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Student Senate Calls For Insurance Ballot

Legislature Hears A&M's Cash Needs

By JIM BOWER
So far, three proposed budgets for A&M to live on the next two years have been submitted to the legislative appropriations committees.

A&M requested an appropriation of \$5,647,619. Governor Price Daniel has submitted a budget of \$4,715,327 and the legislative budget board set their figure at \$4,403,873.

None of these proposals are concrete, according to President D. W. Williams, who spent the early part of this week in Austin before committee hearings.

"The bulk of what we finally get will be what they accept, the number of students multiplied by a per student credit hour cost recommended by the commission on higher education," he said.

For the appropriation two years ago, the legislature figured this per student unit to be \$8.33. A&M's average cost for this unit last year was \$10.12.

President Williams said "any figure they arrive at for A&M will not be just if they consider A&M across the board with the other schools."

He explained this by saying that A&M has 54 per cent of its enrollment in technical courses and naturally, the technical courses run much higher per student credit hour than do the liberal arts courses.

The average per student credit hour cost in liberal arts is \$7.50. It is \$11.85 in science courses, \$14.85 in engineering, \$18.87 in agriculture and \$24.07 in veterinary medicine.

Nearest school to A&M has only 36 per cent enrollment in technical courses.

A&M has managed to limp along so far only because of a surplus built up during the early

post World War II days when the campus was crowded with veterans whose education was being paid by the government. Instead of paying the individual as they do now, the school was paid. With this, plus the allotment from the state, A&M built a sizeable surplus.

The last of that surplus, \$400,000 was spent last year. All of the proposed budgets now being considered by the legislature are strictly for advisory and informational purposes to help the committees reach their decision.

After three days in Austin, President Williams said "you never know where you stand, just constantly hope and answer questions from the committees. Our cause is by no means lost. We have had a good hearing so far. The legislature has a high respect for A&M."

When the House Appropriations committee settles its figure and the Senate Finance committee has reached a figure, the two bills are given to the Free Conference Committee which serves to bring together the figures of the House and Senate.

This appropriation is not final in that approximately \$900,000 comes into A&M from sources of its own Campus buildings are not paid for by this appropriation.

Months before the legislature (See A&M BUDGET, Page 2)

Moms, Dads Club To Meet Monday

Mothers and Dads Club of A&M Consolidated School meets at 7:30 p. m. Monday in the school auditorium. After a short business meeting, C. H. Ransdell, associate dean of the Basic Division of A&M College, will speak on "Is Your Junior High Student Failing College Now?"

Much Talk Flows In Busy Session

By JIM NEIGHBORS

After much "passing the buck" and "spinning of wheels" the Student Senate last night passed a motion to hold a special election to see if Aggies want a compulsory insurance program on this campus.

Setting the stage for the discussion was Senator John Webb's Hospital Committee report.

"If the election is held before Feb. 15 with a majority turn-out and a majority vote, Dean Kamm will be for it and will support the issue at the next Board of Directors meeting," Webb said.

Thursday, Feb. 14 was set as the date for holding the special election and the Senate after several "false starts" even stipulated that ballot boxes be placed in three different strategic locations on the campus for maximum vote-catching effects.

One of the many motions passed at the Thursday night session of our local legislature stated one ballot box be located in front of Sbis Mess Hall, one in the Memorial Student Center and the third and final one in front of Duncan Mess Hall.

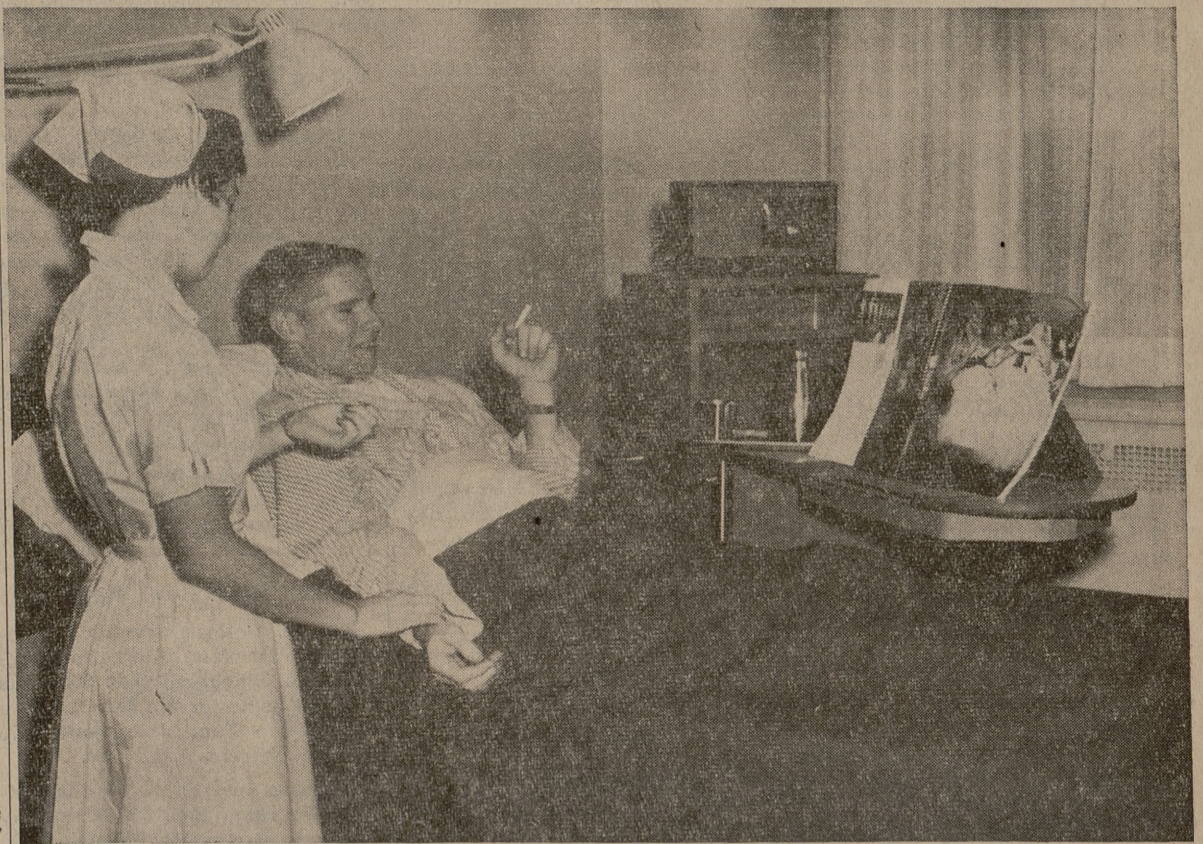
Seven motions about insurance voting were made and run through the legislating mill.

Remarks from the senators on the issue ran the gamut from "make sure the guys vote" to "if you can possibly talk the seniors into it, have them vote." Webb plugged for the measure with "let's talk it up."

Another of the numerous motions made was to set the qualifications that must be fulfilled in order to vote. This one died for lack of a second. Finally passed was a motion allowing "every Aggie with an I.D. card" the privilege of voting.

Campus Chest Fund

Following a report on the Texas Hungarian Scholarship Fund, Senate President Larry Piper introduced a proposal asking that the Senate sanction his investigating (See SENATE, page 2.)



A FAR CRY from the old days at the College Hospital are the new furnishings in this room contributed through the efforts of the Corpus Christi A&M Mothers Club. Shown enjoying the facilities is Paul Dupont and Nurse Billie Smith checking the no doubt erratic pulse.

Mother's Club Supplies Room In Hospital

Furnishings for one of the College Hospital's private rooms were recently bought through the contribution of the Corpus Christi A&M Mothers Club.

Dr. C. R. Lyons, hospital superintendent, accepted a check for \$327, which is the cost of furnishing one room. According to Lyons, funds for remodeling have been exhausted and several mothers clubs have expressed a desire to furnish rooms for the hospital.

At present there are only 10 standard hospital beds available and a need for 28. Other clubs are expected to contribute in the future. Brass plaques crediting the contributions have been ordered by Lyons to place on the doors of the rooms.

Mrs. Durward Thompson, president of the Corpus Christi Club, sent the club's contribution to Lyons two weeks ago. However, no Corpus Christi Aggie has entered the hospital since that time.

Lyons anticipates remodeling all the private and semi-private rooms this summer. "At present there are too few hospital beds for our patients," said Lyons.

Dewey 'Won't Support' Present Law Court Bill

By WELTON JONES

The proposed Brazos County Court-at-Law has been delayed until at least March 1.

"I cannot support Senate bill 66 in its present form," State Rep. Brownrigg Dewey of Bryan said last night. "I am opposed to the measure because it is mandatory and not permissive."

Under the present bill, introduced and passed in the state senate by Sen. W. T. (Bill) Moore of Bryan, the county would be required to

pay at least \$8,400 per year to a County Court-at-Law judge who would try county jurisdiction cases currently tried in the 85th District Court, under an agreement made in 1917.

"The County Commissioners Court sets salary, under certain limitations, for all other county officials, and should be allowed to in this case, I believe," Rep. Dewey said.

Dewey also objects to present provisions calling for a court stenographer, court clerk and some other court employees. He said that most of these offices could be done away with by using some of the district employes, such as the district clerk. In this manner,

Dewey hopes to reduce the estimated \$20,000 which the court supposedly would cost county taxpayers.

The representative ruled out all possibility that the court might support itself through fees and fines, saying he thought there was "no question" on this.

Earlier, some local attorneys, including District Judge W. T. McDonald and acting district, county attorney John Barron, said that they thought the court could support itself.

"All salaries would come from the county salary fund, where the other employes are paid from," he said. Dewey said that he knew nothing of the Moore Bill until Sen. Moore sent him some copies. This was after the bill had been passed in the senate.

"Usually in a case like this, some group such as the county bar association presents the proposed bill to the county's representative and senator, who then introduce the bill in their respective houses," said Dewey. "Neither the Brazos County Bar Association or myself knew of the Moore bill until after its passing in the senate."

Bills of this nature, dealing with local affairs, are usually passed in the Texas legislature as a matter of courtesy to the legislator introducing them.

At present the Moore bill is in the House Counties Committee, and will almost certainly not be considered on the floor of the House until introduced by Rep. Dewey.

"At present I have drafted a group of amendments to the bill and plan to send them to interested parties locally," the representative said. "Without these clauses, I cannot personally support the present bill."

The Dewey amendments include setting the salary of the new judge within the same limits as that of the present county judge; \$6,000 to \$8,500, and doing away with the court employes.

"There has also been some disagreement on the bill's provision placing the juvenile court under the new judge," Dewey said. "Perhaps the best solution would be to have the three judges, county judge, court-at-law judge and district judge, meet at the first of each year and decide juvenile jurisdiction."

Weather Today

Cloudiness is forecast until 6 this evening, after which skies are expected to clear. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 72 degrees. Yesterday's high was 79 degrees, and the low this morning 63.

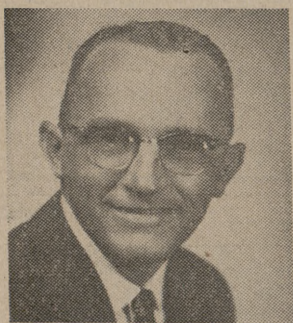
Eighteen Religious Leaders Featured In Annual Program

By JOE BUSER

Religious Emphasis Week gets under way Monday, February 18 and throughout the following week 18 religious leaders and ministers will be on the campus lending their efforts to the annual program.

The 18 will live in college dormitories and conduct group discussions, forums and personal conferences. The group meetings are planned in conjunction with daily meetings during morning hours in Guion Hall.

Dr. Claude Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., is to be speaker for the morning gatherings.

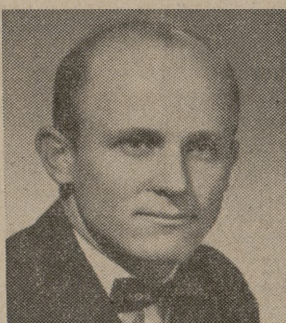


Rev. Kirk Allen

Living in Dorm 10 and conducting meetings in the lounge for Dorm 10 and 12 will be Rev. W. Kirk Allen Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lufkin. Allen, who has served two years active duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve as Chaplain, is a native of Greenville, S. C. He received his

B. A. from Furman University and B. D. from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Allen has served as Chairman of the Christian Education Committee of Brazos Presbytery, member of Christian Education Committee of Synod of Texas and Chairman of the Texas Field Council of Presbyterian Churches.

W. L. Smith of the Baptist Board of Education will live in Hart Hall to conduct forums in the lounge



W. L. Smith

for Hart and Bizzell. Born in Portland, Tex., Smith received his B. B. A. from A&I College in 1949. In 1953 he received his B. D. from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has spent two years in the famous "link-up" battalion of the U. S. Army, the 69th Infantry. Smith served as Baptist Student Union Director and teacher of Bible at East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce during 1954. He was Summer Missionary to the Bahama Islands and helped promote and conduct the first

Vacation Bible Schools there. He and his wife hope to be appointed as Foreign Missionaries to Argentina in April.

Rev. Richard B. Clayborne, Woodlawn Christian Church, San Antonio, will live in Walton Hall



Rev. R. B. Clayborne

to lead discussions there in the lounge. Clayborne was born in Wheeler, Tex. and went to high school in Aransas Pass. He attended Baylor University Law School, transferred to Texas Christian University in 1938 to study for the ministry. He received his B. A. from TCU in 1940 and was honored as most outstanding Bible major. At Brite College of Bible in 1943 he received his B. D. and entered the U. S. Navy as Chaplain immediately. He has served as President, District I, Christian Churches of Texas and as a member, Board of Directors, Texas Board, Board of Christian Churches. His pastorates include Waxahachie, Main Street Christian Church, and Borger, First Christian Church.

Teachers Learn From Their Pupils

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP)—Handicapped youngsters are taught to walk and talk at a school where teachers learn from their pupils.

It is Eastern Michigan College's Horace Rackham School of Education. Its students will be those teachers who take up the difficult task of aiding the crippled, the deaf, the partly blind and the mentally handicapped.

Fighting Sen. Douglas Speaks Tonite in MSC

By JOE W. TINDEL

Sen. Paul Douglas, Democrat from Illinois, who once called for a higher standard of ethics in the national capital, speaks tonight on "Our Trouble Spots" at 8 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The so-called "fighting liberal" sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee has at times spoken out against popular causes.

"Government business should not be settled at cocktail parties or around dinner tables at hotels," he once said.

Some Southerners opposed him in the Democratic National Convention in August when he was a strong proponent of the liberal civil rights plank to the party platform.

Despite opposition in some camps Sen. Douglas has managed to win consistently in Illinois.

In 1948 he received a 407,000 plurality compared with 33,600

margin for President Truman in the state.

The Illinois Democrat, a former economics professor, taught at the University of Illinois, Reed College in Portland, Ore., the University of Washington and the University of Chicago. He has written several books on economics, one of which was awarded a \$5,000 prize in international competition.

Sen. Douglas not only has been a professor but also a Marine. He served with the First Marine Division in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star for "Heroism in Action" in the campaign at Pellelieu.

The speaker once said this of foreign policy:

"In my view, non-resistance is impossible as a state policy. If we try to deal with a police state with a policy of non-resistance, a glacier of darkness would sweep over the whole free world. It might last a

thousand years."

Officers Attending Police School

Officers from municipal police departments all over the state are attending the Texas Municipal Police School at A&M which will end Feb. 22.

The course, conducted by the Engineering Extension Service, covers such topics as criminal investigation, accident investigation, preservation of evidence, traffic control and traffic law, juvenile control, public relations, patrol methods and procedures, police duties and responsibilities and other subjects.

Quite a few distinguished lawmen and specialists are serving as guest instructors at the school. It is directed by the police training staff of the Engineering Extension Service. Wallace Beasley is coordinator and Ira Scott and Ed. E. Powell, instructors.

Observer Post To Hold Alert Sunday At MSC

College Station Ground Observers will scan the sky Sunday from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. on the second floor south patio of the Memorial Student Center in search of possible enemy aircraft, Kent Hallaran, post supervisor said yesterday.

"In the first alert for the Corps here, members and those interested in becoming members will join posts in other parts of the state in participating in this phase of Civilian Defense, he said.

Hallaran urges all persons interested in joining the watch and possibly becoming ground Observers to come to the MSC Sunday.

He says any hours members spend on duty will count on the training period. A member who collects 15 hours of class time and participation receives a training certificate as a qualified observer, Hallaran says. Observer wings are given to those completing 25 hours, he says.

Ground Observer Corps posts have been organized in several areas of the nation to fill gaps in the radar screen of defense. Radar is hindered by obstructions and thus is usually ineffective below 5,000 feet, according to T/Sgt. John L. George, commander, Sub-detachment 2, 4178 Ground Observer Squadron.

Assisting Hallaran and Sgt. George in the alert will be Mrs. Homer Adams, chief observer. Boy Scout Troop 163 will be among the observers.

Similar alerts will be held in the future once each month, Sgt. George said.