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School Elections Scheduled

RUDASILL WINS AG FIRST

Rogers, Bearcats Win Rodeo Honors

Bobby Rudasill walked off with the only A&M first place as Sam Houston State and Royce Rogers of Southwest Texas Junior College dominated the winnings in the weekend's 12th annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo in the Aggie Arena.

Sam Houston captured team honors in the 13-team meet, while Rogers won the bull-riding, ribbon-roping and steer wrestling events and then was named all-around

cowboy for the second consecutive year.

The all-around cowgirl title went to Flossy Brandes of Sam Houston, as she upset the defending champion and a fellow teammate, Karen Bland.

Rudasill's lone Aggie first place was in bareback bronc riding. Roger Lacy and John Beall of the A&M squad captured titles in the second round of ribbon roping and first round of steer wrestling competition, respectively, but both failed to head the list of final averages for the two events.

The official results are as follows:

Team honors: Sam Houston, Southwest Texas Junior College and McNeese State College; all-around cowboy, Rogers, Southwest Texas Junior College; all-around cowgirl, Miss Brandes, Sam Houston.

Bareback bronc riding: Rudasill, A&M, first place; Kenneth Beasley, A&M, second place; Jim Cambell, McNeese, third place, and a three-way tie for fourth place between Floyd Hechler, Sam Houston, Howard Vogt, McNeese, and Jim Whitefield, Sam Houston.

Bull riding: Rogers, first place; Leo Anderson, Sam Houston, second place; Beasley, A&M, third place, and Wayne Foster, McNeese, fourth place.

Saddle bronc riding: Anderson, Sam Houston, first place; Rodney Butler, A&M, second place; Bobby Blackbird, Sam Houston, third place, and John Young, Sam Houston, fourth place.

Tie-down roping: Lawrence Casey, Sam Houston, first place; C. O. Sage, McNeese, second place; Elmer McLeod, Texas A&I, third place, and Clark Wood, TCU, fourth place.

Ribbon-roping: Rogers, first place.

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MSC Voting Polls To Open At 8 a. m.

Elections for Student Senate and Election Commission posts will begin at 8 tomorrow morning lasting through 5:30 p. m., with voting machines arranged in the hall between the Fountain Room and the Bowling Alley in the Memorial Student Center.

Approaching the Fountain Room, the first two machines will be for students in the School of Arts and Sciences; the third is for those voting in the School of Agriculture; fourth and fifth machines are for engineering students and the last is for the School of Veterinary Medicine.

In voting, a student may vote only for the candidate who will represent his class year of his selected school; for example, juniors in the School of Arts and Sciences will vote only for another A&S junior.

An exception to this will be a runoff being conducted between Dave Halm and Jeff Wentworth for senior representative to the Memorial Student Center Council, making the election both class and school category.

All juniors in all schools will vote for one of these two candidates, and their names will appear on all voting machines.

Write-in candidates will be accepted where only one candidate has filed for position, according to Pete Hardesty, Director of Student Affairs.

Sixty-one candidates have filed for the general elections races, representing the four schools of the college.

Of these, 14 filed for competition in the School of Arts and Sciences; they include, in the senior representative slot, Joel Ridout, Leonard Willmann, Larry Wallace and Hugh H. McDaniel.

Junior representative contestants in the School of Arts and Sciences are George A. Wiederaenders, Frederick T. Graham, Joel E. Terrill and Ben B. Boyd.

Sophomore representative contestants in the school include Michael T. Ary, Richard N. Conolly, Jr., Warren M. Dillard, Lawrence N. Garrett, Jr., Earl Ray Shaw and William K. Stanton.

In the School of Agriculture, four candidates filed for senior representative, including Ray W. Glibreath, Richard S. Runge, Arland D. Schneider and Melvin Chester Young.

Two contestants for junior representative filed, James Earl Johnson and Dennis McIntosh, and one sophomore candidate filed, Howard Martin Head.

Thirteen candidates filed for positions representing the School of Engineering; senior representative candidates include Lawrence W. Christian, Don C. Ince, Robert A. Mears and David Monteer.

Junior candidates are William Thomas Barnhart, James C. Hilton and Dale Lewis Sinor; sophomore contestants are Robert M. Denny, (See ELECTION on Page 4)

C. L. Babcock Essay Contest Deadline Nears

The deadline for submitting entries in the C. L. Babcock essay contest has been extended until 5 p. m. Thursday.

Contest judges consented to the extension of the deadline because of the low number of entries that have been received. The original deadline for submitting entries was April 14.

Winner of the contest will receive \$250 for the best essay on the 1961 subject: "Educational Assets I Find at Texas A&M." In addition to the \$250 first prize, the writers of the next ten best compositions will receive honor certificates.

The winners will be announced at the Student Publications Banquet May 19. The contest, now in its third year, has been highly successful in the past. Winners have had their essays published in various Texas publications as well as in the United States Congressional Record.

One of the purposes of the contest, according to its founder, is to collect the better papers and incorporate them in pamphlets and other publications to be used to "tell the story of A&M from the student viewpoint to prospective high school students throughout the Southwest."

Requirements for entering the contest are simple. The writer may be any full-time A&M student, with the exception of members of The Battalion staff.

Each paper should be between 250 and 1,000 words in length. The essay must be typewritten, double spaced and accompanied by two carbon copies. Entries may be sent or delivered to The C. L. Babcock Award Contest, The Battalion, College Station, or before 5 p. m. Thursday.

The Battalion staff will select from all the papers submitted the top ten entries. The final winner will be selected by a committee appointed by President Earl Rudder.

The selection committee reserves the right to publish any one or all of the top ten entries as selected by The Battalion, however no paper will be published until the winner is named.

The originator of the contest, C. L. Babcock, '20, operates the C. L. Babcock and Son Insurance Agency in Beaumont.

As a student at A&M, Babcock served as editor of The Battalion; assistant business manager of The Longhorn, the forerunner of The AggieLand, and was president of the Glee Club.



Score One For The Rider . . . rodeo competitor piles up points

Parents' Day Schedule Announced For Sunday

Thousands of parents and friends from throughout Texas will be on campus for Parents' Day Sunday.

Mrs. Hilma S. Huitt of Bay City, "Aggie Honor Mother of the Year," will be the honor guest for the activities.

The Sunday activities will get under way at 8 a. m. with the colorful flower pinning ceremony. Parents will pin flowers on the lapels of the shirts of the cadets.

The best drilled freshman and sophomore students will be presented at 8:25, followed by the

corps units presentations to the commanding officers at 8:30.

The Corps of Cadets review and Mother's Day awards presentation will get under way at 9 a. m. on the main drill field in front of the Memorial Student Center.

The freshman drill team will give a precision drill at 10:40 a. m. on the main drill field.

The Student Senate will give a Parent's Day program at 11 a. m. in Guion hall. The Mother's Day dinner for parents will be held at 12:30 p. m. in the Sbis Dining Hall.

Dormitories will be open from 12 noon to 4 p. m., and at 2 p. m. the Ross Volunteers will give a special drill on the main drill field.

The program prior to Mother's Day Sunday follows:

Friday at 1 p. m., the Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs will hold a board meeting in the MSC and at 7:30 p. m. the 12th Man Bowl will be held on Kyle Field. The Aggie Players will present the "Aggie Follies" at 8 p. m. in Guion Hall.

Saturday at 8:40 a. m. there will be a coffee for the State Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs and at 9 a. m. the annual Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs will meet.

A smorgasbord will be held from 5:30-7:30 p. m. in the dining room of the MSC and the "Aggie Follies" will be held again in Guion Hall.

National TV Show Considering A&M

Alan Neuman, executive producer of Showpac, arrived on the A&M campus today in search for material which might be used in the development of a new 30-minute television series which would be called "Campus USA."

Accompanying Neuman on his flight from New York and visit to the campus is television writer Lou Salanen.

Neuman first became interested in A&M, the only school in the Southwest to be visited, after hearing reports of the annual Intercollegiate Talent Show. In his visit

he will receive a firsthand look at the background and color which A&M has to offer.

In recent years Neuman has produced several television shows and series including NBC's "Wide, Wide World" and "Person to Person." He was also producer of a television spectacular which was sponsored by Coca-Cola two years ago.

A busy agenda is scheduled for Neuman during his stay on the campus. He observed a pass-by this afternoon after which he was guest of honor of the Corps Staff at the evening meal. Other activities which he will view will include a performance by the Singing Cadets, and an Aggie Follies rehearsal. Neuman will return to New York after the completion of his tour tomorrow.

Ned Sandlin, Gillis Win Aero Awards

Alexander Gillies of Bryan and Ned H. Sandlin of Fort Worth, senior students in the Department of Aeronautical Engineering, are recipients of the Institute of Aerospace Sciences Awards for 1961.

Gillies was given the Scholastic Award for recognition for outstanding scholastic achievements during his undergraduate studies.

Sandlin was given the Lecture Award for the outstanding paper presentation during the year.

A. E. Cronk, head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering, presented the awards at the annual banquet May 2.

Guest speaker for the banquet was B. A. Erickson from Convair, a Division of General Dynamics in Fort Worth.

Erickson, who was the chief test pilot for Convair and made the first flights in the B-32, B-36, XC-99 and the B-58 March 2 bomber, spoke on the subject, "The Achievements of the Individual in the Aeronautical and Space Era."

He pointed out that the success of a company, state or nation is based on the solution of many problems by many individuals. He challenged the students to place the nation back into the position of leadership in the fast moving space era through their individual achievements.

Fred Hall served as master of ceremonies for the banquet. David Frank, the out-going chairman of the student section, introduced the officers for next year: Thomas Fields, chairman, and Robert K. Wright, vice-chairman.

Officers Hesitant On New Drag Strip

By RONNIE BOOKMAN
Battalion News Editor

Local law enforcement officers have adopted a "wait and see" attitude toward a group of Bryan-College Station teenagers calling themselves the Brazos Valley Timing Association. Objectives of the association? A drag strip.

Mark Hall and Bill Swafford, representatives of the group, yesterday visited with various city, county and state agencies, making their plea for a drag strip. According to the pair, a drag strip in the area would cut down on racing on public streets.

Such an illegal contest of speed is believed to have been the cause of a fatal accident that took the lives of a Bryan couple last Tuesday.

Bryan Chief of Police L. L. Martin said he couldn't officially or unofficially back such an organization at its present formative stage.

"I think it's up to the association to prove itself first," he said. "Right now I can't say one way or the other. It's a little premature."

"To clear up one point, though, the Chief continued, "Teenage drivers are not to blame for most of the accidents we have. On the greater part, teenage drivers are safe drivers."

The association had its first for-

mal meeting last Saturday with about 25 high school boys attending. A tentative constitution was drawn up and plans made to start a campaign for the drag strip.

The constitution says:

"Our organization will have the aim of promoting safe hot-rodding and rod-building and safe dragging on a regulation drag strip. We will put an end to all street dragging, racing and speeding. We will promote safe driving on all public ways and demonstrate to the public that rodding is a safe sport and that hot-rod drivers are the best anywhere . . ."

Sgt. O. L. Luther, in charge of the Highway Patrol's office in Bryan, plans to follow the same sort of tactics.

"Whether or not we back a drag strip depends on where it's located and what is involved," Luther said. "Another factor that will either help or hurt a drag strip will be the non-member's attitude toward the association. We want to know about that."

"I'm not against a drag strip, but I don't want to say now," he added. "I want to see rules, regulations and safety procedures before I go one way or the other."

As it is set up now in the constitution, any member must appear

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Men Accused In Fatal Wreck Face Probers

Two area youths, charged with the traffic deaths of a Bryan businessman and his wife last Tuesday night, may have to appear before the Brazos County Grand Jury. One of the boys is a sophomore at A&M.

Assistant District Attorney William Langford said yesterday that the A&M student, Samuel J. Mackin, 19, of 303 Walton in College Station, and Michael C. Roll, 17, of 808 North Ave. in Bryan, may be asked to testify before the grand jury.

That decision will be made by District Attorney Brooks Cofer. Cofer is out of town for the rest of the week.

Mackin and Roll were charged with second degree negligent homicide following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Troy McElroy. Officers say the boys were in separate cars racing down College Avenue when Mackin's vehicle struck the McElroy's panel truck broadside.

Mrs. McElroy was dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital and her husband died there a few hours later.

The charges were filed by Bryan Detective Ray Williamson Thursday. Although Roll's car was not physically involved in the accident, Williamson said he was "a contributing factor."

Second degree negligent homicide is defined as neglect resulting in death while committing an unlawful act.

If found guilty, Mackin and Roll could be assessed a fine of \$3,000 and three years in jail.

Negligent homicide is classified as a misdemeanor. An automatic six-month driver's license suspension accompanies a conviction.

Weekend Deaths Claim Professor, Laredo Frosh

Two deaths have come to A&M in the past three days, one to a professor emeritus of 39 years' service, the other to a freshman only entering college eight months ago.

Dr. Albert A. Lenert
Dr. August Albert Lenert, 69, a staff member of the School of Veterinary Medicine for 39 years, died at 1:35 a. m. yesterday in a Houston hospital. He had been ill for several weeks.

Funeral services have been set for 10 a. m. tomorrow at the A&M Methodist Church, with burial at La Grange. Hillier Funeral Home of Bryan is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Lenert joined the School of Veterinary Medicine in 1919 as an associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. In 1937, he was made head of that department, a position he held until going on modified service in 1957. Full retirement came the following year.

The veterinarian was born in 1892 at Warrenton and was reared at La Grange. He received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1914 at A&M. That same year, he entered the Kansas City Veterinary College, from which he was graduated with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1917. He was a veteran of World War I.

While at A&M, he was a member of the Ross Volunteers, and in his senior year attained the rank of cadet major, Second Battalion.

In 1957, Lenert received the Faculty Achievement Award.

He was a member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, U. S. Livestock Sanitary Association, Lions Club, Alpha Psi and Phi Zeta veterinary medicine fraternities and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include one son, August A., Jr. of Fort Walton, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Frances

Swatzel of Canyon and Mrs. Rosemary Anderson of Odessa, and five grandchildren.

Rafael Herrera
Silver Taps were held last night for Rafael Herrera, Jr., a freshman engineering major from Laredo who was a member of Company H, First Brigade.

An account of Herrera's death from The Laredo Times stated that he and some companions were traveling from College Station to Laredo last Saturday, and stopped to take a short swim.

Their swimming place was in the Rio Blanco River near Bergheim, Tex. in Kendel County, and while swimming, Herrera submerged and drowned.

Herrera is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Herrera of 2302 San Francisco Street, Laredo, and by two brothers and five sisters. He was buried this morning at 8:45 in City Cemetery, Laredo with funeral arrangements by Jackson Funeral Home.