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Whiteley Sees A&M Changes

Last Saturday saw more than 500 Aggie musters being held in 33 states and 15 foreign countries. And because Apr. 21 fell during the Easter recess, students mustered with A&M exes in their hometowns.

For students remaining on campus and members of the Brazos County A&M Club, muster was held in the Memorial Student Center with the principal address given by Eli Whiteley, Class of '41 and Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

The Muster tradition was started in 1903 when the entire A&M student body decided there should be some observance of Apr. 21, San Jacinto Day, in recognition of the men who won Texas independence, and in tribute to Aggies who died during the previous year.

College Greeter P. L. (Pinkie) Downs Jr., a member of the Class of '06, was a member of the student body when it marched on President David F. Houston's home and requested the

commemorative holiday.

Houston granted the request and the tradition was begun the afternoon of Apr. 21, 1903.

Whiteley won his medal of honor during the Battle of the Bulge in December of 1944. As a lieutenant in charge of a company of 96 men, he was ordered to take a small but key town defended by some 300 Germans.

During fighting which reduced company strength to seven men in fighting condition, Whiteley was injured seriously on two different occasions. When the fierce battle was over and the city taken, Whiteley had to be forcibly evacuated.

His heroism in leading his troops to victory won him this nation's highest award for valor.

Whiteley returned to A&M in 1946 and is now an associate professor in the Department of Agronomy.

Here is the talk he made at the 59th annual muster last Saturday:

Celebrate Great Tradition

Today we have gathered here to carry on one of the great traditions of A&M. The event that we are commemorating began many years ago with a small group of men who gathered at Washington-on-the-Brazos to draft the Declaration of Independence of Texas.

This group of men had dreams of freedom from oppression, dreams of self government and a desire for independence. They were men with strong wills. So they declared their independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836. This act led to the Texas war for independence. It also led to the Alamo, Goliad and finally to San Jacinto. On April 21, 1836 Texas won her independence from Mexico.

This was not the final battle for the independence of Texas. After Texas was admitted to the Union in 1845, another war was fought. The Mexican War finally established Texas' freedom from Mexico. The years following the Mexican War were years of great expansion and progress; they led, however, to some of the darkest years in the history of our state and nation — the Civil War.

Not Yet At Century Mark

A&M is 85 years old so we have not reached the century mark, but we are approaching it with anticipation. What changes will the next 15 years bring to our institution? What changes should we make so that we can better serve the people of our state?

This college belongs to the people of Texas and its primary function is to serve the people of Texas. With this in mind, the administration of A&M embarked on a study to determine our place in the future educational system of Texas. One hundred outstanding citizens of Texas were asked to serve on a committee to chart the course of A&M through the next few years so that when we reach the century mark we will be in the best possible position to serve the people of Texas.

At the same time the Century Council is making its study, our own faculty, staff and students are conducting an internal study. It is hoped that these studies will offer a blueprint for the future of A&M during the next 15 years. We cannot predict the future, but we can look at the past and make some estimate.

How has the college changed to meet the needs of the people

These dark years were not fruitless, however, because out of them came the greatest experiment in education that the world has ever known. The Morrill Act of 1862, establishing the land grant colleges and universities was, I think, exclusive of the Constitution, the greatest single act that the Congress of the United States has ever passed.

More people have received greater benefits from this law than any other single law. What courage it must have taken to embark on such a program in those dark days of the Civil War. It was a program that would develop into the greatest educational program ever established in this or any other nation. Our own college is a part of this program.

The Texas legislature passed the act making A&M a land grant college in 1871. A&M opened its doors to six students on October 4, 1876, and since that time has grown to be one of the great educational institutions of the state and nation. This year we are joining with the other land grant colleges and universities to celebrate the act that led to their establishment.

of Texas? We need to go back only to the post World War II period to find excellent examples of the flexibility of our school; in that period with the influx or large number of ex-service men, A&M changed to meet the needs of the people of Texas.

Bryan Air Force Base was utilized to house freshmen students. Classes were taught in barracks and office buildings. Housing for married students was developed. Classes were taught at early and late hours. During this time A&M launched a multi-million dollar building program. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent for new equipment for our classrooms and laboratories; new faculty and staff members were added; new courses were added to the curriculum; old courses were updated or dropped.

The need for more highly trained graduates was recognized — new graduate courses were offered; the enrollment in our Graduate School in 1946 was 313, in 1955 it was 512, and in 1961 it was 725. The number of students in the Graduate School more than doubled in 15 years. The Data Processing Center was established to meet the pressing needs in (See WHITELEY On Page 5)



"Pursuing An Argument"

In violent disagreement about the virtues and evils of war, Hector the Tiger and Demakos the poet make verbal battle on the stage of Guion Hall, in the Aggie Players production of "Tiger At The Gates." From left to right, Dave Jones as Priam; David Lee as Demakos; Regie Lundergan as Hector; and Bob Hipp as Hector.

'Tiger At Gates' On Stage In Guion Through Saturday

By TOMMY HOLBEIN
Battalion Managing Editor
"Tiger At The Gates," major spring production of the Aggie Players, will be presented on the stage of Guion Hall tonight at 8 for its third performance of the week. The play will run through Saturday night.

In their traditional standard of

proficiency, the Players blend brilliant costuming, massive sets and excellent acting to produce a play with impact and beauty.

The stage sets include realistic walls, columns, and in the far background, the massive gates of the city of Troy.

Set in ancient Troy, the play was written as a farce on war by Jean Giraudoux, French playwright, and was first performed before a Nazi-German audience during the occupation of Paris in 1945. After being translated into English by Christopher Fry, it had a successful run on Broadway in 1956.

Theme of the play revolves around Hector, played by Bob Hipp, who is a young Trojan military leader who is sick of war, and his conflict with the older men of the country who glorify war for its own sake.

Cause of the approaching war with Greece is Helen, played by

Council Fete Features Head Of Iowa Union

One of the most distinguished men in the college union field, Earl E. Harper, director of the Iowa Memorial Union at the State University of Iowa, will be the principal speaker tonight at the 12th annual meeting and banquet of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate.

Awards in appreciation of services will be presented, and the incoming officers and chairmen will be recognized during the banquet scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in the M.S.C. Ballroom. Between 150 and 175 persons, including guests representing organizations of the college community, are expected to attend.

Harper is Director of the School of Fine Arts, as well as the Iowa Memorial Union. He is a minister of the Methodist Church who has rendered special service in the field of religious music and is an educator and former college president, as well as a leader in the international college union organization.

Harper has served as Director and Professor, School of Fine Arts and Iowa Memorial Union, since 1938. Earlier, he served as president of Evansville College, Indiana, and then as president of Simpson College in Iowa.

Mother Of Year Deadline Nearing

Application for Aggie Mother of the Year, to be announced prior to Mother's Day, are now being accepted by the Student Senate public relations committee.

Requirements are that a student must be enrolled and that his mother must be able to be present Mother's Day. The mother must also have made a sacrifice.

Applications may be mailed to Box 5746 or submitted to Student Programs Advisor W. D. Hardesty by May 7.

Mary Holbein, who has been stolen from the Greeks by the frolic prince, Paris, played by David White.

Others in the cast include Hector's wife, Andromache, played by Dotty Ashworth; Cassandra, Ester Hord; Priam the king, Dave Jones; Demakos the poet, Dave Lee; and Heuba, Priam's wife, Regie Lundergan.

The mathematician is played by Mike Gay; messenger, Jan Jones; Troilus, Dan Malcolm; Abneus, Larry Waggoner; Busiris, George Lovett; Ajax, John McGown; Ulysses, Richard Metz; old men, saier and Oplides, Niki Hagler and Mike Lutich.

Pan Am Group Accepted By MSC Council

The Pan American Week Committee was officially made a standing Memorial Student Center Directorate Committee at a meeting of the MSC Council Wednesday morning.

The Pan American group has been a special committee for the past seven years. The new status will allow year-round work on the annual event. A chairman and other details are to be decided on at the next council meeting, in May.

Also the councilmen elected Gilbert Forehand, '64, to fill the remaining council post for next year. James Ray, president-elect of the council and head of the nominating committee, presented a slate of four students to fill directorate committee chairmanships for next year.

Named chairmen were: Jack Cline, music committee; Arthur Kyle, table tennis; Jimmie Guy, bowling; and Richard B. Willman, browsing library.

Details Announced For Junior Events

The Junior Banquet and Dance will be held Saturday night.

The banquet will be in the annex of Sbis Hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Dance will be in the main room of Sbis at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets to the affair may be purchased at the cashier's window of the Memorial Student Center and at the door of the dance.

Banquet tickets are 1.50 each and dance tickets are \$3 per couple. Playing for the dance will be a 10-piece orchestra from Houston, the "Debonaires."

Run-Off Decides Officer Voting

Filing opened Wednesday and will close next Monday for next Thursday' general election to fill eight posts on the Student Senate and elect a civilian yell leader.

The filing for a second spring campus election comes on the heels of last week's run-off of the class officer election. The run-off saw the following students named to class officer positions:

Class of '63
Charles Lee Nichols, vice president.
James Bryant Scott, secretary-treasurer.
Arthur R. Richardson, social secretary.
Matthew B. Bader, historian.
William H. Brashears, head yell leader.

Class of '64
James A. Noake, vice president.
Gordon E. Davis, secretary-treasurer.
Winton Boyd Zimmerman, social secretary.

Franklin D. Summers and Mike C. Dodge, yell leaders.
Class of '65
William K. Altman, president.
James Love, vice president.
James M. Burns, secretary-treasurer.
Ernest Holloway, social secretary.

In the April 11 primary election for class officers, the following won positions without the benefit of a run-off:

Jim T. Davis Jr., '62 class agent; Charles L. Blaschke, '63 president; Charles Randal Jones, '63 student entertainment manager; Jerry Don Morgan, '63 on MSC Council; Tom K. Nelson, '63 yell leader; Paul A. Dresser, '64 president; Jimmie Moseley, '64 on MSC Council; and M. E. (Mickey) Durbin, '65 on MSC Council.

Filing for the general election is based on academic qualifications and next year's academic classification. Positions open, and the respective qualifications for the posts, are:

Student Body President, senior undergraduate with 1.5 grade point ratio; Student Senate vice president, junior with 1.5 g.p.r.; Student Senate parliamentarian, senior undergraduate with 1.5 g.p.r.; Student Senate recording secretary; sophomore with 1.5 g.p.r.

Issues Committee chairman, junior or senior with 1.25 g.p.r.; Public Relations Committee chairman, Student Life Committee chairman and Student Welfare Committee chairman, same qualifications as for the Issues Committee chairman.

And civilian yell leader, a junior or a senior with a 1.25 g.p.r.

Applicants may secure forms at the Cashier's Cage in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center.

Isle Mayor's Letter States City's Position

Mayor Edward Schreiber of Galveston has written to the College administration to disclose the city's position concerning possible visits by students from all colleges who might plan to attend Splash Day activities this weekend.

Mayor Schreiber's letter states that they "are pleased to note, through the advance registrations being received by our hotels, that numerous college students are planning to attend."

"In light of the unfortunate incidents that occurred during last year's celebration," the letter continues, "being aware that but a fraction of the attending students were involved, we are hopeful that you will assist us in avoiding a repetition of the disturbances."

"It will be appreciated if you will advise your students, through campus media, to avoid any unpleasant situation they may encounter while in Galveston."

"You may be sure that we are fully aware that an undesirable element follows these activities, whether it be Galveston Splash Days, New Orleans Mardi Gras, Las Vegas-El Dorado Days, etc.," the mayor continued.

"Please be assured that we are delighted to have the collegians visit with us—we are looking forward to a most successful 1962 Splash Days festival," the mayor wrote in closing.

Many students from Texas colleges were jailed after a riot developed during the 1961 Splash Days. Some of the students were released only after paying fines, others were held longer and finally released without paying fines.

Wire Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press
World News

GENEVA — The Soviet Union charged Wednesday that the U. S. government's final decision to resume atmospheric explosions was proof that the United States and Britain never wanted an agreement to ban nuclear weapons tests.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin told the 17-nation disarmament conference the two Western powers were insincere in insisting on effective international test ban controls.

MOSCOW—Soviet Premier Khrushchev has called for a new constitution to write into the Soviet Union's basic law the fundamental principles of its foreign relations, including peaceful coexistence. He also asked for the inclusion of more freedoms for the people but these may turn out to be theories.

U. S. News

WASHINGTON—The United States fired the first explosion in its new nuclear test series in the atmosphere near remote Christmas Island in the Pacific at dawn Wednesday. It was a middle-range weapon dropped from an airplane.

The brief Atomic Energy Commission announcement gave no details. Other sources said word from Nuclear Task Force 8 on the scene was that this first of about three dozen shots expected to be touched off in the next two months was successful.

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara gave out the good news Wednesday—thousands of servicemen in Europe will be reunited with their families after months of separation.

McNamara ordered an immediate end to a nearly seven-month ban on government-paid travel of military wives and children to Europe.

Texas News

HOUSTON — Fumes escaping from a 150,000 barrel gasoline storage tank spread across a busy street Tuesday night and exploded into a spectacular 12-hour fire.

Three of the four persons critically injured were motorists. Investigators said the fumes apparently were ignited by a passing automobile.