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Engineer Rated 'All-American' In ACP Study

A&M's Engineer student magazine has won the coveted All American Honor Rating according to information received here Monday.

The award was announced by the Associated Collegiate Press national rating service for student magazines and newspapers.

All four student magazines at A&M received top ratings in the nation-wide contest.

Judging was based on issues published in 1956-57.

Ratings were:
All American—Engineer, edited by Joe Bill Foster.

First Class—Southwestern Veterinarian, edited by Benny E. Fichte.

First Class—Southwestern Veterinarian, edited by D. R. Cassidy and K. R. Pierce.

Second Class—Commentator, edited by John Smith.

The Associated Collegiate Press judges magazines and newspapers on editorial standards, content, illustrations, editing and display, make-up, advertising and printing.

Rather than judging against a given standard the student publications are judged on a comparative basis for the current year.

The Battalion won a First Class rating which was announced earlier.



Stack Falls Saturday

Foundation of the 1957 bonfire hit the dust, or more accurately the mud, Saturday about 12:30.

No one was injured as everyone had taken off for lunch.

Work was stymied for only a few minutes and then the centerpole was relocated and work began in earnest.

Spirit Falls, Rises In Bonfire Shakeup

Spirit hit an all time low for a few minutes Saturday at 12:30—the bonfire fell over.

The stack began leaning Saturday morning. The center pole was loosened by the strain of the guy ropes on it and by the weak foundation of soggy ground, made so by the unceasing rain that fell all last week.

Since the stack fell during the lunch hour, no one was injured.

When the Ags discovered the heap of logs strewn on the drill field, they quietly walked through the mud and stood in amazement. As Ted Lowe, head yell leader said: "Everything has happened to us now."

For several moments, no one knew what to do or where to begin. Then a cry spread over the area made muddy by thousands of feet: "Okay you freshmen, sophomores and juniors, don't just stand there. We've got a bonfire to build."

And then work began in earnest and by sundown, the centerpole was relocated on the west end of the drill field and stacking began once more.

According to Lowe, no more cutting is needed but there are still

lots of trees to be hauled out. Since trucks are unable to get all the way into the area in the mud, logs are being carried by manpower, some for a half mile or more.

But Lowe has promised a "mechanized secret weapon" to speed up the hauling process today and tomorrow.

"We've still got a chance to make this one the biggest yet," Lowe firmly believes. "It will be if the men continue to work as they did this weekend."

Unclaimed Articles Ready for Auction

The annual Lost and Found Auction will be held Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m., in the Fountain Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Toby Mattox, House committee chairman.

Everything that has been turned in at the main desk of the MSC since last November and has not been claimed will be on sale at the auction and must be sold at any price. Proceeds from the auction will be used to decorate the MSC at Christmas time.

Postmaster Urges Early Yule Mailing

Predicting that the Christmas mail this year will set an all time record, Acting Postmaster Homer Adams began last week his 1957 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign.

Adams warns against waiting until December rolls around before giving Christmas mailing plans a thought. He also says to check Christmas card lists very carefully, making sure that each address includes the full name, street and number, city, zone and state.

"Securely pack and wrap Christmas gifts," said the postmaster. "To include a Christmas card or letter inside a gift package, the appropriate first class mail postage should be added to the postage for the package itself. This will insure simultaneous arrival of gift and greeting."

To help plan early Christmas

mailing, the postmaster suggested securing from the Post Office, Pamphlet No. 2, which tells about packaging and wrapping parcels for mailing, and Pamphlet No. 3, giving full details on domestic postage rates and fees.

Also, free labels reading, "All For Local Delivery" and "All For Out of Town Delivery", to speed arrival of Christmas cards can be obtained at the Post Office.

Only Christmas cards carrying first class, three cent, or six cent air mail postage, may include a personal message, Adams reminded.

Christmas mailings should be planned so that Christmas cards and gifts for most distant points are mailed first. All out-of-town cards and gifts should be at the Post Office before Dec. 10, and those for nearby points by Dec. 15, he said.

Council Making Bid For Better Streets

It's Official: School Opens Next Monday

Monday will not be a holiday regardless of the outcome of the Thanksgiving Day clash between the Aggies and U.T., according to J. B. Page, dean of the college.

Page said because of the time already lost this semester during the flu epidemic, the Executive Committee, in action approved by the president, has voted not to close the college on Dec. 2. All classes will meet as scheduled.

Firms Give Group Present Outlook

BY GAYLE MCNUTT

Reports of street and drainage improvement and ways of financing the costs were presented by two firms last night to the College Station City Council as they continued their search for the answer to the city throrfare problem.

Spencer J. Buchanan, of Spencer J. Buchanan and Associates, the firm doing surveying and planning for the city, gave findings made by his engineers and estimations of construction costs for improving drainage and streets to the council.

Ernest L. Brown Jr., of Moroney, Beissner and Co., gave the studies and recommendations of his firm for financing such a project on the basis of a half-million dollars in bonds.

Buchanan gave three possible solutions for street construction. Each plan could be used either with or without curbs and gutters, and included estimates for both primary streets (41 feet wide and secondary streets 27 feet wide).

The first Buchanan estimates ranged from \$9.98 per lineal foot for primary streets with curbs and gutters, or \$7.20 without curbs and gutters, to \$6.72 for secondary streets with curbs and gutters—\$3.94 without.

The two alternate methods, also considered adequate by the firm, are slightly cheaper per lineal foot through probably not as durable, Buchanan said.

"I'm surprised that we can even travel the older streets in College Station at all," he told the council.

The streets have a very poor base. When they crack, the rain soaks under them and washes away what little base there is, Buchanan said. He stated emphatically that good drainage was the most important factor toward good streets.

"The present assessed valuation of the city of College Station is inadequate to support a \$500,000 bond for building streets," Brown told the councilmen.

The present valuation is based on 25 per cent actual value for tax purposes.

He said however, that the valuation could easily be raised from 25 to 50 per cent which would support the \$500,000 figure, and not necessarily mean a tax rise for citizens. On a 50 per cent basis, the valuation would be raised to \$7,700,000 which would satisfy the

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US To Launch Test Satellite Next Tuesday

WASHINGTON, (AP) — An attempt to launch America's first test satellite—a sphere six inches in diameter weighing six pounds—is planned for the middle of next week, informed sources said yesterday.

These informants said the attempt will be made at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., next Tuesday, or soon thereafter. A dawn shot is planned.

The globe will be fired south-eastward into space and adjusted for a generally equatorial orbit.

It will have four tiny solar batteries, half an inch thick, glued to its outside, and will have four or six antennas. It will transmit signals continuously on 108 megacycles, so that it can be detected by radio.

The solar batteries should last as long as the life of the satellite itself.

Unlike the fullscale future satellites, this one will contain no special telemetering instruments and thus will tell nothing about conditions in outer space.

But if all goes well it should join the Soviet Sputnik satellites at altitudes from 300 to 1,200 miles.

The baby satellite will be launched by the Vanguard rockets that will be used later to put the 21-inch regular satellites into the sky, in order to test those rockets.

The solar batteries are only two inches square. Because of variation in the energy which the satellite will get from the sun as it goes round the earth, the voltage output of the batteries will fluctuate considerably.

Informants said the satellite will be spinning at a rate of 200 revolutions a minute.

The full launching assembly will be 72 feet long and will weigh 15,000 pounds.

Moonwatchers See Russian Satellite

Alpha I was spotted last night by A&M's Operation Moonwatch at 6:48 p.m.

The object is the brightest of the Soviet satellites circulating the globe and follows the second launched satellite by about 15 minutes. The rocket was sighted at about 100 degrees west, somewhere over San Angelo.

The watchers were on alert from 5:30 until 7 p.m. yesterday and relayed the information they obtained through their self-made telescopes to the Smithsonian Institute for comparison with other data collected over the United States.

Dr. Jack Kent, director of the local group, said last night that all future alerts were called off until further notice.

Library To Close For Thanksgiving

The college library will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Sunday during this week, according to M. V. Krenitsky, assistant librarian.

In addition the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. Saturday the library will close at noon.

Russ Morgan Orchestra

Top Band Coming For Bonfire Ball

By JOE BUSER

Russ Morgan and his orchestra, featuring "Music in the Morgan Manner" are to provide the sounds for the Bonfire Dance in Sbsa Wednesday night at 9.

One of the most versatile musicians in the business, Morgan is an accomplished performer on the piano, vibraphone, guitar, celeste, marimba and organ, besides being capable of blowing a bit of trombone. He also has tried his hand at arranging and composing with some success.

Although as a boy, Morgan

Weather Today

Fair and mild through Wednesday is the forecast for the College Station area.

At 8 this morning the temperature was 50 degrees and the relative humidity, 80 per cent.

Yesterday's high, recorded at 9 a. m., was 57 degrees, and this morning's low, 47 degrees at 7:30.

worked in the coal mines, he spent his spare time learning all he could about music. At 20, he was arranging for America's March King, John Philip Sousa. He also spent some time arranging for Victor Herbert, composer of "Naughty Marietta," "Babes in Toyland" and others.

Called the "best of the enemy" by swing fans, Morgan produces sweet and clean sounds with the help of three violins, a bass, three trumpets and four saxes. Some of the tunes he has pushed to the top are: "Does Your Heart Beat For Me," "Somebody Else is Taking My Place," "You're Nobody, Till Somebody Loves You," plus many others.

His band has played engagements in some of the best clubs and hotels in the United States and has had two radio shows. He also has made two full length feature movies and several "shorts."

Admission is \$2.50 per couple. The dance will end at midnight.



"Music in the Morgan Manner"

That's what's in store for those attending the annual Bonfire Dance in Sbsa Wednesday night. Starting at 9 and featuring Russ Morgan and His Band, the dance will climax activities prior to the University of Texas game on Kyle Field Thursday.

Doctors Order Ike to Bed After Chill

WASHINGTON, — President Eisenhower went to bed on doctors orders yesterday after suffering what the White House described as a chill, but was reported resting well hours later.

He was said to be sleeping comfortably last night under mild sedation.

His scheduled national TV and radio speech at Cleveland, Ohio, tomorrow night was canceled because of the illness. So was a 9 a. m. appointment tomorrow with the visiting King of Morocco.

The White House said Eisenhower contracted the chill after greeting the King at the airport in chilly weather early this afternoon. The President stood bareheaded in the wind part of the time.

The first mention that Eisenhower was indisposed came in an announcement soon after 6 p. m. that he would not be able to attend last night's dinner at the White House for the King.

Vice President Nixon escorted Mrs. Eisenhower to the dinner in the President's absence, and made a fleeting reference in an orange juice toast to the fact that the President "unfortunately is unable to be" with the King at this occasion.

The dinner was a long one, lasting from 8 until about 11:15.

Fire Destroys HSU Chapel

ABILENE—(AP)—Behrens Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University was destroyed by a flash fire of undetermined origin yesterday at an estimated loss of \$250,000.

Only the walls remained standing when the blaze was brought under control less than two hours after it was discovered.

Many band instruments were lost but the music of the school's famous Cowboy Band was saved. The band will tour Iceland during the Christmas holidays.