

'Bring A Friend, Guitar And A Song'



One Of Hootenanny Acts

Pepe Maher (far left), Zim Zimmerman, Bill Farrel and Jim Wilson comprised one of 10 acts performing in Sunday's folk-song fest in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

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"Bring a friend, a guitar and a song." That's the theme of the latest musical craze of the A&M campus. The hootenanny, or folk-song fest, has recently become a familiar occurrence in student center and dorms.

What does this magic word, hootenanny, mean? According to Dr. John Q. Anderson, head of the Department of English, the term came from the eastern United States and originally was something like thing-a-ma-jig or what-you-may-call-it, used when groping for words.

In the past few years, however, hootenanny has come to refer to a folk-singing gathering. Although it did not originate there, Anderson said the weekly television program "Hootenanny" probably did much to popularize the term.

Anderson, who has taught an introductory course in folklore for two years, said the first hootenanny held at A&M was in May. The Memorial Student

Center affair was presented by his spring folklore class.

Since then three planned hootenannies have been held in the MSC. A fourth and final one for the summer is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Grove Saturday.

Ted Gentry, publicity chairman for the MSC Summer Directorate said there will be no admission to Saturday's hootenanny. He emphasized that the audience should come in casual dress because most will sit on the concrete floor.

As with all MSC-sponsored hootenannies, anyone who can play a guitar or similar instrument or sing is urged to participate. About 10 acts are planned for Saturday, including a performance by Anderson.

In addition to the three planned song fests there have been a number of impromptu hootenannies in the MSC this summer. According to Glyn Barrows, regular performer at the planned and most spontaneous affairs, "somebody goes to get his guitar and before you know it we all have ours."

"In a short while," he added, "it seems the whole student center is filled with singing from howling alley to browsing library."

Anderson said the current fad at A&M is "part of the general interest in folk music that's been increasing since '55 or '56." He said that many college teachers have been interested in folk music and folklore for years from a purely academic standpoint.

According to Anderson, groups like the Kingston Trio who began while in college and then turned professional have probably done most to stimulate interest among young people.

"We have a lot of talent here," said Anderson. He pointed out that most of the hootenanny performers here style their singing after the recordings of professional groups. But he added that he has had some success in encouraging the young singers to develop their own methods.

The professor said he thought folk music was appealing to

people because it is "more genuine."

"It somehow seems nearer to human problems," he added. Anderson said there is also a do-it-yourself idea involved that appeals to many.

Barrows said he enjoyed the performances because he likes to sing and "folk music is authentic." He explained that folk songs and ballads tell stories. "Many of the songs throw a new light on history for me," he added.

Anderson said he prefers to use the "traditional approach" in his singing. The song itself is the important thing, he emphasized—not the accompaniment or the singer's voice. "I always give the background on a ballad before singing because I feel it is important for the listener to understand this aspect."

The department head returned this week from the American Studies Seminar on the campus of Mississippi College. There he sang and discussed many types of folk songs in one of two lectures.

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16-YEAR-OLD AIDS STUDY

Bass-Aging Is Difficult

What's the life span of large-mouthed black bass?

That's what a Pasadena youth—and some A&M wildlife management people—would like to know.

There is no way to mark freshly hatched bass—biologists call them fry—for later study.

The only solution research scientists have found is expose hatching bass eggs to exacting temperature changes. Water temperatures will affect the number of bones produced in a fish.

MIKE GLOVER, a 16-year-old Pasadena student participating in a National Science Foundation program, is one of several persons involved in the long-range bass study.

Knowing how long bass live will

mean far more effective management practices for persons who stock more than a million Texas ponds and lakes. More efficient fish management means better fishing.

Glover works for Dr. Richard J. Baldauf, associate professor of wildlife management, who has been working on the project since 1960.

"Before now," Baldauf commented, "there has never been a successful and practical method of marking small fish for later identification. But now we can raise thousands of fry in closely regulated temperatures and later identify them by the number of bones or fin rays."

FISHERY BIOLOGISTS have never before known what the

original group of fry had done during the years they had been in a pond.

Glover's job is tedious. He notes the skeletal changes made as a result of temperature exposures. Checking bones in thousands of bass about an inch long is a chore.

In order to see the bones, he treats the fleshy parts of the fish with a substance that makes the tiny bass transparent. With the aid of a magnifying glass, Glover is able to make an accurate count of fin rays, vertebrae and other skeletal parts.

A BASS WITH an odd number of bones, for example, could be permanently marked. And, Baldauf believes that the number of bones can be predetermined by proper temperature treatment.

In northern waters, fish add only one growth ring on scales per year, and the age can be determined by counting these growth rings.

For years biologists in the south followed the same system of determining age of fish—and often their results were confusing. Now they know that bass in Texas will add two or three growth rings per year.

The perplexing problem in figuring the age of fish in southern waters is tied with weather conditions. During a prolonged warm spell, bass may start to grow, thus adding another growth ring.



THE GATEWAY TRIO

... performs Wednesday at the Grove

Gateway Trio Performs Here On Wednesday

The Gateway Trio, new recording group for Capital Records, will perform Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Grove, according to Bob Boone, Memorial Student Center music director.

Boone said admission is one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children. Students may use their summer activity cards. Jerry Walter plays the banjo and leads the newly-formed threesome. Blond Betty Mann plays the guitar. Bass man Milt Chapman rounds out the trio.

The Gateway Trio's first album was released in March. It specializes in folk-oriented music.

The group boasts experience in jazz (Chapman), folk (Walter) and country and western singing (Miss Mann).

Walter was one of the original members and leader of the former Gateway Singers, a group from which have grown other well known stars — Lou Gottlieb of the Limelights and Travis Edmondson of Bud and Travis.

The Gateway Singers under Walter's leadership played in all areas of the country including diversified engagements such as the Democratic National convention, concert tours, night clubs, colleges and Carnegie Hall. The group recently evolved into the Jerry Walter-Betty Mann Duo.

MISS MANN, who is from Montana, migrated to California where she enrolled in Yuba College and then the University at Berkeley to study music and drama. She met Walter while attending the University.

Having done a lot of performing in the field of country and western music, Miss Mann still enjoys it and has managed to integrate some into the Gateway Trio.

While performing as a duo, Walter and Miss Mann received a call from Chapman voicing an interest to join them and make it a trio. After numerous discussions, Chapman joined them in the summer of 1962. The anchorman of the group,

he plays bass and rounds out the vocal chores.

Chapman's prior experience was quite varied and included singing and dancing in the chorus with such stars as Theresa Brewer and Tony Martin. He also sang as a member of the jazz-oriented Axidentals.

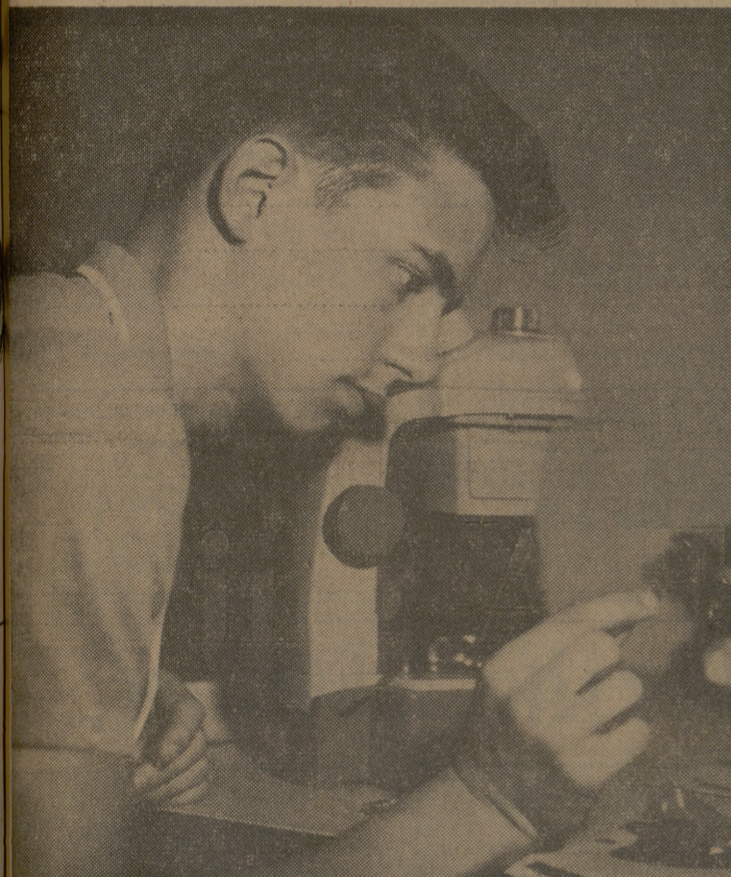
P. L. Downs Enters Hospital In Temple To Have Operation

P. L. (Pinkie) Downs, official greeter for A&M, was admitted to Scott and White Hospital in Temple Thursday for minor surgery.

Downs, a member of the Aggie Class of 1906, joined the college staff in 1940 after 27 years in the banking business. He served on A&M's Board of Directors for 10 years, from 1923-33.

The 78-year-old gentleman attributes his long life to "helping people who need help."

Joking with friends before leaving for Temple, Downs said, "I'm putting my trust in my doctors and the Good Lord. With that combination, I'm sure to come out just fine."



Smallest Catch

High-schooler Mike Glover of Pasadena, a National Science Foundation special biology student, is helping with a study in the Department of Wildlife Management. His job is to detect temperature effects on tiny bass, like the one he is holding with forceps.

INCLUDING BASEBALL

Caribbean Cruise Has Odd Sidelights

A baseball game with natives on a Caribbean island, a visit to an island where houses are built on stilts over water and "brushes" with sharks and barracudas were among the sidelights of a month-long trip A&M oceanographers recently completed.

Dr. Louis S. Kornicker, whose specialty is geological oceanography, and Milton P. Looney, a research technician, spent a month aboard a research vessel of the Scripps Institution of Geography. They worked east of the Guatema-

lan and Honduran shores to gather 100 samples from depths up to 18,000 feet for analysis in A&M laboratories.

Kornicker said the cruise filled a gap in his study of shore and bottom geology of the Caribbean.

The findings of the A&M faculty member may also have indirect application for the petroleum industry.

Kornicker explained that about 70 per cent of the petroleum reserves are found in "carbonate rocks in the vicinity of coral reefs" and his findings in the Caribbean area are of value to petroleum geologists.

"We also work on the biology of this area to provide information for fisheries biologists," Kornicker said.

He and Looney took most of their samples from one of the deeper parts of the seas, Cayman Trough, using a coring device lowered by cable.

The Caribbean baseball game was played on Roatan, one of the Islas de la Bahia off the coast of Honduras. Natives of the island challenged the Americans aboard the vessel.

The American team, with Kornicker as shortstop, lost 16-9.

Right-of-Way Meet Has 250 Guests

About 250 persons from a five-state area are attending the first annual Right of Way Educational Refresher Seminar through Friday at A&M.

The seminar, sponsored by the Texas Transportation Institute and Region 2 American Right of Way Association, features latest information on right of way problems.

Among the speakers are Dan Williamson of Houston, national vice-chairman of the American Right of Way Association; A. H. Christian of Austin of the South Texas Chapter, and William F. Howard of El Paso, Region 2 chairmen.

C. V. Wootan of the Texas Transportation Institute is director of the seminar.

Region 2 includes Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Wootan said the purpose of the

conference is to upgrade the abilities and operations of American Right of Way business.

Talks on the program agenda range from public relations and communications to basic land laws and property damages. Speakers include land officials throughout the region.

The conference got underway Wednesday and continues through 5 p.m. Friday.

Pakistani Agriculturists Study Teaching, Research, Extension

Ten East and West Pakistani agriculturists are visiting the A&M campus to study how the institution joins hands with state farmers through teaching, research and extension.

The visitors are seeing agricultural points of interest in the United States on a tour which began June 28 and will end Aug. 29.

THEIR TRIP is sponsored by Farmers and World Affairs, Inc., in cooperation with the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Grange, and the National Farmers Union.

Farmers and World Affairs is a non-profit educational organization. Funds for its visitor exchange program come from the organization itself, Department of State grants-in-aid of local currencies (from PL-480 funds) and partly from dollar contributions from individuals, organizations, foundations and companies.

Members of the Pakistani group are Diamuddin Ahmed, farmer; Dr. Jalal Ahmed, MD; Gharibullah M.

Aref, farmer; Feroz Fakirjee Gollwalla, farmer; Malik Sardar Husain, farmer and tribal chieftain; Khurshed Ahmed Khan, crop farmer and dairyman; Raja Ahmed Khan, fruit grower; Tarifuddin Khan, farmer and irrigation co-operative manager; Quazi Abdul Latif, farmer and college official; and Mofizur Rahaman, farmer and social welfareist.

ACCOMPANYING the group as guide and counselor is Miss Ruby Yeutter, FWA field representative. Jack Gray, co-ordinator of the A&M Foreign Programs Office, said the Pakistanis arrived here last Sunday and have visited many of its agricultural facilities.

Thursday, they will see the Poultry Science Center and then attend Summary discussions. Professor Henry Ross of the A&M Agricultural Education Department will be discussion leader.

The Pakistanis will leave A&M Friday morning for the Rice-Pasture Experiment Station near Beaumont. Next is a trip to El Campo to see farms in that area.

Planning To Live In Dorms 1, 3, 10, 12?

All students presently in school who plan to live in dorms 1, 3, 10 or 12 in the fall, and who wish to move their personal effects to their fall rooms at the end of summer school, must notify the Housing Office before 5 p.m. Aug. 16.

The four dormitories are to be used for the swimming meet scheduled for Aug. 22-24 and the Housing Office must know which rooms are not available for use.

The following cadet units are scheduled to live in these dorms: B-1, D-1, E-1, F-1, G-1, Sqds. 5, 6, 7, 13, and 14, 1st Brigade Staff, 2d Battalion Staff, 2d Wing Staff and 4th Group Staff.

Additional Housing Off Campus Needed

Additional housing is needed in the Bryan-College Station area to meet an expected enrollment increase at A&M in September, the Housing Office announced.

Housing officials said applications for apartments, both furnished and unfurnished, exceed the number of college-owned apartments available.

They asked that persons with facilities available for rent list their places with the Housing Office. The phone number is VI 6-5713.