

Drama Group Gives Satire for AAUW

A one-act play, a satire on the companionate marriage idea of the 20's, was presented by the drama group for the American Association of University Women Monday night at the organization's first meeting of the season.

AAUP Will Meet Tonight At MSC

The local chapter of the American Association of University Professors will hold its annual open house fellowship tonight in the ball room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

Dr. David H. Morgan, president of A&M College, will be speaker.

Tonight's informal meeting is the first of the 1954-55 school year for the faculty members and research workers of the chapter.

W. F. Adams is president.

Social Whirl

Thursday
9 a.m. Group leadership course for new leaders of Girl Scout and Brownie troops will begin at the Girl Scout little house. New leaders are needed for beginning troops at Ben Milam and Bowie schools.

Friday
3 p.m. College Women's Social Club honors new members with a tea in the ball room of the Memorial Student Center.

What's Cooking

WEDNESDAY
7:15—The Aggie Christian Fellowship will meet in the YMCA cabinet room.

7:30—Opening meeting for new and old members of Hillel Foundation will be held in the MSC, rooms 2-3 and 2-D.

THURSDAY
7:00—The Grayson County home town club meets in room 3C of the MSC to organize for this year.

8:00—The Table Tennis club will meet in the MSC game room.

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ALL TH' OTHER SENIORS GIT TH' EASY JOBS, BUT I GIT TH' ONE WITH ALL TH' RESPONSIBILITY... WHISTLE JOCK! SOB!



By BETSY BURCHARD
Battalion Correspondent

(Editor's Note: Miss Burchard, who is editor of A&M Consolidated's Round-Up, will be The Battalion's CHS correspondent this year. She will write this weekly column, and other stories about the school.)

Two former employees of A&M have joined their wives on the teaching staff of A&M Consolidated high school.

A. R. Orr, who was with the mechanical engineering department for 11 years, is now teaching physics and algebra and also sponsors the Slide Rule club.

A dormitory counselor for three years, C. L. Byrd is initiating a vocational agriculture course and FFA chapter. Two other new faculty members are F. A. Knapp, who teaches English and directs the Public Speaking and Sharpshooters clubs, and W. R. Miller, who sponsors the school paper in addition to instructing history and typing.

A half day holiday and a handful of nickles rewarded homeroom 11-2 for collecting the most money in activity ticket sales. The students sold \$141 worth edging out the sophomores in 10-1 who had \$131. Seven hundred seventy-two dollars have been turned in but all the tickets are not accounted for yet.

Sale of the 1955 community birthday calendars was begun this

Bridge Club Plans Formation

A meeting of local persons interested in forming a bridge club will be held in room 2-D of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

U.S. Seeks Release For 2 Red Prisoners

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Sept. 22—(AP)—American authorities in Washington and Germany were negotiating today for the release of two U. S. soldiers seized by Communist Czech guards with snarling dogs along the Czech-German border Friday.

The Army identified the Americans as 1st Lt. Richard H. Dries, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Dries of St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y., and Pfc. George Pisk, 22, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul A. Pisk of Austin, Tex. Dr. Pisk is a professor of musicology at the University of Texas and an internationally known composer.

The Army said Dries and Pisk

were cruising along the border unofficially to "see what they could see" and were grabbed by the Czechs on West German territory. The Red Czech government delivered a protest last night to the U. S. Embassy in Prague, charging the Americans were taken on Czech territory "while photographing military installations and carrying out observations with field glasses." The Army denied the two were spying.

In Austin, Pisk's mother said he wrote recently he had been transferred to a place near the border. "I'm too upset to talk about it," she added.

Girl Scout Board Meets on Tuesday

Directors board meeting of the Bryan-College Station Girl Scout area was held Tuesday morning at the Girl Scout little house, Mrs. R. E. Patterson, presiding.

New members who were present were Mrs. George Adams, chairman of the program committee; Mrs. Clifford C. Carter, chairman of the organization committee, Mrs. Henry Miller chairman of the staff and office committee, and Mrs. Archie Kahan, chairman of public relations committee.

This year girl scouts in Bryan and College Station will participate in the United Fund drive rather than making a separate drive for money as in the past it was decided.

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dents was their ability to accept responsibility, and that the responsibility of running the corps was on the cadet officers.

"Any group that can perform the magnificent engineering feat of building the world's biggest bonfire can certainly build the world's best corps," he said.

Yesterday's ceremony, at which the cadet officers formally took their officer's oath, was the first of its type held.

It will be an annual affair from now on.

Church Is Holding Saturday Services

Special services are being held each Saturday during September at 7:30 p.m. at the Rock Prairie Baptist Church.

The Rev. Claude Allen, pastor of the church conducts the services.

Hubers' Child Born

A 7-pound 5-ounce baby boy was born Tuesday night to Mr. and Mrs. John Huber, Battalion advertising manager, at St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Huber and the baby, Joseph Bernard, were both doing well Tuesday night.

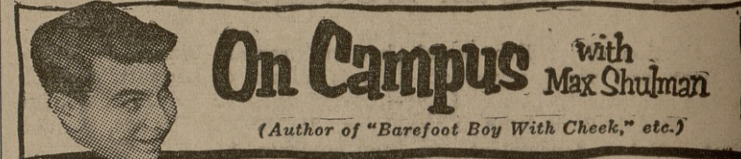
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week by Consolidated students and members of the Band Boosters club, under the direction of Mrs. Walter A. Varvel. Proceeds from this sale will be used for new band uniforms.

The junior class sponsored a victory dance after the Madisonville football game last Friday night. The dance was held in the gymnasium and about 75 persons attended.

Consolidated students have been invited to visit Bryan air force base this Saturday for a tour sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

Sharon Patterson was elected junior yell leader for the Kitten team. She replaces Bonnie Watson who moved out of town.



FOOTBALL THROUGH THE AGES

The football frenzy is upon us. But let us, in the midst of this pandemonium, call time. Let us pause for a moment of tranquil reflection. What is this game called football? What is its history? Its origins? Its traditions? These are not idle questions, for when we have the answers we will appreciate even more fully, enjoy even more deeply, this great American game of football.

First of all, to call football an American game is somewhat misleading. True, the game is now played almost exclusively in America, but it comes to us from a land far away and a civilization long dead. Football was first played in ancient Rome. Introduced by Julius Caesar, it became one of the most popular Roman sports by the time of Nero's reign. The eminent historian Sigafos reports a crowd of MMCLDDXVIII people at the Colosseum one Saturday afternoon to see the Christians play the Lions.

With the decline of the Roman empire football fell into disuse. The barbaric Huns and Goths preferred canasta. However, by the Twelfth Century A.D. football had emerged from its twilight and risen to its rightful place in the firmament of European pastimes. The eminent historian Sigafos reports that the whole continent was in the grip of wild excitement in the year 1192 when the Crusaders, under Freddie Barbarossa, journeyed all the way to Damascus to play the Saracens in the Fig Bowl game. The Crusaders squeaked through, 23 to 21, on a field goal by Dick Coeur de Lion in the closing seconds of the game.

October 21, 1512, will ever remain a red letter day in the history of football. On that day Leonardo da Vinci, who has often been called "The Renaissance Man" because of his proficiency in a hundred arts and sciences, was painting a picture of a Florentine lady named Mona Lisa Schultz. "Listen, Mona baby," he said as she struck a pose for her portrait, "I keep telling you—don't smile. Just relax and look natural."

"But I'm not smiling," she replied. "Well, what do you call it?" he said. "Gee, I don't know," said Mrs. Schultz. "It's just an expression, kind of."

"Well, cut it out," said The Renaissance Man. "I'll try," she promised. And try she did, but without success, for a moment later the artist was saying to her, "Look, Mona kid, I'm not gonna ask you again. Why that silly grin off your face."

"Honest to goodness, The Renaissance Man," said she to him, "it's no grin. It's just the way I look." "Well, just stop it," said Leonard testily and turned away to mix his pigments.

When he turned back to Mona Lisa and saw the smile still on her face, he became so enraged that he seized the nearest object—a casava melon, as it happened—and hurled it at her with all his strength. Showing great presence of mind, she caught the melon and ran with it from the studio until The Renaissance Man's temper should cool.

This was, of course, the first completed forward pass.

Another date dear to the hearts of all football fans is September 29, 1442. It was on this date, according to the eminent historian Sigafos, that a sixteen year old lad named Christopher Columbus tried out for the football team at Genoa Tech. He failed to make the team because he was too light. (He weighed at that time only 12 pounds.) And why, you ask, is this date—September 29, 1442—so dear to the hearts of all football fans? Because young Columbus was so heartbroken at not making the team that he ran away to sea. And if that hadn't happened, he never would have discovered America. And if Columbus hadn't discovered America, the world never would have discovered tobacco. And if the world hadn't discovered tobacco, football fans never would have discovered Philip Morris—which, as every fan knows, is the perfect companion to football. As Sigafos, the eminent historian, says, "Land's sakes, I can't even imagine football without Philip Morris. I'd sooner go to a game without my raccoon coat than without my neat, rich tobacco-brown snap-open pack of mild vintage Philip Morris Cigarettes which come in regular or king-size at prices young and old can afford. Land's sakes!"

The end of football in Europe came with the notorious "Black Fox Scandal" of 1587, in which Ed Machiavelli, one of the Pisa mob, paid off the University of Heidelberg Sabres to throw the championship game to the Chartres A. and M. Gophers. It was a mortal blow to football on the continent.

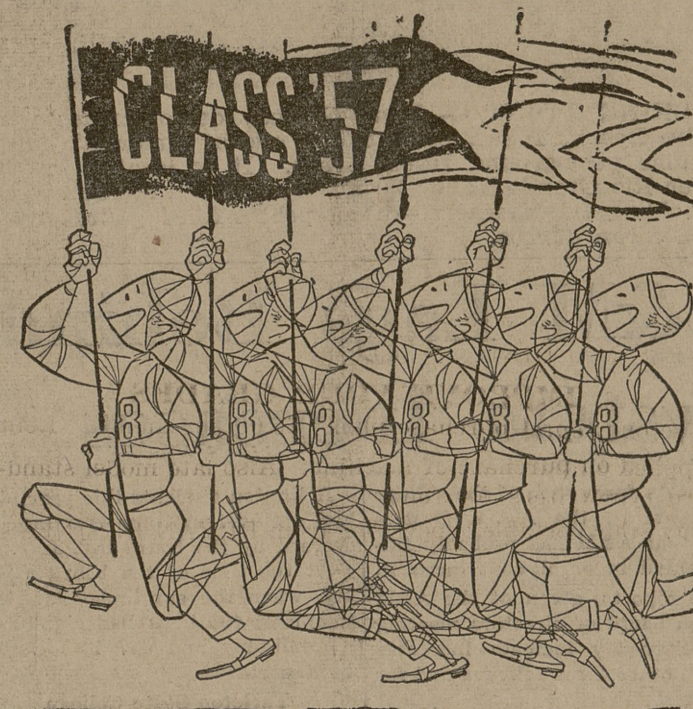
But the game took hold in the American colonies and thrived as it had never thrived before. Which brings us to another date that remains evergreen in the hearts of football lovers: December 16, 1771.

On that date a British packet loaded with tea sailed into Boston harbor. The colonies had long been smarting under the English king's tax on tea. "Taxation without representation," they called it, and feelings ran high.

When on December 16, 1771, the British ship docked at Boston, a semi-pro football team called the Nonpareil Tigers, coached by Samuel (Swiftly) Adams, was scrimmaging near the harbor. "Come, lads," cried Swiftly, seeing the ship. "Let's dump the tea in the ocean!"

With many a laugh and cheer the Nonpareil Tigers followed Swiftly aboard and proceeded to dump the cargo overboard in a wild, disorganized and abandoned manner. "Here now!" called Swiftly sharply. "That's no way to dump tea overboard. Let's get into some kind of formation." And that, fans, is how the "T" formation was born.

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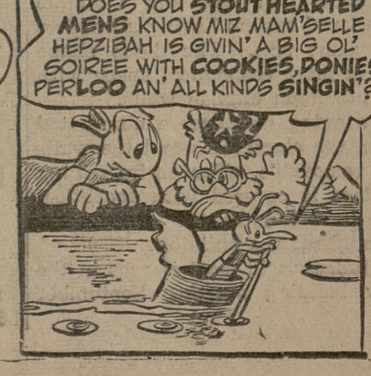


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