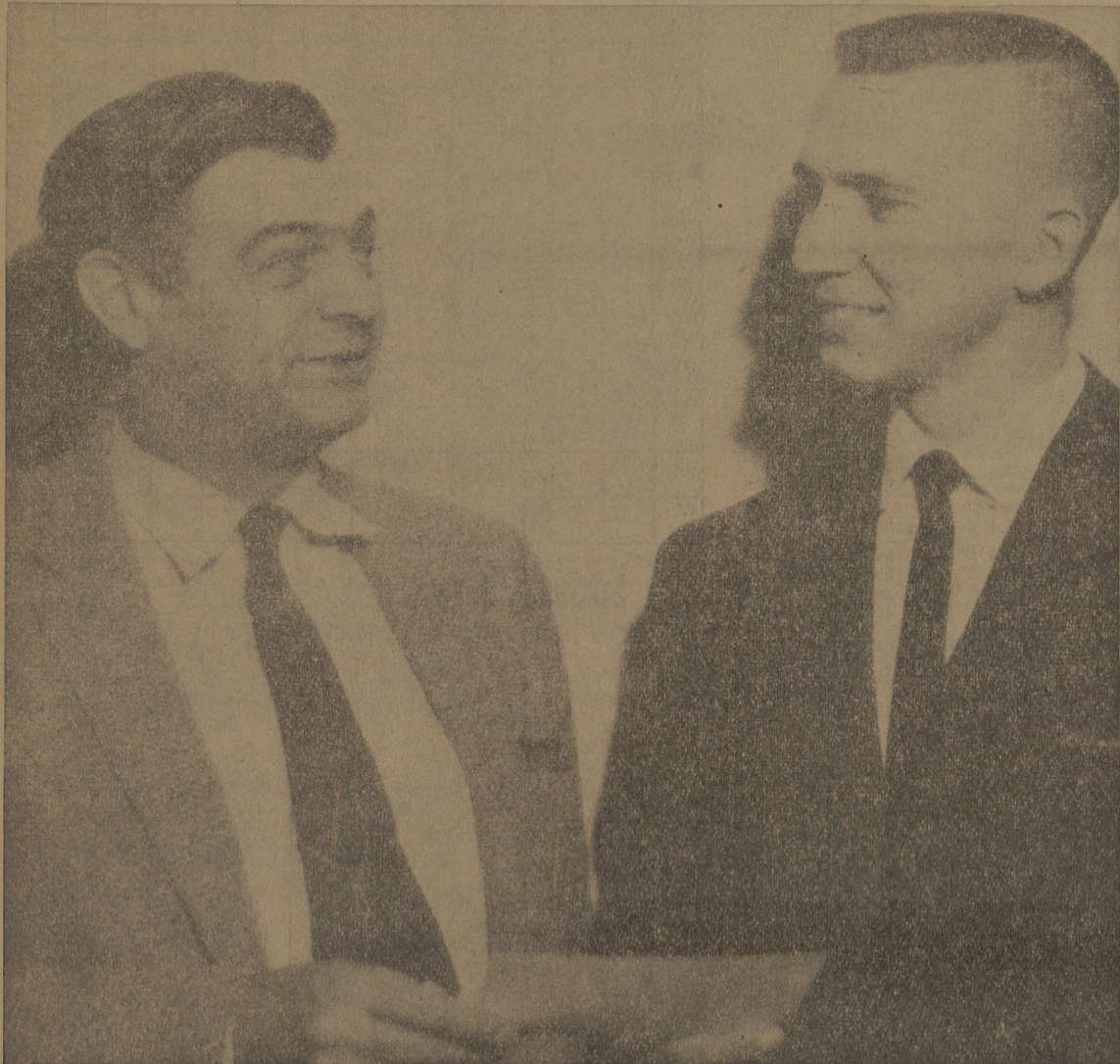


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Ag Wins \$500 Scholarship

Edwin H. Moerbe Jr. of Bishop, right, a junior chemical engineering student at A&M, is the recipient of the newly established Cooper-Bessemer Corp. \$500 Scholarship. Handing the scholarship check to the student in behalf of the Cooper-Bessemer firm is Fred Benson, dean of the A&M School of Engineering. Students at four other colleges also were among the applicants.

'Vienna On Parade' Slated for 8 Tonight

College Gets \$5,000 in Gifts From Donors

A&M has received two restricted gifts totaling \$5,000, President Earl Rudder announced today. Both gifts were earmarked for use in the College's information program under the direction of the College Information Committee.

One gift of \$3,000, was made by the Bryan Chamber of Commerce upon recommendation of its A&M Development Committee. The other gift of \$2,000 was presented through the Association of Former Students by various A&M Clubs and individuals who recently met on the campus.

Rudder explained that these two gifts will be used in the College Information program where state funds are prohibited, but where use of funds from other sources is permissible. He illustrated by saying that state funds cannot be used to reimburse travel expenses for college faculty and staff members who attend High School Career Day Conferences in Texas.

"On behalf of the College," Rudder stated in making the announcement, "I want to thank both the Bryan Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Former Students for this assistance and cooperation."



Christine von Widmann ... Town Hall soprano

New Program Set For Return Show

The new edition of "Vienna on Parade", which in 1958 scored an overwhelming success in a coast-to-coast tour of nearly 100 sold-out engagements, will be presented tonight at 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum by Town Hall in correlation with The A&M Fine Arts Festival now being held.

Topping the roster for the return engagement is one of the world's most famous bands, the 200-year-old Deutschermeister, which will again be conducted by Capt. Julius Herrmann, known in Germany as "the Furtwaengler of the brass," and elsewhere in Europe as "the Maurice Chevalier of the baton." Also returning for the second American tour is the leading man; tenor Erwin von Gross, famous throughout Germany, Austria and Switzerland as "Mr. Operett."

Viennese Diva

The other soloists—and the program itself—is new. Leading lady is the Viennese operetta diva, Christine von Widmann.

Also new to America are the Viennese Belles, eight ladies whose eye-catching costumes match their vocal allure. Two of the young ladies are soubrettes from Vienna's center for operetta, the famous Raimund Theatre; another is the leading soprano with the chamber opera of the city which boasts a dozen streets named for Beethoven, no less than five Mozart cafes, a pastry shop known as "Aida," a coffee house called "Parsifal," and a nightclub called "Papageno."

String Ensemble

Also new to America is a string ensemble under the direction of the composer, conductor and pianist Rudolf Bibl, who for many years has directed operetta in Austria's leading theatres. The violinist in the string ensemble is the concert master of the Viennese radio orchestra.

Completing the roster of new attractions is a ballet duo whose choreography has been devised by Mme. Dia Luca, of the Vienna Volksoper, sister company of the far famed Vienna State Opera. From the Volksoper, also, represented is a distinguished director, Dr. Marcel Prawy, whose productions of three popular American musical comedies—"Kiss Me, Kate," "Wonderful Town," and "Annie, Get Your Gun"—unexcelled.

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Batt Officials To Attend Meet In New York

Johnny Johnson, editor of The Battalion, and Bill Hicklin, managing editor of The Battalion, will leave Tuesday to attend a four-day conference in New York City.

The pair will attend the second annual Student Editor's Conference at the Overseas Press Club, Feb. 19-22.

Johnson was one of 120 student editors in the nation receiving scholarships to the conference which is sponsored by the Overseas Press Club and the U. S. National Student Assn.

Included on the program are talks by Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy and Minnesota Sen. Hubert Humphrey, both candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Other participants on the program include several top newspapermen, including Bob Considine, Hearst Headline Service columnist and foreign correspondent; James Wechler, editor of The New York Post; Tom Whitney, Associated Press foreign news analyst; John Luther, Newsweek magazine press editor.

Johnson and Hicklin will also participate on the ABC television network program, "College News Conference," Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21.

Bryan, College Station Study Proposals

Telephone Company Asks For Increase in Local Rates

City officials of Bryan and College Station are presently studying a recent application by the Southwestern States Telephone Co. for a rate adjustment for services rendered through its Bryan and College Station exchanges.

City Manager Ran Boswell said Wednesday that the College Station City Council has not yet made a decision on the application, but will do so in a meeting to be held in the near future.

Letters Sent

G. M. Brennan, division manager for the company in Bryan, asked in letters to Bryan Mayor O. B. Donaho and College Station Mayor Ernest Langford that the telephone company be granted an adjustment in rates. Brennan stated that the company is "vital to the growth and progress" that has been made in this area and "is proud to have had a part in its development."

"As evidence that we do have a part in this progressive develop-

ment program, we have continued to invest our resources in the future of the two cities," said Brennan.

Rates Based on '55

Brennan pointed out that the present telephone rates are based on the company's 1955 operating results. Total telephone plant investment in Bryan and College Station on Dec. 31, 1955 was \$2,385,335.82. Three years later, total plant investment was figured at \$4,007,349.23, an increase of 68 per cent.

The company's construction program during the past year included expenditures of approximately \$168,000 in the Bryan-College Station area for improving cable facilities and suburban development.

Since the drafting of the company's 1960 construction program, plans have been made for further development in this area. Brennan said extensive improvements will be made in telephone facilities in the Edge and Kurten areas,

strengthening the telephone network throughout Brazos Co. These expenditures have been estimated at \$47,000.

The company's construction program for 1960, announced recently, included some \$68,640 for projects in Bryan, including a re-arrangement of power at the central office, installation of one information switchboard and a tape announcing system, addition of 400 terminals of central office equipment, a program of cable extension and relief and additional trunk circuits to Steele Store. Approximately \$56,240 is to be expended for a large program of cable extension and relief at College Station.

New Expansion

In addition to these specific projects, an estimated \$220,000 has been provided for use in the Bryan-College Station area in 1960 for extensions for new business, routine replacements, public improve-

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Magazine Features A&M Profs

The April issue of Farmer-Stockman magazine will feature articles by two doctors of veterinary medicine and a color cover photograph of a scene at the school's veterinary hospital.

The writers are Dr. Alvin A. Price, dean of the school of veterinary medicine, and Dr. R. D. Turk, head of the veterinary parasitology department.

Price will discuss how the A&M School of Veterinary Medicine serves the Texas Livestock Industry, and Turk will describe internal parasites of livestock.

The cover photo will show Dr. W. M. Romane, assistant professor of veterinary medicine and surgery, and Lee Speck of Meard, a senior veterinary student.

Battalion Faculty, Student Interviews

Opinions Vary on Coed Ruling

By TOMMY HOLBEIN
Battalion Staff Writer

Do you think co-education is on the way for A&M? How do you think it would affect the school? These were some of the questions asked professors and students in accordance with the rise of the issue recently.

James E. Hibdon, associate professor in the Department of Economics, said he felt A&M would go co-educational in time, but not soon. He said it was doubtful, if co-education were permitted, many co-eds would come because many other schools are well-established already as co-educational institutions.

Alvin L. Bennett, associate professor in the Department of English, said the issue of co-education was an involved question and the effects of it would depend on what type of school A&M was to be. He said, up until now, A&M has been conceived as a military school and co-education has not been wanted.

Bennett said if A&M would want to become an educational in-

stitution, where academics were important, then co-education might be considered, and this would be with no emphasis on the military.

Jimmy T. Goodard, senior marketing major from Houston, said since A&M has been traditionally an all-male school, co-education would be disastrous.

"I feel girls would lower educational standards. Sure it would be nice to have them up here, but many complications would arise. There has been some mention that if girls went to school here, the men would dress more proper."

"This is true to a certain extent, for if the boys had something to look forward to, like girls in class, they would emphasize this more. But I feel neatness should be a personal ability and it shouldn't take girls to make men dress appropriately here at A&M," said Goodard.

Fred R. Mauck, freshman pre-law major from Chicago, Ill., said if women were to enter A&M, the school would be ruined. He said

boys come to A&M seeking a strong academic background with military training in the Corps and the "Spirit of Aggieland" would

Grass Fire Destroys Three-Acre Tract

A grass fire destroyed about three acres of grass land about two miles south of College Station on Old State Highway 6 last night before the College Station Volunteer Fire Company extinguished the blaze.

The fire was reported about 11:25 p.m. last night by William Lusk, a patrolman with the College Station Police Dept. The fire was whipped by a brisk wind and would possibly have done greater damage had it not been stopped by a dirt road.

Thirteen members of the College Station Volunteer Fire Company answered the alarm and had the fire under control in less than ten minutes.

be ruined by having women enter the school.

"A&M is not known for its dislike of women, but the Aggies should resent the entrance of women into the all-male school — one of the few schools teaching a man to stand up for what he wants and believes in," said Mauck.

Billy Wood, junior Agricultural Economics major from Montgomery, said if the Corps is going to change to ROTC, such as found at other school with half-day military men for the good and expansion of the school both economically and academically, co-education would be good for A&M.

"If the military department continues to de-emphasize itself, co-education would help A&M very much, but as A&M is now, there would be too many conflicts with co-education. Personally, I would like to see more pride put into the school — men proud to wear the Aggie uniform; thus, if this were returned, I would be against co-education."

Registration Opens For Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament

All Aggies interested in the Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament Feb. 26 should contact Miss Gladys Black at the Memorial Student Center as soon as possible, according to Wiley Bunton, chairman of the MSC Bridge Committee which is sponsoring the tournament.

This is a national play-off to determine the top collegiate bridge players in the United States, Bunton said. Although each competing school will hold its own tournament on its own campus, all scores will be sent to Geoffrey Mott-Smith for grading. He will also prepare all the hands to be used in the tournaments.

Trophies and plaques will be awarded to campus champions as well as to national winners, Bunton added.

Miss Black, director of the MSC Food Department, is adviser to the bridge group.

Bridge players may also register for the tourney in the MSC directorate office, the chairman said.

The tournament will be held in Room 3-D of the Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

55 Elgin FFA Boys Visit A&M Campus

Elgin High School Future Farmers of America were visitors to the A&M Campus Wednesday.

The 55 Future Farmers were special guests in the office of President Earl Rudder who spoke to them briefly. In leaving the Coke Building they visited the Registrar's Office and obtained literature about the college.

The one-day visit was arranged by James Z. Hattox, Elgin FFA Advisor, who reported that the students voted to visit A&M.

The group was directed on the campus by the Official Greeter of the College, P. L. (Pinky) Downs Jr.

Tonight's 'Duchin' Showing Postponed

The showing of "The Eddie Duchin Story," previously scheduled by the Memorial Student Center Film Society for Thursday night, will be presented Friday night at 7:30.

The film, to be shown in Rooms 2A-B-C-D, stars Tyrone Power and Kim Novak and concerns the life of the great modern musician.

The film will be shown in cooperation with the A&M Fine Arts Festival.



Prepares for New York

Johnny Johnson, left, editor of The Battalion, and Bill Hicklin, managing editor of The Battalion, look over a map in preparation for their trip to attend the second annual Student Editor's Conference in New York City Feb. 19-22. Johnson was awarded one of 120 scholarships given by the Overseas Press Club and the U. S. National Student Assn. to United States college and university newspaper editors to attend the meeting. Hicklin will attend the meeting as a delegate.