

# The Battalion

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## Army To Get Commissions



NOT THIS YEAR—C. K. Leighton, (left), construction engineer for the A&M college system, and Dr. Spencer Buchanan of the civil engineering department inspect plans of the underground water and sewerage system so drillers will not burst a sewer line again this year when they sink the center pole for the bonfire.

### With Wet Weather

## Bonfire Building Begins

By DON SHEPARD  
Battalion News Editor

A&M's annual University of Texas bonfire construction got underway yesterday with the usual murky weather, and according to the weather reports received, the class of '58 will be initiated to the art of bonfire building with the traditional low ceiling, fog and rain.

Cutting site for this year's bonfire will be four miles southeast of the college on land owned by Dr. W. E. Street, head of the engineering drawing department.

Scheduled to burn at 8 p.m. Nov. 23, the logs will be stacked around a 72-foot center pole donated by Dr. Spencer Buchanan of the civil engineering department. The pole is 30 feet taller than the center pole last year and seven feet higher than the tallest bonfire in the history of A&M.

Each year an attempt is made to build "this year's" bonfire a little larger than its forerunners. Aggies scour the surrounding countryside bringing in trees, barns, houses or any other combustible matter to surpass the preceding class. This year, if the length of the center pole is an indication of size, they will break the record of the 1951 bonfire, which was 65-foot tall.

Andrews-Parker Construction Co. of Bryan will drill the hole for the center pole today, and the pole donor will set it when the two-section pole is spliced and the hole is completed.

Uniform for the bonfire, is fatigues or civilian clothes. Fresh-

### Journalism Club Elected to Society

The Journalism club's petition for membership in Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, was approved unanimously Saturday at the fraternity's national convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Initiation for the A&M chapter is set for Feb. 18, in the Memorial Student Center.

The Journalism club has been planning for several years to petition for membership. Last summer, Battalion Co-Editor Harry Baker organized the material and prepared the formal petition. Copies of the petition were sent out in October to the 54 collegiate chapters and the 46 professional chapters of the fraternity.

Bill Fullerton and Ralph Cole, junior journalism students, attended the Ohio convention which ended Saturday. D. D. Burchard, head of the journalism department, accompanied the students.

men must wear fatigue caps without brass at all times. Fatigues will be authorized for all classes, and brass is to be worn on the left pocket flap.

Committees organized for the bonfire and their chairmen are woodcutting, Sam Akard and Ernie Golub; stacking, Red Dowling, supply, Theo Lindig; communications, Al Heimer; first aid, George Knipple; guard duty roster, Bud Fair; refreshments, James Caffey and Garret Maxwell; building supervisors, Frank Davis, David Bailey and Paul Holiday.

Coordinators for the committees

### With 'Misalliance'

## Players Score Hit In Initial Show

By JERRY NEIGHBORS  
Battalion Staff Writer

The Aggie Players have done it again. The production of George Bernard Shaw's "Misalliance" held in the MSC Ballroom last night was, to put it mildly, a success.

Much of the credit goes to Shaw, of course, but Shaw would have been worth very little without the capable acting of the Players. C. K. Esten's direction was also lacking in very little.

During the past four or five years, the Aggie Players have presented many plays, most of them good and few of them bad enough to be called mediocre. But this last play, "The Misalliance," shines out from the rest.

### Weather Today



CLEAR

The forecast for today is clear and warmer. Yesterday's high was 61, low 53. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 61.

## Cadet Suspended For Tossing Bottle

A sophomore cadet has been suspended for the rest of the semester for throwing a beer bottle through his regimental commander's window.

The cadet, Gene W. Shuey of Dallas, said he threw the bottle because he thought the commander "wasn't backing up the regiment" on certain requests to the military department.

The incident occurred Nov. 4. A military panel yesterday gave him the suspension penalty, which means that he will be considered for readmission at the end of the semester.

The bottle was an empty quart beer bottle. It was thrown through the screen and the window, and broke inside the room, scattering glass around the room.

The commander was not in the room at the time.

The request, which was not granted, was for the sophomore's unit, A armor, to be allowed to wear combat boots and scarves.

Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, said "I heard the commander present the request, and he did all that could be done. There was no cause for complaint."

Wilkins said the cadet had been suspended because "we will not tolerate acts of that type toward senior officers." Shuey was already on conduct probation.

## Great Issues Cancels Speech By Stassen

Harold Stassen, director of the U.S. Foreign Operations administration, who was scheduled to speak for the Great Issues series Wednesday, has postponed his talk because of a bipartisan foreign policy meeting called by President Eisenhower, Bud Whitney, Great Issues committee chairman, announced yesterday.

Stassen, Whitney said, will be re-scheduled to speak sometime early in January.

His speech topic, "The East—Far, Middle, Near—Which Way Now?" will not be changed, Whitney added.

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago, will be the next speaker for the Great Issues series Dec. 5.

"We are trying a new scheduled time for speakers," Whitney said. "Hutchins will speak Sunday afternoon, instead of during the week."

## Judging Team To Enter Shows

A four-man crop judging team from A&M will participate in two international contests this month.

The team, composed of Eugene Buckholt, J. R. Coleman, Craig Weigand and Carlos Griffin, will participate in the International Intercollegiate Crop Judging contest in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 23. They will then go to Chicago for the judging contest conducted by the International Livestock Exposition Nov. 27.

Worthy of special mention in the cast were Don Powell, playing a clerk turned "avenger"; Victor Wiening, as the venerable old English soldier of fortune who fancies himself as a philosopher, and Iris Bullard, an unbelievable Polish wonder-woman who proceeds to be loved by all the men concerned and who masterfully "woman-handles" anybody who seems to be stepping out of line.

Others in the cast include Bill Swann as Johnny Tarleton, Harry Gooding as Bentley Summerhays, Ann Tishler as Hypatia Tarleton, Florence Delaplane as Mrs. Tarleton, Ted Castle as John Tarleton, Sr. and Bill Gilbert as Joey Percival.

## Sandlin Wins

J. H. Sandlin jr., of College View, has been named winner of the portable typewriter given away by the Bryan Business Machine company. Sandlin's name was drawn from the entries by P. L. (Pinky) Downs jr.

## Letter Assures Qualified Men

All qualified graduates of the army ROTC will be commissioned this year, said Col. Robert D. Offer, PMS&T.

Offer said that he had received information from the department of the army that all qualified graduates through April 30, 1956 will be commissioned.

This applies to January graduates, May graduates, summer school graduates, and summer camp graduates, or a total of about 350 men.

Offer said the letter also indicated that all qualified students now enrolled in junior military science would also be commissioned on graduation.

The military department here does not know yet whether or not the graduates will receive commissions in the branch in which they are now receiving training. The letter said that branch quotas would probably be established by Jan. 15.

All graduates who receive commissions between May 1, 1955 and April 30, 1956, will go on active duty between July 1, 1955, and June 30, 1956.

Quotas by month for active duty calls will be established as they were last year, and graduates can volunteer for the month they want to enter the service, as long as it is within the limitations of these quotas.

Final decision on the commissioning of junior military science students cannot be given until the headquarters has more information, the army said.

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## Power Plant May Get Reconditioning Work

Mayor Ernest Langford of College Station was given permission by the city council last night to agree to a new recommendation

set up for the college power plant. A recommendation will be sent to the next A&M System board of directors meeting to construct power lines to Bryan for emergency use and to build a 7,500 kilowatt generating unit in the college power plant.

The power rate for College Station would be increased slightly per kilowatt. The college would continue to sell power to the city.

The recommendation will propose twice the amount of power the plant now has.

The building of an underpass on farm road 60 at the AAA building was also discussed at the council meeting. Langford will meet with John E. Blair, district highway engineer, on the matter.

### Specia Elected

Tony Specia was elected president of the San Antonio A&M club recently. Other officers are Jim Keeter, vice-president; Bill Nourie, secretary, and Bubba Harris, treasurer.

## AF Grads Get Flying Option

A new air force policy, reportedly based on a surplus of pilots, will allow air ROTC graduates to choose whether or not they will take advanced flight training.

Here is how the new plan will work:

All category I seniors will go into flight training, as past policy has set up.

After they finish the basic flight training, which qualifies them for wings as an air force pilot, they have the choice of taking or rejecting advanced training.

If they take advanced training, which consists of training in a particular combat-type aircraft, they will sign up for four years, dating from the time they finish basic flight training.

If they do not choose to take advanced training, they will sign up for two years service, dating from the time they finish flight training.

Those students who do not agree to take the advanced training will be given administrative or special jobs, will fly enough to qualify for flight pay and "remain proficient."

The air force says this new policy has been started because in the past almost all of a man's service time was taken up with training.

## Student-Prof Week Set For Dec. 6-13

The Student Life committee yesterday voted to designate Dec. 6-13 inclusive as Student-Faculty Relations week and left the mechanics of student signing to the sub-committee headed by Carl W. Landiss. Lack of student response last year was largely due to insufficient time to obtain student signatures, Landiss said.

Pat Wheat was named chairman of the 12th Man Bowl committee and C. G. (Spike) White, Barlow (Bones) Irvin and Barney Welch were named faculty members. Wheat was authorized to select student members.

In other business, a budget of \$100 for the civilian council was approved to permit a council banquet and awarding of keys and the who's who special committee announced a selection schedule.

Monday the sub-committee drew up a tentative list of candidates and will submit information on the list to student activities office after a check on qualifications has been completed. On Dec. 7 the list will be turned over to individual members of the Student Life committee and the final selection will be made by the committee Dec. 13.

J. Gordon Gay, chairman of the student aid committee, reported \$2,139 on deposit in the student aid fund, \$449.12 on loan at present and \$1,269.34 due and past due on loans dating from 1942 up to loans three months overdue.

## Tickets On Sale For Texas Game

Tickets for the Turkey day game with the University of Texas are now on sale at the athletic ticket office.

Ticket sales started yesterday morning and seniors have been given priority on tickets through today, said Pat Dial of the athletic office. Sales will end noon Saturday, he said.

"This method was done at the request of the Texas athletic office," he said.

After today, the tickets are on sale to anyone.

Priees for the tickets are \$1 for student tickets and \$3.25 for date tickets. Students must show their season athletic ticket and their identification card when buying a ticket, Dial said.

## City Sets Meeting To Discuss Sewers

A town hall meeting will be held Thursday night in the A&M Consolidated high school cafeteria to discuss the extension of sewer and sewerage systems for College Station.

Financing, planning and the actual construction will be explained in detail at the meeting to allow eligible voters to know what they are voting on in the Dec. 1 election.

## AF Grads Get Flying Option

This way, those who take the advanced training will have to put in more time, giving the air force the advantage of his training.

The air force says the advantages of taking the advanced training are that the man is assured of a cockpit position, has a better chance for continued active duty, and has a better chance for a reserve commission.

An article in the Air Force Times, unofficial air force newspaper, says that this policy, which will probably reduce the number of combat pilots, is a result of the air force having too many pilots. The Air Force Times says that all flight training classes have a waiting list, and that a "logjam" of pilots has resulted.

The sudden increase in the number of pilots, after last year's decrease, is attributed to more AF ROTC graduates than expected taking flight training, more students entering the flight training program from high school than expected, and more pilots than expected electing to stay in the air force past the required two years.

The air force has also stopped its advertising and recruiting of candidates for flight training, according to the Times.