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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD—The West dormitory area had its annual spring water fight Tuesday night, with almost everybody taking part. Here several unidentified participants are questioned by the cadet officers of the guard. The dry fellow on the far right is Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant. Davis said no disciplinary action would be taken in the matter, since no college property was damaged. Davis praised the cadet officers, who, he said, "did their duty well in trying to stop the boys." The officers, incidentally, got very wet in the process.

Public School Week

Schools Set Observation

By BILL FULLERTON
Battalion City Editor

Public School week will be observed next week at the A&M Consolidated schools with the following program planned:

Monday, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria, orientation meetings with the teachers and the parents of first, second and third grade pupils.

Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, orientation meetings with the teachers and the parents of fourth grade pupils.

Friday, 6 p.m.; Mothers and Dads club community supper will be held in the school gymnasium. Every one is invited. The menu will include fried chicken, and price for tickets will be announced later.

Civilian Council Asks Correction

The Civilian Student Council has asked The Battalion to print the following correction of the report of their Tuesday night meeting.

In recommending that college regulations include a ruling prohibiting the wearing of letter jackets from other schools on the A&M campus, the recommendation provided that a letter jacket could be worn if the letter were removed, making it like any other jacket.

"It's not our place to tell the civilian students what clothes to wear," council members said. "We just don't think wearing the letters from other schools is in keeping with A&M traditions."

A similar recommendation has already been passed by the senior class, the Student Senate, and the T association. It will be referred to President David H. Morgan.

Weather Today



The weather outlook for today is continued cloudy with no rain expected and little change in temperature.

Yesterday's high was 81, low 63. The temperature at 10:45 this morning was 75.

From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., ten minute classes will be held for the sixth through twelfth grades. Parents are urged to attend the classes with their children.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; the Band Booster's club will present a spring fashion show in the auditorium. Everyone is invited.

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; the new high school buildings will be dedicated. The main speaker will be Dr. Pearl Wanamaker, Washington State superintendent of schools.

Week's Theme

The slogan for this year's Public Schools week is "Texas Public Schools — Democracy in Action." The objective is to acquaint the public with programs and accomplishments of the educational system.

The Texas constitution states it is the duty of the Legislature of the state to "establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools." The 1854 school law provided for the first public school system in Texas. As the years passed, the laws were strengthened to make sure all children of school age shared in the opportunity for public education.

This special week for the public schools began in March, 1951, and since has become an outstanding annual event with ever-increasing interest and participation of school

patrons and parents throughout Texas.

Large Attendance

According to J. W. Edgar, commissioner of education, 1,325,000 persons visited Texas public schools during the 1954 Public Schools week.

"Reports on the outstanding success of this statewide visitation program indicate parents are taking a great deal of interest in their schools," he said. "Texas schools will be good schools just so long as Texas people keep themselves informed about their school, striving constantly for their improvement. Working together, we can succeed in our efforts to establish for all Texas children an educational opportunity that will be second to none."

G. E. Thompson, president of the Texas State Teachers association, said, "Public education has made an invaluable contribution to our state and nation. We are eager for our citizens to visit us; to evaluate the work being done; and to join with the teachers of their children in providing the best program of public school education in the United States."

Public schools week affords an opportunity for the people to know their schools better, to gain a better appreciation of the work accomplished, and for each citizen to recognize his own particular and personal responsibility for the progress to come.

Russ Morgan Will Play At Military Ball

"Music in the Morgan Manner" will highlight the Military ball in Sbisla hall March 26.

Russ Morgan and his orchestra will play for the dance, which will end the Military day activities.

The dance will begin at 8 and end at midnight, with all the Military day guests, including Gen. Nathan F. Twining, air force chief of staff, invited.

Morgan, who was once a Pennsylvania coal miner, plays six musical instruments: piano, trombone, vibraphone, celeste, marimba, and organ.

He is also the band's arranger, master of ceremonies, and one of the vocalists. There are other musicians with the band—he doesn't do everything.

As an example of Morgan's versatility, he was once doing arrangements for both the Goldkette Swing Band and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Other activities of the Military day weekend will be the Combat ball the 25th, and the Military day review the morning of the 26th.

High School Day to Feature Sports Events, Sightseeing

Tuition Raise Approved By Committee

Based on AP Reports

The hotly-contested bill to double state college tuition fees has been approved by the Education committee of the Texas house of representatives.

The committee approved the bill by a 9 to 8 vote. Representative J. O. Gillham of Brownfield sponsored the bill, which would raise the tuition at A&M and other state colleges from \$25 a semester to \$50 a semester.

The bill would bring in four million dollars each year in additional revenue.

The bill will now go to house floor for consideration. The Associated Press did not know when house debate on the bill was scheduled.

Gillham said earlier that the bill would "go a long way toward closing the gap" between the school's budget requests and the Legislative Budget board's recommendations.

The colleges of the state request a total of \$54 million and the Budget Board recommended \$29 million.

Opposition to the bill, which was led by Representative Jerry Sadler of Pecos, included many University of Texas students.

About 1,000 Expected For Saturday Program

By JIM BOWER
Battalion Staff Writer

Tennis and golf matches, a swimming meet and an intra-squad football game highlight the program for A&M's annual High School Sport day, Saturday. About 1,000 students from all over Texas and neighboring states are expected to attend.

The morning program, beginning with registration at 8 a.m. in Guion hall includes talks by President David H. Morgan and Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant. The movie, "We Are the Aggies," also will be shown. Group tours for the students, according to the course of study they plan to follow, will begin at 10 a.m.

Members of the Student Inter-Council committee will guide the students to the buildings pertaining to their proposed major. From here, faculty members will show the students through the buildings.

Those who have not yet decided on a major course of study may remain in Guion hall where A. E. Denton of the Basic Division will speak on the Junction summer school program available to students prior to their entrance to A&M. Tours for all students interested in agriculture will be made in busses so the students may see each of the widely scattered agriculture centers. All tours start in front of Guion Hall.

At noon, the visitors will be given a break from the day's activities and lunch will be served in Duncan and Sbisla dining halls. Tickets for the lunch are 50¢ each.

Tennis matches and golf matches begin the afternoon program at 1. At 2 p.m., there will be a swimming meet in P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium and a baseball game between A&M and the University of Houston on Kyle field.

Sporting events will close with an intra-squad football game. The game will end spring training practice. The T association is sponsoring all the sporting events.

Tickets to all of the sports events will be sold for \$1 each.

Pete Hardesty, student activities business manager and High School sports day program director, urged the student body "to show our visitors a good time and make them welcome on our campus and make them feel that we are interested in having them as future Aggies."

Sports in Afternoon

Others in the cast and their parts are Suzanne Mass, Mildred; Fay Neale, Muriel McComber; Rob-in James, Norah; Ty Hungerford, Arthur Miller; Tom Collins, Tommy Miller; Bill Huettel, David McComber; James Leissner, Whit Selby; Charles Wade, bartender; Dave Denny, steven.

C. K. Esten of the English department will produce the play. Virginia Wattling is in charge of props and Nadine Carter will supervise the costumes.

The play, the Aggie Players' third production this year, will have an impressionistic setting.

Invited to Ball

All visitors still on the campus Saturday night after the football game are invited to attend the Fish Ball in Sbisla dining hall at 9 p.m., (See HIGH SCHOOL, Page 2)

Acts Picked For Center's Talent Show

With auditioning completed, 16 acts have been chosen for the Intercollegiate Talent show here March 18.

A&M and thirteen other colleges will be represented, and the Melody Maids girls chorus from Beaumont will open and close the show, for a total cast of about 95.

Ted Stecki, winner of the Aggie Talent show last fall, will represent A&M. Other schools are Texas university, Baylor, Southern Methodist university, Texas Christian university, Rice institute, the University of Houston, North Texas State college, Sam Houston State college, Louisiana State university, Oklahoma university, Oklahoma A&M, and the University of Arkansas.

Each school will have one act in the show, except Texas and Oklahoma, which will have two each. The acts were chosen by an auditioning committee that went to each school.

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"All the schools were really interested and the competition was quite strong," said Frank Jaggars, chairman of the Memorial Student Center Music committee, sponsors of the show.

He said the acts were chosen "not only by how good they were, but also by how well they represented the schools."

A master of ceremonies for the show will be named sometime this week, according to Margaret Long, MSC program consultant.

Plans are to have a "big-name" master of ceremonies, she said.

Tickets for the show will be on sale Monday at the MSC main desk. They will be \$1 for general admission and \$1.50 for reserved seats. The show will be in the G. Rollie White coliseum.

Military Names Inspection Dates

A&M's annual federal inspection for both army and air force ROTC units will be April 27 and 28.

A dress review of the corps of cadets will be held the afternoon of the 28th, a Thursday, and the room inspection will probably be that morning.

The inspecting officers will visit military science classrooms and the military building records both days.

Players To Give Show March 14-16

The Aggie Players will present Eugene O'Neill's "Ah Wilderness" March 14-16 in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Directed by Vic Weining of the English department, it is a gentle four-act comedy set in the Northeast about 1906. The play features the crisis of a boy and how he and his family overcome it through patience, common sense, and understanding.

Leading the cast are John Kesinger as Nat Miller; Ted Castle as Richard Miller; Anna Haswell as Essie Miller; Anne Haslam as

Belle; Sara Pate as Lily Miller.

Others in the cast and their parts are Suzanne Mass, Mildred; Fay Neale, Muriel McComber; Rob-in James, Norah; Ty Hungerford, Arthur Miller; Tom Collins, Tommy Miller; Bill Huettel, David McComber; James Leissner, Whit Selby; Charles Wade, bartender; Dave Denny, steven.

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News of the World

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW—Father Georges Bissonnette, the only foreign priest in Russia, has been ordered out. He was called in by Soviet police and told to leave the country by Saturday. Father Bissonnette has been in Moscow since January, 1953. No reason was given for the action.

WASHINGTON—Former McCarthy Subcommittee Counsel Roy Cohn has denied he ever suggested to Harvey Matusow that he made false statements at the trial of 13 convicted Communist leaders. Cohn's denial was made in Federal court in New York.

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower has signed the bill giving members of Congress a 50 per cent pay increase, which will push salaries up to \$22,500. He also noted the Government would get back half of the pay increase in income taxes.

MOSCOW—The Moscow radio has announced the second Soviet government shakeup in two days. Two Ministers have been fired and a third demoted. The move is said to reflect internal domestic problems—since all were connected with either agriculture or coal.

WASHINGTON—William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Banking committee, has warned against hasty conclusions in the Senate investigations of the stock market. The inquiry, which starts today, will be the first Congressional investigation into the market in more than two decades.

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower has said the United States is not going to be a party to aggressive war. He said that the best answer he could make to the question whether we've given the Chinese Nationalists any reason to expect American support for an invasion of Red China.



TEXAS COWBOYS—Sure, it's an elephant, and at A&M too. "Big Babe," eight feet, four inches tall and approximately 9,000 pounds, visited the campus yesterday to promote the Crippled Children's Benefit ball. The dance, which will be held March 17 at Maggie Parker's dining hall in Bryan, is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Shrine club. Tickets are \$1, and all profits are for treatment of crippled children at the Red Year Crippled Children's clinic in Houston. Big Babe, who is owned by C. A. Vernon, made a one day stay, with a free ride given with each purchase of a ticket to the dance. Shown above are Dale Alan Davenport, three-year old son of M. G. Davenport of the agricultural engineering research department, and E. L. Hansen, A&M student, on the elephant. The handler is George Boone.