

The Battalion

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Price Five Cents

FSA Will Hold Barbeque For Senior Students

The Former Students Association banquet, honoring all graduating seniors, will be held May 10 at The Grove. Graduating seniors include any student who will receive his degree this summer or next winter.

Starting the program off will be speeches by W. L. Ballard, president of the Association; L. R. Budworth, '32; and Sen. Bracewell, '38, from Houston. The program will start at 6:15.

Cooking will be conducted by Dr. O. D. Butler and Roy Snyder of the Animal Husbandry Department. Fires will be started Wednesday night, May 9, and cooking will continue through the following day. An open fire will be used to cook the ranch style pit barbeque, donated by former students.

Tickets are being circulated through battalion and group commanders in the Corps and through the Civilian Council to dormitory representatives for graduating seniors, according to J. B. (Dick) Hervey, secretary of the FSA.

"The reason tickets are being given this year," Hervey said, "is to help us know how many students will attend the affair."

Tickets may also be picked up at the Student Activities Office or the FSA office in the Memorial Student Center.

Weick Wins Award In Aero Contest

Richard (Dick) Weick, College Station, received a cash award of \$300 as winner of the fourth annual student technical paper contest sponsored by the Texas section of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences in cooperation with the Texas aircraft manufacturers, Edward E. Brush, head of the Texas A. and M. Aeronautical Engineering Department, has announced.

Weick, A&M senior aeronautical engineering student, gave a paper on preliminary design of a turbine powered 400 mph five-place executive airplane. Contest judges were professional aircraft engineering experts who judged entries on originality, technical content, oral presentation and ability of the student contestant to answer questions from judges and the audience.

Center News

A&M Speechmasters' Group will meet in the Social Room at 5:15 today.

Music Group will present the annual FFA talent show Saturday at 1:30 in Guion Hall. All students interested should contact the Directorate Office. Cash prizes will be awarded.



PHOTOGRAPHER'S DATE—The music was lovely and the Cotton Ball was moving right along Friday night as the couples swung and swayed. Mike Keen, Battalion photographer, suddenly discovered the couple shown in the foreground. His date, Miss Judy Fuller from Rice Institute, and one of his partners in the campus photography, Jay Collins, were "cuttin' a rug" on the concrete floor of the Grove. "What's a little 'bird dogging' between friends," Keen said.

Graduates Hear Prankster Professor Talk At 8 Tonight

A co-inventor of a machine used for measuring tenderness in meats will present a graduate lecture in the lecture room of the Biological Sciences Building at 8 tonight.

Lyman J. Bratzler, professor of Animal Husbandry at Michigan State University, will lecture on "Physical and Chemical Characteristics of Pork as Related to the Producer and Consumer."

In his lecture Bratzler will discuss how pork can be adjusted to suit the desires of consumers more easily than any other red meat.

"Bratzler has studied the problem from the vantage point of the meat salesman, producer and scientist," according to Dr. O. D. Butler of the Animal Husbandry Department at A&M.

"His discussion will be of interest to homemakers, home economists, food technologists, and others interested in pork production and processing," Butler added.

Bratzler has had ten years experience with product development from Cudahy Packing Company, followed with operation of a private wholesale meat business. He served with the Army Quartermaster Corps during World War II.

He served as the first chairman of the Executive Committee of the Reciprocal Meats Conference and holds other honors in his field.

Weather Today

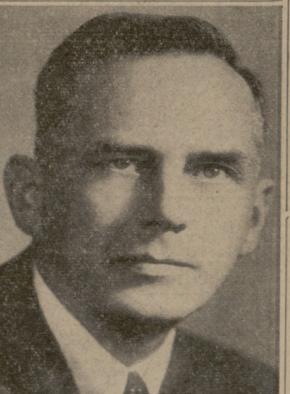
RAIN
Scattered light thunder showers until 4:30 this afternoon. Then scattered heavy showers with possible hail until 10:30 tonight. Yesterday's high and low were 85 and 68 degrees. Temperature at 10:30 this morning was 80 degrees.

Prankster Takes A Shot At Airplane

Frank A. (Bud) Johnson, junior industrial education major from Sherman, was shot at by an unknown gunman while flying his light plane five miles west of Easterwood airport early Sunday afternoon.

Johnson was practicing low altitude training maneuvers at 600 feet when he heard a noise in the rear of the aircraft. He immediately returned to Easterwood to try to find out what caused the noise. An inspection of the airplane revealed several dents and a small hole in the rear part of the fuselage, apparently caused by a small caliber rifle.

Brazos county sheriffs department investigated the incident and reported it to the State Highway Patrol as the locality of the shooting is outside Brazos county.



Clarence E. Ayres
Phi Kappa Phi Speaker

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates Tonight

One hundred students and four faculty members will be initiated into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society tonight at 7 in the Ballroom of the MSC.

Dr. Clarence E. Ayres, professor of economics at University of Texas, and a nationally known author and economist will be the principal speaker.

Dr. Ayres will speak on "The Values of an Industrial Society."

Phi Kappa Phi is a national society for the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all fields of study. The A&M Chapter requires a 2.25 gpr and the student must be in the upper 10 per cent of his class.

Dr. W. E. Street, president of the A&M Chapter and head of the Engineering Department will preside at the meeting. Members of the arrangements committee are Dr. A. W. Melloh, Dr. E. C. Klipple and Dr. J. H. Milliff.

I Believe . . .

(Ed. Note: This is the first of series of contributed articles on the subject of church attendance.)

Freedom of worship is the heritage of democracy—and the propelling influence of our Christian nation.

Regular attendance at the church of our choice is a recognition of this privilege and blessing and identifies us with others who share our faith in a way of living. To truly worship God in our individual lives is to want to contribute to the spreading of His Gospel.

Ignorance of the organization of churches is neglect of the strongest force for peace in the world.

Joe E. Davis
Colonel, Infantry, USAR
Commandant

Room Reservations Available in MSC

Requests for Memorial Student Center guest room reservations for the football weekends and other major event weekends for the 1956-57 school year will be accepted during May, according to Mrs. Mozelle Holland, MSC guest room manager.

A deposit will be required of those persons receiving reservations. The reservation will be cancelled if no deposit is received at least two weeks before the event.

Contracts Awarded By System Directors

The Board of Directors of the A&M College System, meeting here Friday, awarded \$339,289 in contracts, appropriated \$35,500 for future improvements, authorized reception of bids for an additional \$46,500 in future construction and confirmed one previous contract of \$16,342.

At A&M the board awarded a contract to Leftwich, Stenis and Harris Co. of Houston for remodeling four former veterinary hospital buildings for use by the Civil Engineering Department on a low bid of \$238,153.

Other contracts at A&M are as follows:

To R. B. Butler, Inc., Bryan, for replacing entrance steps to two dormitories, \$13,750; to Leftwich, Stenis and Harris, for replacing dormitory plumbing, \$16,895; to Fisher Floor Covering Co., Brenham, for laying rubber tile floor in two dormitories, \$8,898; to B. F. Johnson Elevator Co., Waco, for rebuilding elevators in two buildings, \$15,414; to Weiler Air Conditioning Company, Paris, for installation of an air conditioning system on the System Administration Building, second floor, \$46,179.

The board also authorized the system's chancellor to receive bids for four air conditioning installations, for dormitory roofing repairs and for alterations to the College Hospital at an estimated cost of \$46,500, appropriated \$1,000 for extension of a heat tunnel to the new dairy and biochemistry building and made a supplemental appropriation of \$20,000 for equipment at the college power plant.

An appropriation of \$14,500 for additional equipment for the new cafeteria at Arlington State College was approved by the board, which confirmed an award of contract March 22 to Leftwich, Stenis and Harris, Houston, for remodeling the library building at Prairie View A&M College. The original award was made on a low bid of \$16,342.

Directors also approved authorization to receive bids for repairing and repainting dormitories at Prairie View for which \$30,000 was appropriated in February.

Board of Directors Pass Resolutions

Board of Directors of the A&M College System at their meeting last week, passed resolutions paying tribute to the late J. Wheeler Barger and Alva Mitchell, and a resolution of appreciation for Mrs. Irene (Mom) Claghorn.

The resolution concerning Barger acknowledged the board's gratitude for the years of service he gave to the school. Mitchell's resolution expressed the board's appreciation to the service rendered by the late professor. Mrs. Claghorn's resolution expressed the hope of the Board for her speedy recovery from her injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Heart Attack Claims 'Veep' At Mock Demo Convention

Sen. Alben W. Barkley Struck During Speech

LEXINGTON, Va.—(AP)—Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky) collapsed and died yesterday of a heart attack on the stage he loved best—the political platform.

The 78-year-old "Veep" in the Truman administration faltered and fell as he neared the end of a 30-minute keynote speech at Washington and Lee University's mock Democratic convention.

He had just recalled his national political career as a congressman, junior senator, senior senator, majority leader, vice president and finally junior senator again for the cheering students. His last words were:

"I am willing to be a junior. I am glad to sit on the back row, for I had rather be a servant in the house of the Lord than to sit in the seats of the mighty."

He stepped back as though trying to continue and fell at 5:13 p.m., brushing a microphone to the stage with him.

A hush fell over the stuffy gymnasium which moments before had been rocking to Barkley's quips.

Mrs. Barkley, the St. Louis widow he married in 1949, was in the audience. Virginia's Gov. Thomas B. Stanley escorted her to the platform.

Within five minutes Dr. Robert Munger, university physician, was at Barkley's side. But the "Veep" was already dead. Dr. Munger said the heart attack was either a fibrillation or coronary occlusion.

A minister on the stage, the Rt. Rev. John J. Gravatt, Episcopal bishop of South Carolina, said he didn't believe the former vice president took "a single breath after he fell."

The 1,000 students, assembled to try to preguess the real Democratic convention of next August in all the hoopla and trappings of a real convention, underwent a sharp shift of mood as Barkley lay on the stage. There was an uneasy quiet.

Stretcher bearers removed the body to a mortuary, pending plans for removal to Washington. State trooper J. B. Ratliff left with Mrs. Barkley to drive her back to Washington in the Barkley car. Mrs. Francis P. Gaines, wife of the W&L president, accompanied her.

The Veep, who had been a delegate to every Democratic National Convention since 1920 and considered briefly making a try for the top spot on the ticket in 1952, delivered a last speech that bore the genuine Barkley brand.

He said when he arrived in Lexington he had not decided whether he would seek to go to Chicago again this August for the national convention.

"But since getting here, the old fire horse hears the bell," he said. Later, when he decried any intention of being a presidential candidate himself, he said.

"All fire apparatus is now automotive and not horse drawn."

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Judging Contest Will Be Held On May Fourth

The annual Freshman and Sophomore Judging Contest will be held May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the A&I Building and at the Aggie Rodeo Arena.

The contest, sponsored by the Saddle and Sirlin Club, will be divided into two separate contests. One, open to all academically classified freshmen and the other to sophomores having that academic classification.

Any freshman or sophomore in the School of Agriculture, including pre-veterinary medicine students, are eligible to compete.

Official entries must be turned in to Mrs. Louise Glenn in the Animal Husbandry Office in the A&I Building no later than 12 noon Wednesday.

The winners of the contest will be announced and prizes awarded at the annual Saddle and Sirlin Club Spring Barbeque May 11. Prizes for the contest are on exhibit in the A&I Building.

"The contest will include the judging of livestock, meats and wool," according to A. R. Thallman, superintendent of the contest.

"All contests will be in charge of the Junior and Senior Meats, Livestock and Wool Judging Teams," Thallman added.

The contests will be divided into the following classes: heifers, steers, fat lambs, and swine in the livestock division; fine wool and cross-bred fleeces in the wool division; beef and pork carcasses in the meats division.

Sophomores will be required to give oral reasons on two classes while freshmen will answer two sets of questions.

The contest will be open to the general public.

Filings Open For Seventeen Places

Filings opened today in the Office of Student Activities for positions of civilian yell leader, class agent for the class of '56 and members of the election commission.

Filings will close May 7 and students interested may file their names between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the YMCA.

Five members from each of the classes of '57, '58 and '59 will be chosen for the election commission.

The election for these positions will be held May 16 at the voting booth at the Post Office entrance of the MSC.

Jenkins To Head Singing Cadets

Charles Jenkins was elected president and Ed Burkhead vice-president of the Singing Cadets at their annual awards banquet Saturday night in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Jenkins, junior Mechanical Engineering student from Lamesa and Burkhead, junior architect student from Lamesa replace Harry Scott and Charles (Rocky) Arnold who received gold pocket watches as gifts.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Bob Surovik, sophomore accounting student from Mt. Pleasant, business manager; Jimmy Bond, sophomore Petroleum Engineering student from College Station, reporter-historian and Clem Sherek, freshman Mechanical Engineering major from Corpus Christi, librarian.

Harry Scott, outgoing president, was master of ceremonies at the banquet. He introduced Surovik, who gave a brief talk on the activities of the group this year.

Main speaker for the dinner was Judge W. S. Barron of Bryan. Judge Barron told how good music affects man, "governing his thoughts, actions, and his emotions."

Following Judge Barron's speech, Singing Cadet's director Bill Turner presided over the presentation of awards. Joe Blair, John "Cookie" Brannen, and Bill Revere received gifts for having sung ten semesters with the group. Letter sweaters were presented to Edward Burkhead, Carol Cato, and Jerry Leighton for having over six semesters with the group.

Gold keys were presented to those having four semesters, and members with at least two semesters received silver keys.

Director Turner received a gold wrist watch from the group for his outstanding service for the year.

Follies Tickets

Tickets for "Khaki Jungle," 1956 Follies to be presented May 4 and 5, go on sale today. The tickets may be purchased from Civilian Council representatives, unit first sergeants, and from the office of Student Activities, third floor YMCA.



KING AND QUEEN—Shown above are Holman Griffin and Miss Barbara Ann Martin, King and Queen of the Cotton Ball Friday night. Miss Martin is a high school senior from Corpus Christi. She was chosen queen from more than 100 candidates.