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Students Turn Out in Record Number To Reject Compulsory Insurance Plan

Off the Cuff
What Goes
On Here

Students, staff members and just about anybody else with a desire to do some star-gazing should get in touch with somebody in Dr. Jack Kent's Astronomy Club. They take special groups and really make the heavens put on a show, with the aid of telescopes and other apparatus in the physics department.

Also each Thursday night they give lectures in room 320 of the Physics Building to budding astronomers. Usually these sessions attract about 120-150 viewers per night.

Dr. J. S. Rogers, head of the Agronomy Department, returned today from Lubbock where he attended a conference on Agricultural Chemicals. He was chairman of the corn and sorghum testing program panel.

College Station will lose an old friend soon, when the ancient traffic light at the North Gate goes down under the onslaught of progress and a new, more efficient one replaces it.

City Manager Ran Boswell has had the new one hanging in the city shop for about three months, afraid that the additional weight of the new light would pull the building down. The old one looks dangerous sometimes, if you haven't noticed.

But the new one weighs even less, and Boswell hopes to have it in next week.

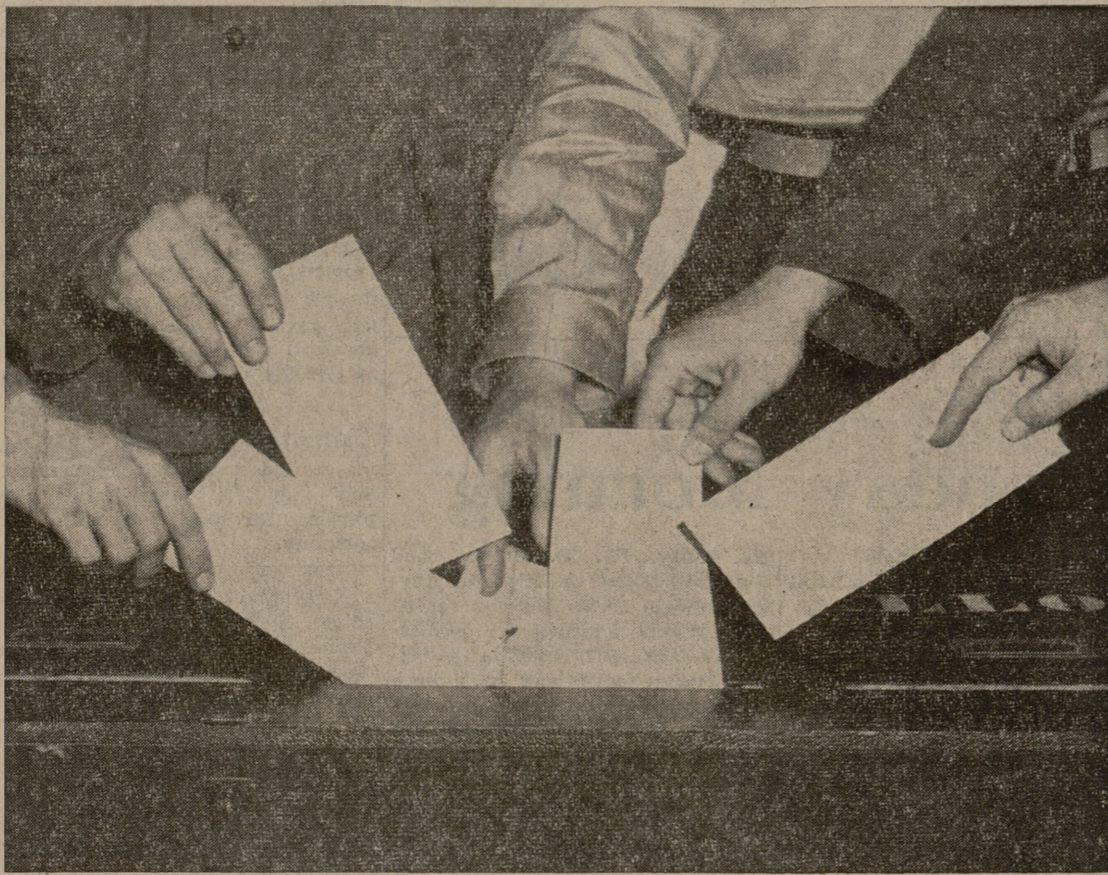
It's pretty bad when a man's trousers aren't even safe, or at least Orin Helvey thinks so.

Last week Helvey was out on the intramural fields, playing football with some friends. He came to the field wearing P.E. shorts under his street clothes and left his billfold and keys in the pocket of his trousers, on the field.

After an afternoon of athletics, the weary Helvey returned to get his clothes and go home, but found them missing.

After wandering around South College Station for some time, he knocked at the door of D. D. Burchard, Journalism Department head. Burchard's son Don took Helvey home.

It's not known who took Helvey's trousers home.



MORE AGAINST THAN FOR—students turned out for yesterday's election in record numbers as more ballots were cast than in many years. The total vote ran to 2,802.

R.E. Services Open Monday Morning at 11

Classes will turn out from 11 to 12 a.m. Monday for the first day of Religious Emphasis Week when President D. W. Williams will present the 17 visiting religious leaders in Guion Hall.

Cadet Chaplain Jasper Lynn will open the program with the morning prayer and Don Royal will present special music during the services, Joe Blair, Chairman of Inter-faith Council will preside.

Dr. Claude Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., will make the morning address. His subject will be "The Power of the World Needs".

Organ music for the occasion will be provided by John O. Good and Cadet Chaplain Dwayne (Dub) Bailey will lead the singing.

Dormitory Counselors will be available in their rooms from 4-6 p.m. each day for personal counseling. At 7:15 Forums will be held in the dormitory by the counselors.

Dr. V. C. Arnsperger will conduct Forums for the married students each night in the South Solarium of the YMCA, at 7:15. Monday night's topic is "The Basic Foun-

ation of the American Home." A nursery will be available for children at the First Baptist Church at North Gate. A social hour will follow this and each succeeding meeting.

Forums for faculty and staff members will be held Monday night in the second floor of the

Fish Book Thief Out Indefinitely

Indefinite suspension resulted last night following the hearing of the freshman book thief by Bennie A. Zinn, head of the Department of Student Affairs.

After being caught taking an ED kit from the Memorial Student Center, the freshman confessed to several of the recent Center thefts. He admitted stealing a bicycle earlier this year, but said after selling it he sent the money to the Campus Security Office.

Wayne Stark, MSC director, said there have been no new developments in the crack-down on petty thievery.

YMCA with Dr. William J. Kilgore leading the discussion. His Monday night topic will be "A Mature Religion."

Staff and faculty members are invited to attend the social with married students after their meetings.

Classes will be excused for each of the morning meetings in Guion Hall. The schedule is as follows: Monday—11; Tuesday and Wednesday—10; Thursday and Friday—9.

John Beaty Named Cotton Ball King

John Beaty has been named King Cotton for the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball set for April 12.

Sponsored by the Agronomy Society, the Cotton Pageant and Ball will be presided over by King Beaty and a Cotton Queen to be chosen later.

The Queen will be chosen from four finalists in the sweetheart contest. Deadline for turning in pictures of the sweetheart candidates is March 15. Portrait sizes requested are 3X5 or 5X8.

Kenneth Savage Elected Dorm 16 Civilian Senator

By LELAND BOYD

Magazine Sales Pay For SDX Scholarships

Members of the A&M chapter of Sigma Delta Chi professional journalistic fraternity, recently began a drive to raise funds for a scholarship program to aid journalism students.

Based on scholarship, need and professional aptitude, the awards will assist students in completing their college education. A faculty committee will select the winners based on nominations by the SDX chapter.

Money for the scholarships is being raised by the chapter's sale of the Time Magazine group of publications to faculty members. These include Time, Life, Fortune and Sports Illustrated at special reduced rates.

Awarding of scholarships is planned to be made at an SDX banquet in May. Included on the program are awards to members of student publications for outstanding work and Journalism Department honors.

Donald D. Burchard, 'J' department head, has said that the program is a "worthwhile project that would benefit many students" if faculty members respond to the drive.

Aggies rejected compulsory insurance. Official Election Commission returns show:	
For	1,130
Against	1,640
Ballots rejected	32
Total	2,802

In the largest turn-out in recent student election history at A&M, 510 more students voted against compulsory insurance than voted to accept the compulsory plan.

Unconfirmed reports last night said the 2,802 total vote is a record for recent elections and referendums.

The Election Commission headed by Don Weber, finished the count after several hours of checking and tabulating.

Largest known vote besides yesterday's was in September, 1955 over the MSC Union Fee in which 1,751 votes were registered.

A breakdown of the four voting boxes showed relatively close votes for each of the sections of the campus except College View. In a light vote, College View voters cast 60 "against" and 9 "for". Four hundred and fifty students live in this area.

Memorial Student Center both registered 701 "against" with 460 "for's". Students living in Hart and Bizzell Halls along with part of the day students were generally expected to vote in the MSC.

An even 600 ballots were cast "against" the issue at the Sbis Mess Hall box, gaining a considerable lead over the 455 cast "for." Dorms 14, 15, 16, 17 and Walton is the area covered by this box.

As for the Duncan Mess Hall voting, a comparatively light vote was tabulated for the area, composed of Corps dorms, 1 through 12. Voting there was 279 against, 206 for.

All boxes registered a victory for the "against" votes. Thirty-two ballots were rejected for failing to meet referendum specifications.

Percentage-wise, about 58.5 per cent were against, 40.3 were for and 1.2 per cent were rejected.

In Dorm 16 senator election, Kenneth C. Savage of Columbus, Nebraska was un-opposed. The election commission reported five votes cast—with all for.

Savage is a senior petroleum-geology major.

La Croix said, "Maybe they could be marked in some way also."

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Clark New Prexy Of Civilian Group

Bill Clark of Leggett Hall replaced James Carnes as president of the Civilian Student Council last night in the Council's regular meeting in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center.

Clark was elected by the Council since Carnes can not hold the office due to scholastic difficulty, a Council member said.

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Roy Andrews of Law Hall was elected parliamentarian to replace Clark.

John La Croix of Milner Hall, chairman of the New Student Week Committee, reported his committee has given some thought to finding ways to handle civilian freshmen. He said his committee advocated finding a better way to teach them Aggie traditions.

"Maybe a plan could be made which would include some requirements to be placed on freshmen," La Croix said. "Maybe they could be marked in some way also."

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Band Dance Slated For Next Week

Texas Aggie Band members will see one of five finalists chosen Band Sweetheart of 1957 at their annual dance to be held Saturday, Feb. 23 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

From 9 to 12 p.m., band members and their dates will be dancing to the music of Bill Turner's Aggie Combo. During the dance, at some time, judges chosen from the faculty will look over the finalists and decide who will be this year's sweetheart.

Sweetheart finalists are Jimmy Elizabeth Nacol of Port Arthur, entered by James Fallin; Martha Berry of Gladewater, entered by Eddie Thorpe; Shirley Cannon of College Station, entered by Cyrus H. Holley Jr.; Caroline Moore of Kilgore, entered by David McLain and Becky Scarborough of Houston, entered by Jim Morris.

Weather Today

Forecast calls for continued cloudiness, with no important change in temperature. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 77 degrees. Yesterday's high reading was 73 degrees, and this morning's low, 64.



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Ed Thorpe, escort



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James E. Fallin, escort



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