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'Wayfarers' Win 1st Place In Talent Show

A crowd of about 1,300 watched a four-man group called The Wayfarers take first place in the 1962 Aggie Talent Show Friday night in Guion Hall.

Winning over nine other acts, the group played and sang their way through three folk-song numbers including "Johnny Booker," "Beyond These Mountains" and "Going Away For To Leave You." The students making up the group are Glyn Barrows, Bill Sturgeon, Mack Moore and Louis King.

Barrows was the runner-up in last year's Aggie Talent show when he gave several solo renditions of folk songs.

Second place winner Friday night was a folk song duo of Jimmy Post and Barry King. The third place winner was Sal Marquez, a solo trumpet player, who plays in both the Aggie Band and the Aggeland Orchestra.

Veteran radio and television performer Tom Martin acted as master of ceremonies for the show. Martin used sleight of hand along with his comedy routine to keep the audience laughing.

MARTIN, WHO has made appearances in Las Vegas, New York, London, Rome, and Spain also presented the feature act of the show.

Other acts which were included in the show were The Avantes, a four-man combo; Jose Antonio Naver playing the flamenco guitar, Darrell Carr as a piano soloist, Eddie Bale and Larry Ewers in a guitar duet and Melvin Beyer and his combo.

The Wayfarers won \$25 for their first place effort. Second prize was \$15 and the third place winner received \$10, according to Ed Duncan, program chairman.

As the winners of the Aggie Talent show, The Wayfarers will compete with college talent from all over the southwest at the annual Intercollegiate Talent Show here Friday, March 8.

The nine acts which made the show Friday night were selected from 16 hopefuls who auditioned for a place on the show.



Students' Gift to TB Drive
Ronald L. Mull, '63, gives Mrs. W. E. McCune, chairman of the Brazos County Christmas Seal Drive, \$195 which is the student body's donation for this year. The money is 10 per cent of that collected by the Campus Chest.



Campus Chest Winners
Ken Stanton, chairman of the Student Welfare Committee, presents Jim Nance, first sergeant of Squadron 1, a plaque for Squadron 1, the unit which gave the most per man to the Campus Chest.

INSIGHT INTO ISSUES...

Looking Back At SCONA

By RONNIE BOOKMAN
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Can withdrawal of U. S. aid from a foreign country help relations with that country? Is socialism the answer to help young, independent, but undeveloped, nations get off on the right foot?

Is education a pre-requisite to a solution of the population explosion? These were some of the many questions on the tongues of delegates to the eighth Student Conference on National Affairs. The conference, which ended Saturday, brought together representatives of about 65 schools in the United States, Mexico and Canada. About

150 delegates attended the four-day exchange of ideas. High points of the conference were major addresses by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, who drew more than 9,000 persons into G. Rollie White Coliseum last Thursday, and other top spokesmen of the free world.

WEDNESDAY, retired Gen. Frederic H. Smith, who was vice-chief of staff of the Air Force until last June, and Mason Willrich, advisor to the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency spoke.

Smith said that the answer to nuclear weapons is to find new weapons that will neutralize power of so-called "ultimate" weapons.

The West Point graduate said: "This is not senseless extension of the arms race. It is, instead, a reasoned and natural effort to bring the defense into balance with the offense. And, in fact, to provide a new way to prevent wars."

Smith said that in 2,500 years of recorded military history there had been no "ultimate" weapon. Willrich, 29-year old ex-delegate to the 18-nation disarmament talks in Geneva, said:

"The issue before us is whether the leading powers in the world today will be able to effectively deal with the crisis in human history which the revolutionary developments of modern weapons has produced."

HE SAID the U. S. must meet two challenges which might well decide the survival of this country as a nation. The two hurdles are the challenges of communism and the challenges of the arms race, he explained.

The second day of the conference was loaded with food for delegates' ears. Vice President Johnson, in his address that afternoon, said that a solution to world tensions involved more than "pills, payrolls, prestige and peace talks."

He said: "If we are seriously to undertake the relieving of world tensions, a greater degree of political courage, political imagination and political innovation will be required — in both developed and underdeveloped worlds."

Thursday night the president of the council of the Organization of American States, Ambassador Gonzalo J. Facio of Costa Rica, told the delegates that Castro was ready to be knocked over by an internal rebellion.

Facio, whose brother Alvero was a star swimmer and diver at A&M in the early '40s, said:

"AT THIS moment Castro is discredited among his own people. His precarious hold on his followers can be easily broken, provided we do not give him time to recuperate. A few, but immediate, blows by the partisans of freedom can turn the tide and bring him down."

Facio, Costa Rican ambassador to the U. S., said he felt an invasion of the Cuban island by American forces was unnecessary because of Castro's internal condition.

Friday night former United Nations Ambassador James J. Wadsworth, perhaps the most imposing and glib of the conference speakers, said the world will never have permanent peace as long as

a "playground" attitude among nations exists.

He said that countries talk past each other and make propaganda speeches at the conference tables.

SATURDAY THE featured and final speaker was Felix R. McKnight, vice president and executive editor of The Dallas Times-Herald. McKnight summarized the conference's high points and told delegates that the United States and the free world had been victimized by "a monumental bluff."

Drawing on experience from a trip to Russia and an interview with Khrushchev, McKnight said: "Don't give Khrushchev 'little compromises' to take him off the hook with his own people, who have heard him boast many times that he would run up out of Berlin..."

"Give him nothing. It is that sort of diplomatic finagling that would kill us."

But while the delegates and observers agreed that the speeches were informative and highly worth-while, it was the round-table discussion sessions that brought the highest praise.

In these break-down groups, eight in all, students presented their own comments and ideas on the points covered by the speakers. With leaders from education and business to provide direction in case the discussion got off the beaten path, students methodically examined every facet of possible sources of world tension, the conference's main topic.

The students were not trying to come to any conclusions about the problems, but rather to gain an understanding of them.

Gen. Smith, the first SCONA speaker, hit the nail on the head with his description of the conference: "An intellectual smorgasbord."

Battalion Holiday Starts Day Early

The Battalion will begin the Christmas vacation one day early, with our last edition before the holidays scheduled Wednesday.

Our annual safety edition will be published Wednesday, while no paper will be published Thursday when classes are recessed for the holidays.

The first 1963 edition is scheduled Friday, Jan. 4, with regular publication to resume the following week.

Classes will resume after the holidays on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Fish Election Protest Heard By Commission

A tie vote for secretary-treasurer in the freshman class run-off election Friday prompted a protest before the election commission Monday night and a recommendation from that group for disqualification of a candidate.

In other results from the election Charles W. "Bill" Millikin defeated Michael D. Ashworth for class president; Richard M. "Tom" Dooley beat Michael E. Denney and Ellis C. Gill for vice president; and in the run-off for social secretary Early E. Denison defeated Elliott L. "E. Lee" Higgins.

In the protest Harris Pappas charged that his opponent, Miro Pavelka, violated campaign regulations on the day of the run-off. In his formal complaint Pappas stated, "My opponent passed out hand-cards in two areas which are off limits according to regulations. The areas were the voting line and the grounds of the Memorial Student Center."

Pavelka told the commission, "I have no defense other than the fact that I didn't know I was violating a regulation."

HE STATED that he would not have been eager to "throw two weeks of hard campaigning away by knowingly violating a regulation."

Al Wheeler, election commission chairman, told the commission that he had explained the regulations to the freshman candidates prior to the opening of campaigns.

The question was raised as to how the regulation reads. Shelton Best, student body president, said that the regulation was not a written one, but a "rule of precedent."

Pavelka told the commission that an upperclassman had told him that campaigning in the MSC was illegal. He said that he went to the advisor to the commission, Wayne Smith, who also told him that campaigning in the MSC was illegal.

HOWEVER, Pavelka said he left the conversation with Smith under the impression that campaigning outside the MSC would be legal. He said that he campaigned a short time outside the MSC, but that he "felt so bad" about the error he had made that he went back to his dorm.

Pappas said, "If I had lost by 50 or more votes I could be compensated by the fact that Pavelka quit campaigning. But, because it was a tie, I feel that the illegal campaign made the difference in the vote."

The vote by the commission which recommended that Pavelka be disqualified, places the matter before the Student Senate for final action. Pavelka may protest before the Senate if he elects to do so.

FOLLOWING THE vote on the regulation the group began to discuss the vagueness of the election regulations. It was suggested that steps should be taken to set the regulations down in writing.

James Carter was appointed by Wheeler to work as chairman of a committee to study the present regulations and to write a complete set of regulations to be considered for acceptance.

Pavelka said that he did not know whether or not he would protest before the Senate. He did say that he would be present at the next Senate meeting to encourage that some definite election regulations be established.

"I hate to get off to a start like this," Pavelka said. But he said that he has not lost his interest in campus politics and that he will definitely be trying again.

Louisiana Clubs Schedule Parties During Holidays

The South Louisiana and Shreveport Hometown Clubs have slated two dances during the coming holiday period.

The New Orleans Aggie, Exes and South Louisiana club will sponsor a Christmas dance Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Loyola University cafeteria in New Orleans. Music will be furnished by the Matadors. Admission is \$2 a couple.

The Shreveport club will hold its annual New Year's Dance Monday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. in the P&S Hotel party room. Danny Harrison and the Impacks will furnish music.

All Aggies and their guests have been invited to both parties.

Big Changes In Making From New Legislature

By KENT JOHNSTON
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Students and officials of A&M and other state-supported Texas colleges may see some important changes made to courses, degrees and tuition in mid-January as the 58th Legislature and two other state agencies meet to settle educational matters.

The Texas Legislature will decide whether or not to increase tuition by \$100 per year, the State Commission on Higher Education may allow A&M to offer three more degrees and the Legislative Budget Board will recommend that colleges not receive money to teach courses labeled "high school-ish."

The question of raised tuition is a complicated one, and will be one of the stickiest fiscal problems facing the legislature.

Inflation, Texas pride and general economic conditions are three factors in the issue which will influence lawmakers' decisions.

The raise would mean an additional \$11,000,000 in higher education funds, would mean that some students on the financial borderline could no longer attend college and would also determine how much more tax money Texans will be asked to divy out in future years.

RIGHT NOW, students at state schools are paying only one eighth of their educational costs, and if they were to transfer to private schools, they would have to pay fees from five to eight times bigger, point out those who favor the fee hike.

For instance, Austin College charges \$800 for tuition; Trinity charges \$820; Texas Christian, \$600; Baylor, \$600; and Southern Methodist University charges \$750. In addition, most of these schools have other required non-tuition fees.

Although these comparisons may or may not be relevant, the real problem facing the decision-makers is this dilemma:

SHOULD TEXAS have inexpensive schools on a less than first rate level, supported by the taxes of all Texans, or should students pay more in order to raise school standards and lighten the taxpayer's load?

The powerful Legislative Budget Board will recommend to the Legislature on Jan. 15 that low-level courses taught in state colleges be abolished because they feel that institutions of higher learning are not the place to give students a second chance at high school courses in which they were weak.

The board wants to get rid of courses in "remedial reading," "advanced arithmetic" and "beginning algebra" which earned students a calculated 73,041 semester hours of credit last year.

THE UNIVERSITY of Texas, West Texas State College and Texas Tech were the only state-supported colleges from a total of 20 in Texas which were not blamed for offering the courses.

A&M was named for "giving away" 2,577 hours last year to students taking remedial algebra and other high-school level courses.

The board feels that Texas is paying twice for teaching some students reading and math, and particularly criticized college courses with the titles "Study Tour of Europe," "American Theatre Tour" and "Literary Tour of Europe."

A&M has asked the State Commission on Higher Education to allow it to grant bachelor and master of arts degrees in government when the Commission meets Jan. 14.

Permission is also sought by A&M to conduct a program in laboratory animal medicine leading to a master of science degree.

Rudder To Speak In Chapel Series

President Earl Rudder will speak at 7 a.m. Wednesday in the All Faiths Chapel in the final program of the current series of the Faculty Christian Fellowship. His announced topic is "The Idea of a University — in a Christian Surrounding."

The Faculty Christian Fellowship has met each Wednesday since the first week of November with a different faculty or staff member speaking briefly. Coffee and doughnuts are served at the YMCA Building following the program.

A vote is scheduled Wednesday to determine the future of the Faculty Christian Fellowship.

Music for meditation will be played from 6:50 a.m. until the program begins.