



All the Comforts of Home

Legett Hall students view the new 21-inch television set installed in the dormitory lounge yesterday. The Legett Dormitory Council sponsored the purchase of the set for the Civilian dormitory.

Party Friday Closes CHS For Holidays System To Host Employees at Party

Christmas spirit will take over at Consolidated High School Friday afternoon from 1 to 2, as students end school days for 1957 with a choral program and an all-school party.

Students will meet in the auditorium immediately after lunch for a program of Christmas music by the CHS choir, under the direction of Robert Boone.

A Christmas party for the entire school will follow and gifts will be exchanged. Names were drawn by home rooms and classes this week to determine who gives whom a gift. Also, "Santa" letters written by students will be read.

Refreshments will be served at the party by home room sponsors and student council members.

The program for the day ends at 2 p.m. when the student body will be liberated for 16 full days of freedom. Classes will resume Jan. 6, 1958.

Wingren, Simmang Attend ME Meeting

Professors R. M. Wingren and C. M. Simmang of the Mechanical Engineering Department recently attended the meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York City.

They attended technical sessions in which both academic and industrial problems were discussed.



Explorer Squadron Charter

J. G. Potter (L.) presents Kiwanis President John Longley's charter for Explorer Scout Squadron 102. The squadron was begun last October, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Explorer Unit Leader is Maj. Joseph Brusse.

NATO Plans Inquest On Talks With Reds

Girl Asks To March With Aggie Band East-West Conflict Object of Inquiry 'Fish' Officers Being Elected In Runoff

A nineteen year old lass from Tennessee has requested permission to march with the Texas Aggie Band at the Gator Bowl.

Miss Shirley Crafton, a sophomore at Middle Tennessee State College, wrote Band Director Lt. Col. E. V. Adams in regard "to this unusual request."

She expressed admiration for the 240 piece band, saying that she was, to say the least impressed by the size and tone quality of the organization's performance. Thanking on television.

She pointed out that several things might stand in the way of letting her march with the Ags.

"Probably the band never had any majorettes (since it's a boy's school) and maybe you might think a majorette might clutter up the band's formations. But since there'll be only one, my work will be out of the way of the band's direct formations, yet in harmony with it," she said.

She said that she thought the unusual combination would be a "plug" for both states, and schools, and "would certainly be a unique showing for the A&M Band."

But Gator Bowl fans will never get to see the Aggie Band with majorettes. At least not this year.

The band isn't going to make the trip, because of costs and limited halftime.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS, — The NATO summit conference yesterday approved a guarded Western examination of the pitfalls and possibilities of direct talks with the Kremlin to reduce East-West tension.

Sentiment among some members for fresh negotiations with the Soviet Union was a factor.

The move apparently was part of a compromise solution that would allow military men to continue plans to beef up West Europe's strength with ballistic missiles.

Britain, France, West Germany and Norway were among the advocates of serious consideration of the latest flurry of proposals from Soviet Premier Bulganin to all members of United Nations.

President Eisenhower and the leaders of 14 other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization agreed to proceed with a study along these lines, outside the U. N., but only so long as such talks should show some prospect of success.

Western action, as discussed in today's session of the NATO chiefs of government, would take two forms:

One would be establishment of a four-nation NATO foreign ministers' committee made up of Britain, France, Canada and the United States to try to restart stalled disarmament discussions with the Russians. The group would represent only NATO, although made up of the same Western members of the U. N. Disarmament subcommittee which Russia recently quit.

The second move was to ask the NATO permanent council, at its weekly sessions in Paris, to examine the letters from Bulganin and see whether their content made a new general topics conference desirable. If held, diplomatic informants said, the parity would be on the foreign ministers' level and not that of chiefs of government.

Eisenhower came to the afternoon session 42 minutes late to give his approval to a proposal on East-West contact raised by French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau. Secretary of State Dulles had said earlier the President would not attend the meeting unless there were "substantive decisions" to be made.

The U. S. delegation has been bombarded since it arrived with European demands not to let the Russians dominate world propaganda with the initiative for East-West talks.

Aggie freshmen, visiting the polls in huge numbers today, are casting their votes for class officers in runoff elections being held at two voting booths on the campus.

The elections began this morning at 8 and continued until noon for the morning session. This afternoon, voting time is from 1 to 5 p. m.

Four automatic voting machines are in operation in the booth next to the post office in the Memorial Student Center, and three are being used in the brick building next to Milner Hall.

Voting for president in the runoffs are Donald F. Boren, Charles C. Murphy and Billy Thompson. Richard A. Box, Roger S. Terry and Milton P. Martin are bidding for the vice president slot.

Running for the secretary-treasurer post are Edgar D. Hosier, Robert Bower and Malcolm E. Hickman, while James T. Reeves, Thomas C. Johnson and Glenn A. Jones are battling for social secretary honors.

The runoff candidates were chosen in preliminary elections Nov. 21, when 1,021 freshmen — staging one of the best turnouts in A&M history — cast their ballots for 106 candidates listed on the ballot. Representatives to the election commission and the Student Senate were also picked at that time.

Freshmen who have not yet voted are urged to rush to the poll nearest their dorm and cast their ballot.

Tickets Cost Ags \$6,400 This Year

Aggies have been issued 3,145 tickets for traffic violations on the campus since the beginning of the semester, Campus Security Chief Fred Hickman said yesterday.

These tickets average around two dollars apiece which means that approximately \$6,400 dollars in fines are being paid.

"There are entirely too many violations being committed, and a great majority of them could be avoided entirely," Hickman commented.

Yule Program Open To Public

The second annual all college Christmas program, featuring the Christmas story in song, will be held immediately following the Christmas dinner Thursday night at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggie Band and the Singing Cadets will furnish music for the Senate sponsored program; narration of the Christmas story will be done by the Aggie Players. There will also be audience participation in singing Christmas carols and organ music by Mrs. A. B. Medlin.

Bill Libby, Senate Public Relations Committee chairman, has invited the general public to join the students and faculty in this Christmas observance.

Tau Beta Pi Takes 50 New Members

The A&M Texas Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi Assn., an honorary fraternity for outstanding engineers, initiated 46 seniors and four juniors at a banquet held last night in the Memorial Student Center.

Mason Lockwood, consulting engineer for Lockwood, Andrews and Newman of Houston, spoke to the group. Don Lummus acted as toastmaster, and Marvin L. Trice, gave the invocation. Others on the program were Ray Bowen and James B. Burr.

To be eligible for the fraternity, seniors must have a 2.00 or better grade point ratio. Juniors must possess at least a 2.75.

Seniors initiated were David Carlyle Bounds, Ray Morris Bowen, James Benard Brown, Jon Horton Brown, William Walter Bryan, Harold John Conrad, James Alvin Crews, Gene Edison Crubahn, John Rodney Doshier, Robert Douglass, Oma Lewis Ellington, Royce Allen English, Ray Dee Garlington, Lee H. Gilby.

Raymond Herschel Greene, Thomas Raymond Harris, Delbert Floyd Hightower, Bill Owen Holliday, Gerald Lane Jordan, Carroll Frank Lam, Delvin John Lefner, Robert Walter McClesky Jr., James Douglas McElroy, DeWitt Liggett McLallen.

James Allen Meitzen, George Ernest Mills, William Fredrick Mundkowsky, Ewell Allen Nelson, Jack Ewald Nelson, Donald Frank

Weather Today

Partly cloudy skies with widely scattered showers in the late afternoon are forecast for the College Station area.

The high yesterday was 72 degrees at 1:45 p. m. This morning's record of 65 degrees was recorded at 2 a. m. Today the mercury is expected to reach a high of 79 degrees, dropping to 60 degrees tonight.

Final Payment Due

To avoid penalty, fourth and final installment fees must be paid in the Fiscal Office by Friday.

The \$45.60 fee covers cost of room rent, board and laundry until the end of the semester.

State Needs 150 Hwy. Patrolmen

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has announced that 150 vacancies for highway patrolmen are now open for men between the ages of 21 and 35.

The deadline for filing applications has been set for Jan. 10. Those qualifying will begin training April 1, after which classroom instruction will follow for 20 weeks plus a period of on-the-job-training. Salaries during training are \$300 per month, and are automatically increased during field training.

Requirements include a high school education, applicant must have been a resident of Texas one year before making an application, must be between 68 and 76 inches tall and weigh not less than two nor more than three pounds per inch.

More information may be obtained by writing the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin.

Seven Chemists Attend Conference

Seven members of the chemistry department recently attended the Southwest regional conference of the American Chemical Society in Tulsa, Okla. and gave talks.

The men attending were Dr. P. K. Calaway, Dr. C. K. Hancock, Dr. A. W. Jache, Dr. H. K. Zimmerman and graduate students Louis A. Jones and A. R. Hilton.

Civilians Donating Money for Needy

Civilian students are currently taking donations among themselves which will be given to needy families in the area as a Christmas gift.

In addition, the Civilians in two dorms will escort needy children to the Aggie Christmas dinner in Sbis Hall Thursday evening. After this, the children will be guests at the Christmas party in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

All money collected in the drive will be turned over to Bennie A. Zinn, director of Student Affairs, who will then distribute it. Zinn also asked anyone who would like to donate food, clothing or money to contact him or the Texas Welfare Agency.

Ag Building Being Remodeled

Classrooms and offices in the Agricultural Building are being remodeled and acoustical tile is being installed in parts of the building as part of a \$75,000 construction project centered around the structure.



Receives Dairy Scholarship

Ragen Lippke, '59, receives the \$200 Herman F. Heep junior scholarship from Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the dairy science department, during the annual Dairyman's Short Course held here recently. Heep, a member of the A&M System Board of Directors, was unable to personally present the award.