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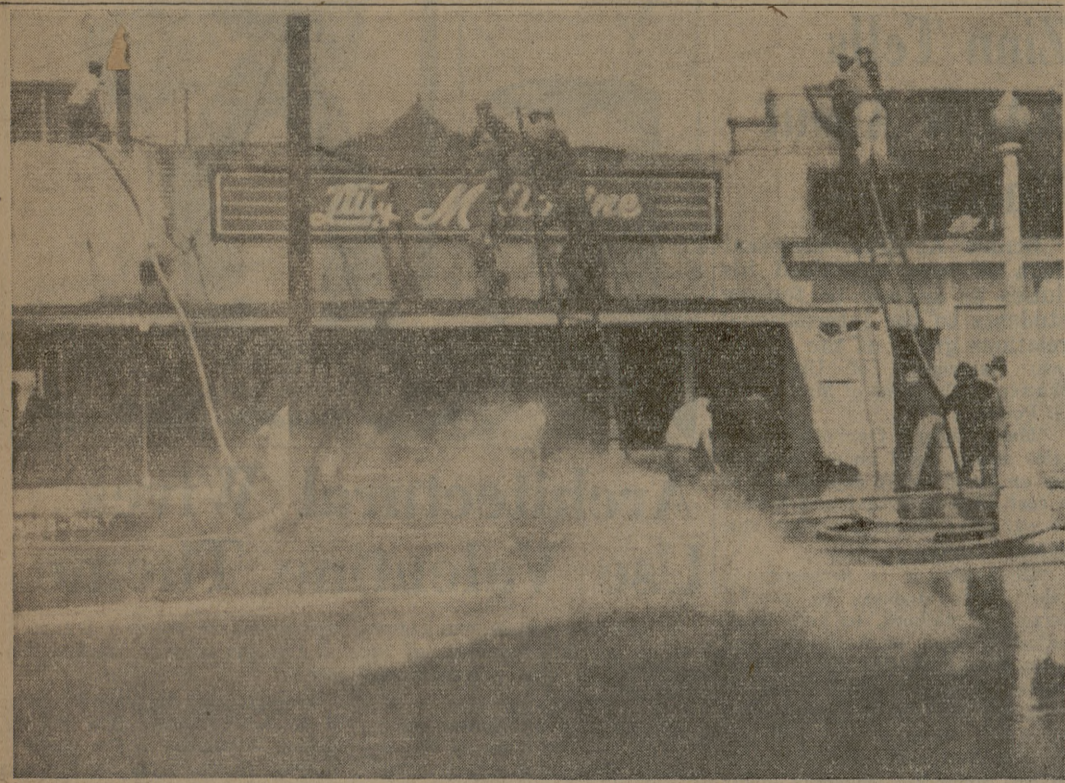
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Three Freshmen Confess to Thefts



FIREMEN BATTLE \$125,000 FIRE—Bryan firemen, brought out by a general alarm fire yesterday at the Lilly Ice Cream Co. and the United Furniture and Appliance Co., battle smoke and flames in an effort to extinguish the blaze which started in the Lilly maintenance shops. Damage was estimated by the managers of the two companies at about \$125,000. Neither plant was fully covered by insurance.

RE Week Starts Sunday With Ministers' Talks

The first A&M Religious Emphasis week sermon will be given by Dr. Louis H. Evans at the Sunday morning service of the College Station First Methodist church.

This will be the first time in A&M's history that the first RE week talk has been given in one of the local churches. Evans also will speak at the College Station First Baptist church at its evening service that day. Other RE week leaders will speak at different College Station churches.

Evans, minister at large of the Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, Calif., is principal speaker for the week. He and the other ministers are expected to arrive Saturday night or early Sunday.

They will be guests of the college at the A&M-SMU basketball game that night in the DeWare Field house.

The men will be given a reception at the home of President and Mrs. David H. Morgan from 4-5:30 p. m. Sunday.

Eat With Corps
They will breakfast together each morning in the Memorial Student Center during their stay here. Noon meals will be served to them in Sbisla hall where they will eat with local ministers and members of the Inter-Faith council.

The ministers will be guests of individual corps units for evening meals.

The first Religious Emphasis week service will be held at 11 a. m. Monday in Guion hall. Evan's topic will be "Are You a Whole Man?".

Other times and topics are Tuesday, 10 a. m., "How Do You Feel?"; Wednesday, 10 a. m., "What Do You Mean—Christian?"; Thursday, 9 a. m., "Are You Fit To Be Tied?"; and Friday, 9 a. m., "What Will You Do With Your Life?".

Students will be excused from classes scheduled at these times.

Weather Today



Increasing cloudiness late today, tonight and tomorrow with moderate winds tomorrow. High yesterday 70. Low this morning 38.

\$2,500 Involved; Cadets Suspended

Three freshmen cadets from company G were suspended from A&M yesterday after confessing to thefts totaling near \$2,500.

Two of them confessed they stole a box of radar equipment, property of the U. S. Navy, valued at \$600 to \$1,000.

This radar equipment was taken from Austin hall on Jan. 16. Until these men are charged in a state or federal court, The Battalion will refer to them as Cadets No. 1, 2 and 3.

The report made on the investigation revealed:

Cadet No. 1, from Sweetwater, confessed to stealing, or helping to steal, 31 items. Cadet No. 2, from Mamaronek, New York, was involved in the theft of 33 articles. Cadet No. 3, from Ft. Sam Houston, was in on the theft of 10 articles.

Some of the thefts took place as far back as October, 1953, and some during the first part of this month.

Most of the articles were stolen from the campus, but some of them were taken in other cities.

Michalske, Dayton Released

Mike Michalske and Bill Dayton were released from their present positions yesterday, as Paul (Bear) Bryant, new head coach and athletic director, rolled on his way to a near-complete clean-up of the A&M athletic department.

Michalske was the Cadet line coach last season, after serving in the same position at Baylor in the 1950-52 seasons. Dayton had been athletic trainer since 1949.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, President David H. Morgan said that the two "will be retained by A&M College in some other position until Sept. 1."

No details were given on the exact nature of their new jobs.

Yesterday morning Bryant had announced the appointment of his staff, but no mention was made of Michalske or Dayton.

Last night Michalske said, "I think it's very understandable, don't you?" He said he had no plans yet. Asked about his new duties, Michalske said, "They haven't told me."

Dayton said, "I think I would have done the same thing if I was in Bryant's position. I have no personal animosities," he said. "I'm just happy they let me stay here as long as they did."

Dayton first learned of his release from The Battalion. "It sure was nice of someone to tell me," (See MICHALSKE, Page 3)

Junior College Press Meet Starts

Delegates representing student publications in 10 Texas junior colleges began arriving on the campus today for the First Annual Texas Junior College Press conference.

The conference, sponsored by the A&M Journalism club and directed by senior journalism student Wayne R. Dean, will be held today and tomorrow in the Memorial Student Center.

James Wagner, assistant managing editor of the Houston Press, will be principal speaker for the affair.

Dean announced yesterday that Wagner is replacing W. R. Beaumier, who was originally scheduled as the conference's main speaker. Beaumier, vice president of the Lufkin Publishing Company and publisher of the Lufkin Daily News, became ill this week and was forced to cancel his engagement.

This convention marks the first time in the history of Texas junior colleges that their student publications have been formed into a united conference. Dean says it is the hope and aim of the A&M Journalism club to make the conference "an annual co-ordinating factor in improving the quality of junior college student publications."

"Naturally," Dean continued, "we want these colleges to return next year. But what is more important to us is that these schools want to return. We are simply supplying the physical plant and the coordinators for this session. The junior colleges themselves will offer their problems, analyze them, and work out the solutions themselves."

Banquet Tonight

The conference officially opens with registration of the delegates at 3 p. m. today. Tonight they will attend a banquet in the MSC assembly room at which time they will be officially welcomed by President David H. Morgan. Wagner will deliver the after-dinner address entitled, "It's A Great Business."

Friday's scheduled activities will close with a dance in the student center assembly room after the banquet.

Newspapers of the attending colleges will be displayed on the second floor of the MSC. Bob Alderdice, senior journalism student from Dallas, is preparing the display.

Saturday the convention will be broken down into sessions dealing with problems of student publications. The sessions will pertain to such topics as advertising, problems of the editor, make-up, reporter, and the yearbook staff.

Bing Will Moderate

Roland Bing, manager of A&M student publications on leave of absence, will moderate the yearbook session. Assisting him will be Tom Murray, chief artist of Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, and Carl Jobe, acting director of A&M student publications. Murray will discuss "Layout in Choosing A Theme." Moderators for the other sessions will be Jim Ashlock, Harri Baker, Tom Skrabanek, Ed Holder, Jon Kinslow, Bob Boriske, Bob Hendry and Jerry Bennett.

Junior colleges attending the conference are Arlington State college, Tarleton State college, Decatur Baptist, Wharton junior college, Howard County junior college, Kilgore junior college, Paris Junior college, Schreiner institute, Southwestern Bible institute and Victoria college.

MSC Directorate May Change Form

The Memorial Student Center directorate will vote Monday on a proposal that would replace its present 13 committees with seven groups.

The change is being proposed by a committee assigned to investigate the organization of the directorate.

The change will affect the browsing library and junta committees, which will be formed with the forum committee into the forum group; the bowling, bridge and table tennis committees which will be combined into the games group; and the crafts, radio, camera and audio committees which will become the hobby group.

The dance, house, art and music committees will not be affected by the switch but will only change their names from committee to group.

Reason for the change, according to a report of the committee, is the directorate was too unwieldy under the present organization to make for efficient operation.

Spring Enrollment Totals 5,505

A total of 5,505 students have registered here for the spring semester, Registrar H. L. Heaton has announced.

This is an increase over the same period in 1953, when the enrollment was 5,457.



Wayne R. Dean
Conference Chairman

Hart Receives Help After Fire Losses

Eugene Hart, manager of the United Furniture Co., which suffered about \$125,000 in fire damage yesterday, has good reason to be thankful to Brazos county residents.

Hart said Knox and Stacy furniture stores in Bryan have offered to help him out and keep him from going out of business.

"The local companies have been very considerate and I have received offers of trucks to help carry out some of the things we salvaged to warehouses of the other companies in town," he said.

"People have been very nice ever since they found out about my trouble," Hart said.

The Rev. D. Redmond, S. W. Texas Conference, San Antonio, Puryear and Law halls; the Rev. Bruce McIver, Baptist Student Work, San Marcos, dormitories 6 and 7; Dr. A. G. Wiederanders, Texas Lutheran college, Seguin, dormitory 9.

Rabbi Milton Rosenbaum, Beth-El Congregation, Fort Worth, dormitories 10 and 12; the Rev. Harold G. Brown, Steves Park dormitories 2 and 4.

Chaplain Major Robert R. Moss, First Armored Division, Fort Hood, dormitories 1 and 3; Rev. Luther Holcomb, Lakewood Baptist church, Dallas, dormitory 14; and Dr. Robert G. Gordon, University of Texas, Austin, Walton hall.

Dr. Hayden Edwards, Polytectnic Methodist church, Fort Worth, Hart hall; Dr. Kelly Barnett, Episcopal Theological seminary, Austin, faculty forums in the Biological Science Lecture room; Dr. Sidney Hamilton, North Texas State college, Denton, married students discussions in YMCA chapel.

Deadline Is Set For Degree Filing

March 1 is the deadline for seniors to file for June graduation, according to James Y. Alexander of the registrar's office. Those eligible should fill out an application of degree-intent for graduation at the registrar's office.

This application is necessary for the registrar to compile the candidate degree list which will appear later in March. Diplomas are ordered from the names on this list.

Only those candidates whose names are on the list can order their graduation announcements through the student activities office.

It's 'Simp' Roommate Gets a Name

Cadet Clouch's new roommate can whip out the other Aggies he meets on his nefarious escapades seen in The Battalion's daily cartoon feature.

Thinks to the more than 500 persons who entered the contest to select a name for the frizzy-haired Aggie, he now has a name.

It's "Simp".

The winning name was entered by James D. Johnson, sophomore animal husbandry major from Groesbeck.

Judges were James Earle, who draws the cartoon, and Battalion Co-editors Jerry Bennett and Ed Holder.

The contest rules specified that any or all ballots could be disregarded, and the judges took them literally. "Simp" was only entered once, while one name received as many as 64 votes.

Like we promised, it was a very democratic election.

Johnson can pick up his prize in

the Batt office anytime. Four box a list of 45 names, all different.

One ballot read "Name him Frank Hill. Submitted by Frank Hill". Several people asked to have him named after their own roommate.

Somebody clipped out a list of Battalion staff members, wrote across the top "take your pick", and put it in the box.

"Wild Root Cream Oil Charlie" also got a vote.

A rough tabulation of the ballots is as follows:
Hub, 65; John R. Kube, 29 (both obvious cases of ballot-box-stuffing); Scrounge, 19; Geek, 10; Rodney Heath, 9; Hosenosa, 8; Manosos, 7; Crowbar, 6; Animal, 5; Spike White, Sack-time, and Grouch, 3 each.

Fred Mitchell, James Earle, Jerry Bennett, and Ed Holder all tied with 5 nominations each.

And will the person who cast his ballot on a blank check please come to the office and sign it?

Senate Discusses Damages Payment

Methods of paying for damages to a truck used during bonfire week were discussed last night by the student senate.

Two methods were discussed. These were taking money from the fund taken up for Reveille, and from the dormitory coke funds. The senate decided to form a committee to study the matter, which were damages of \$191.25.

Committees were also formed to study a plan to make committee meetings compulsory, and to study improvement of campus mudholes.

Slouch Meets Simp

