

Poll Shows Sweetheart Selection Change Wanted

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Most A&M students believe that a change is needed in the selection procedures used in choosing the annual Aggie Sweetheart.

This was one of the conclusions drawn from a random opinion poll of students which was made by The Battalion this week.

The poll sought to answer such questions as "Does the Aggie Sweetheart represent the choice of the students?" and "How should the sweetheart be selected?"

The majority of A&M students interviewed felt that the students themselves needed more of a part in the selection of the sweetheart.

Dan Flaherty, senior accounting major from McCamey and a member of Company A-1 put it this way:

"The thing that irritates me is

that the students never get to see the finalists. I think that the finalists should be presented to the student body at a yell practice and that all the students should be allowed to vote on them."

Other students had different ideas on how the Aggie Sweetheart should be selected.

Lyndon Limerick, freshman chemical engineer from Houston said:

"The student body should have a more active part in choosing the sweetheart."

He went on to say: "Since the seniors are the decision-making group among the students, a delegation of seniors should choose the sweetheart from the semifinalists in a type of beauty pageant."

Some of the students chose to change the present procedure only slightly. "I think that a delegation of students rather than Memorial Student Center staff members should pick the final-

ists," said Charles Hearn, junior agronomy major from Rochester. "After a lapse of time I would then send up the same delegation or a different group of students to select the sweetheart from the finalists," he continued.

Disfavor with the present system of selection procedures was also found by Buddy Bullock, sophomore finance major from Houston, who said:

"It appears to me that under the present system the sweetheart is more of an MSC sweetheart than a student sweetheart."

More than half of the students interviewed suggested that a departure from tradition was needed and that the sweetheart competition should be opened to girls from colleges other than Texas Woman's University.

Bill Holmes, sophomore business administration major from San Antonio, stated, "I don't think that the Aggie Sweetheart should necessarily be from TWU. I think that invitations should be sent to other schools in Texas asking for applicants wanting to be the Aggie Sweetheart."

"Every Aggie ought to be able

to enter his girl in the competition for Aggie Sweetheart regardless of what school she goes to," said Joseph Smyth, junior architecture major from Corpus Christi.

A third Aggie suggesting the change was Richard Menger, junior math major from San Antonio and a resident of Hart Hall, who stated, "I don't like the idea of the sweetheart always coming from TWU. I think that other girls from other schools should be given a chance."

A small percentage of students thought that the procedure for

selecting the sweetheart had its faults but could not offer any new possible methods. One of these students was Dale Mason, '62, who lives at 602 Pease, in Bryan. Mason, an economics major, said, "I think that the procedure followed is not the best one but I can't think of any better alternatives."

Other students sharing this opinion felt that any proposal to change the present procedure would prove too costly or unwieldy to work with.

One student interviewed thought that the present system

for choosing the sweetheart was quite adequate. John Knesak, junior physics major from San Antonio and a member of Squadron 1, said:

"I feel that the present selection procedure is an efficient method of choosing the sweetheart."

Several students declined to make any comment to the questions asked in the poll, relating that they did not have any idea how the sweetheart was selected and that they were not aware of any disadvantages or faults with the present selection procedure.

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'Who's Who' Selections Underway

Exes In Dallas Planning Party At Corps Trip

There will be another Aggie party in Dallas. James Lowdon of the Dallas A&M club said this one will be even better than "the blast" of 1960 in Dallas.

Two bands will be available for the party so that dancers can use both floors of the Dallas Memorial Auditorium to enjoy their sport. Lowdon said the dance will get underway about 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, after the Aggie-SMU

football game that afternoon. He added that the dance would continue "until . . ."

For those who have interests other than dancing, Lowdon said refreshments and waiter service will be furnished by the Dallas A&M Club. The furnishing of these items by the club is a new feature of the dance. Lowdon explained that due to these extra features, the price of tickets has been increased from \$5 to \$6.

Sheldon Best, president of the Student Senate, announced Thursday that tickets for the dance will go on sale Friday morning. Civilians may purchase tickets at the cashier's window in the Memorial Student Center. Tickets for the corps will be handled through corps channels.

IT HAS BEEN suggested that if anyone has doubts as to whether or not he would have fun at the party, he should talk to someone who went to the 1960 "blast."

Best pointed out that a lasting result of the party other than the enjoyment is that the profits of the party are put into a scholarship for an Aggie. He said that the entire \$2,000 plus profit of the 1960 party was placed into a scholarship.

He encouraged students to purchase their tickets early. Deadline for ticket sales will be Nov. 2.

Lowdon said that the Dallas A&M Club members are looking forward to the party and hope all students will become as enthused about the weekend as they are.

Rice Installs Pitzer As Third President

HOUSTON (AP)—Dr. Kenneth S. Pitzer was inaugurated Wednesday as the third president of Rice University.

"I renew with you our mutual devotion to the discovery of the truth and to the teaching of the truth," he said to the crowd of some 4,000 that witnessed the ceremony in the hot afternoon sun on the plaza in front of Lovett Hall.

Pitzer, formerly dean of the College of Chemistry at the University of California, was introduced by Dr. William V. Houston, honorary chancellor of the university who retired as president in 1960. He was installed as president by George R. Brown, chairman of the Rice board of governors.

An academic procession of 900, including presidents and representatives of colleges, universities and learned societies, Rice faculty and seniors, marched in as the



'Here's How It Works'

Flight instructor Jim Powell checks out Army Aviation Cadet Ed Latta (in plane) in a Cessna 140 at Easterwood Airport. Sixteen Aggies will be enrolled in Army-sponsored flying classes while in school and then go on into Army aviation after graduation from A&M.

Interest In Army Flying Program Bigger Than Quota

In the next week or 10 days a list will be posted in the Trigon notifying 16 Aggies that they have been selected for the Army flight training program.

Lt. Col. Homer A. Stuverud, Army aviation officer at A&M, bemoaned the fact that he is restricted to only 16 persons in the program. He said:

"I wish I had room for all 25 who applied. I'm trying to get the quota increased. Actually, we are up from last year's limit of 15; and the year before that we were

allowed only 11 aviation trainees."

THE ARMY flight program—began in 1957—now has approximately 120 students taking pilot instruction in the Fourth Army area.

According to Stuverud the present set-up is really a screening process for the Army. He explained:

"This is not a specialized military air program. The training is supervised by the Federal Aviation Agency, and the actual instruction is done by a civilian representing a commercial pilot training firm."

"The Army feels that by giving this training now, while an ROTC cadet is still in college, time can be saved by sending a man right on into Army aviation school. When he gets there the Army will already know that he is interested in flying and has the necessary aptitude and ability."

Army flight school, at the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., is divided into three phases: primary, lasting about 18 weeks; advanced contract and tactics, last-

ing about 12 weeks; and instruments, lasting about eight weeks. The Army uses both helicopters and fixed-wing craft.

PERSONS accepted into the flight training program sign an agreement to volunteer for Army flight school and to serve two years active duty following the completion of service aviation training.

No academic credit is given for the training here, and the required 35 hours of ground instruction time and the 36 hours of flying time are put in by the student on his own.

Doing the teaching here is Texas Airmotive at Easterwood Airport. Stuverud said the firm worked on a contract basis to provide standard FAA approved instruction. Cessna 140's are used during the lessons.

One incentive for the program is the extra \$100 per month that is tacked onto a second lieutenant's pay check if he is on flying status. Stuverud said seven Army branches utilized pilots.

They are the combat arms: Armor, Artillery, Infantry, Corps

of Engineers and Signal Corps; plus Transportation Corps and Medical Service Corps.

Aggie bidding for spots in the flying program here are:

WILLIAM R. Andrews, John L. Bearie, Joe R. Bower, Ronald G. Brice, James B. Briggs, Earle E. Button Jr., James E. Byrom, William P. Cherry, Jim H. Clary.

Also, Kenneth E. Cooner, Victor L. Donnell, George Gutierrez, William Hoffman, James R. Hollis, William L. Humphries, Paul R. Keller, Edwin P. Latta.

Also, William C. Merka, Robert E. Mitchell Jr., Richard C. Phillips, Glen E. Pope, Allen Pritchard, Daniel O. Sumpter, Dennis M. Turner and Phillip G. White.

A&M's Quota Of Nominees Is About 36

Deadline For Filing Is Monday; Choices Due In By Oct. 19

The annual selection of about 36 nominees from A&M for "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," is underway.

Monday noon is the deadline for turning in nominations and final selections will be reported Oct. 19, Dean of Student James P. Hannigan said.

"The earlier than normal deadline set by the national publication has made it necessary to speed up the selection process," the dean explained.

Nominations may be turned in at the office of the dean of students until noon Monday. Nomination forms and instructions will be made available to all deans and other members of the college executive committee, as well as the commandant of cadets, the director of student affairs and the director of the Memorial Student Center.

Invited to serve on the "Who's Who Committee" are Dean W. J. Graff, chairman; Dean Frank W. R. Hubert of the School of Arts and Sciences; Joe E. Davis, commandant; Bennie A. Zinn, director of the student affairs department; Corps Commander William Nix; Sheldon Best, president of the student body; Jeff Harp, president, Civilian Student Council; Richard Moore, vice president, civilian students; and James Ray, president, Memorial Student Center Center Council.

"Anyone," Hannigan said, "including members of the committee, and a student on his own behalf, may submit nominations. The committee may also consider names for which no nominations have been received in cases where they feel that a meritorious person has been overlooked."

'62 Campus Chest Planning Underway

Final plans for the 1962 Campus Chest drive will be made by the Student Senate welfare committee during a meeting Friday or Monday, according to Ken Stanton, chairman of the committee.

The Campus Chest is a fund drive whose collections are distributed as follows: 10 per cent goes to the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association, 10 per cent goes to the College Station Community Chest, 10 per cent goes to the March of Dimes and the remainder of the funds are used to assist fellow students who suffer an accident or some other tragedy.

This year a certificate will be awarded to each dorm and cadet unit that has all its members donating a dollar each, Stanton said.

A plaque will be given to the dorm or cadet unit that averages the largest donation per man, he added.

The theme for the drive will be "One dollar from an Aggie for an Aggie," announced Stanton.

Although the drive is not scheduled to get officially underway for several weeks, three stations were set up last Saturday night at the A&M-Texas Tech game and \$27.50 was collected.

Members of the Student Senate serving on this year's Campus Chest committee are Stanton, Howard Head, Ken Radde, Shelly Velska, Bob Palm and Billy Bucklelew.

The present balance for the Aggie Campus Chest is \$3,500.

UT's Bevo Has A Secret—His Daddy Is An Okie

AUSTIN (AP)—The State Parks Board let the secret out Wednesday: Bevo, the University of Texas mascot steer, is half Oklahoman.

Bevo will be a sideline attraction at the Texas-Oklahoma football game in Dallas Saturday.

The parks board said Bevo was sired by a bull named Smokey Joe; originally from the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. Bevo was born after Smokey Joe was given by Oklahoma to the Parks Board Longhorn herd at Fort Griffin State Park in Texas.

Wire Review

By the Associated Press
WORLD NEWS

VATICAN CITY—The Roman Catholic "successors of the apostles," here in worldwide force, met in magnificent pageantry in the mightiest gathering of the Church in modern times.

The council fathers came, as Pope John says, to renew, reinvigorate and purify the Church—and begin a long labor toward Christian unity.

They met in massive St. Peter's, the vast 16th Century basilica built on a site where Christians once were burned at the stake and fed to beasts.

U.S. NEWS

WASHINGTON—Mariner 2 will miss Venus by 20,900 miles instead of the earlier announced 30,000, but its scientific equipment will still be able to scan the planet thoroughly as it passes.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announcing this Wednesday, said the added distance resulted from an over-correction in Mariner's speed when signals were transmitted to it Sept. 4 to aim it more accurately for the cloud-shrouded planet.

The velocity was increased by 47 miles an hour instead of the intended 45. This will put it 20,900 miles from Venus—plus or minus 3,000 miles—when it passes by Dec. 14.

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OXFORD, Miss.—The Justice department turned over to University of Mississippi officials Wednesday its case against some students allegedly involved in the Sept. 30 riot that killed two men. Leston L. Love, dean of students, declined comment on what action the Miss would take.

Meanwhile, the Army stripped its forces to about 25 per cent of their peak strength in the Oxford area as Negro James H. Meredith, 40, began his eighth day of classes without incident.