

Whiting Has Had 29 Years' Experience, 14 Years Here

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Battalion Staff Writer

Robert L. Whiting, head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, is a man with eight years of industrial experience and 21 years teaching experience, the last 14 of which have been spent at A&M.

Whiting received his B.S. from the University of Texas in 1939, and his M.S. from the University in 1942. His teaching experience includes serving as a graduate assistant in the Department of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Texas from 1939 to 1943, and he was an associate professor at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy until 1946, when he came to A&M.

Besides his teaching experience, Whiting has had a great deal of full-time industrial experience in his field. He worked for the Sinclair Oil and Refining Co. as roustabout, roughneck, and on a connection gang for 15 months from 1937 to 1940. He served four months as gas engineer for the Railroad Commission of Texas at Pampa during 1940.

Stanolind Oil and Gas Co. hired him for 24 months of service from

1941 to 1945. During this time, he worked in Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma as apprentice engineer, mud engineer, petroleum engineer, research engineer, reservoir engineer, and in consulting and research departments.

Whiting has worked for the Magnet Cove Barium Corp. of Houston as mud engineer and consultant from 1947 to 1953. He has also served the Texas Engineering Experiment Station at College Station as an associate research engineer with 12 months of service during 1947 through 1951. He served as acting director of the Texas Petroleum Research Com-

mittee at Austin and College Station for 13 months from 1951 to 1953.

Whiting's part-time industrial experience includes serving various clients, particularly in the field of reservoir engineering, drilling, production, and oil and gas valuation from 1940 to 1957.

Whiting was born in San Antonio, Tex., on Feb. 25, 1918, and since that time he has lived in San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Pampa, Jennings, La., Tulsa, Okla., Rolla, Mo., and College Station. He and his family, which includes his wife, Nina, and their three children, Robert Louis, Sharon Carol, and John Vance, reside at 1031 Walton Drive in College Station.

I. Ed. Wives' Club Slates Luncheon

The Industrial Education Wives' Club will hold their PhT Luncheon at Clayton's Saturday at 1 p.m.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$1.75, and reservations must be made with Maxine Griffith, at VI 6-7429, by Saturday.

The oldest of Scotland's four universities, St. Andrews, was founded in 1411.

Worth Mentioning

By Johnny Johnson

With finals approaching much faster than most of us prefer, the activity calendar grows smaller as the remaining number of days on this semester's calendar do, but still coming up this semester are several top events.

The talk tonight by Ernest K. Lindley, chief of News week's Washington Bureau, will be the second presentation for the Great Issues Committee of the Memorial Student Center. Earlier this year they presented Robert Kennedy, former chief counsel to the Select Senate Committee on Improper Activities in the Field of Labor and Management and brother of one of the announced Democratic Presidential nomination candidates, John Kennedy.

Brooks Hays, former U. S. Congressman from Arkansas and now a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors will be presented during February by the committee.

The Great Issues Committee has presented this year possibly the most impressive list of speakers that it has in recent years.

Much of the credit goes to Chairman Mike McGuire, Vice Chairman Wally Cannon and three faculty advisers, Dr. David A. Fitch, professor in the Division of Business Administration; Dr. P. J. (Jock) Woods, associate professor in the Department of History and Government; and Earl H. Knebel, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Education.

While on the subject of events for the Men of Aggeland, next semester will bring on the second presentation of the A&M Fine Arts Festival. One of the organizations taking part in this festival is probably the most underrated and little mentioned student group on the campus—The Aggie Players.

During the festival, the Aggie Players will not only be presenting a Shakespearean comedy, "The Twelfth Night," but will be doing it in a new style—in the round, the same method used in producing "Bus Stop" earlier in the semester.

According to C. K. Esten, director of the Players and an assistant professor in the Department of English, the Players' production of the Shakespeare play in the round will be a historical event. Esten said as far as he knows, a Shakespeare play has never been successfully presented in the round.

So, the Players are certainly

worthy of respect and notice by the Men of Aggeland.

Officers this year are Don Reynolds, president; Ray Simmons, vice president; Dorothy Ashworth, secretary; and Ed Herder and Ray Simmons, representatives to the Arts and Sciences Council.

Under the direction of Esten since 1950, the Players have been in existence for many years, according to Esten. No exact estimate is available as to how long Texas A&M, all too often thought of as a strictly technical school, has had an organized drama club. A check of the microfilm files of The Battalion last night contained mention of a production planned in January, 1899, by a dramatic society. The story in The College Journal, the forerunner of The Battalion, indicated the production would be the initial performance by the group. Dramatics may be relatively unknown at Texas A&M, but they are by no means new.

Poll Tax Payable In MSC This Week

People in the College Station area may again pay their poll tax in the Memorial Student Center this year.

The Social and Educational Department of the MSC will open the polls Jan. 11-29, from 8 a. to 5 p. m. Mondays through Fridays.

PROOVES HIS POINT
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Bob Steele, a technical writer at Convair Astronautics, promised a woman writer that she'd meet lots of bachelors if she joined the staff. She did just that and married one of them. Now, both have left the plant.



"Okay, okay . . . come back in and I'll check your grades again!"

What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

7:30
Marshall Hometown Club will meet in the lobby of the YMCA.

Wee Aggies

We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 4-910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

A future Corps Commander was born at 8:23 a.m. Jan. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald T. Smith, '60, C-3-D College View. Ronald Tyler Smith Jr. arrived at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz.

A future Corps Commander was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Jones, '61, 167 Mobil Dr. Michael Paul Jones, 8 lbs. 2 oz., was born at 11:05 p.m. Jan. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. David I. Miller, '60, of 4405 College Main, are the proud parents of a future Aggie date. She is Marianna Lynn Miller, born Jan. 6 in St. Joseph's Hospital. Marianna weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Another future Aggie date, Beverly Jane Martin, was born Jan. 12 at 11:46 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Martin, '61, of D-3-Z College View.

Midland Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA to choose the club sweetheart.

Abilene Hometown Club will meet on the second floor of the Academic Building.

Angelina County Hometown Club will meet in the Fountain Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Shreveport Hometown Club will meet in the Gay Room of the YMCA.

Waco Hometown Club meets in the Reading Room of the YMCA to make plans for a party between semesters.

San Antonio Hometown Club will meet in Room 128 of the Academic Building.

El Paso Hometown Club meets in Room 126 of the Academic Building.

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Show Opens 6 p. m.

History Prof Writes Article

Haskell Monroe of the Department of History and Government has an article appearing in the latest issue of the North Carolina Historical Review titled, "The Road to Gettysburg—The Diary and Letters of Leonidas Torrence of the Gaston Guards."

CAMPUS

LAST DAY
John Paul Jones
ROBERT STACK
MARISA PAVAN
MACDONALD CAREY
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TECHNICOLOR
A WAMPOL RELEASE

PALACE
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STARTS TODAY

CARY GRANT - TONY CURTIS
OPERATION PETTICOAT
with SAM MICKEL
BOB O'BRIEN - GENE TAYLOR
and BOB SANDS
with ARTHUR O'CONNELL
in Eastman
COLOR
A GUNNY PRODUCTION - A SPENCER INTERNATIONAL RELEASE

QUEEN
DOUBLE FEATURE
"Web of Evidence"
&
"Wichita"

Civilian Student Portrait Dates Set

Civilian Students will have their portrait made for The Aggeland '60 at the Aggeland Studio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to the following schedule.

Coats and ties should be worn.

Civilian Senior and Graduates (Including Jr. and Sr. Vet Med.)		
5th Year Architects)	Jan. 11-12	E-K
	Jan. 13-14	L-R
	Jan. 18-19	S-Z

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

NOW is the best time to get your season ticket for Great Issues — Recital Series

- * January 14, Washington Editor of NEWSWEEK
Earnest K. Lindley
- * February 9, Violin & Piano Artists
Grishman — Ryce Duo
- * February 12, Pianist
David Bar - Illan
- * February 28, Former Congressman from
Arkansas — Brooks Hays
- * April 8, Soprano
Betty Bjoerling

On your way to the Ballroom to hear Earnest K. Lindley get your ticket at the MSC main desk.

SEASON TICKETS — 5.00
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS — 1.50

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