

1958 Cotton Queen

Linda Jean Johnson, Arlington State College representative to the 1958 Cotton Pageant, was crowned Queen Cotton by Merrill Adameik, King Cotton, at the annual pageant in Guion Hall Friday night. Immediately following the pageant, the parade of duchesses moved to Sbisla Dining Hall for the Cotton Ball.

Last Respects Paid To Charley Meissner

Silent Aags, Taps Honor Deceased

Silver Taps was held at 10:30 last night for Charley Meissner, freshman animal husbandry major from Brookshire, who died of injuries sustained in a two-car collision Friday afternoon near Navasota.

Two other Aggies were injured and the other driver killed in the collision which occurred about 4:45 p. m., three miles north of Navasota on Highway 6. Meissner was taken to the Brazos Valley Hospital in Navasota, where he was pronounced dead at 8:45 p. m.

Still in the Navasota hospital are Blevins Glen Bundick of Barker and Tommy Alfred Plato of Baytown. Bundick is suffering from internal injuries and Plato has both legs broken.

Another Aggie passenger, Don Earton of Sweetwater, was not injured.

Also a victim of the accident was Gus Hutchins of Rice, driver of the other vehicle. He was pronounced dead about an hour and a half after the collision. His wife is in "serious" condition.

The four Aggies, riding a 1956 automobile belonging to and driven by Bundick, were traveling south on Highway 6 enroute to the Waller PFA Rodeo in Hempstead.

Meissner, who had occupied the right front seat, died from internal injuries, hospital officials said. A call for blood donors was sent to the college, bringing more than 100 Aggies to the hospital, the officials said.

A member of C Infantry during the fall semester, Meissner had left the Corps on the advice of the college physician this semester because of a recurring back injury and lived in Milner Hall.

Meissner graduated as salutatorian from Pattison High School in 1957 and was attending A&M on a scholarship provided by the Tri-County A&M Club. He was a 4-H and PFA Club member and was awarded the Lone Star Farmer degree in PFA last July in Fort Worth. He was also named all-district in basketball during his senior year in high school.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in Bellville and burial was in Oak Knoll Cemetery. Pallbearers were Henry Kitzman, '61, a high school classmate; Marcus Graves, '61; Donald Barker, '59; Jim Buller, '54; Norman Kitzman and Lindsey Young. Meissner is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Meissner of Brookshire, and one sister, Carolyn, of Houston.

ASC Coed Crowned Cotton Queen Friday

Linda Jean Johnson was crowned Queen of the 24th annual Cotton Pageant Friday night in Guion Hall by Merrill Adameik, King Cotton and ruler over the night's events.

Miss Johnson was a representative of Arlington State College in the contest.

Earlier in the evening, Adameik, senior agronomy major from El Campo, was crowned King Cotton by A. L. Ward, Dallas, director of education services, National Cottonseed Producers Association, to open the pageant.

King Cotton then sat back to receive presentation of more than 100 court duchesses, representing A&M Mother's clubs, Exes clubs and campus organizations; Texas

Woman's University campus clubs; other Texas colleges; and local women's and civil clubs.

After Miss Johnson and the eight members of her court were selected, King Merrill placed the crown upon the head of his queen.

Handling the difficult job of selecting the queen and her court from the procession of beautiful duchesses were two fashion experts and a professional photographer all from Dallas. Making the selections were Mrs. Velma McKee, Dallas Fashion Center; Miss Graydon Heartsill, fashion editor of the Dallas Times-Herald; and Max, of Photo Associates.

Murray Cox, farm editor, WFAA in Dallas, was master of ceremonies for the pageant which concluded with the Grand March led by King and Queen to open dancing at the Cotton Ball in Sbisla Hall.

Sparger Promoted In Research Group

Carter R. Sparger, operations manager of the A&M Research Foundation, has been promoted to vice-director, Archie Kahan, foundation director, said yesterday.

Sparger joined the A&M Oceanography and Meteorology Department in 1951 and did research work under government contract until 1955. He received his masters degree in physical oceanography in 1953.

He was an oceanographer with the Naval Electronics Laboratory for two years, and returned to A&M in 1957.

Run-Off Election In MSC Today

Eighteen class officer spots will be decided by the run-off elections today.

Run-off spots were determined in races with more than five candidates by the top three men in the April 9 elections making the run-offs or if there were less than five candidates, only two are in today's election.

Three other offices were decided by the balloting on April 9. These were the new student entertainment manager, J. T. (T) Hearne, Memorial Student Center Council representative won by Robert F. (Bob) Turner and William McLaughlin was unopposed for Class of '58 agent.

Cancer Discussion Set For Tonight

Dr. Joseph W. Beard, Duke University School of Medicine professor, will discuss "Viruses as a Cause of Cancer," in the Biological Sciences Building tonight at 8 p. m.

Dr. Beard was educated at the University of Chicago where he received his B.S. degree, and received his M.D. from Vanderbilt University. He was intern, resident and instructor in surgery at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, a pathologist at Rockefeller Institute, and in 1937 went to Duke University where he is now professor of surgery, in charge of experimental surgery and associate professor of virology.

Vanity Fair Entry Deadline Friday

Deadline for seniors wishing to place entries for Vanity Fair and Senior Favorites, is Friday, Roy Davis, editor of the Aggieband '58, said yesterday.

Sophs to Pick '60 Sweetheart Saturday Night

Sweetheart of the class of '60 will be selected from a list of five finalists as sophomores entertain guests at the annual Sophomore Ball in Sbisla Hall Saturday night at 9.

A theme of space ships and space travel will be used as decorations for the event, Joe Brooks, sophomore social secretary, said. The Aggieband Orchestra will furnish dance music for the evening as couples dance by candlelight.

The five finalists will be presented at 10 and the class sweetheart will be announced at 11. The ball will close at midnight, Brooks said.

Sophomores wishing to attend the ball should purchase their tickets from one of the class officers or from the Office of Student Activities. Tickets bought at the door will cost \$3.00 a couple.

Guests of honor for the occasion will be sophomore military and air science instructors and all other professors teaching sophomore level courses.



Battalion Staff Photo

Faculty Members Receive Awards

Pictured above are three faculty members in the School of Arts and Sciences as they received Faculty Appreciation Awards from Bob Kidd, president, Arts and Sciences council, (1 to r) Milam S. Kavanaugh, associate professor of Education and Psychology; Alfred F. Chalk, head of the Economics Department; and Thomas E. Comfort, associate professor of Modern Language.

Petition Seeking Coed Study Gets Laid Aside

A non-action policy concerning the question of whether or not women should be admitted to A&M was adopted by the Texas Commission on Higher Education at a meeting in Austin yesterday.

Executive Director Ralph T. Green recommended that the commission not take any action on a petition requesting a study concerning the coeducation problem at A&M until further court action.

The petition requested that a study be made to determine whether A&M would better serve the state as a coed institution with an ROTC status similar to that of other land grant colleges, or as it

is presently being operated.

The petition, signed by more than 90 Bryan and College Station residents, was submitted by Vick Lindley, managing editor of the Bryan Daily Eagle.

A&M now has an enrollment of about 7,000 male students, about half of whom are members of the Corps of Cadets. The A&M Board of Directors recently voted to require compulsory membership in the Corps for all freshmen and sophomore students who are not service veterans.

President M. T. Harrington told the commission, "We think we are going to win the appeal." He re-

ferred to the case pending in the Court of Civil Appeals in Waco. The college appealed a decision issued by Dist. Judge W. T. McDonald, who ruled that two women who applied for entrance should be allowed to enroll.

In other action the University of Texas gained approval for use of an extra million dollars to bolster its basic research and academic improvement programs.

E. N. Jones, Texas Tech president, asked commission approval for master degree programs in civil, industrial, mechanical, petroleum and nuclear engineering; reinstatement of the doctor's degree program in geology; and creation of separate departments of chemistry and chemical engineering to attain higher standards.

201 Residents Of CS Given Chest X-Rays

Chest X-rays were taken of 201 College Station citizens Thursday and Friday, A. R. Denney, chairman of the case-finding committee of the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association, said yesterday.

The X-rays are a part of Brazos County's TB survey and were conducted by the mobile X-ray unit from the State Health Department. Seventy-five of the local X-rays were taken of food-handlers, Denny said.

Bryan chest X-rays began today in front of the McCullough-Dansby stores, corner of North Bryan and 25th Street, in Bryan, to continue through April 25, every weekday with the exception of April 21, San Jacinto Day.

This year, through a request of the State Health Department, the X-ray surveys are being centered on the 50 years and older age group. This group is the major source of tuberculosis cases in Texas.

Everyone 20-49 years of age must have a card from a doctor, the health unit or the tuberculosis association to get an X-ray.

Younger people, ages 15-19, must have a positive reaction to a tuberculin test before an X-ray may be given.

Costs of the survey are paid out of funds from last year's Christmas Seal sales.

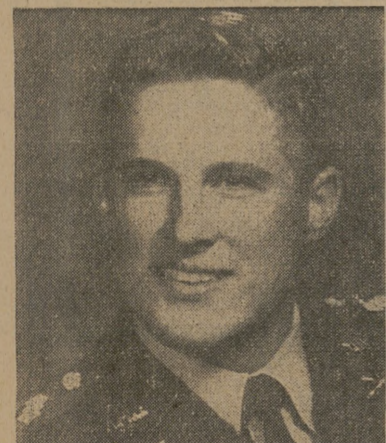
Hugh Wharton Gets MSC Prexy Nod

Hugh E. Wharton Jr., senior Economics major from San Antonio, was elected president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate last night to replace outgoing president Don McGinty.

Ronald E. Buford, junior Agricultural Economics major from Livingston, was chosen vice president of the council and directorate. He will replace Don Cloud in that position.

Elected as directorate representatives to the council last night were Hiram T. French, junior from San Antonio, and David H. Plylar, sophomore from San Antonio. Wharton and Buford will also serve as representatives.

Other council members for next year are scheduled for later appointment or election.



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These include three faculty members to join W. E. Horsley of the Placement Office and W. I. Truettner of the Mechanical Engineering Department, in office now; a former student to join H. C. Dillingham of the Electrical Engineering Department in that category; a member of the Student Senate; representatives of the sophomore, junior and senior classes next year; a staff member of The Battalion to be appointed by new editor Joe Buser; and the director of the Center to serve as secretary-treasurer without a vote.

Newly elected heads for various committees next year include Frost E. Gardner of Seguin, Public Relations Committee; Jerry A. Horn of Dallas, Radio; Joe F. Lowe of Tyler, Music; Curtis R. Davis of Kountze, Bridge; Ray C. Hudson of Goldthwaite, Personnel Bureau and Evaluation.

Also Stanley H. Workman of San Antonio, Bowling; James D. Pate of Center, Table Tennis; Dennis M. Ryan of Dallas, Flying Kadets; Kenneth P. Allen of Houston, Chess; John G. Jeffrey of Alexandria, Va., Browsing Library; David H. Plylar of San Antonio, Film; and David L. Atteberry of Dallas, Creative Arts. Bob Pfeuffer is chairman of the SCOA committee.

All new councilmen and directorate officers will take their positions on April 25 at the annual MSC Council and Directorate Awards Banquet.