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By Glenn Dromgoole

Mr. Larry Jerden Associate Editor The Battalion Dear Larry, It's come that time of the year again when you will start receiving letters addressed to me from people campaigning for various "positions of leadership" on campus.

You will discover, I am sure, that most of them will say the same things: Class officer candidates will advocate a "greater, stronger, united class" and Student Senate office-seekers will urge "better government and Corps-civilian unity." Very few student candidates in fact, almost none — will advocate any concrete proposals for strengthening or bettering or uniting their class or the student body and its government.

Therefore, I am issuing a new policy concerning our Sound-Off column. This space is reserved for student opinion, and I do not propose in the least to interfere with this philosophy. I don't think, however, that Sound-Off was or is intended as a medium for propagating popularity contests, which as you know is about all our campus elections amount to.

As of now, and until another Battalion editor issues a contradictory policy, campaign letters will not be printed in Sound-Off unless they advocate positive programs. No more generalities, no more tear-jerkin appeals to end student apathy, no more solutions to Corps-civilian rivalry, no more banner-waving or motherhood-praising, no more appeals for "better, stronger" student government.

Sound-Off will be a voice of student opinion, and I sincerely hope this policy will assist in maintaining such a medium for thought and exchange of ideas.

You will receive an enormous amount of criticism for this policy as you turn away candidate after candidate for their failure to meet our standards. You have my wholehearted support on your decisions, and the choice will be yours whether a letter is acceptable or not. I realize this will be discriminatory, but some discrimination is needed if we are to separate the Who's Who-seekers from the dedicated students who can offer something to our student body.

Let's raise our standards, and let the candidates meet them.

Glenn Dromgoole, Editor, The Battalion

## Comic Makes Chemistry Fun

By DANI PRESSWOOD  
Battalion News Editor  
Princeton University's Dr. Hubert N. Alvea may have displayed remarkable skill in the field of chemistry Monday night.

But his scientific abilities were outshined by his superb showmanship as he left a Chemistry Lecture Room capacity crowd rolling in the aisles with his demonstration of "How To Make Chemistry Fun."

Actually, his subject was titled "Lucky Accidents, Great Discoveries and the Prepared Mind," but it was presented in such a way as to make diehard English majors want to switch to chemistry.

"I'm going to show you the principle of rapid burning," he said at one point.

He then commenced to light a candle at both ends. With this he added a tidbit of knowledge

undoubtedly gained from many years of experimentation and research.

"If you burn your candle at both ends you live only half as long," he informed. "But it's more than twice the fun."

Singing the Princeton alma mater as he conducted one experiment, Alvea made a jar of liquid turn from blue to orange to black, his school colors, at appropriate places in the song.

Alvea kept the audience enthralled with his eye-raising experiments using previously-prepared chemicals.

At times becoming the typical "mad scientist," the ranting, rambling professor demonstrated with foaming jars, violet smoke and weird flame-throwing mixtures.

If there was ever to be a dull moment, Alvea kept it well hidden with such antics as spraying the audience with harmless smoke from a fire extinguisher and harassing a frustrated photographer.

While using his various attention-getters, Alvea's basic theme was the exposition of how great discoveries have come about through lucky mishaps.

"A fantastic number of accidents changed the role of science," he explained.

"And when the lucky accident occurred there was always a prepared mind."

Alvea cited the prime examples of Alfred Nobel's accidental discovery of dynamite and Alexander Fleming's perchance encounter of penicillin.

He described the unusual circumstances surrounding the development of atomic energy and the ping pong ball, the mouse trap conception of the atomic bomb.

Turning to the subject of "Why Instructors Demonstrate," Alvea aimed his discourse at the chemistry teachers in the audience.

He said demonstration is 15 per cent to arouse curiosity, 15 per cent observation, 15 per cent illustration and 55 per cent making students think.

"If you're really going to train the mind to make discoveries, you must have quality learning and quality living," he declared.

Alvea also advised instructors to maintain their research while teaching. He exemplified this with the demonstration of his home made, self-invented projector which enlarges images of experiments on a screen while they are carried on.

Alvea has lectured in 40 foreign countries including six months each at the World's Fair in Brussels and Seattle.



COMIC CHEMIST CONVULSES CROWD ... Alvea sprays audience with harmless smoke.

## 350 Expected For Saturday Drill Contest

By MIKE BERRY  
Battalion Staff Writer

Thirteen top college drill teams will participate in the second annual Texas Invitational Drill Meet Saturday on the main drill field.

Visiting teams from Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas will compete for \$400 worth of trophies.

Approximately 350 ROTC cadets and cadre officers will begin arriving on campus Friday afternoon. At 6 a.m. Saturday they will breakfast in Duncan Dining Hall and, after a welcome by Col. D. L. Baker, will have a commander's conference.

Following an assembly and a short welcome address by Dean of Student James P. Hannigan, they will undergo the inspection and basic drill phase of the meet. In the afternoon, the drill teams

will compete in precision drill.

Marching Saturday will be the A&M Fish Drill Team, the Buccaneer Drill Team from the University of Texas, the Lowman Rifles from Sam Houston State College, the Kings Rifles from Texas A&I College, the Cougar Rifles from the University of Houston, Company L-17 (the Pershing Rifles) from Hardin-Simmons University, the Minutemen and the Pershing Rifles from Oklahoma State University, the Marion Guard from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, the ROTC Drill Team from Arkansas Polytechnic College, the Keathley Rifles from Cameron State College of Oklahoma, the Pershing-Ware Rifles from McNeese State College of Louisiana, and the Sam Houston Rifles from West Texas State University.

Performances will be graded on a scale of 1,000 points. The inspection phase will count for 150 points, the basic drill for 150 points, and precision drill for 500 points. The precision portion of the contest will be graded on intricacy, precision, and originality of movement.

The master trophy is awarded to the best overall unit. It is a rotating trophy that is presented to the winner for one year, but if one unit wins it three consecutive years, it will be awarded permanently to that unit.

Warren Matthews, president of the Association of Former Fish Drill Team Members, expects "an interesting afternoon, with real varied performances ... no two teams alike."

"There will be a high level of performance," he continued. "All the others (except the Fish Drill Team) are four-year teams and several hope to go to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., the top drill meet in the nation."

The Fish Drill Team, last year's winner, comes from victories in the Gulf Coast Invitational Drill Meet in Houston and the Purdue University Invitational Drill Meet in Indiana.

### Deadline Extended On Civilian Tickets

Deadline for picking up tickets for Civilian Weekend activities beginning Saturday has been extended until noon Wednesday. Tickets may be picked up from all dorm counselors.

Weekend festivities include a barbecue, invitational drill meet, Town Hall performance by Brenda Lee, baseball game with the University of Texas, presentation of "The Time of Your Life" by the Aggie Players and a civilian dance.

## Bowman Presents Marriage Forum On Marital Sex

Dr. Henry Bowman will return Tuesday night to give the fourth of five Marriage Forums.

His talk on "Sex in Human Relations-Marital" will be presented in the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

Bowman spoke to a predominantly male and overflow crowd last week when he spoke about premarital relations.

Bowman utilized audience participation and created a stir when he came out unequivocally against premarital intercourse.

A University of Texas sociologist, Bowman is a nationally famous authority on marriage and family life.

He has served on the National Council on Family Relations and is an educator and author of such books as "Marriage for Moderns."

Bowman will discuss:

—How important is sexual compatibility in the total marriage relationship?

—Sexual relations in marriage as factors affecting marital adjustments.

—Complex causes of sex adjustment or maladjustment.

—Planned parenthood.

—What does religion say about sex?

—What the sexes need to understand about each other.

Bowman has visited Australia and New Zealand to lecture for the U.S. State Department and is listed in Who's Who in America.

## A&M, Tech, UT Establish Water Research Program

Texas A&M is one of three state institutions of higher education joined in a cooperative program of water resources research in Texas.

Through an agreement with the University of Texas and Texas Technological College, A&M will work in planning long-range research and academic programs to meet the Lone Star

State's water resources needs.

The agreement calls for A&M's Water Resources Research Institute to be the agency through which state-supported universities will present proposals to the U. S. Department of Interior's Office of Water Resources Research and the Texas Legislature for funds to support research.

Dr. Ernest T. Smerdon, director of the Water Resources Institute, said the first group of research proposals for matching grant supports at the three institutions will be submitted to the OWRR, Department of the Interior, on April 1.

"We look forward to development of greater strength and cooperative efforts among the universities for research in water resources ... research extremely important to Texas," Smerdon commented.

"The program has been in operation less than a year," he noted. "Research projects thus far have involved people from

civil engineering, meteorology, agricultural economics, business administration, biology, wildlife science, and the South Plains Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, as well as the Water Resources Institute.

"Naturally," he continued, "we hope to involve more departments as research progresses."

## Batt Staffers Win Writing Awards

The Battalion took four awards for writing and general excellence at the 36th annual Southwestern Journalism Congress at the University of Arkansas over the weekend.

Editor Glenn Dromgoole won first place in news writing with his story on A&M's acquisition of the James Connally Technical Institute last year. Managing Editor Tommy DeFrank placed third in news competition with an account of a Senate committee hearing on Sen. Andy Rogers' bill to keep A&M an all-male institution.

Lani Presswood, Battalion summer editor, took third in column writing for a column on the Fourth of July.

The Battalion won second in the best single issue competition for its Nov. 5, 1965 issue.

DeFrank was elected parliamentarian of the SWJC Student Press Club for the 1966 congress, scheduled next March at East Texas State University.

## U.S. To Hear Rudder on TV

Texas A&M President Earl Rudder will discuss his trip to South Vietnam at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday on the NBC television program "TODAY."

The show can be seen in the Bryan-College Station area on KCEN-TV, Temple-Waco (Channel 6) and KPRC-TV Houston (Channel 2).

Rudder was one of two Texans appointed by President Johnson to extend the battle against hunger, ignorance and disease in the war-torn Southeast Asian country. He returned to Washington, D. C., Monday after the inspection visit to Vietnam.

The TV special will be broadcast live from Washington over the full NBC network. Rudder plans to return home Wednesday.

## Freeloading Sparrow Foils Hayride Ushers

The country and western sounds of the Louisiana Hayride filled G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday night but the Bird was the word for a few minutes before showtime.

Seems that a sparrow had somehow gotten inside the building and was hopping around somewhat confusedly between the floor-level seats. Early arrivals called it to the attention of a volunteer usher from the Department of Journalism, who briefly chased the bird and then relayed the information to Sigma Delta Chi president, Glenn Dromgoole, quipping "There's somebody here who got in without a ticket and I can't get him to leave."

After further attempts at removing the feathered freeloader failed, the journalists adopted a "watchful waiting" policy, hoping the bird would find an exit or at least behave itself. Someone voiced concern that Hayride star Little Jimmy Dickens' famous curse "May the Bird of Paradise Fly up Your Nose" might produce a violent reaction under the circumstances.

But such fears proved to be groundless as the sparrow was not noticed again during or after the performance. Apparently it decided that, contrary to some opinions, country and western music isn't really — ouch — for the birds.



### A MOST UNHAPPY FELLA

An unhappy youngster finds a cow not to his liking and moves to safer ground during the Youth Livestock Show at the Texas A&M Pavilion. The tenth annual affair, sponsored by the College Station-Bryan Chamber of Commerce, ends tonight with a 7:30 p. m. auction.



### "TIME OF YOUR LIFE" OPENS RUN

This scene is taken from "Time of Your Life" which began its six-night run Monday evening. Setting for the play, written by William Saroyan in 1939, is a San Francisco bar in the low-rent district. Actors shown include, from left to right, Kirk Stewart, Tim Lane, Roger Williams, Don Carter, Allan Pierce, Willie Cook and Bud Franks.