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Singing The Blues

John Paxson, who plays the plaintiff in the summer operetta "Trial by Jury," practices one of the songs he will sing when the operetta is presented in the MSC Ballroom Monday and Tuesday of next week. Co-starring with Paxson is Miss Carolyn Wilson. The operetta is sponsored by the Department of Student Activities.

Summer Operetta Opens Next Week

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" will be presented in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Monday and Tuesday of next week beginning each night at 8.

Under the supervision of Bill Turner and the direction of Mrs. Joe Barron, the summer operetta will star John Paxson, Carolyn Ann Wilson, Charles Mitchell and Charles (Rocky) Arnold.

Paxson is cast as the defendant; Miss Wilson, the plaintiff; Mitchell, the judge; and Arnold, the counsel.

Members of the girls chorus are Linda Chalk, Marcy Goode, Susanne Sorenson, Ann Elkins and Karen Mohr. Jury members are Bill Dansby, Frank Bryan Reeves, Robert Gibbs, Justin Kidd, Richard Moore and Gerald Shearer.

Other members of the cast are Dorothy Berry, accompanist; C. K. Esten and Marcel Knapp. Lighting; Mary Frances Coslett, makeup; John Lester, set; and Robert Gibbs, stage manager.

Costumes have been supplied by Van Horn Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Turner has directed some 13 summer operettas here, some of which were "Rio Rita," "Sweethearts," "Mikado," "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Chocolate Soldier."

Research Toward Strengthening Soil Begins Here Soon

Brick made of native soil will soon be used to erect the walls of an adobe hut on the campus for research purposes.

Engineers of the Texas Transportation Institute, a part of the A&M System, will put up the walls for experiments they are conducting for a federal agency.

The Transportation Institute, through the A&M Research Foundation, has received a \$28,524 grant from the Housing Division of the International Cooperation Administration to support research aimed at strengthening the soil used for constructing homes in India, East and West Pakistan and other countries in the Far East that use earth construction to some extent.

Associate Research Engineer Bob M. Gallaway, a joint staff member of the college's Department of Civil Engineering and the Transportation Institute, and Wayne Dunlap, an assistant research engineer with the Transportation Institute are co-investigators for the project.

The A&M Research Foundation received the contract for the research project after submitting a bid at the request of the International Cooperation Administration.

Paxson, who takes the male lead, is a graduate student at A&M. He sang lead in the 1957 summer operetta, "Smokey Mountain." He had done solo and chorus work in Boston, Mass. He studied voice five years in Boston and was a member of the Houston Choral for three years.

In playing the defendant role, he will portray Edwin, a roving lover who is being tried for breach of promise.

Miss Wilson, who takes the female lead, was a chorus soloist for four years while at Consolidated High School. She was also winner in the high school talent show for two years and a first place soloist in the state contest for two years.

She is currently majoring in voice at the University of Houston on a scholarship and is in the University of Houston concert and grand choir.

The operetta is being sponsored by the Department of Student Activities. Student activity cards will be honored for the presentation.

Scientists Here Get AEC Grant For Research

A question uppermost in many people's minds today is what happens to radioactive materials that may find their way into the sea.

An important issue is whether radioactive substances become entrapped in bottom deposits and removed from circulation.

And if the bottom deposits do hold, the radioactive materials, can animals feeding in the mud release the substances or become radioactive themselves?

These are some of the questions which scientists of A&M will attempt to answer for the Atomic Energy Commission during the coming year.

The Atomic Energy Commission has placed a \$51,800 grant with the A&M Research Foundation to support this study in the college's Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

Dr. R. G. Bader, associate professor of oceanography, is the principal investigator, and Dr. K. M. Rae, director of the department's marine laboratories, is the associate investigator.

Experiments will involve the use of a wide variety of radioactive organic materials, metals and clays, together with living marine organisms ranging from bacteria to shell fish.

C. H. McCuan Killed Monday In Auto Crash

Funeral services were held today for C. H. McCuan, 38, who was killed Monday afternoon in an automobile accident near Sinton.

McCuan, field instructor of Water and Sewage Works Training, Engineering Experiment Station, was enroute to Calallen to conduct a scheduled extension class.

Prior to joining the Engineering Extension Service staff in May, 1958, he was employed as superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant at Mineral Wells for six years.

A native of Caddo, McCuan served in the navy from July, 1944 to March, 1946. He was a member of the Central Methodist Church in Mineral Wells.

Survivors include the wife, Helen McCuan; three children, Dwan, Darlene and John Waymon McCuan, all of College Station; his mother, Mrs. J. W. McCuan, Mineral Wells; and a sister, Mrs. H. L. Williams of Arlington.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Baum and Carlock Funeral Home of Mineral Wells.



Miss Dorothy Berry ... Photeener Duchess

By State Photo Association

Dorothy Berry Awarded Photeener Duchess Title

Miss Dorothy Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Berry of College Station, has been selected as one of eight Photeener Duchesses of Texas who will participate in the convention of the Texas Photographers Assn. in Houston this weekend.

Gene Sutphen, owner of the Aggeland Studio, received official notification of the selection this week from Kaye Marvins, Houston, president of the state association.

Miss Berry was sponsored by the Aggeland Studio.

MSC Music Series

Flutist and Pianist Featured Sunday

Mary Varvel, flutist, and Martha Searcy, pianist, are the featured artists for the Memorial Student Center's Summer Music Series presentation Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Main Lounge.

The program will be concluded with a special sidlight: two sketches from the summer operetta "Trial by Jury."

Narrator for the sketches will be Carolyn Wilson, who sings the feminine lead in the operetta to be in the MSC Ballroom Monday and Tuesday. Miss Wilson, Charles Mitchell Jr., Bill Dansby and Jim Rector will participate in the sketches.

Anita Mowery will accompany Miss Varvel in her presentation, and members of the MSC Summer Directorate who will be host and hostess for the occasion are Ross Treadwell and Billie Jean Blazek.

Miss Searcy, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Searcy of Hearne, is a graduate of Hearne High School and is now attending Texas A&M summer sessions, and plans to attend Stephens College in the fall. She played in the Bryan-College Station Music Teachers Assn. auditions this year and has received national and district honors in the National Guild Auditions.

She was presented by Mrs. Albert Goodman in a private recital this spring, and also played for the Junior Music Festival in Temple. The young musician has been assistant instrumentalist at the First Baptist Church for two years and has accompanied the Hearne High School Choral Club for one year.

The selections Miss Searcy will present include "Gigue" from the first Partita by Bach, "Sonata in D" by Scarlatti, Schumann's "Grillen" and Lecuona's "La Com-

para."

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter A. Varvel of Bryan, Miss Varvel is a graduate of A&M Consolidated High School and will enter the University of Texas, to major in elementary education, this fall.

Miss Varvel is a four-year first place winner in the Regional Solo Contests, was a member of the 1958-59 "All-Star" Regional Band and this year was presented the Arion Award at A&M Consolidated High School for being the outstanding senior instrumentalist.

The flutist studied locally with Col. R. J. Dunn and Gordon Reynolds and is now a pupil of Mrs. Byron Hester, first flutist with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. Her selections will include Gluck's "Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits," "Scherzino" by Anderson and Handel's "Sonata II."

The Summer Music Series presentations are presented free of charge on Sunday afternoons through the summer.



Mary Varvel ... flutist



Martha Searcy ... pianist

School Group to Report Improvement Plan To Be Presented

The A&M Consolidated School District Citizens Advisory Committee will present its school improvement study to the Consolidated School Board tomorrow at 8 p. m. in the school cafeteria.

"The people of the community are welcome to attend," Robert M. Holcomb, secretary of the committee, said yesterday.

For public interest, the committee's final report has been drawn up in a summary form by Holcomb.

The following is the summary of the report:

Second Term Reservations Open Monday

Students who expect to attend the second term of the summer session should pay fees and reserve rooms beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Harry L. Boyer, manager of the Housing Office, said yesterday.

The \$56.25 fee is payable at the Fiscal Office in the Richard Coke Building.

Korean veterans who have not signed enrollment papers for the second six weeks should report to the Veteran's Advisor's office to do so, Boyer said.

Students may reserve rooms at the Housing Office according to the following schedule:

1. Students who wish to reserve the rooms they now occupy may reserve their rooms between 8 a.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Students who wish to reserve any room other than the one they now occupy, including students changing dormitories, may do so between 8 a.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday by presenting a signed room change slip from the housemaster of the new dormitory concerned.

2. Students now residing in Dormitory 15, not to be used during the second term, may register between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday for rooms not reserved on Monday and Tuesday.

3. All students may register for rooms on a first come, first serve basis from 8 a.m. Thursday, July 16, until noon, Saturday, July 18.

All students, including those living in College Apartments, who do not plan to live in dormitories during the second term must secure or renew their Day Student permits at the Housing Office before paying fees.

Such students are urged to do this before registration day on July 20, in order to save time for all concerned, Boyer added.

MSC Flick Offers Various Subjects

"Operation Flick" scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday in Rooms 2A-B-C of the Memorial Student Center, will feature movies about students, antique automobiles and jazz music interpretation.

"Skyline New York" is an account of the exciting adventures of two college students sight-seeing in New York City. "Goggles and Gauntlets" is a flashback to the days where autoing was an adventure, with colorful examples of old-car restorations.

An experimental film and winner of first prize in the Venice Film Festival, "Begone Dull Care," is a color interpretation of jazz music played by the Oscar Peterson Trio and is painted directly on the film.

Admission to "Operation Flick" is free.

Guide Posts

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words; and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips lips is esteemed a man of understanding." —Proverbs 17:27-28

Enrollment
The present and predicted 1964-65 enrollments of the various schools are:

Elementary school, grades 1-5, 599-762.
Junior High School, grades 6-8, 305-351.
High School, grades 9-12, 321-416.
Lincoln School, grades 1-9, incl. 269-215.

Curriculum and Personnel
Reduce the pupil-teacher ratio to 25.

Provide health and P. E. Supervisor, grades 1-5.

Increase emphasis on and supervision of music, art, and drama in the elementary and junior high schools.

Develop an intermediate band in the junior high school.

Add a half-unit in homemaking as soon as possible, another half-unit before 1964.

Increase the language offerings in the high school.

Improve the provisions for teaching Drama and Speech in the high school.

Provide a woman P. E. teacher for Lincoln School.

Offer Driver Education at Lincoln School.

Provide an additional janitor-watchman at Lincoln School.

Reduce the work load of the Counselor by adding another one or by in-service teacher training.

Develop enriched programs and advanced sections at all levels for the benefit of the superior students and of those having special aptitudes, approximately 25 percent of the total.

Buildings and Equipment

Repair existing buildings in all areas.

Provide ten new classrooms for grades 1-5.

Provide four new classrooms for the junior high school. (Alternately, provide 14 new elementary classrooms and transfer 4 now used by elementary back to junior high.)

Purchase additional land either at present site or at a new site east of highway.

Prepare a master plan of grounds.

Improve the elementary teachers' lounge-library and the first-aid room.

Rebuild and expand storage in first-grade rooms.

Provide more and better lockers in the junior high.

Improve workspace, add stacks and remodel in the junior high library.

Build four classrooms for the high school. One visual aids room for the high school, and two new homemaking rooms complete with the necessary equipment for the high school.

Remodel the existing science wing to provide for science.

Build Health and Physical Education building for the high school, and gymnasium for the high school.

Increase cafeteria facilities.

Purchase new furniture and a sound barrier in existing cafeteria.

Build cafeteria-activity room for Lincoln School.

Provide stage and storage connected to Lincoln gymnasium and seats in it.

Build Superintendent's and tax offices.

Remodel present tax office for Counselor's use.

Build central stores and maintenance stores building.

Build bus garage and parking area for buses. (Tear down old one.)
Establish and effective maintenance policy.

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