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British Consulate To Speak Saturday At Debate Meeting

Austin Wheatley, British consulate general, will be the main speaker at the debate tournament luncheon here Saturday, according to Lee J. Martin, coach of the A&M debate team.

The title of his speech will be

Fish Election Shows Run-Off In All Offices

Freshman elections held yesterday showed a run-off necessary in every office. Approximately 725 votes were cast, said Dave Lane, chairman of the student election committee. The run-off election will be held Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center from 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., he said.

The official results are as follows:

President: Don T. Elledge, 81 votes; Jon L. Hagler, 60 votes; and James O. Moore, 73 votes are in a run-off. Voting for the other candidates came out as follows: S. W. Adamik, 8; Brady Armstrong, 13; David R. Bagley, 39; Alonzo Byington, 22; Carroll Collier, 14; W. H. Cooper, 29; Ken E. Davis, 21; Jerry Ellington, 11; Larry Garrison, 28; Michael Gayman, 11; James P. Hall, 15; R. H. Kidd, 59; T. D. McLaren, 25; Ken Nerrettig, 3; I. H. Oertling, 18; R. L. Peters, 14; C. H. Price, 14; G. M. Ragsdale, 26; Jamey Saunders, 19; Joe T. Simmons, 26; C. W. Sinclair, 24; G. B. Stiles, 20; and Ernest Veselka, 19.

Vice president: William Evans, 104; James P. Gatlin, 92; and Roy E. Mitchell, 55, are in a run-off. The other votes went to Joe A. Blideon, 47; Paul L. Carrol, 49; Tommy Cottman, 39; Don Cunningham, 41; Miron Fenton, 31; Joseph Glickson, 31; Gerald Kramer, 44; Pat E. Resley, 28; Patrick Sumner, 27; Charles Tucker, 35; and Donald B. Wood, 49.

Recording secretary: Donald Dunlap, 104; Bill McLaughlin, 87; and Don McGinty, 94, are in a run-off. The other candidates were George Carson, 47; Ray McClung, 52; Jerry B. McLeod, 28; David E. Mills, 39; George Pierce, 61; C. B. Shuey, 84; Horace E. Willis, 42; and James N. Woodman, 29.

Social secretary: Edward Cashman, 184, and Glenn Galloway, 141, are in a run-off. The other candidates were Eion McDowell, 136, and Jack E. Nelson, 133.

Treasurer: Reagan George, 89; J. L. Martin, 120; and Homer D. (See FRESHMEN, Page 5)

"Britain's Position on Recognition of Red China."

About 15 colleges will participate in the sixth annual Texas A&M debate tournament this week end. They are Abilene Christian college, Baylor, University of Texas, Southern Methodist university, Wharton County junior college and Blinn junior college.

Delmar college, Hardin Simmons, St. Mary's university, Stephen F. Austin State Teachers college, Austin college, Southwest Texas State Teachers college, North Texas State college, University of Houston, Rice and A&M.

The debate will consist of six rounds, four Friday and two Saturday morning. Headquarters of the tournament will be located in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center. About 70 debate teams will participate.

The tournament will be divided into two divisions: the senior division, which includes junior and senior students and the junior division, which consists of freshman and sophomore students.

The A&M debate team placed 14 in a contest held Dec. 3 and 4 at the East Central State college of Oklahoma. The two senior teams won certificates for excellence.

"The competition was unusually keen for such an early session," Martin said.

Members of A&M's four debate teams are John Wilson, David Bowers, John C. Chapman, Kenneth Scott, Bill Heard, Bud Whiting, Page Morgan and Ray Finn.

Cherry To Speak

R. G. Cherry of the economics and sociology department, will speak on the present and prospective financial conditions of Texas counties at the County Judges and Commissioners association meeting in Houston Dec. 15.

News of the World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower said today the free world's fears of a global war have diminished in the last four years. He said the last year itself has brought a considerable accomplishment in his "atoms-for-peace" proposal.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—Henry Cabot Lodge jr. last night appealed urgently to the U.N. Assembly to throw its moral force behind a demand for the release of 11 American airmen jailed as spies in Red China. He also called upon the Communists to send home hundreds of other U.N. personnel not yet repatriated.

WASHINGTON—The Senate Investigation subcommittee closed down its public hearings on communism in defense plants tonight after hearing 11 witnesses in open session. Seven of these—two yesterday and five today—declined to answer questions about possible Communist affiliations.



Lt. Gen. A. D. Bruce
R. V. Speaker

Bruce To Address Ross Volunteers

Lt. Gen. A. D. Bruce, former student of A&M and now president of the University of Houston, will speak to the Ross Volunteers tonight at formal installation ceremonies for 78 new junior members.

Bruce was graduated from A&M

in 1916 with a degree in dairy husbandry. While attending school here he was assistant editor of The Battalion, and was second-in-command of the corps of cadets.

He entered the army as a second lieutenant in June, 1917. In World War I, he advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel and later attended the infantry school, the command and general staff college, the Army War college, and the Navy War college.

In 1941 Bruce helped organize Fort Hood. While there he introduced several new methods of instruction in training, later adopted by the army.

Among his decorations are the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with several ribbons.

Bruce retired from his position as commandant of the Armed Forces college in Norfolk, Va., in June to become president of the University of Houston.

Council Moves To Form All College Honor Code

Intercouncil Group To Study Problem

The Student Engineers council has taken the first step toward forming what would be a college-wide honor system. At the council meeting Monday night, a proposal was adopted to form an honor committee composed of representatives from all the student academic councils. This committee, if approved by the other councils, will draw up an honor code for the entire school.

Early in November the Engineers council appointed a committee to study and revamp the honor code of the School of Engineering. This committee was composed of James Henderson, chairman, Joe Bob Walker and John Mackin. At that time, only 40 per cent of the students in engineering

were using the present system, since a unanimous vote by each class was needed to put the code in effect in the class.

"We decided that to have a system we could call an honor code, it would have to be college-wide," said Henderson. "We received letters from four colleges using honor systems, and all of them were college-wide."

It was Henderson's group that proposed the formation of the committee to draw up an honor system for A&M. This committee will be composed of the president of each council, and one junior and one senior representative, Henderson said.

"We will not be able to have an honor system ready by next semester, but we hope to have one for the new students entering next fall," he said.

Henderson considered three things essential to a college-wide honor code. These are (1) That the code be more strict, since every other system studied gave dishonorable dismissal as a punishment for violation; (2) That it be college-wide. Henderson hopes the new code will be compulsory and not be subject in any class to one student's veto; and (3) That it be more than an academic honor system—"that it be a code to live by."

"The whole idea rests on the approval by each student academic council," he said.

Also at the meeting, the Engineers council appointed a separate committee to revamp the School of Engineering's honor code to be used next semester.

Korean veterans are reminded to sign monthly certifications for December before leaving for the Christmas holidays, said Bennie A. Zinn, veterans advisor.

Chest Drive Short Of Goal, Ends Friday

The Community Chest drive was still short of its \$14,707 goal by more than \$4,000 as of 8 p. m. yesterday, reported C. W. Price, head of this year's drive.

With the drive scheduled to end Friday, the total amount collected so far is \$10,539.43 which leaves \$4,167.57 still to be collected to reach the goal, said Price.

"I urge everyone who has not contributed to give their donation to a member of the drive committee, or to mail it to R. E. Patterson in the System Administration building," he said.

"Checks post-dated through 1955 are acceptable," he added.

Only about 50 percent of the business firms have contributed so far, said Price. If the drive does not reach its goal, these businesses may be solicited by individual agencies that participate in the Community Chest, he said.

"These agencies will have to have their requests cut," said Price, "and to raise money on which to operate, they would then have to solicit individually."

Open House Night Well Attended

The open house in all departments Tuesday night was well attended and was the most successful program of its kind up to the present time, according to C. H. Ransdell, dean of the basic division.

Several departments phoned the basic division to relate the success of their individual programs. Students attending the programs said they thoroughly enjoyed them and thought they had benefited by the sessions.

All the departments had good programs including talks by professors, upperclassmen, and ex-students who had majored in the respective fields. Ransdell said he thought the open house was beneficial to the freshmen in showing them the facilities of the various departments and helping them get established in a field of study that was best adapted to their needs.

He said the programs would be continued next year if all departments showed the same enthusiasm as those he had talked to.

Thieves Hit Dorm Rooms, Parking Lots

Several thefts have been reported by students recently, according to Fred Hickman, chief of campus security.

Seven hubcaps were stolen in the east dormitory area Monday night, and other thefts in recent weeks have included two spare tires, several new suits, sport coats, shoes, fender skirts, and numerous other articles, he said.

The money container, lock, and the money from the newspaper stand in front of the Aggeland Inn was also among the articles taken.

Safe Driving Day Gets Cooperation

The nation's new car dealers are planning to cooperate in local action for Safe Driving Day, Dec. 15, announced Rear Admiral Frederick J. Bell, executive vice-president of the National Automobile Dealers association.

The day was designated by President Eisenhower's action committee for traffic safety as the day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when all motorists and pedestrians do their part.

Jackson Attends

J. R. Jackson of the agricultural education department has returned from the mid-winter conference of teachers of vocational agriculture, held in Corpus Christi. He spoke to the group on plans for a Young Farmer organization in Texas.

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At 2 Cents Each

Who Threw That Bottle?

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion Co-Editor

The Aggies are losing some money, mainly because they keep throwing soft drink bottles at each other.

Each dormitory on the campus has two soft drink machines in it, and the profits from these machines go to the students.

But bottle breakage, at two cents a bottle, is subtracted from the profits, so the students lose money on every bottle broken. And there are a lot broken.

For example: during the month of October, 5,631 bottles were broken in the dormitories.

This is about 10 per cent breakage. One per cent breakage is considered too much for soft drink machines operating in commercial establishments.

Here's how the profit system works:

The college has a contract with the soft drink companies. Sixty per cent of the profits from the machines, less bottle losses, go directly to the students, through their unit or dormitory funds. The other

40 per cent goes to the student activities office, where it is used for student projects, such as Student Senate funds, Civilian Student Council funds, fish drill team equipment, helmet liner tape and decals, and benches for the grove.

The students' 60 per cent is put in the unit or dormitory accounts in the student activities office, and the students can draw on that account, just like a bank account.

The withdrawals must have the signature of the first sergeant or company commander, in the case of a unit's account, or the dormitory senator for a civilian dormitory account.

The students can use the funds for almost anything they want to, such as gifts, parties, dormitory breakage, or athletic equipment.

Now, the broken bottles cut into these profits, because two cents is

Weather Today

The forecast for today is generally clear with high scattered clouds. Yesterday's high was 78, low 51. The temperature at 10:40 this morning was 57.

taken out of the students' share for each one broken. This loss amounted to \$112.62 in October, which was a fairly typical month.

Over the last few years the loss per year has averaged a thousand dollars. For example, in 1953, the student profit from the machines was about \$3,500. If no bottles had been broken, the profit would have been about \$4,000.

In 1952 and 1951, there was about \$1,000 difference between what the profit should have been and what it actually was.

An interesting sidelight on the bottle breakage: a graph of the number of bottles broken, by months, shows that more bottles are broken in December and May than any other months.

In May, the profits amount to practically nothing, because so many bottles are broken.

One of the corps' "unwritten traditions," which cover about everything that a cadet does, says that it is a "senior privilege" to break a soft drink bottle in the hall.

Each year, right after final review when all the juniors get their "senior privileges," some brand-

new seniors consider it great sport to run over to the dormitory and break a few bottles, just to exercise their new "privilege."

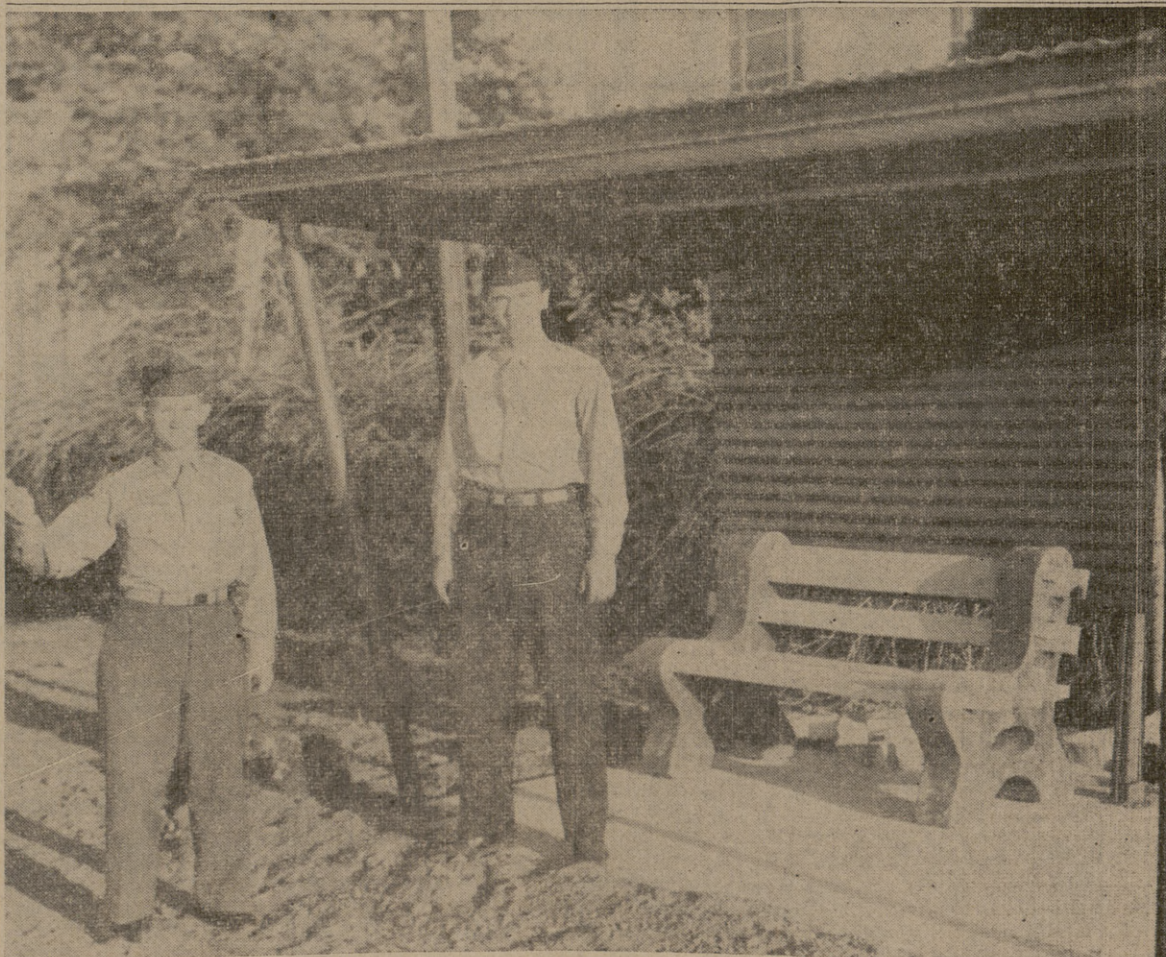
The student activities office and the Student Senate are worried about the bottle breakage because they feel the students are gyping themselves out of money that should be theirs.

Another group on the campus, the Accident Prevention committee, is also worried about the breakage, but for a different reason. Each year many students are injured by stepping or falling on broken bottles.

So this is A&M's "Case of the Broken Bottles." All in all, it's the sort of thing that probably would not happen any place but here.

Planners Needed

Archie M. Kahan of the A&M Research foundation is seeking staff members to help plan a conference on electronic digital computers to be held in March. Kahan needs suggestions on speakers, topics, and participants.



BRYAN—Two freshmen, Louis Stipp (left) and Paschal Odom, both of Squadron 8, take advantage of the new hitch-hiking station at the North Gate. The pipe and metal shelter was built by Eugene Rush, local insurance agent.