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HAIL THE KING—Viv Wiening as Oedipus Rex, highlights the Aggie Players production of the Greek play. The play will be given tonight and tomorrow night in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Three More Performances

Oedipus Rules in Ballroom

By JOHN AKARD
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Oedipus ruled in the ball room of the MSC last night, but not for long. "Oedipus Rex," the Greek tragedy by Sophocles was unfolded in a creditable manner by the Aggie Players.

"Oedipus Rex," the second production of the year by the players,

will be presented again tonight and Wednesday night at 8:15. A matinee will be held at 3:15 today. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Oedipus, king of Thebes, rules until he finds out that, by a system of mistakes, he has killed his father and married his mother. His mother-wife hangs herself and Oedipus, in remorse for his deeds,

puts his eyes out. He is banished from the kingdom by his brother-in-law, Creon, who then becomes king.

Viv Wiening trained the chorus as well as playing a convincing Oedipus. He was especially good in the last scene where Oedipus, broken and blind, is banished by Creon. Rick Black probably displayed the easiest manner in his portrayal of Creon.

The Greek chorus is a little unfamiliar to A&M theatergoers, but it was well trained and carried out its part admirably.

Gene Stubblefield did an excellent job as Tiresias, a fortune teller, and Mary Mackin seemed very natural in her role as Jocasta, the wife of Oedipus.

Raoul Roth and his crew of stage hands did a good job in creating a combination of the Greek amphitheater and the theater-in-the-round. The use of subdued and colored lighting proved very effective.

The play commanded the attention of the spectators for almost an hour and a half. It moved rapidly from one scene to another without a break, building up in the audience a nervous tension.

The lack of an intermission was probably the greatest weakness of the production. The players were not aware until the end of the play that the audience was enjoying the show. The actors did not have the relaxed feeling that a little applause at intermission would have brought — and they would certainly have gotten the applause. An hour and a half is too long for the cast to be under the constant strain and too long for an audience to sit comfortably.

The actors were not allowed a much deserved curtain call at the end of the play. They seemed most appreciative for those few who went "backstage" after the show to congratulate them.

An introduction to the play, written by Dr. T. F. Mayo, is certainly a boon to those who are not familiar with the plot or with Greek drama.

The play is under the direction of C. K. Esten.

Science Meet Scheduled For April 2-3

The Texas Academy of Science will meet here April 2-3.

Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the biology department, will be coordinator for the meeting.

Invitations will be sent to high school science teachers and students in the area, and to faculty and students of all colleges within a 200-mile radius, Doak said. Approximately 400 visitors are expected.

The two-day meeting will be divided into three sections; for high school students, college undergraduates, and graduate students and teachers.

"In addition to programs for each of these groups, there will be a panel discussion, a banquet, field trips, tours of inspection and exhibits, both commercial and scientific.

A noon picnic will be given for the juniors and collegiates.

The program for reporting research is being organized around three sectional meetings. They are physical and earth sciences, biological sciences, and social and conservation sciences.

Charles LaMotte of the Biology Department is in charge of the collegiate program, and J. G. Potter, head of the Physics Department, is in charge of the junior program.

Senior Class To Choose Gift In Special Election Tomorrow

Manitzas Voted Vice President Of Journalists

George Manitzas, sophomore petroleum engineering major, was elected vice-president of the Southwest Journalism Congress in Stillwater, Okla., Saturday. Manitzas is city editor of The Battalion.

Fifteen A&M students attended the three-day meeting, which dealt with problems of college newspapers.

The Congress voted to form a Committee on Freedom of the College Press, composed of the editors of student newspapers at the 13 member schools of the organization.

The committee would assist any member newspaper that had trouble with censorship at its school.

The members of the congress felt that such a committee was necessary because several member schools, including A&M, had had censorship trouble during the past year.

A&M students who attended the meeting were Bob Alderice, Wayne Dean, Jim Ashlock, Jerry Wizing, Bill Shepard, Joe Hipp, Roy (Connie) Eckard, Gardner Collins, C. C. (Chuck) Neighbors, Harri Baker, Bob Hendry, Ed Fries, Paul Savage, Bob Boriskie, Jim Collins and Manitzas.

Constitution Approved; Goes to Dean of Men

The senior class voted last night to select the class gift in a special election Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

After considerable discussion on what the class should give to the college, it was decided that an election be held because not enough seniors were present at last night's meeting.

Suggestions to be voted on Wednesday are a donation to be used for construction of a new wing on the MSC, setting up a loan fund to be handled by the student loan office, three voting machines, an east gate memorial, and a scoreboard for Kyle Field. The class has about \$1,500 to spend for a gift.

If the committee on the class gift thinks there is a need for a run-off after the election, one will be held in the near future.

The class also accepted a constitution. The constitution must be approved by the dean of men. After it is approved by the administrative officials, it will be official. If any changes are made, it will have to be ratified again by the class.

Copies of the constitution were given to those present at the meeting. The constitution committee is headed by Harold Kupler.

Traditions Book Written

Jimmy Tyree, chairman of the traditions committee, reported that a book has been drawn up and is now being readied for printing. The book will be called the "Cadence."

"The new book is much like the old 'Cadence' but there is nothing in it that can be called hazing," Tyree said. "The book contains such things as uniform privileges, yells and Aggie slang."

Pat Wood, president of the class, said they will have a book which will be accepted by the administration, the military, and the corps.

On a motion by Fred Mitchell, a stag senior function was authorized. Details of the function will be handled by the social secretary, and it will not be held on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

Grass Problems Discussed

A motion was made to reinstate the tradition that would make it a senior privilege to walk on the grass. It was felt that such a regulation was needed because of the landscaping being done around the Academic building.

Mitchell then explained that a path was being cut in the esplanade between the dormitories in the new area. He said this path was being made by students in dormitories two and four who were eating in Duncan dining hall.

"The few seniors that walk on this grass don't hurt it too much," he said. "It's mainly the students in dormitories two and four."

Tyree said that there was no way to prevent the non-military students from walking on the grass. However, he said he thought the matter "could be handled by common courtesy because we don't want to destroy the grass."

Mitchell added, "It is the duty of the cadet officers to protect college property, and the grass is college property."

The matter was referred to a committee.

The class also heard a report from the Student Life committee. Miss Jane McBrierty, Aggie sweetheart, was chosen as senior class duchess for the Cotton ball.

Air Force Sets 'Jockey Hop' As Annual Ball

The Jet Jockey Hop will be held in the Grove April 24.

It is this year's version of the Air Force ball and will carry the theme, "Every Man a Tiger." The dance will be informal.

Eddie Thompson has been appointed to head the dance committee. Hollie Briscoe and Phil Jacobs will be in charge of the tickets. The programs will be prepared by Duane Scott and Joe Warrick.

Bill Wiseman and Jim Burns will handle the decorations and Phil Orr will be in charge of guests. The publicity will be directed by Mel Holubec and John C. Akard.

A sweetheart for the air force will be selected at the dance. Burt Holdsworth and Terry Wilson are in charge of the sweetheart contest.

Col. John A. Way, PAS&T, and Pete Hardesty, assistant director of student activities, are the advisors for the committees.

Slide Rule Contest Set for Thursday

About 80 contestants are expected for the 26th annual slide rule contest at 8 a.m. Thursday in the electrical engineering lecture room.

The 50-minute contest will consist of 60 problems, judged on both speed and accuracy.

"It is possible for a contestant to finish in the time available," said J. H. Caddess, chairman of the contest, "but never has the first man to finish also made the highest score."

He said contestants should go fast, but also be accurate.

The contestants are in the top 10 per cent of their slide rule classes.

Besides 20 plaques to be presented to the winners of the contest, each entry will receive a commendation from the head of his department and a cast aluminum souvenir of the contest.

Contestants who must miss a class to participate in the contest will be given official excuses.

School Election Is In Progress Now

Absentee balloting for two members of the A&M Consolidated School Board of Trustees is now in progress, with the election to be held Saturday, April 3.

Running in the election are Henry L. Allen and E. E. Brown, both present members of the school board.

The absentee balloting, under the direction of J. J. Skrivaneck, high school principal, will continue until March 31.

Petitions for placing names on the ballot must be filed by today with election judge P. L. Downs Jr.

R. E. Leighton is also running for re-election Consolidated representative to the Brazos County School board.

Members of the school board whose terms do not expire this year are C. A. Bonnen, J. S. Rogers, Milton Williams, Ernest J. Redman jr. and Donald M. Vestal jr.

AGE WINS VICTORY

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—(AP)—When a man from an isolated section of the county came in to pay his taxes, he put down two of the "blanket" style \$20 bills which the government took out of circulation back in 1933.

The young fellow behind the cashier's window, a mere lad of 25 or so, eyed the bills skeptically. Called in for consultation, Chief Tax Deputy Ansel Umberger said: "Nothing wrong with those notes, they're just a little aged," and swept them into the till.

The taxpayer triumphantly pocketed his receipt and swaggered away.

Defense Officials Hear Morgan, Davis

President David H. Morgan and Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, conferred Friday with defense department officials on the new armed forces reserve program now being drafted.

Morgan and Davis presented their ideas on ROTC training to Pentagon officials. Several weeks ago, Morgan asked the officials to consider giving military colleges special privileges, including increased subsistence pay, assurance of commissions, and unlimited enrollment quotas.

Morgan said last night that he could not release the results of his meetings with the military officials.

According to the Associated Press, Rep. Olin Teague of College Station said Friday that the armed services expect to have a new

ROTC program ready to submit to President Eisenhower in April.

Morgan and Davis attended a meeting of A&M former students in the Washington area Thursday night.

Harold Dunn of Amarillo, president of the Shamrock Oil company and head of the Former Students association, flew a group of persons to the meeting in Washington.

They included Chancellor M. T. Harrington, A. F. Mitchell, D. E. McQuillen, O. T. Hotchkiss, Charles Babcock, and J. B. (Dick) Hervey, secretary of the PSA.

Thomas Honored At Livestock Show

Dick Thomas, sophomore animal husbandry major from Banquete, was grand champion showman at the Little Southwestern Livestock show Saturday.

By placing class, Thomas competed with three other first place winners to be judged champion showman of the swine show.

Saturday night the champion showman of the swine, horse, sheep and beef cattle shows competed for the grand champion showman of the show. Thomas won and received a certificate for a hand made pair of boots to be made at Holicks Boot Shop.

Before entering A&M, Thomas was member of the Nueces county 4H club.

Mrs. Robert Anderson Dies in Houston

HOUSTON, March 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Robert Anderson, 25, died yesterday in a Texas Medical Center Hospital. She had been ill about a year.

The former Mary Munnerlyn, Mrs. Anderson was a native of Bryan. Her husband and a young son survive.

Composite Ball Features Western-Style Costumes

Costumes representing the plantation attire of the old Southwest will be the main feature of the First Composite Regimental ball Saturday.

Clothing such as boots and spurs, plantation attire and other costumes representing the Southwest will be worn. Both freshmen and upperclassmen of the first composite regiment will attend. Free soft drinks will be served.

The Fish ball will be held Friday. Freshmen are excused from call to quarters Friday night for the dance and are free on pass from Saturday noon to 8:30 a. m. Sunday.

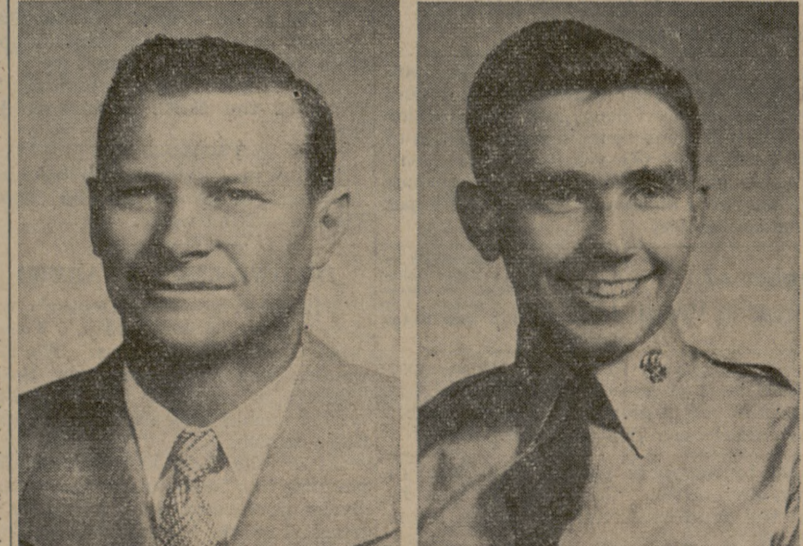
"We have not decided on a orchestra for either dance yet but we will have one by Thursday," said James Goode, freshman class vice president.

The Composite ball is designed to get away from the routine dances and give the Aggies and their dates something different, said Vic Kennedy, commander of the first composite regiment.

Abbott To Speak To Gulf Engineers

Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college, Texas A&M College, will speak March 23 on "Trends in Engineering Education" at the recently organized Gulf Coast chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers in Freeport.

He is a member of the executive committee of the humanistic-social division of the American Society for Engineering Education. He will discuss the preliminary report of the Society's Committee on the Evaluation of Engineering Education.



NEW CO-EDITORS—Bob Boriskie, left, and Harri Baker, right, were named Battalion co-editors in a special election Wednesday. They assume their duties with this issue of the paper. Both are junior journalism majors.

CAN SIMP CURE SLOUCH BEFORE THE HOSPITAL GETS HIM? A SPINE-TINGLING DRAMA AT A&M! BEGINING TODAY!

CIGAR SICKNESS

DO NOT MISS IT! SEE PAGE TWO

POSSIBLE SHOWERS

Occasional light rains today with continued cloudiness and possible thunder showers.

High yesterday 73. Low this morning 65.