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TOWN HALL FEATURE

Ray Conniff Brings Stereo Magic to A&M

Ray Conniff's "Concerto In Stereo", hailed as the music event of the year by critics over the nation, will be presented at Town Hall tomorrow night in G. Rollie White Coliseum starting at 8 p. m.

The presentation will feature the Ray Conniff orchestra and chorus, established as the No. 1 record album seller in the nation, in a two-hour show of selection from the group's 11 different albums on Columbia Records.

Stereo

Over \$30,000 worth of stereophonic sound equipment is being installed for this engagement. The sound system will utilize multiple microphone pickups on stage, and the sound of the full orchestra and chorus will be transmitted to the audience through separate amplifying channels and speakers.

In explaining the elaborate sound and lighting system, Conniff said, "Our followers have been used to the unique sound the orchestra and chorus have established on our Columbia albums. I didn't feel it was right to go out on concert tour until we could duplicate those sounds we have achieved on records."

"As a result, members of the audience usually feel they are a part of the orchestra and chorus, and this is the effect we are trying to accomplish," he added.

Chorus Section

Conniff is responsible for bringing about the use of a vocal chorus as a section of the orchestra, but

instead of playing instruments, the vocalists sing syllables. This, coupled with the distinctive, sharp and crisp rhythmic sounds have all contributed to the most unusual style achieved.

Unusual lighting effects also contribute to the impact of Conniff's concert.

In addition to the orchestra and chorus, the Concert in stereo carries a complete crew of two sound engineers, two light technicians, one stage production manager, a complete stage crew, as well as the intricate sound and lighting systems.

Policy Reversal

One of the most amazing facts about the "Concerto in Stereo" is the reversal of general theatre policies. Because of the elaborate sound system, the seats in the rear of the auditorium are the best seats in the house. This is quite contrary to accepted techniques.

Conniff enlisted the aid of Fred Hynes, Academy Award-winning Hollywood sound engineer, who developed the sound systems for many Michael Todd productions.

The expert lighting crew synchronizes color and sound throughout the program, to cover every detail. Conniff didn't hire a lighting man until he found one who could also read music.

Noted Musicians

The chorus is made of eight members, with an 18 piece orchestra. All members are noted in the field of music, and have had outstanding careers before joining Conniff.

Albums by Ray Conniff include "Say It With Music," "S Wonderful," "It's the Talk of the Town," "Conniff Meets Butterfield," "Concerto In Rhythm, I and II," "Young In Heart," and "Hollywood In Rhythm."

In the past several years, these albums have been especially popular in the A&M dining halls as dinner music.

Bonfire Sign Draw To Be Held Tonight

The drawing for positions on the drill field for bonfire signs will be held tonight at 8:30 in Dorn 2, it was announced late yesterday.

The signs will probably go up early next week in preparation for Tuesday's bonfire.

Frosh Officer Filing Now In Progress

Filing for the election of Freshman class officers began at 8 this morning, and will run until 5 next Wednesday afternoon. The filing will be conducted from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on week days.

Freshmen wishing to run for office must file for the election in the Directorate Office in the Memorial Student Center.

Qualifications for the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary of the freshman class are a mid-semester grade point ratio of not less than 1.0.

Freshmen who desire to run for the Student Senate seats must have a grade point ratio of 1.5. There are four seats on the Student Senate open to Fresh.

To be eligible for one of the five vacancies on the election commission the candidates must have a grade point ratio of not less than 1.0.

White Coliseum Will Host Intercollegiate Talent Show

Contrary to prior statement, the Intercollegiate Talent Show will be held in G. Rollie White Coliseum, according to Mike Schneider of the MSC Council.

Deadline Dec. 16 For Aggeland '61 Club Pictures

In order to meet a pre-designated deadline, all club pictures for The Aggeland '61 must be scheduled by Dec. 16, editor Dick McGaughey announced yesterday.

A representative of each club should come by the Department of Student Publications in the YMCA Building as soon as possible, McGaughey said.

News of an agreement by C. E. Tishler, head of the Department of Health and Physical Education, granting permission to use the Coliseum, was released at a meeting of the Memorial Student Center Council Monday night.

Other business covered at the meeting included sending a letter of commendation from the Council to the Civilian Student Council, commending the CSC for their policies on improving civilian dress on the campus.

The MSC Radio Committee outlined a plan for communications to be used on the bonfire to provide adequate contact between the cutting stacking areas, under the supervision of Lloyd Stafford.

Tuesday morning, a meeting of the MSC Directorate was held to notify those delegates selected to attend the Region 9 Assn. of College Unions Convention to be held at Tulane University in New Orleans Dec. 1-3.

Those selected to attend include the following: Gates White, MSC Dance Committee; Joe Easley, Film Society; Jim Finley, Music; Ken Fadal, Personnel; Lloyd Stafford, Radio, and Rodney Kelly, Talent.



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'MONITOR GOES CALLING'

Seven Phases Of Aggeland To Be Aired By NBC

Seven entirely different 30-minute radio programs on different aspects of A&M will be broadcast this weekend by the National Broadcasting Company on the program "Monitor Goes Calling."

Elliott Drake of NBC told The Battalion yesterday afternoon by phone the school's history and growth, the annual Aggie Muster, the Bonfire and Yell Practice, Parent's Day and Final Review, Saturday at 11 p. m.; other traditions, Sunday at 5:30 p. m., and academic activities, Sunday at 8:30 p. m.

These times are New York times, (EST) one hour behind local time. The programs will be aired on a question-and-answer basis, with a make-shift telephone situation planned.

Schedule

The time schedule is as follows: history and growth, Friday at 8 p. m.; Muster, Saturday at 2 p. m.; Bonfire and Yell Practice, Saturday at 5 p. m.; Parent's Day and Final Review, Saturday at 8 p. m.; the 12th Man Tradition, Saturday at 11 p. m.; other traditions, Sunday at 5:30 p. m., and academic activities, Sunday at 8:30 p. m.

Asks Questions

A woman on one end of the

make-shift line will ask questions to a man on the opposite end who is supposedly at the school.

Actually the entire program will originate from NBC studios in New York City.

The desired information, including a Freshman Booklet, the pamphlet "This Is Texas A&M" and the album of school songs by the Singing Cadets was sent NBC representatives nearly a month ago by the Department of Student Publications.

World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

Soviets Agree To Disarmament Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—The Soviet Union expressed willingness Tuesday night to enter into negotiations with the new U. S. administration of John F. Kennedy in an effort to break the East-West disarmament deadlock.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin made the offer before the U. N. General Assembly's Political Committee, where he clashed with U. S. Delegate James J. Wadsworth—An appointee of the Eisenhower Administration.

The clash came after Zorin threw his country's support behind a last ditch compromise resolution submitted by India's Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon, and co-sponsored by a group of smaller nations.

Algiers Braces For Attack

ALGIERS—The government sped 1,100 trained riot policemen from France to Algeria Tuesday as this city was flooded with talk of a new plot against President Charles de Gaulle's Algerian policies.

The police will reinforce a riot squad of 5,000 already stationed in this city where a 1958 settlers' uprising brought down the Fourth French Republic and boosted De Gaulle to power.

On Jan. 24 of this year, European settlers staged a new uprising. This one was supported by disillusionment with De Gaulle because he had offered Algeria's Moslems a chance to work out their own political future.

Lawyers Hint Delay Agreement

FORT WORTH—Negro integration lawyers admitted Monday they might be satisfied with a gradual school integration plan taking perhaps six years to desegregate the Dallas school system.

In a hearing before the U. S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, Negro lawyer W. J. Durham objected to a gradual integration plan which would take 12 years.

He said, however, his clients might be satisfied with a plan taking half that time. "If they (the Dallas school board) had asked for half of that time, we would not have squawked much," Durham said. He said it would be unfair to Negroes involved in the suit if integration was not accomplished for 12 years.

Cuban Court President In Asylum

HAVANA—The president of Cuba's Supreme Court, Dr. Emilio Menendez, took asylum Tuesday in the Argentine embassy, it was learned from authoritative sources.

It was reported another member of Cuba's highest court, Jose Morell Romero, fled to Mexico Saturday. Neither report could be confirmed officially Tuesday night.

Final Effort In; Sum Falling Shy

\$15,150 Goal Not Reached

By RONNIE BOOKMAN

The final effort is over. United Chest collections for College Station are being counted today and the result is expected to be short of the original goal.

Dale F. Leipper, chairman of the drive, reported Tuesday night that a total of \$11,663 had been received so far. He emphasized that the total was not completely up to date since many team captains had not reported yet.

He added that he thought the sum would be several thousand dollars shy of the goal of \$15,150.

Leipper said that he thought that the goal had not been set too high.

Officers Chosen By Professional Engineers Group

The Texas Society of Professional Engineers, a newly organized engineering society at A&M, held its first meeting in the Chemistry Building Monday night.

Purpose of the initial meeting was to elect officers, and the following were selected: president, Dick Robertson; vice president, Ronnie Frazier; secretary, Ken Gudgen, and treasurer, Stephen Seale.

The new society will meet twice each semester, and its purpose is to interest the student engineers in becoming professional engineers. Students from all departments of engineering are invited to join the society.

Time and place of the next meeting will be posted in the respective departments of engineering.

Allen Academy Releases New Mortgage Bonds

A \$500,000 first-mortgage bond program was announced by Allen Military Academy officials to a large group of Brazos County citizens at a dinner meeting held last night in the Academy's dining hall.

The six per cent first-mortgage bonds are being issued to refinance short-term indebtedness which has been incurred during the last several years in construction of new dormitory facilities and campus improvements, according to N. B. Allen, Jr., President of the Academy.

Further, he stated that funds would be replaced in the current accounts so that the institution would be in a position to discount all its bills and buy in large quantities. A part of the bond proceeds will also be available for further capital improvements.

Academy officials announced that the bonds will be first-mortgage serial sinking fund bonds bearing six per cent interest, payable every six months by coupon. The denominations will be in the amount of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Bond sales will be made by salesmen employed by the Academy and through the Academy Bond Office on the campus.

"Many of the departments have attained their goals, and some have passed last year's mark," he said.

"This is a hard thing to analyze. There are many factors that have hurt the drive," Leipper said.

Last year's effort surpassed its goal by several thousand dollars. Leipper said that checks from persons who had not contributed yet would still be accepted. He said that all should be sent to Michael V. Krenitsky, drive treasurer, at Cushing Memorial Library on the A&M Campus.

The drive started Nov. 1 and ended yesterday. The 75 committeemen generally met with success throughout the campaign, Leipper said.

Leipper said that the organization which receives the money from the drive had originally asked for \$19,800.

He said that figure was chopped down to the \$15,150 mark.

After today's official tabulation campaign officials will be able to see reasons for the shortage more clearly.

Organizations receiving funds from United Chest collections include the College Station Community House, the Salvation Army, the Texas Rehabilitation Center and the Brazos County Hospital Fund. Also the Crippled Childrens Therapy Center, the Boy's Clubs of Bryan, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

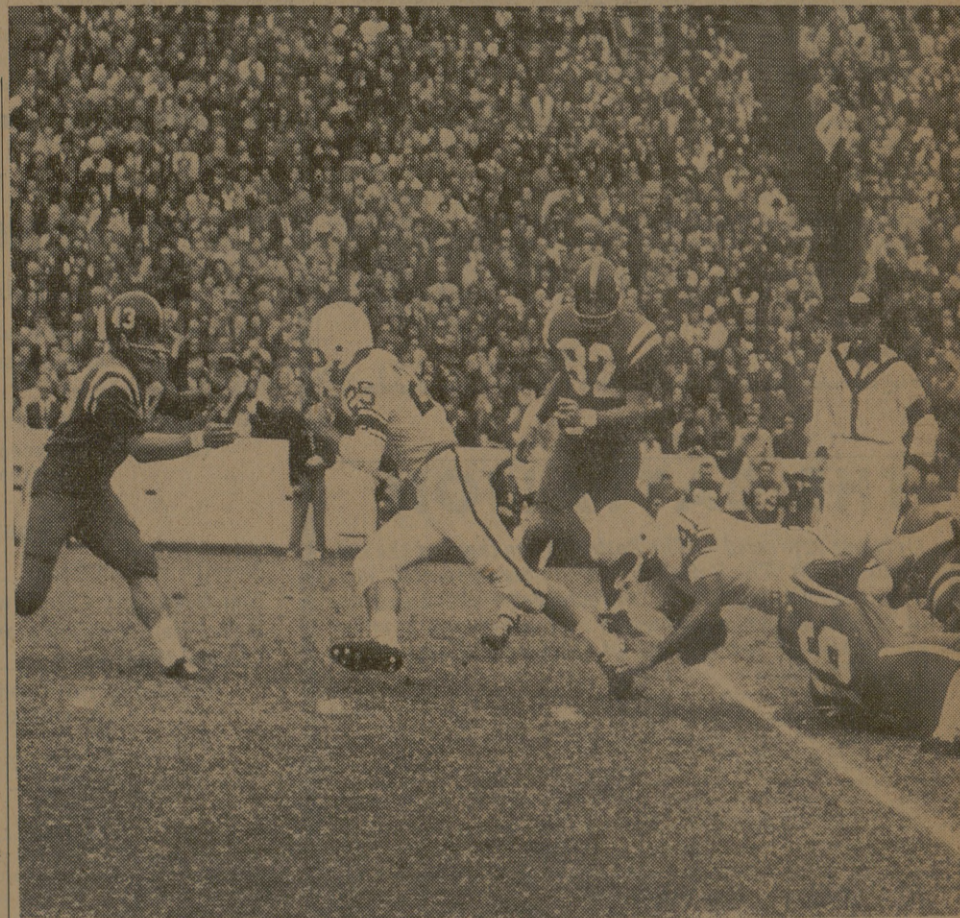
36 Debate Teams Due For Tourney

More than 36 teams from 13 universities will be campus this weekend competing for honors in the annual A&M Debate Tournament.

Nearly all the schools in the Southwest Conference will be represented and the tournament is considered a prelude to the official intercollegiate contests which are held early in the spring.

Trophies will be awarded in both Senior and Junior Divisions, for the high-point teams.

One A&M Debate Team will be entered in each division, according to Dr. Heirth, faculty sponsor of the teams. Members of this year's team are Senior Division, Don Williamson, '61 and Dennis Shepps, '62; Junior Division, Robert Demney, '64 and Dick Stengel, '64. The A&M teams are favored in this year's competition.



Estes on the Move

Teddy Jack Estes (41) is halted after picking up short yardage against the Rice University Owls in second half action last Saturday in Houston. Leading the way for Estes is Ronnie Ledbetter (29) as he is

about to remove the Owls' Butch Blume (43). Tackle on Estes was made by Spencer Brown (16) as Tommy Stellman (82) came up to assist. The Owls won, 21-14.