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Cotton Pageant

King Cotton XXVII. John O'Connor, senior agronomy major from Petty, seats his Queen, Miss Janet Taylor, 18, of Beeville, at Friday night's Cotton Pageant in Guion Hall. Miss Taylor representing the Corpus Christi A&M Club was named Queen over 169 other candidates from all over Texas.

Pan American Week Opens In Memorial Student Center

Pan American Week opened last night in the Memorial Student Center with a student commentary on the problems of Latin America and what should be done about them.

A panel of students from several of the Latin American countries, moderated by Robert Thompson of the Division of Business Administration, presented their views on the economic, educational and relations problems which are important for the future of Pan American cooperation.

The panel said their biggest barrier to progress in the Latin American countries is education. In the countries of South America the illiteracy rate varies from 30 to 70 per cent. To combat this

problem, they said, a system of public schools is needed adequate to the needs of each of the different countries. To provide an adequate education the individual countries need to improve their techniques, import foreign teachers to instruct in the schools of higher learning, send students to other areas and to improve the libraries and other facilities in the educational system.

"Next to education, economics is the most important problem. Aid from the United States is important to the Latin American countries, but more important is the proper application of this aid," said Francisco Garza, a student from Mexico.

"The economic aid will do the

Latin American countries no good unless it is properly put to use in the proper places."

In their talks the students stressed that more time should be spent by each country in learning more about the others.

"No friendship between peoples can endure without the knowledge of each other's way of life," said Peter Boy of Colombia.

Throughout the program the main theme of the talks were noticeable in the ideas presented by the speakers. "Neighbors in Need or Needed Neighbors" was illustrated by two basic principles, Latin America needs help, and the U. S. needs and wants friends.

Following the discussion program there was entertainment provided by a group of Latin American students and three girls from Bryan. Melanie Clark played several pieces on the harp, followed by Panama Joe and His Hot Peppers, a combo headed by Jose Maher of Panama. After a series of Latin American tunes by the Hot Peppers, there was a piano duet by Judy House and Betty Jester of Stephen F. Austin High School. In line with the theme of the week their number was Malaguena.

Tonight's main event in the series of Pan American Week programs is a presentation of a series of sports films of Latin America, to be presented free to the public. The films will be shown in the MSC Ballroom beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Favorites Deadline Scheduled Friday, April 28

Seniors are reminded that the deadline for turning in AggieLand '61 Senior Favorites has been set for Friday, April 28.

All pictures of Senior Favorites should be glossy black and white prints and must be either billfold size or 5x7. The fee is \$2 for each shot.

Pictures should be turned in at the Office of Student Publications in the YMCA Building.

Every picture left at the office will be returned upon request following publication. Efforts will be made to take care of submitted pictures, but the Office of Student Publications is not responsible for loss beyond their control.

MSC Council Selects Slate

Officers And Funds Top Business Tab

By ROBERT DENNY

In one of the longest sessions in year, the Memorial Student Center Directorate Council finished its year of operation with the final business meeting last night.

Plans for the Directorate Banquet were also announced. The banquet is the official installation ceremony for next year's officers and committee chairman, and will be on a Polynesian Theme this year. Chancellor Harrington, President Rudder, the Board of Directors and student leaders have been invited to the banquet as guests of honor.

Main item on the agenda was the selection of officers for next year. Officers for '61-'62 are Mike Schneider, President; James Ray, Vice-president; Council place 1, Joe Easley; Council place 2, Sheldon Best and Former Student Representative, Robert Murray.

Following the election of officers, the treasurer's report for the past seven months of operation of Guion Hall indicated a profit of \$2,358 as compared to a loss of \$1,813 for the same period last year.

In addition, the treasurer's report showed that the Intercollegiate Talent Show had an audience of over 6,000 and made a profit of nearly \$2,200. Although the report did not give statistics for the Cafe Rue Pinalle, it was reported that crowds at the Cafe were good and it was definitely in the black.

Those elected to Committee Chairman positions are as follows: Evaluation Board, Ronnie Hampton; Dance Committee, James Fiddell; Camera Committee, James Moore; Flying Kadets, Bob Moore; Flying Cadets, Bob Wright; Talent Committee, John Betts; Public Relations, Kirk Blackard; Bowling Committee, Chuck Haynes; Great Issues, Donovan Kirkpatrick, and the Radio Committee, James Adams.

The Council next approved an appropriation of \$1,000 for part purchase of a complete set of United Nations Flags. The flags will be bought at about one-half their retail price, the best quality for either indoor or outdoor display.

The Council voted to buy two extra U.S. flags and a specially designed flag to honor Aggie War Dead which will be designed by the Council and made to order by the company.

The flags will be placed at the north and south entrances and also inside the halls of the Memorial Student Center.

The Council next formally accepted gifts to SCONA totaling \$18,305 from all over the United States and Mexico.

Photo Entries Must Be In Friday At 5

Friday is the final day for entering the Texas A&M Review photo contest. All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m., April 14.

To be eligible to enter the contest you must be a student and have an A&M ID card. The photo should be printed on 8x10 paper and must have been taken in Texas; however, the subject matter and type of paper used is optional. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded for first, second and third places.

Names of the winning photographers and their entries will appear in the pre-summer issue of the Texas A&M Review.

Entries should be brought to the Student Publications Office in the basement of the YMCA Building. Be sure to include your name and mailing address and, if you wish, a title for your print.

The judges will be looking for good composition and originality, and it is not too late to enter and win, so get your prized photo in before Friday.

Soviet Union Can't Contact Venus Rocket

By The Associated Press

FLORENCE, Italy—The Soviet Union admitted Monday it had failed so far to re-establish radio contact with its Venus space rocket.

Speaking at an international space symposium, A. A. Blagoravov of the Soviet Academy of Sciences said, however, the rocket was on course. He said the "automatic interplanetary station" would pass Venus at a distance of about 62,000 miles "without needing correction."

Blagoravov did not indicate whether the Soviet Union had established contact by means other than radio.

The rocket is scheduled to come closest to Venus May 19.

Would Change In Name Be Constitutional?

Would a constitutional amendment be necessary before the name of Texas A&M could be changed?

The question of the legality of the State Senate changing the name of the school was raised recently by Sen. George Moffett of Chillicothe. Moffett indicated in a prepared statement of his views on the name-change that since the name "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas" appears in the text of the state constitution, there might have to be an amendment before the name could be changed.

There was no indication, however, that this was definitely the case.

Leonard Passmore, a lawyer in the state attorney general's office, said the constitutionality question had been submitted to that office and an opinion would be forthcoming in a week or ten days.

Until an opinion is written, however, no person or group can definitely say there need be, or need not be, an amendment to the state constitution.

Correction

An article which appeared in The Battalion April 7 discussing the possibility of a constitutional block to the name-change said that a letter dated March 17 and sent to Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan "advocated the name 'Agricultural and Mechanical University of Texas,' if a change was to be enacted."

The Student Senate approved name is "Texas A&M University," the name supported by the A&M Board of Directors.

In this name, "A&M" stands alone, and does not mean "Agricultural and Mechanical." In this sense, "A&M" is a name by itself and would be used much the same as "Rice" is used in Rice University or "Baylor" is used in Baylor University.

A&M Council Studies, Plans Future Events

Various items of business highlighted the meeting of the Arts and Sciences Council held in Room 3-D of the Memorial Student Center last night starting at 8 p.m.

Presiding was Tony Guiardina, president of the Council, who brought forth results of the recent High School Careers Day which has been termed an overwhelming

success, with over 900 high school seniors registering for the activities during Career Weekend.

Of those registering for the event, 500 showed interest in pursuing curriculum within the School of Arts and Sciences, 200 in the School of Engineering, 120 in the School of Agriculture and 79 in the School of Veterinary Medicine. Included in those of Arts and Sciences were 35 uncommitted or tentative general curriculum students.

It was announced to the 13 members present of the 41-member council that a called meeting would be held next Monday night in Nagle Hall to select those members of the faculty to receive awards. Each club represented in the Council will submit two applicants for the honors.

Other discussion was centered on the Great Adventure Series program planned for the duration of the semester. Approximately 160 students have registered for the program and have agreed to read the book "Elmer Gantry" for discussion.

The book, written by Sinclair Lewis, is of a controversial nature portraying the life and experiences of what some might term an extremely hypocritical minister.

The first campus-wide discussion will be held on Friday, April 27, in the lounges of nine different dorms, both Corps and civilian. There will be nine groups with a faculty discussion leader for each group.

The second meeting is scheduled for May 15, and will be conducted in the same way, for the purpose of stimulating creative thinking and opinion forming.

After deciding on method of voting to be used by the Council in selecting faculty members for awards next Monday night, and emphasizing promotion of the Great Adventure Series, the Council meeting was adjourned until next week.

World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

Satellite Recovery Attempt Fails

LOS ANGELES—An attempt to recover a capsule from the satellite Discoverer XXIII failed Monday when the capsule went into orbit instead of returning to earth.

The Air Force said the satellite, launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Saturday, failed to achieve the stability necessary for precise ejection of the capsule.

New State Medical School Site Chosen

AUSTIN—The University of Texas board of regents agreed yesterday to build a new state medical school in the suburban Oak Hill district of San Antonio.

The agreement ended a years-long dispute between Oak Hill developers and proponents of a site in downtown San Antonio. The board met with both groups here Friday.

U.N. Plane Fired Upon In Congo

BRUSSELS, Belgium—The Belgian radio said Monday night Congolese military guards opened fire on a United Nations plane attempting to land at Bakwanga airport in the diamond-mining state of South Kasai.

The radio, quoting the Congolese Press Agency, said a contingent of Indian U.N. troops was abroad the plane.

Wilson Announces Runoff Support

DALLAS—Atty. Gen. Will Wilson Monday announced his full support of Sen. William A. Blakley in the Senate runoff election.

Wilson became the first of the four Democrats eliminated in last Tuesday's special U. S. Senate election to announce support of Blakley.

Soviet Rumors Spark Spaceman Mystery

MOSCOW—Moscow's newsmen—Communist and Western alike—were kept on edge for hours yesterday by rumors that the Soviets had launched a spaceman.

Then, while reporters were still glued to their radios awaiting an announcement, the official press spokesman at the Foreign Ministry threw a cold blanket on the whole thing by declaring he knew nothing about it.

A SHEET OF FLAME

B-52 Survivor Tells Ordeal

By The Associated Press ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—A survivor from the B-52 bomber shot down Friday told Monday how he ejected himself from the stricken aircraft through a sheet of flame.

S. Sgt. Ray Singleton, 27, Havre de Grace, Md., was the tail gunner on the B-52 struck by a Sidewinder missile from an F-100 Air National Guard jet over western New Mexico.

He was in the rear-most section of the bomber when the missile hit the left wing. Singleton suffered burns on his hands and over his face. His wife, Gloria, a resident of El Paso, Tex., appeared with him during a brief interview Monday at Sandia base hospital.

Five bomber crewmen were rescued. Three others were killed. Their bodies were recovered from the wreckage and returned to Albuquerque Sunday.

The sergeant said the first he knew of the accident was when he heard a muffled explosion.

"The plane made a steep bank to the left and flames started coming back. I could not see the left wing at all," Singleton said.

The B-52 "assumed a nose-down position" after the explosion.

He said he jettisoned the tail-gunnery's bubble, then ejected himself in his parachute. There was some flame inside his compartment which he assumed was sucked in during the loss of pressure, Singleton said.

"I was in clouds from the time I left the aircraft until the time I touched down, and I did not see any other chutes at all," Singleton said.

"I landed in a tree. After I got down, I just more or less stood

around to collect my thoughts. I started flexing my arms and legs to see that I wasn't hurt."

The sergeant said it was snowing and foggy and he could not see far.

Singleton started walking and soon heard someone yelling. "I yelled back and asked if he could help me. He answered, 'No, I'm hurt myself.'"

The two men kept yelling at each other to determine direction and Singleton located Capt. Donald C. Blodgett, 39, Kalamazoo.

Singleton found a large rock and more solid ground nearby and helped Blodgett move to the shelter.

The sergeant pulled Blodgett's parachute over to the rocks and devised a shelter to block off the wind and snow.

The snow continued for 30 to 45 minutes, then the skies cleared. He heard aircraft overhead and saw a helicopter flying along a ridge two or three miles away.

Another snow flurry hit and, when it cleared, Singleton saw a helicopter and two T-33 jets flying circles over the area. One of these passed directly over the two men, but the pilot apparently did not see them.

Then, one of the T-33s flew over and the pilot rocked the wings to indicate he had spotted the men on the ground. A short time later a helicopter picked the two up.

Part of the missile was found Monday by Air Force and National Guard officials about a quarter-mile from the wreckage. An Air Force board of inquiry went to the crash site. Its members indicated it may take 10 days to determine the cause of the accident.



Cotton Ball

Students and guests dance to the music of the AggieLand Orchestra at Friday night's annual Cotton Pageant in Guion Hall. Cotton Ball in Sbis Hall. The Agronomy