill of Odessa, reporter; and Earl Eckols of Corpus Christi, parliamentarian. Dr. Robert R. Shrode of the genetics department is faculty sponsor.

Weather Today

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WEATHER TODAY: Clear with winds out of the south at 10-15 mph. The high temperature recorded at the Easterwood airport yesterday was 80 degrees and the low this morning was 45.