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## Filings For 35 Senate Posts Open Monday

Filings will begin Monday at 8 a. m. for 35 vacancies in the Student Senate to be filled from the senior, junior and sophomore classes. College View day students and civilian dormitories.

Of these vacancies 15 will be filled from the senior class; 10 from the junior class; 6 from the sophomore class; 2 from day students 1 from College View and 1 from each of the civilian dormitories.

In addition to the above members the vice-presidents of the four classes—senior, junior, sophomore and freshman—are members of the senate.

The freshman vice-president will be chosen at an election to be held Nov. 1.

Qualifications for Student Senators are as follows: They must be at least a classified sophomore, except in case of the freshman class vice-president; must have a 1.0 gpr; must have attended A&M for two previous semesters, except for the freshman vice-president; must live in the dormitory or area he represents and must be willing and expect to serve for two semesters.

Filings will remain open until Monday, Oct. 8, at the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the YMCA. Elections will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17.

## Pre-Med, Pre-Dent Club Elects Alders

Richard W. Alders was elected president of the A&M pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Society Tuesday night at its first meeting this year.

A. B. Medlen is faculty advisor. Other officers are J. Craig Stephens, vice president; Rodolfo E. Margo, secretary - treasurer; Boydie E. Fereday, correspondence secretary; Frank T. Kallus, social chairman; Robert Lee Jennings, parliamentarian; and Edward A. Taylor, reporter.

Arts and Sciences Council representatives are Charles L. Heaton, senior, and Robert W. Maniha, junior.

The group set the first and third Tuesdays in each month as meeting dates for this year.

Also discussed at the meeting were plans for next week's meeting at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Biological Science Building.

The group will view a film at the next meeting. Freshmen students are urged to attend and invited to become members, says Edward Taylor, reporter.

## Saturday Last Day

Last day for dropping courses without a failing grade is tomorrow. Through Saturday students may withdraw from courses with a grade of WP.



FIGHTING TO KEEP A&M BEAUTIFUL are (left to right) L. Baker, W. Odstereil, J. G. Ryan, J. E. Hurt and A. Mercado.

## Old Battle With New Weapons

## They Fight A Persistent Foe

By LELAND BOYD  
Battalion News Editor

A 35-man army of workers and specialists are fighting a persistent enemy that insists on trying to make the A&M campus look like a desert.

The army's weapon—water—and it is not an easy battle.

A drought of seven years standing, the enemy, sees to it that their efforts are slow to show results. Evidence of the drought is left in "easy-to-see" places: bare ground where grass is not given special care; wilting shrubs and trees and swarms of dust that settles in rooms and on cars.

The problem has experts and laymen alike wringing their hands and asking, "What next?"

Superintendent of the group's maintenance department J. W. MacQueen puts it this way "I don't know what we are going to do if it doesn't start raining."

One of the latest gimmicks in trying to co-exist with the problem is the adaptation of a practice long used by horticulturists. Instead of drilling holes and supplementary

## S&S Club Holds Barbecue Later

Saddle and Siroin Clubs' Fall Barbecue has been postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 15, according to Bob Johnson, president.

Originally planned for Tuesday night the festivities have been postponed because of Yell Practice and the regular Club meeting will be held in the A&I Building.

feeding trees as is usually done, MacQueen says his department is drilling holes around trees that show signs of drying up and giving the area a shot of water.

Two workers were carrying this theory out between Guion Hall and the Memorial Student Center Thursday and finding barriers to stop them.

The ground was packed into near "cement" due to quite a few pedestrians tramping on it and the workers had to press hard on the power auger they use before it would bite into the soil.

After managing to drill a hole about two feet deep another worker joggled a pipe in and gave the sub-soil a liberal squirt of water.

## AAUP Observes Smoker Tuesday

Annual smoker of the A&M Chapter of American Association of University Professors will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday night in the Ballroom of the MSC.

A panel discussion on "Possibilities of a Faculty Club at A&M" will head the evenings entertainment, according to Mike Kremitsky, vice-president of the AAUP.

"We would like to have a large turnout for this meeting to enable the new members of the faculty to meet some of the older members," Sidney Brown, president said.

Plenty of cigarettes cigars, coffee cokes and cookies will be available for attending members.

"We don't know how successful this will be," says MacQueen. "The trees are already in low vigor. But we are sort of desperate and want to keep them alive through the drought."

Foreman of the tree watering crew, J. E. Hurt, says, "It is very important that we save these trees because it takes nature about 40 years to grow them."

Other places the crew has done the "last straw" watering include the trees on Houston Street south of White Coliseum and on the streets west of the Agriculture Building.

At some places the ground is not quite as hard and the workers can eliminate drilling holes. They simply drive the pipe into the ground and turn on the water.

Other efforts of the maintenance department are grass irrigation at places like the MSC lawn, the drill field, the band practice field, the new Veterinary Medicine Center lawn, the Academic Building lawn and Spence Park.

MacQueen says his department spends 75 per cent of its time doing this. The efforts go to carting the pipes around, stretching them out and connecting them to a fire plug.

Then the water sprinkles awhile (See ENEMY, Page 2)

## British, French Keep Striking Force Ready

## Shivers Backs Public School Segregation

AUSTIN—(AP)—The next legislature will be asked to enact laws requiring separate white and Negro public schools in Texas, Gov. Shivers indicated yesterday.

The out-going governor said he would make recommendations to the legislature using the report on segregation in public schools approved 13 to 5 yesterday by his 40-member advisory committee. Two members did not vote. Twenty were absent.

"In general, I agree with its aims," Shivers said. "I hope that the public school system will never be abolished in Texas."

The Texas Supreme Court has outlawed state segregation laws as applied to public schools and approximately 100 school districts are now integrated.

In outlining a 20-point program aimed at halting integration of public schools, the committee recommended the Legislature pass a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment "to clarify the state-federal relationship and thereby halt illegal federal encroachment in those areas reserved to the several states and their people under the constitution."

## FFA Sets Record At First Meeting

The A&M Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America listed 96 members present at its first meeting Tuesday in the Agricultural Engineering lecture room.

Chapter members say that 96 is a record.

J. R. Jackson of the Agricultural Education Department spoke on "How the FFA Benefits College Students".

Following Jackson's speech, Robert Van Winkel of Kilgore was awarded a scholarship sponsored by Santa Fe Railroad. Santa Fe's agricultural agent made the presentation.

Coffee and donuts were served at the close of the meeting. The chapter voted to make the refreshment period a highlight of each meeting.

## A.F. Officials Coming To Discuss Program

Officials of the Air Materiel Command from Wright - Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, are expected to arrive soon to negotiate a contract with the college for the proposed Air Force Flight Training program here on the campus.

A&M is one of 38 colleges in the U. S. scheduled for the flight training as the result of a recent bill passed by Congress.

Recipients of the program will be seniors in the Army and Air Force ROTC. Only two colleges in Texas will benefit from the bill this year. Besides A&M, Baylor

## Study Group Plans Fine Art Exhibit

A fine arts exhibit of work done by members of the Campus Study Club is slated for the opening tea to be held Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. in the MSC Social Room.

Members of the club are asked to bring any pictures, china, or ceramics done by themselves for display. These should be taken to the Social Room Tuesday from 9-9:30 a. m.

Further information can be obtained from Mrs. E. R. Alexander, VI 6-7185.

## Ministers Emphasize International Control

PARIS—(AP)—British and French spokesmen reiterated yesterday their government's determination to press for international control of the Suez Canal while maintaining a joint military build-up in striking distance of Egypt.

The French-British stand was emphasized after a conference here between Premier Guy Mollet and Prime Minister Eden and their foreign ministers.

They expressed full agreement on the line to be followed in the U.N. Security Council's pending debate on the Suez issue even as President Eisenhower indicated in Washington he would be willing to compromise on the kind of international operation which would be worked out for the waterway.

The British and French have insisted the canal must be run internationally and they have displayed annoyance at what they feel is U.S. reluctance on this point.

Eisenhower expressed hope at a news conference that a provisional method of canal operation could be worked out, perhaps along the lines of the 18-nation majority proposal at the first London Suez conference for international supervision.

Rejected outright by Egypt's President Nasser, that proposal remains a main objective of French - British policy, official spokesmen said.

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## Entomology Club Elects Klement

Wilfred J. Klement, was elected president of the Entomology Club at their first meeting of the semester Tuesday night.

Other officers are Bill Clark, vice-president; Sidney Kunz, secretary-treasurer and Henry Estes, reporter.

Meeting dates selected for the 1956-57 year are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

## New Building Contract Let At Prairie View

Work is expected to start within the next month on a new, completely modern Home Economics building at Prairie View A&M. Contract for the 18,905-square foot structure was let to Leftwich, Stenis & Harris, Houston, on a bid of \$343,901 at the September meeting of the Board of Directors of the A&M College System.

Appropriations of \$6,000 for landscaping and sidewalks and \$28,000 for equipment for this building were made by the System board at the same time.

The new 25-room men's dormitory at Prairie View was officially named by the board in honor of George Washington Buchanan, who served as a member of the college faculty for 35 years. During his service at Prairie View, Buchanan taught biology and mathematics and served for a time as college librarian.

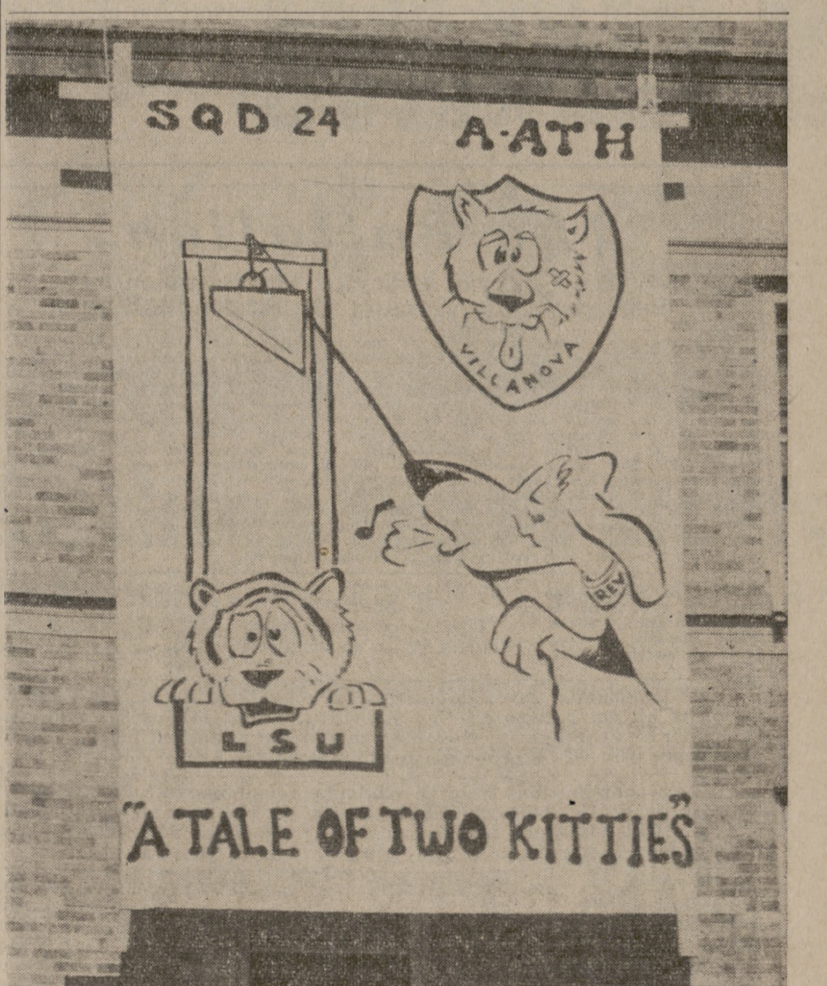
The college hospital at Prairie View was officially named in honor of the late Dr. J. Granville Osborne, who served as college physician from 1916 to 1918 and as principal of the college from 1918 until his retirement in 1925. Dr. Osborne is credited with developing the college hospital, the establishment of the program of Nursing Education at Prairie View and with pioneering the development of a scientific curricula at the college.

## Absentee Voting

Absentee voting for the Nov. 6 general election will start Oct. 17, according to the Brazos County Clerk's office. Last day for casting absentee ballots is Nov. 2.



LEADING TIGER SUPPORTERS—Cheering at A&M Consolidated High School games is under the direction of these four young ladies, Consolidated cheerleaders for 1956-57. The girls, who will be seen in Tiger Stadium next Friday night when the Consolidated team plays host to Giddings, are, left to right, Carolyn Wilson, Jeanette Vance, Lucy Rogers and Ann Hite. Miss Hite, a senior, is head cheerleader and Miss Rogers is the other senior leaders. Miss Vance and Miss Wilson are junior cheerleaders.



BEST SIGN—Pictured above is the best sign of the week designed by "A" Athletics and Squadron 24.