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Extra Tuition Scholarships Planned By Commission

AUSTIN (AP) — The director of the Texas Commission on Higher Education announced plans Thursday to give an extra boost in tuition scholarships to students at four state-supported colleges and universities.

The tuition recommendation, prepared by the commission's staff, would provide for 3 per cent of the students at Tarleton State College at Stephenville, Prairie View A&M at Prairie View, Texas Southern University at Houston and Pan American College at Edinburg to receive tuition scholarships of up to \$200 annually.

Tuition at state-supported schools is now \$100 a year for Texas residents and \$200 for out-of-state residents, but there has been widespread talk that the legislature may consider doubling the tuition fees. In October the commission recommended a \$50 tuition increase per semester for Texas residents and out-of-state students. In effect, this would double resident tuition and raise out-of-state fees to \$300.

Under the commission's latest proposal, the other 18 senior schools in the state system would have \$200 tuition scholarships for one per cent of their full-time enrollment. For example, the University of Texas, with a projected full-time enrollment of 23,955 in 1966, would have 240 tuition scholarships to give needy students.

The staff proposals on tuition scholarships are subject to the commission's approval at its regular meeting Monday.

Harrell and three staff members also discussed faculty salaries in the state system, noting that there are now 36 full-time positions paying more than \$8,000 for nine months work. The top faculty salary in the state is \$25,000 for a University of Texas astronomer, Harrell said.

This pay scale will go up, he said, if the Legislature approves the commission's request for a 23 per cent average increase in salaries for the 1966 fiscal year, and another 5 per cent increase in 1967.

Aggie Players Production Adds Life To Dead Week



PLAY IN FINAL PREPARATIONS . . . Lee Hance, left, Nancy Schoenewolfe, and David White rehearse.

The Aggie Players start "dead week" on an appropriate note as they present a tale of a hopeless family struggling during depression years beginning Monday at 8 p.m. in Guion Hall.

"The Glass Menagerie," by Tennessee Williams, will continue through Saturday night.

The play which first opened on Broadway 20 years ago in 1945, was Williams' first successful play and was included in the Burns Mantle selection of "The Best Plays of 1944-45."

It centers around four people who are living by illusions in an effort to escape their unremarkable lives. They are unable to cope with circumstances and fulfill their desires, they live in "quiet desperation."

"It is considered by critics to be one of the great modern American plays in the tragic vein," C. K. Esten said. He is director of the Aggie Players and an assistant professor of English. Vic Wiening, also an assistant professor of English, is directing this production.

Cast and staff members of "The Glass Menagerie" include A&M students, student wives and local residents.

Nancy Schoenewolfe will play Laura, and Mrs. Lee Hance will portray Amanda. Acting as Tom will be David White, and as Jim, the gentleman caller, Paul Bleau. H. P. Bloomer is scene designer, Cynthia Smith is light designer, and Robert Wenck is technical director.

In the crew for set construction are Bud Franks, Gustavo Pena, Dan Bloomer, James Hunt, Charles O'Brien and David Holcomb. In the lights crew are John Wynn and James White, and for house management, George Long, Robert Hipp, William Lawlor and Terry Mayfield. The properties crew includes Barbara Peknik, Jordan Brooks, Ramona Koonce and Joe de Pasqual.

Costumes were designed by Jane Eisner, and a portrait for the play was provided by Howard Berry.

Tickets will sell for 75 cent at the door. There is no advance sale.

IN WEST TEXAS

Highway Ghost Defies Scientists

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Department has its own story about ghosts, called the Ghost Light of U. S. 90.

The department, in a recent publication, reported that the light can be seen best on U. S. 90 about 12 miles west of Alpine in Far West Texas.

If it is shining — and sometimes it is a little timid — it can be seen on the horizon to the southwest at the foothills of the Chinati Mountains.

About it being timid — it does not shine at any predictable time, and when brave souls have tried to track it down, it simply disappears.

The legend about the light is that it is a campfire kindled by the restless soul of a wayward Apache brave condemned to roam the Chinati Mountains forever.

The light is visible most nights all season. But capricious ghost that it is, it may not appear for

several hours. Some nights it does not shine at all. Often it is a few degrees to the left or right of where it was seen previously.

There seems to be no scientific explanation. Some say it is the moon reflected from a vein of mica. But there is no mica there. And it shines when there is no moon.

Swamp gas often produces such a phenomenon. But of all the things West Texas doesn't have, swamps lead the list.

The Ghost Light has been seen for 100 years, and even then, as today, it shone with the brightness of a train's headlight.

It hardly would be a 100-year-old prankster of generations of pranksters. They would have to hike 40 miles or so for a gag and it isn't worth it. And none of the many expeditions seeking the source of the light have turned up any evidence of humans.

Cuba, Castro Flick Coming Wednesday

By The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia—With another "go to hell," President Sukarno declared Thursday night Indonesia has "walked out of the United Nations" and turned its back on U.N. agencies that had earmarked \$50 million for him.

TOKYO—Communist China's New China News Agency charged that "naval vessels of the United States and its Saigon puppets" opened fire on a North Vietnamese island early today.

SAIGON, South Viet Nam—Vietnamese warplanes Thursday poured explosives and fire bombs on woods in the Binh Gia area reputed to shelter 2,000 Viet Cong troops.

SAIGON, South Viet Nam—South Vietnamese authorities evidently consider the Gulf of Tonkin crisis over. Public works men began Wednesday filling in zigzag air raid trenches in the main City Hall Mall.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—Malaysia notified the Security Council on Thursday it will seek U.N. aid immediately in the event Indonesia steps up military attacks in the wake of Indonesian withdrawal from the United Nations.

NEW YORK—An American-born Air Force veteran, who despite a court-martial had access to U. S. military secrets, was arrested Thursday as a paid spy for Russia. Involved in the case was an aide at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, who was ordered expelled from this country.

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Administration sources indicated Thursday that President Johnson's new budget will hold federal spending to around \$99.5 billion.

WASHINGTON—The Air Force announced Thursday that it is disbanding 155 more Air Force Reserve units by April—probably a preliminary step toward merging the remaining Air Reserve units into the Air National Guard.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A majority of Midwestern Republican leaders have agreed Dean Burch should be replaced as GOP National Committee chairman, the national committeeman from Missouri said Thursday night.

WASHINGTON — President Johnson probably will ask this session of Congress to unfreeze the gold held by the Federal Reserve System as a backing for bond deposits.

GALVESTON — Facing a Monday deadline that could prompt a crippling dock strike, Gulf Coast shippers and longshoremen bumped heads again Thursday without coming up with a new contract.

HOUSTON — The Manned Spacecraft Center said Thursday it may be the fifth launching of the Saturn IB rocket booster before three astronauts can make a moon training trip.

DALLAS — A lawyer preparing the appeal case of Jack Ruby said Thursday he had discovered numerous discrepancies in sworn testimony given at the Ruby trial.

Harvard Sociologist To Visit

Dr. Talcott Parsons, professor of sociology at Harvard University, will lecture here Tuesday.

"Dr. Parsons is one of the leading sociologists in the United States," said Dr. Robert L. Skrabanek, chairman of the sociology division of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology. Parsons founded the school of sociological theory at Harvard,

considered one of the best in the nation.

The seminar, "The Role of the Professional in American Society," will be at 3 p.m. in the College of Architecture auditorium, and the lecture, "The Development of Religious Organizations in American Society," will be at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

A graduate of Amherst College, Parsons continued his graduate work in London and Heidelberg. He is the immediate past president of the Eastern Sociological Society and the American Sociological Association and has published seven books.

Skrabanek said that approximately 15 Texas colleges and universities have been invited to attend.

Parsons is integrating the classic theories of European sociology with the theoretical approaches of other social-scientific disciplines, notably anthropology, psychology and economics, Skrabanek said.

International Club To Sponsor Film

A colored slide talk, "Inside the United States and Canada," will be given by Isaac Peters as a highlight of the A&M International Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the YMCA Building.

"Refreshments will be served and all international students, other A&M students and local residents are cordially invited," Club President Kamal M. El-Zik said.

Peters teaches in the department of dairy science.

Candid Comments On Current Crises Students Voice Disapproval Of Proposed System Change

Question: are you in favor of the proposed reorganizational changes to the A&M system?



Mike Martin
Sophomore, Montgomery, Ala.

No. I've talked to some of my friends who go there and went here and they say ASC isn't as hard as A&M. I think that if they're going to say that they got their education at A&M people think they were graduated from here. We will get a lot better education here, and they'll just be using our name for prestige.



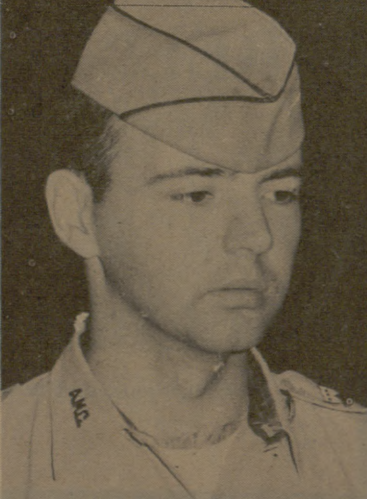
Gary Sumpter
Junior, Fort Worth

No. The main reason is that the granting of a degree with the same name as Texas A&M to students of ASC or any of the other schools would take away from the prestige of getting a degree from A&M.



Robert Merritt
Freshman, Kerrville

No. Because we should be satisfied with the way it is. I think A&M has always been here in College Station and that's where it should stay. We have more important things to worry about here.



Charles Downey
Senior, San Antonio

No. I don't think it will help the school that much. A lot of people up there aren't going to accept it and nobody I know wants it. I want it to stay part of the System but it shouldn't be any closer linked to A&M.



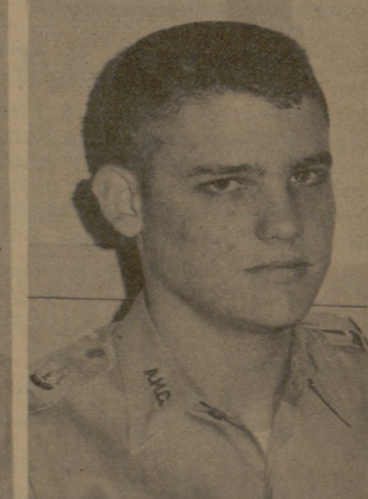
Oscar Pena
Junior, Brownsville

No. I'd like to keep the name here because I think no other school is worthy of the A&M name. If we spread our name around it will cause us to lose our individuality. It seems like the changes are a move by the Board to increase their own prestige.



Jim Bourgeois
Senior, New Braunfels

Yes. I foresee in Texas' educational future a change toward the type of educational system California has—where universities are closely coordinated. This will give A&M fully equal standing of any other state school, and it will do a lot toward improving A&M educational facilities.



William Johnson
Freshman, Laredo

No. ASC has been associated with this school for a long time. I don't think it's necessary and I don't think that they're going to like it either. I think they like themselves being associated with A&M, but I know I wouldn't like it if they tried to change our name.