

# The Battalion

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## Most Class Offices Will Need Runoffs

### Civilian Students

## Water, Food, Dancing To Highlight Weekend

A&M's first Civilian weekend will begin at 5:30 this afternoon with a tug-of-war between the civilian dormitories and housing areas.

The test of strength will be held on the field north of The Grove across West boulevard.

The losing teams in this pulling melee will get doused from a fire hose, which will form the center line for the contest. The planning committee for the weekend activities has indicated that the winning teams may get their share of the water, too, depending upon the aim of whoever is holding the fire hose.

After this, a barbecue will be held in The Grove, and will be open to all students, faculty and staff members. Tickets are 70 cents and a limited number will be available at the door, according to John Cozad, ticket chairman.

Arrangements have been made to provide each person at the barbecue with one full pound of baby beef, plus the usual trimmings, said Hugh Lanktree, general chairman for the weekend.

Entertainment at the barbecue will be furnished by the African Combo and the Aggie Ramblers, and the beard-growing contest will also be judged. Judges are Jane and Joan Ryba, Rice cheerleaders; Judy Nunn, Aggie sweetheart; and Shirley Woodell, Lamar Tech cheerleader.

Two classes of beards will be judged—scruffiest and fanciest—and prizes will be awarded to the top two candidates in each class. The prizes were donated by local merchants.

### Summer Session Begins June 6

The first term of the summer session will begin June 6 and the second term will begin July 15.

Dormitories to be open are Law, Puryear, Bizzell, and the second and third floors of Leggett. Students already living in these dormitories may reserve their rooms for the summer sessions if they wish, according to Harry Boyer, chief of housing.

Nightly entertainment to be provided at The Grove includes movies, square dances, round dances, and skating parties. A local talent show and intramural sports will also be provided for students, said Boyer.

The first annual Civilian ball will cap off the weekend of fun for civilian students. This is also open to corps students, faculty and staff members. Tickets are \$1.50, stag or date, and may be purchased from any Civilian Student Council-

man or at the office of student activities.

Music will be furnished by the Capers Combo, and the dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight.

At 10:30, during the intermission of the dance, the finalists in the Ugly Man contest will be judged to see just who is A&M's ugliest civilian student. Among the judges will be Bill Lawrence, constable of Snook, and Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant. The "winning" student will be awarded an elaborate certificate stating that he is definitely "A&M's ugliest student for 1954-55."

Finalists in this contest are Lanktree, Robert (Bob) McClary, Everet T. Ricketts, Don (Tex) Boehnke, and Cecil R. Curry.

Also during the intermission, a floor show will be presented by the Business Administration Wives club, featuring a can-can line.

Charles Parker will be master of ceremonies for the activities.

## News of the World

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WARSAW, Poland—Communist China pledged yesterday to fight alongside the Soviet Union and its European allies if war erupts in Europe. At the same time a Peiping spokesman said his government is convinced world peace can be preserved.

VIENNA, Austria—The Big Four agreed yesterday on final terms for an Austrian treaty of independence. This country's foreign minister, mindful of an impending top-level East-West meeting, called it "a turning point in world history."

HAIPHONG—Thousands of Communist Vietminh troops swept into the northwest section of this big seaport yesterday and immediately imposed an iron rule of fear. Occupation of Haiphong will be completed today, ending French colonialism in North Indochina.

AUSTIN—A bill clamping rigid controls on the state's veterans land program won unanimous Senate approval today and was sent back to the House with 20 amendments. The measure imposes strict regulations over the administration of the land program, target of sweeping investigations since last November.

WASHINGTON—The House last night passed a \$31,488,206,000 military appropriation bill for next year, upholding President Eisenhower's plans to reduce armed service strength. As the measure went to the Senate it provided for a cut of \$107,300 for the army, navy and marine corps, and an increase of \$5,000 for the air force.



GETTING READY—Two of A&M's "bluebeards" are readying their growths for the beard judging contest at the first annual Civilian Students dance in The Grove tomorrow night. Russ Goodale, animal husbandry junior from Kenedy, is shown trimming the beard of Gene Red, accounting major from Georgetown.

## Holladay Elected Head Yell Leader

Only two class offices, other than for the class of '58, were decided in yesterday's combined class and Election commission election. The freshman class had its election earlier and yesterday's voting was the final runoff election.

Paul Holladay was elected head yell leader for the class of '56. A runoff will be held to decide between David N. Bailey and Gus S. Mijalis. Les Robinson was the winner for student entertainment manager.

The only two class offices, both class of '56, decided were for social secretary, won by Joe Bill Foster, and historian, won by Thomas R. Olsen.

The runoff election for class officers will be held Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 5:15 p.m. The booth will be by the post office entrance.

The Election commission election does not have a runoff, as it is a "sudden death" election.

Complete results follow, with the runoff candidates in boldface. Winners are also in boldface, and also are so noted in the tabulation.

Class of '56

President—John D. Cunningham, 128; Bob Yates, 30; Allen Greer, 143; Lloyd E. Billingsley, 179; Homer Martin 1, (write-in).

Vice-president—R. (Wayne) Young, 118; Gene Stubblefield, 68; Bill Swann, 184; Homer Martin, 120, (write-in). Martin will be in the runoff with Swann, as he was okayed by the Election commission.

Recording secretary—William Nourie, 84; Richard Tachibana, 104; Charles Willis, 47; R. E. Good, 179; Carl Hill, 51.

Social secretary—Joe Foster, 290, (winner); Clay McFarland, 163.

Treasurer—Herman Keller, 33; John Donvie Cain, 41; Jack Edwards, 195; Wade Ingram, 64; Frank Patterson, 143.

Parliamentarian—James Denard, 58; Steve Scott, 80; John Liddy, 89; Kenneth George, 138; Don Burton, 90, (write-in). Burton will be in runoff with George as he was okayed by the Election commission.

Historian—Edward Dusebout, 124; Thomas Olsen, 224, (winner); Gerald Hord, 3, (write-in); Walter Parsons, 107, (write-in).

Sergeant-at-arms—Dexter Lackland, 90; Roy Miller, 46; Jerry Sides, 168; Albert Magnon, 29; Kerry Burleson, 83; Ben Allen, 44.

Student Entertainment manager—Les Robinson, 248, (winner); William Huskey, 181.

Yell leader—(one elected; two men in runoff for other yell leader)—Dudley Swofford, 58; Paul Holladay, 347, (winner, head yell leader); Don R. Burrow, 41; David Bailey, 240; Gus Mijalis, 219; Lynn Monical, 5, (write-in). Runoff for other senior yell leader between Bailey and Mijalis.

Election commission—(no runoff, five elected)—Jennings Bunn, 270; Glenn Buell, 331; Robert Lee, 346; Edward Dusebout, 236; Hughes McCrory, 246; Albert Rial, 249; Rex Rowell, 241; Sidney Pillow, 242.

Class of '57

President—John Cobb, 40; Gay Cloud, 36; Bill Davis, 12; Bill Setzler, 26; Durward Thompson, 58; (See COMPLETED LIST, Page 2)

### Mendes-France

## Ex-Premier Thanks Club

The wine drinkers in France may not have liked ex-premier Pierre Mendes-France's ideas about drinking milk instead of "alcoholic beverages", but the Kream and Kow Klub at A&M had different ideas.

Each year the group presents two honorary memberships to outstanding leaders in the Texas dairy industry at its spring barbecue. This year, the club decided to go a step, or rather a country, further. They presented a special

certificate to Mendes-France, which read as follows:

"In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the health and welfare of the people of his nation through the encouragement of the consumption of dairy products, the Kream and Kow Klub of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas hereby confers Honorary Membership with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto."

The certificate was made up and was translated into French by T. E. Comfort of the modern languages department. It was mailed with a covering letter to the French Embassy in Washington, D. C., to be forwarded to Mendes-France, at that time still premier.

The club received word March 22 that the letter had been forwarded to the French premier, and then settled back to wait for any answer that the busy Frenchman might send.

Monday, the club received an answering letter for Mendes-France,

### Cox Elected Head Of A&M DeMolay

L. O. Cox was elected president of the A&M DeMolay association recently.

Other officers elected were Charles Schiwzer, vice-president; Jim Neighbors, secretary; and Jim Bates, treasurer.

### Steak Fry Honors YMCA Officers

The A&M YMCA installed officers for the 1955-56 school year at a steak fry at Hensel Park recently.

Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Lee Phillip, dean of the chapel at Prairie View A&M college.

Officers installed were Stew Coffman, president; Dan Winship, vice-president; Dick McGlaun, program chairman; Curtis Schulze, secretary; Rollins Bilby, treasurer; Harold Byars, reporter.

Commission chairmen for the new year are David Bagley, freshman guidance; Campbell Wood, world relatedness; Newton Harris, personal life and campus affairs; and Jon Hagler, Christian faith and action.

### For Great Issues

## Sen. Smathers To Speak

Sen. George Smathers, Democrat from Florida, will be at A&M Monday night for the Great Issues Series.

Smathers will speak on "Our Political System is Yours To Protect," in the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

Smathers comes from a long line of political men. His great-grandfather was a member of the Colonial Assembly, his grandfather was a Methodist minister, and his father was a judge.

Smathers moved to Miami at the age of four. He was educated in Miami public schools and received a bachelor degree from the University of Florida in 1932. He received his law degree in 1938.

While at the university, he was captain of the basketball and debating teams, and was president of the Student Body association.

In July, 1942, he volunteered for duty with the marine corps and served until the end of the war. His service included 18 months in the South Pacific, and he is now a lieutenant colonel in the marine reserve.

Smathers entered the race for Congress in 1945 and was re-elected in 1947. He was selected as the outstanding young man in the United States in the field of government in 1948 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Smathers was the first World War II veteran to gain a seat in the House. He was one of the first to support the Marshall Plan of sending aid to war devastated coun-

tries as a means of preventing the spread of Communism. His major fight was to oppose the withdrawal of American troops from Korea.

In 1953, he fought the Alaska statehood bill, and in 1954 he opposed the Hawaiian statehood bill. Smathers was awarded the "Order of Manuel de Cespedes," the highest honor ever given a non-Cuban by the president of Cuba. He was chosen last fall to make a tour of South America to study taxation and aviation problems for the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee.

This is a regular Great Issues series and will be the last one this year, according to Bud Whitney, chairman of the MSC's Great Issues group.



Sen. George Smathers  
Great Issues Speaker

### Weather Today



#### PARTLY CLOUDY

The weather outlook for today is clearing in the afternoon with no rain predicted.

Yesterday's high was 86, low 62. The temperature at 10:15 this morning was 76.