

Four Candidates Certified To Fill Battalion Positions

Four students were certified last night as candidates in the general election for acting co-editors of The Battalion.

The four certified were Harri Baker and Chuck Neighbors as candidates for corps editor and Jon Kinslow and Bob Boriskie as candidates for non-corps editor.

The announcement of the certification came at a called meeting of the Student Life Committee. The meeting had been called at the request of Karl Elmquist manager of student publications to place their stamp of approval on those certified.

In his preliminary remarks to the committee Elmquist said, "In the position which I hold, I do not intend to play politics — student politics, faculty politics, administration politics, or any other kind of politics."

After making clear his situation to the committee Elmquist stated, "I think an editorship must not be a political football. An editor who knows he was elected as a result of political intrigue will not be able to disregard or be uninfluenced by political considerations as he edits — he will tend to slant and sup-

press the news, and freedom of the press which I have been told to help guard for The Battalion, will have been violated."

Elmquist then made clear that the decisions that were made were his own and said, "I think I need not again make clear that the certifications are based on my personal decision that these, and only these, of the students considered for certification have the necessary qualification to serve as acting editors of The Battalion. Actual experience on The Battalion in a position of responsibility is in my judgment the primary such consideration."

Aggie Players To Give Play March 22-24

The Aggie Players will present Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center on March 22-24 at 8:15 p.m.

There will be two matinee performances. The production will be in the round in the Greek orthodox fashion.

In the title role as Oedipus is Vic Wierning making his debut as an Aggie Player. Supporting him are Rick Black as Creon, Mary Mavkin as Jocasta, Gene Stubblefield as Tiresias, Bill Stewart as the Corinthian messenger, Ted Castle as the Tyebian Herdsman, and Bill Hittle as the Tyebian servant.

The chorus consists of Carthmen Perdue as Chorus and the members are Pat Crosland, Alan Sofje, Harry Gooding, Barbara Birdwell, Bill Swann, Don Powell, Don Fisher and Bob Zarbock.

Eleanor Burchard has charge of the costumes, Fay Neale is handling accessories and is holding the script book.

The set lights and all technical details of the production are being done by a class, English 382. The chorus is being trained by Victor Wierning.

Directors Confirm Staff Replacements

The appointments of 14 replacements on the staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service were confirmed by the board of directors, Texas A&M College System.

New appointees are: Vivian L. Bratcher, Negro county home demonstration agent; Myrtle F. Brown, assistant CHDA; Billy M. Collier, assistant county agricultural agent; Mattie J. Crank and Patsy L. Gaston, secretaries; Paul D. Herschler, assistant CAA;

Mrs. Suzanne Holmes, clerk; James S. Hornum, assistant CAA; Minnie H. Scott, Negro CHDA; Mrs. Rose Spriggs, stenographer; James W. Tackett, assistant CAA; Henri Vaughn, assistant CHDA; Mrs. Jolea Viguet and Mrs. Marcia Woody, stenographers.

Engagement Rings Have Larger Stones

By RALPH COLE

Marriages in the Bryan-College Station area are going on the rocks but the women love it.

According to jewelers in this area, larger stones and flashier merchandise is the trend for wedding and engagement rings.

Highly pequid medium colors in larger sizes are selling normal while fine merchandise is moving at the minimum said R. L. McCarty, College Station jeweler. Pequid diamonds are imperfect while fine merchandise is perfect in its internal qualities. Pequid itself is a French word meaning trash.

Most of the jewelers say that it depends on the person buying as to what size and price he pays for the ring. Rings between one-fourth and one carat sell the best while one-half is the most popular. Larger stones in brilliant cuts are moving better due to the trend being for larger rings and fancier or flashier merchandise.

Over the nation, the trend is for smaller diamonds while here they



Henry L. Scott

Scott To Present Concerto Tonight

By JOHN AKARD

Henry L. Scott will present his "Concerto for Fun" on Town Hall tonight at 7:15 and 9:15 in Guion Hall. Tickets for both performances will be available at the door. Scott's program combines humor

with piano artistry. He plays Chopin's "Minute Waltz" and Rachmaninoff's "Polichinelle" as well as arrangement of his own entitled, "History of the Lost Chord," "Silent Movie Days" and "How to Compose a Popular Song."

For one Chopin number, Scott uses a grapefruit to help play the piano. He uses a red wig to mock the highbrow pianist and dons a pair of mittens while playing.

Scott has established a world's record for speed by playing 268 notes in 6 seconds—44% per second.

Pantomime plays its part in the Scott Concerto. He deserts the piano to do pantomimes of a young man asking for a dance, a youth sewing on a button and "a devastating number concerning a young lady taking a cold bath."

Paradoxically, Henry Scott is very serious about humor. "To project it artistically, one must strive to understand the whole inclusive and intangible realm of humor," he contends. He practices what he preaches in his recitals, where he ranges from pantomime to the spoken word from subtle satire to broad and riotous forms. He writes and arranges all his own material. Life magazine calls him "the 'Will Rogers of the Piano.'"

King Richmond To Reign Over Cotton Ball

Dave Richmond has been selected to reign as King Cotton for 1954.

Richmond, a senior agronomy major from Raymondville, was chosen at a meeting of the Agronomy Society Tuesday night. Eight members to serve on his court were also named.

The Cotton Court is composed of four seniors, three juniors, and one sophomore.

Seniors are Jim Altus from Harlingen, Bill Andrews of Harlingen, Andy Cuellar from Laredo, and Hal Hegri of Petersburg.

The juniors are Eugene Buckholts, Corpus Christi; Frank Ford, Lubbock; and Murray Milford, Honey Grove. The sophomore is Ken Richmond of Raymondville.

Dave is a first lieutenant in Squadron 6, serving as flight commander and was a first sergeant last year.

King Cotton and his court will go to Denton March 27 to select a Queen from TSCW. They will also pick eight attendants for Her Majesty at the gala event. The ceremonies will be held during intermission at the Cotton Ball, which will be Friday, April 23rd.

The dance, weather permitting, will be in the Grove with an atmosphere of the Old South and the music of Frankie Carl and his orchestra.

The Cotton Ball has been one of the year's social highlights here at A&M since it was first begun back in 1932 at the suggestion of "Cotton Joe" Mogford and three students. This is its 20th occasion.

This promises to be the most colorful Ball yet as the pageant will not be included.

Ike Slams McCarthy For Wrecking Party

Approves Flanders Talk Flaying McCarthy Tactics

WASHINGTON — (AP)—President Eisenhower Wednesday spoke out with the strongest criticism he has uttered publicly against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, (R-Wis.). He warmly endorsed Tuesday's Senate speech by Sen. Ralph E. Flanders, (R-Vt.), denouncing Sen. McCarthy's tactics.

Sen. Flanders charged that McCarthy was "doing his best to shatter" the Republican Party by raising "dust" and "racket" to divert the nation from "mortal danger" from without. The President Wednesday added to this his warning that the uproars Sen.

Flanders referred to are jeopardizing the administration's program of positive action.

While not necessarily giving approval to every word of the speech, the President told his news conference that Sen. Flanders had performed a "service" by calling attention to "the danger of us engaging in internecine warfare and magnifying certain items of procedure and right and personal aggrandizement."

When asked about Adlai E. Stevenson's comment in his speech at a Democratic conclave at Miami Beach last Saturday that the Republican Party was half Eisenhower and half McCarthy, the President replied:

"At the risk of appearing egotistical—and you can interpret it that way if you choose—I say nonsense."

PE Director At Arkansas Visits Campus

Dr. Troy Hendricks, head of the physical education department at the University of Arkansas was a visitor on the campus last Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. Hendricks was here to observe the program and facilities of required physical education at the A&M College of Texas. This is the first of three colleges and universities he will visit. The others are the University of Florida and the University of Illinois.

Dr. Hendricks said that he selected these institutions because they had the reputation of having the best required physical education program in the nation. Arkansas is planning to inaugurate a required program for all Freshman and Sophomore students. At present only the students of the college of education are required to take physical education at Arkansas.

Plans for facilities include the remodeling of the present field house, a new P.E. building for the women and a new indoor swimming pool. He was interested in P. L. Downs natatorium, the now obsolete plan for the remodeling of DeWare and the preliminary plan for the addition to the new physical education building.

Dr. Hendricks said, "I have heard much of the required program at A&M, but I had no idea it was such a large program and you have so many fine outdoor facilities."

BLOOD RECORD CLAIMED

MONTCLAIR, N. J. (AP)—Thomas L. Pier thinks he holds a world record for donating blood — 250 pints in the last 28 years. He gave his first donation to a fellow-player injured in a football game in 1925.

At one time, he donated three pints in 33 hours to a woman at Mountsides hospital here. The American Red Cross has honored him and he received a letter of commendation from his commanding officer in the Navy in World War II for blood donations he gave on leave.

Ag Journalism Sets Scholarship Plan

Texas A&M will offer two agricultural journalism scholarships next year, beginning with the fall term, Donald D. Burchard, journalism department head, announced yesterday.

The awards, \$500 each for the school year, are to be paid for by the Clayton Fund, established by

Agonomists Take April Field Trip

Agronomy juniors and seniors will take a field trip through South Texas April 10th through 14th.

This trip for all classified men in the department desiring to go has been substituted for the Cotton Tour, which was made in previous years by only a few students selected on competitive examinations.

Proceeds from last year's Cotton Pageant will be used to help finance the trip, which will include points of agricultural interest in the southern part of the state.

Students May Enlist In Air Reserve Wing

Colonel John A. Way of the Air Force ROTC Detachment announced this week that freshmen and sophomore students who do not plan to apply for an advanced Air Force contract, or junior or senior students who do not have an advanced contract, are now eligible for enlistment in an Air Force Reserve Wing.

Colonel Way pointed out that such enlistments will provide students with credit towards their eight year military service obligation under the Universal Military Training and Service Act and will also entitle them to enlist in the regular Air Force ahead of any applicants on the waiting list. Such an enlistment in the regular Air Force would be in grade E-2 (Airman Third Class) provided they hold that rank or higher in the Air Force Reserve.

The Professor of Air Science & Tactics said that students between the ages of 17 and 25, inclusive, are eligible for the Reserve enlistments, provided they have not received a Selective Service classification of 1-A and are otherwise qualified.

Those students interested in joining an Air Force Reserve Wing should contact the Air Force Reserve Training Center at Ellington AF Base, Houston, Texas, Headquarters 14th Air Force, Macon, Georgia, or Master Sergeant Luther E. Jeffers at the local Air Force Reserve unit—3690 South College, phone 2-1963.

Five Finalists Picked by Juniors

The junior class last night narrowed 30 class sweetheart applicants down to the five finalists who will be presented at their dance March 20.

Finalists are Miss Beverly Brown, San Antonio, submitted by Dick Adams; Miss Ellen Pietravalle, Houston, submitted by David Strickler; Miss Shirley Pullin, Woodboro, submitted by Hugh West; Miss Nell Coppege, Kilgore, submitted by Don Moon; and Miss Carl Ann Graham, Dallas, submitted by Gary Leslie.

The class sweetheart will be picked from these finalists at the dance by a committee of judges from the class.

The class officers and committee chairman for the dance selected the finalists last night.

The dance will be preceded by a banquet in Sbsba banquet room. The dance will also be in Sbsba.

The Aggieland orchestra will play for the dance.

Leaves Granted Three Staff Men

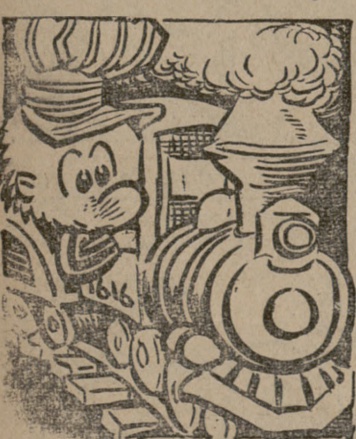
Leaves without pay to further pursue their studies, have been granted to three members of the A. and M. College and System staffs. The leaves, approved by the board of directors, include the following:

James M. Waller, assistant professor of economics, Arts and Sciences, to pursue study for the Ph. D. degree at the University of N. Carolina, effective Feb. 1, 1954 to Jan. 1, 1955. He came to A. and M. in 1949 and holds a law degree from Yale and a master's degree from Vanderbilt University.

Howard C. Potts, technician, department of agronomy, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, effective Feb. 1, 1954 to June 1, 1955, to work toward an advanced degree at Mississippi State College. Potts has been with the System since 1952. He has a BS degree from Oklahoma A. and M., 1950.

Arden A. Baltensperger, junior agronomist, Substation No. 6, Denton, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, will go to Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, March 20, 1954 through August 31, 1955, to study toward a Ph. D. degree. Baltensperger has been with the System since April, 1952 and holds his BS degrees from the University of Nebraska.

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

Mostly cloudy today. Possible scattered showers early tomorrow. High yesterday 88. Low this morning 62.