

A&M Student Paul Gundersen Proposes Vast Cultural Program

The Battalion

Heritage Hall Highlights Plan

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A Texas A&M student will submit to the A&M Board of Directors at its April meeting a proposed multimillion dollar program designed to initiate the most extensive cultural development in the history of the University.

Paul H. Gundersen, a junior journalism major from Chicago, will outline before the Board plans for The Heritage Hall Foundation, a projected \$9 million endeavor that will bring to the campus valuable collections of American history and art for permanent display.

Nucleus of the program will be The Heritage Hall, a three-story, library-archives-museum-theater complex that will house one of the nation's largest collections of documents, memorabilia and works of art pertaining to American history.

Also proposed in the venture are a scholarship program for members of the Corps of Cadets enrolled in liberal arts curricula, an endowment program to help underwrite salaries of name professors attracted to A&M and a program whereby works of art and sculpture will be erected at various campus locations to beautify and upgrade the University's cultural environment.

"We are going to try to create an entirely new environment for the A&M campus — one that will stimulate a scholarly attitude," Gundersen explained.

"The school has been focusing all of its energies in the fields of science and engineering at the expense of the liberal arts," he continued, "and The Heritage Hall Foundation will be an attempt to remedy this situation."

"In the past we have brought prominent professors here only in science and engineering. Through this project we want to make A&M a place which renowned scholars in the liberal arts will seek out, instead of us having to seek them out."

The A&M Board will decide at its April meeting whether or not to sanction the undertaking. If the Board gives approval Gundersen will have the foundation recognized by the State of Texas and actively begin work on the venture.

A gala dance April 11 in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom will honor Gundersen's mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Gundersen, who is spearheading the project along with her son.

The Gundersens have traveled more than 20,000 miles in the past 18 months, enlisting support of prominent Americans and purchasing various collections to supplement their personal collections to be placed in Heritage Hall.

Persons who have indicated enthusiastic support of the foundation include Sens. Robert Kennedy and Everett Dirksen, Gen. Frank Besson, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Materiel Command, as well as other civic, military and cultural leaders.

Gundersen explained that when the project is sanctioned by the Board and accredited by the State, the directors will begin actively soliciting funds to assist in the endeavor.

He added that several well-known philanthropic foundations have already promised financial support.

The foundation will be administered by five board members: Gundersen, Jack B. Slijm Jr., a 1965 A&M graduate now studying at the University of Indiana; Clifton A. Emerson, another 1965 A&M graduate; Woodson Taliaferro Besson, a student at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and an as yet unnamed member.

This board will be supported by an advisory group of 100 prominent Americans from the industrial, government, science, military and educational professions.

The entire project is expected to be completed by 1976, in time for the University's centennial.

But Gundersen emphasized that the venture will never be finished but instead will be a continuous project in cultural development for the school.

"We want Heritage Hall to be a magnet — a calling card for scholars in the fields of history and all the liberal arts to come to Texas A&M," he said.

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1967 AIBS Convention

A&M Chosen To Host National Biology Meet

Texas A&M will be the biological science capitol of the world for a week when the American Institute of Biological Sciences holds its convention next year.

Attendance is expected to exceed 6,000 persons, including participants from several foreign

countries, at the mid-August meeting in 1967.

Announcement of A&M's selection as host was made by A&M President Earl Rudder and Dean of Agriculture R. E. Patterson. Rudder said the convention will mark the first time a Texas institution has been host to the 70,000-member organization.

AIBS has 43 participating national societies. Its directors choose annual meeting sites on campuses excelling in education and research, Rudder noted.

Dr. Ruble Langston, professor of plant sciences, is general chairman for the sessions.

President Rudder said that the selection of Texas A&M represents nearly three years of effort on the part of University staff members and the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber estimates that this meeting will mean an infusion of about \$1,500,000 into both communities during the week of the meetings.

For the past three days, Dr. John R. Olive, executive director, and Mrs. Ann F. Kulback, convention manager for AIBS, headquartered in Washington, D. C., and a prominent New York decorator held a series of sessions with local heads of the convention committees.

In addition to the many concurrent scientific sessions, there are planned several luncheons,

smokers, reunions and banquets. More than 100 individual exhibits by scientific, educational and industrial firms are scheduled.

2 Offices Filled In School Board Election Saturday

A&M Consolidated School Board positions went to John Longley and Charles Pinnell in a College Station election Saturday.

Voting was comparatively heavy as the two posts were decided by a margin of around 100 votes.

Longley, an incumbent, received 490 votes, and Pinnell 470. Other candidates included R. L. Hunt, Jr., 363; Roy W. Kelley, 333; and Don Dillon, 194.

A record 931 votes were cast in the election, 30 of which were absentee.

Campaigning ended in a flurry Friday and Saturday as the "A&M Consolidated Property Owners Committee of 1,000" spoke out backing Hunt and Kelley.

The two claimed that three choices exist for the future of College Station citizens. These are, they said, a 100 per cent tax increase, school district bankruptcy or a merger with Bryan schools.

A local insurance executive, Longley will enter his seventh year as a school board member.

Pinnell, an associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering here and head of traffic design for the Texas Transportation Institute, will be in his first term.

Aggie Recovering In Austin Hospital

A&M senior Douglas B. Otten is listed in "fair" condition in Austin's Brackenridge Hospital following a one-car accident Saturday which resulted in the death of one passenger.

The mishap, on Farm Road 1826 near Oak Hill, killed Carolyn L. McKenna of Austin.

Otten, a petroleum engineering major from San Antonio, received back and internal injuries.

BATTALION RECEIVES COLLEGE ALL-AMERICAN RECOGNITION

The Battalion has received All-American recognition from the Associated Collegiate Press for the fall semester, editor Glenn Dromgoole learned Monday.

The award, highest in the ACP Newspaper Critical Service for college newspapers, represents a "superior rating and is reserved for the top publications," according to Fred L. Kildow, ACP director.

Top areas of Battalion coverage praised by the judges were news and feature coverage, editorials and columns, sports coverage and photography.

About 10 per cent of the association members are given All-American honors.

18th Century Literature Works

Prof Collects Documents

By JOHN FULLER
An A&M English professor, prompted by what he calls a "basic interest" in the relationship between literature and natural science, has compiled an out-of-the-ordinary collection of documents.

He is Dr. Harry P. Kroitor, who for the past 12 years has made trips to England, scanned book catalogs and done research at the Library of Congress in order to find materials dealing with 18th-century British literature.

Many of his souvenirs were on display recently as a feature of the third annual Literary Festival. They included 18th-century books and facsimiles of magazines and newspapers from the period.

"The prints of William Hogarth's engravings and paintings were produced by photographing pages of bound collections and then greatly enlarging the photographs," Kroitor explained, referring to the other portions of the displays. He said the past month

had been devoted to the photographing operation, which cost around \$50, in preparation for the festival.

The photostats of periodicals were made at the Library of Congress during one of Kroitor's trips to Washington. He explained that he wanted the copies for his collection because they deal with scientific developments of the 1700's, such as the discovery of the planet Uranus in 1782.

"Many of the papers contain notices of so-called 'philosophical lectures' of the period, which might be classified into three categories—quack, popular and technical." He mentioned a notice for a "quack" lecture which charged money for the showing of "insects as big as oxen"—with the aid of a primitive microscope.

Among the "finds" in Kroitor's collection—which, he stresses, is "one of ideas, not things"—is a 1715 first-edition copy of "Astronomy" by Thomas Durham. He also has 18th-century copies of works by Samuel Johnson, James

Thomson, Mark Akenside and James Beattie.

"In addition, I have a whole wallfull of books written by later authors about the 18th Century," he notes. "In fact, I spend over \$600 a year for such books, much to the horror of the Internal Revenue Service—they just can't believe it." He explained they are research expenditures and as such are deductible from his income tax.

Kroitor says he can't place a monetary value on his collection. "I was able to pick up the Durham book for a few pounds at a London auction, and I'm sure it would be very valuable to a book collector. I wouldn't sell it, though, no matter what I was offered," he said. "As for the rest of the materials, the actual cost of having the facsimiles made is only a fraction of the travel expense and time it took to get them. I probably wouldn't sell the collection for \$2000, because it's worth more than that to me."



COTTON KING, QUEEN

Miss Diane Elizabeth Wehner was chosen queen of the 32nd annual Cotton Pageant Saturday night. She is shown with Roland Smith, King Cotton for the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball. Miss Wehner, representative of the Houston A&M Mother's Club, was selected from 140 duchesses.

Drill Team Wins LSU Tournament

By DANI PRESSWOOD
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The Fish Drill Team walked away with top honors Saturday in the Southern Invitational Drill Meet at Louisiana State University, giving the Aggies their second first place trophy in as many weeks.

In the 13-team competition the freshmen placed first in platoon basic drill, individual fancy drill and overall competition and second in the platoon fancy drill.

"This team gets better and better day by day and this was the best performance to date," said junior advisor Richard Grossenbacher. "They represented A&M well."

The fish defeated teams from LSU, Tulane, Oklahoma Military Academy, Florida A&M University, Sam Houston State, Northwest Louisiana State, the University of Southwestern Louisiana, the University of Southern Mississippi, Southeastern Louisiana, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State College and Springhill (Alabama).

Guidon bearer Richard Calvert won a first place in individual fancy drill in the meet. He outperformed 25 competitors for the award.

Fish Drill Team sponsor Maj. Calvin Reese praised the student advisors for their effort in preparing the group.

"The seven advisors are the best I have ever worked with," he noted. "They should receive all the credit for the outstanding

Filing Closes April 13 For Student Offices

Deadline for filing for student body president and 11 other posts is 5 p.m. April 13, according to Election Commission Chairman Pappas.

Applications may be filed in the Student Programs Office of the Memorial Student Center.

Offices open for filing include student body vice president, recording secretary and parliamentarian; chairmanships of the Student Senate Issues, Public Relations, Student Life and Welfare Committees; president, vice president and treasurer of the Civilian Student Council and class agent for the Class of 1966.

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achievements of the Fish Drill Team this year."

One of the top rated drill teams in the United States, the A&M representatives have defeated teams from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Sophomore advisor Bob Boldt expressed gratitude and praise for the welcome received by the Aggies in Baton Rouge.

"The advisors and team wish to express their appreciation for the tremendous welcome given us by the Baton Rouge Former Students and for the celebration party Saturday night," he said.

"Special thanks should go to the family of freshman Billy Edwards for the meals they provided for the team," he added.

Performances at the University of Texas, the Battle of Roses Parade of the Fiesta Flambeau in San Antonio and Parents' Day here May 7 round out the season.



PROF WITH ENGLISH COLLECTIONS ... Kroitor collects 18th Century literature works.