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...MARKED TREND

Salaries Rise In Two Fields

An increase in salary offers to liberal arts and biological science candidates is the most marked trend to date in the College Placement Council's national survey of starting salaries for college men.

Electrical engineers, however, continue to hold a lead in volume of offers and top the dollar scale at \$553 a month.

Statistics of the survey for the spring period were released today by W. R. Horsley, Director of the Placement Office. A&M is one of the 61 colleges and universities participating in the study.

More than 5,360 individual salary offers were processed in the April report and covered a period from

the beginning of the recruiting season last fall.

Following electrical engineering at the top of the five curricula drawing highest salary offers were aeronautical engineering at \$547, mechanical engineering at \$541, chemical engineering at \$540 and physical sciences, including mathematics, at \$539.

In this group, mechanical engineering moved from fifth position to third since the last report in January. Leading offers continued to exceed last year's averages by some \$15 to \$19 a month.

The national monthly average for technical graduates in all curricula was \$544 with non-technical graduates being offered \$451. The highest bid for non-technical curricula was accounting at \$470 a month. General business students are being offered \$444, while liberal arts and biological science graduates increased \$19 to \$442 a month since the council's January report.

Leading curricula in terms of volume are, in order: electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, general business and accounting. The bulk of the offers continue to be concentrated in the scarce technical categories.

The types of employers bidding most actively for graduates this year are headed by aircraft and parts manufacturers followed by electronics and instruments; chemicals, drugs and allied products; electrical machinery and equipment, and public utilities.

Employers making the highest dollar offers were in the fields of electronics and instruments at \$553; aircraft and parts at \$551; electrical machinery and equipment at \$544; petroleum and allied products at \$534, and chemicals, drugs and allied products at \$532. The median, or mid-point, of all average offers to date is \$517.

The College Placement Council, a non-profit organization representing the eight Regional Placement Associations of the United States and Canada, limits its salary survey to male, bachelor-degree candidates in the 11 most active curricula and 16 key areas of employment. High, low and weighted averages are reported for each.

Cotton Ball Final Plans Now Complete

Final plans for the 27th Annual Cotton Pageant and Ball to be presented by the Agronomy Society Saturday night near completion with the announcement of musical entertainment for the pageant.

Dorothy Nelson of the University of Arkansas, who sang in the 1961 Intercollegiate Talent Show, will sing during one of the interludes in the Parade of Duchesses.

The other two breaks in the program will be filled by a solo by Robert Boone, music coordinator of the MSC, and a ballet number by students of the Guerdard School of Ballet, Bryan. Featured in the ballet group are Carol Thornton, who has the lead role, Penny Guerdard, Sally Lane, Kathy Mohr and Mary Scoates.

The parade of some 160 duchesses competing for the coveted title of Queen Cotton will be led by Miss Doris Hawkins of Abilene, who is the Agronomy Society Sweetheart. The duchesses represent A&M mothers clubs, home-town clubs, student wives clubs, campus clubs and other colleges, universities and organizations throughout the state.

The Queen will be selected by Miss Dorothy Sinz, Dallas Times Herald; Mrs. Kim Dawson, American Fashion Association, and George Dawson, Dallas fashion photographer.

The pageant will begin at 7:30 p. m. in Guion Hall with the pre-

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Retired Foreman Honored

Otto P. Seaman, a former farm foreman for the Department of Animal Husbandry, was honored at the school's 10th annual Swine Short Course which ended yesterday for 31 years of service. He retired recently. A certificate of appreciation and a watch were presented to him by Dr. R. D. Lewis, (left), director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

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World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

Prime Minister Macmillan Talks With President
WASHINGTON—British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan arrived Tuesday night for foreign policy talks with President Kennedy saying they face "plenty of problems." But he voiced faith that with unity among free nations "we can face the future with confidence."

Lending an air of optimism to the conferences scheduled to begin Wednesday were reports that Soviet agreement on a cease-fire in Laos may be near on terms acceptable to the West.

Unemployment Shows Decline For March
WASHINGTON—Unemployment edged down a bit in March but the decline, the first in six months, was not up to seasonal expectations.

The Labor Department reported yesterday that the number of idle workers slacked off last month to 5,495,000. This was a drop of 210,000 from February compared with the 300,000 decline normally expected.

Western Nuclear Proposals Accepted By Soviets
GENEVA—In its first reaction to the Western compromise offer on a nuclear test ban, the Soviet Union accepted Tuesday four Western proposals involving no major Russian concessions.

The four areas selected by the Russians for agreement in principle embrace underground and outer space nuclear tests, experimental earth-moving projects and the budget of the organization that would police a ban on nuclear tests.

Astronauts Near Final Tests
WASHINGTON—The three stretch-running Mercury astronauts will soon undergo intensive tests on a giant centrifuge as the time nears to select one for a flight into space. Officials of the Civilian Space Agency said yesterday that beginning in about two weeks, the trio would get two or three days of intensive workouts on a device which will expose them to the same acceleration forces one of them will face when he blasts off in a capsule atop a big redstone rocket.

New York Subways To Stress Chivalry
NEW YORK—The City Transit Authority reached back to the Middle Ages Monday for an idea to improve a 20th century institution—the subways.

The authority began erecting posters asking male riders to display a little chivalry and give their seats to women.

Re-Wamped Defense Budget Enters Congress
WASHINGTON—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara told Congress yesterday America's military forces are being remolded so they can ride out a massive nuclear attack and not require hair-trigger response to survive.

That key theory behind the re-wamped \$43,794,345,000 defense budget President Kennedy sent to Congress was presented at the start of closed hearings on military spending by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Mother Of Year Nominations Open

Nominations for Aggie Mother of the Year may be submitted starting Thursday, April 6, lasting through Wednesday, April 19, according to Bob Bower, chairman of the public relations committee of the Student Senate.

Bower said the only requirement for nomination is that the mother must be the mother of an Aggie or Aggies presently enrolled in school, and must be able to attend the Parent's Day Ceremonies May 14.

The nominations should consist of letters from Aggies telling why they think their mothers should be honored as the Aggie Mother of the Year, and mailed to Bob Bower, in care of W. D. Hardesty, Student Activities, Memorial Student Center.

TEXAS GOES CONSERVATIVE

Tower, Blakley Lead Senate Race

By The Associated Press
Texas voters demonstrated in smashing fashion Tuesday that they like conservative candidates.

The ballot totals for the conservative pair, John G. Tower and William A. Blakley, tell the story. They led the race.

Their combined vote as of early Wednesday was 508,352. The moderate pair of Atty. Gen. Will Wilson and U. S. Rep. Jim Wright together drew 285,150.

And the liberals could amass only 198,802 votes for their candidates of Maury Maverick Jr. and Henry B. Gonzalez.

These other interpretations came out of the election:

1. There was some labor and Latin American voting.
2. Except for the Poll Bill, Texas today would have a Republican senator, the first since reconstruction days.
3. The Poll Bill was passed after Ralph Yarborough won a similar

Annual Class Election Scheduled Tomorrow

177 In Running For Positions

By TOMMY HOLBEIN

Class elections stand less than one day away, with 177 candidates still on slate for the various offices becoming effective next year.

Two names, those of William H. Brashears and Thomas H. Ralph, were inadvertently left off the slate of 177 candidates who have filed for the class officer elections.

Ralph, a junior from Clifton, is seeking the Senior Yell Leader's post and Brashears, a sophomore from San Antonio is running for Junior Yell Leader.

Student Affairs director Pete Hardesty said that while the two were omitted from the original list of qualified candidates, the error was caught and their names will appear on the Ballots.

Hardesty also said one of the candidates for president of the Class of '63, Tommy Max Thomas, has withdrawn his name from the race. Thomas' withdrawal narrows the field of aspirants to this office to nine.

Seniors will vote on paper ballots because of the small number of candidates for senior class agent, three, including Tom C. Reid, Ernest E. Figari and Halley Oren Bradford.

The election is to be held in the Memorial Student Center, and voting machines will be in operation from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., stretched from the Bowling Alley to the Fountain Room.

Runoffs are scheduled for April



Year's 2nd Silver Taps Notice ... for Hearne senior Clarence E. Peyton

Clarence Peyton Killed In Wreck

Silver Taps was held last night to honor an Aggie killed late last Wednesday. Clarence Peyton, a 22 year-old senior pre-med major from Hearne, was the first traffic fatality of 1961 for Brazos County.

Texas Highway Patrolman Wynn Williams, who investigated the accident, said Peyton's car crossed the center stripe of the road and hit an on-coming grain truck.

He said that when he arrived at the scene Peyton's pulse was very weak, but the student was dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

The accident occurred about ten miles south of College Station on Highway 6. The grain truck, bound for Houston, was driven by Jack Joyce, 42. Joyce was unhurt.

"I don't believe there is any question but that Peyton fell asleep at the wheel," said Wil-

Birdwell Wins National Prize In Contest

Carl Birdwell, manager of the Exchange Store, was one of six winners of a sales promotion contest sponsored by The College Store Journal.

The contest was inaugurated in the Mid-Winter 1960 issue of the Journal, the official publication of the National Association of College Stores. The competition has been designed to provide a helpful sharing of experience and know-how among College Store personnel in the field of promotion and advertising.

Birdwell was presented a check for five dollars from the Journal by President Earl Rudder for his prize-winning promotion idea entered in the competition.

New Reactor Proposed For A&M System

The Atomic Energy Commission has given notice of intent to issue a license to the A&M College System for operation of the research reactor recently constructed adjacent to the A&M campus.

The facility is an open pool-type, light water moderated and cooled research reactor using enriched uranium as fuel and will be operated initially at 100 kilowatts. A&M plans ultimately to modify the reactor for operation at a power level of 5,000 thermal kilowatts. Further information necessary to complete an evaluation of operation at this level must be submitted before the Commission will consider authorizing a higher power level.

The reactor will be used for research and development and constitutes a major element of the nuclear science center being built to serve the nuclear science and technology of Texas and the Southwest.

Construction of the reactor was authorized by a permit issued by the Commission Aug. 4, 1959. The permit was provisional to the extent that additional information necessary to complete the safety evaluation was to be submitted.

This information has been received and a safety analysis by the Research and Power Reactor Safety Branch of the Commission's Division of Licensing and Regulation concludes that operation of the reactor at 100 kilowatts as proposed will not result in any undue hazard to the health and safety of the public.

Notice of the proposed issuance of the license was filed with the Federal Register Mar. 29. The license will be issued unless a request for a hearing is received by the Commission within 15 days after that date. Requests for a hearing should be addressed to the Office of the Secretary, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25, D. C., or the AEC's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Before issuance of the license, the reactor will be inspected by representatives of the Commission to determine whether it has been constructed in accordance with the provisions of the construction permit, as amended. The license will be effective upon issuance and will expire at midnight Aug. 4, 1979.

Three Named To Council Positions

Results of the College Station City Council Election were released last night, the new councilmen from the city's three wards having been elected yesterday.

In Ward One, J. A. Orr was victorious over Mason Lee Cashion for the councilman's position. Orr received 236 votes, with Cashion receiving 170.

Ward Two was scene of one of the closest races in local elections in many years. D. A. Anderson was elected councilman by one vote, having 137 as opposed to

George Draper's 136 votes. Ward Three had only one candidate, Antone L. Rosprim, who received 57 votes in the election. The council will elect a mayor at its first meeting sometime in the near future.