

Ag Talent Show Unique Among Southwest Campuses

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Most Aggies are aware of the Intercollegiate Talent Show which takes place annually in G. Rollie White Coliseum, but few realize its uniqueness among campus events in the Southwest.

It is the only one of its kind in Texas and it is entirely student arranged and directed.

ALTHOUGH IT lasts only several hours, preparations for the

show begin many months before. This year's show is scheduled March 3.

Charles Segrest is the chairman of the Talent Committee, which includes Dave Schlueter, Dan Schlueter, Alan Backof, Dave Scott, Doug Scott, Henry Cisneros, Mike Curd and John Greenhut. This committee is in charge of arranging auditions, recruiting acts and managing other business matters associated

with the show.

GETTING GOOD acts, of course, is the most important and most difficult chore of the committee.

In recruiting talent, the committee works with many schools in arranging auditions on their campus.

"We send out letters to various student unions asking for people with whom we can work," Segrest said.

These people arrange auditions and on a certain day, Segrest or other members of his staff visit the school, observe the tryouts and return.

THESE PEOPLE are extremely important because due to either their hard work or lack of it will rest the success or failure of the show.

After all auditions have been seen, the committee will gather and pick from 8 to 12 acts to

participate in the show.

"We cover about 50 colleges in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas and Oklahoma," Segrest added. "We all get together after the auditions, choose what we want and notify those acts the next day."

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE Talent Show is under direct supervision of the Memorial Student Center Directorate and is advised by Frank K. Nicolas, the

Commandant's Office, Robert L. Boone and Harold W. Gaines.

Segrest mentioned that the number of acts may vary.

"There might be from 8 to 12 acts depending on their length."

Segrest noted that the Talent Committee tries to diversify the acts as much as possible without losing any quality.

IN ORDER TO see as many schools as possible, Segrest last year made two plane trips to

observe talent at various schools located in Albuquerque, N. M., Fayetteville, Ark., Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La.

In order to attract the best possible talent, booking agents from Houston, San Antonio and Dallas annually attend the show.

With such a painstaking effort in making this show possible, all Aggies have good reason to take pride in this truly unique campus event.



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ANOTHER NIGHTMARE ENDS!!
Finals concluded, these happy Aggies head little steam. (Photo by Russell Autrey) for home or other destinations to let off a

Plaques Everywhere

Ag Exes Boast Association

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The Texas A&M Association of Former Students is one of the best organized and well functioning organizations of which any university can boast.

And boast of it we should! Richard (Buck) Weirus, executive secretary for the growing organization, is very proud of the plaques that hang in the former students' office.

"We must be the best in America, because we've won every award that's given by the American Alumni Council," Weirus said.

IN 1958 the association won both the Grand Award and the First Place award given by the AAC. By 1963 the council had

run out of awards to give the association, so the council gave it a sustaining award entitled the "Alumni Giving Incentive Award." The latest award given to the association was the "Alumni Administration Award" for 1966.

Winning awards, however, is just one of the activities that go on within the organization.

"OUR FUNCTION here is to form a link between the university and the former students, and vice-versa," said Joe Buser, assistant executive secretary and editor of "The Texas Aggie."

"The Texas Aggie" is a monthly publication published by the Former Students' Association and sent to all members.

Every five years the association publishes a directory of all 45,000 active members, containing their addresses and occupations. (See Aggie Exes, Page 2)

Successful Draft Test Score Could Mean Second Chance

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the optional draft tests which will be given March 11 and 31 and April 8 at Texas

A&M, Registrar H. L. Heaton announced.

Theater Arts Spring Four New Courses

Four courses in theater arts have been announced for the spring semester by the English Department.

C. K. Esten, director of the Aggie Players, said new courses include 379, Voice for the Stage; 483, Play Writing; and 475, Advanced Directing. All will be taught by Esten.

Students in the play writing course will write a one-act play for production in Guion Hall's Fallout Theater.

Theater Arts 380, History of the Theater, will be taught by Dr. Lee J. Martin, English Department head, Esten revealed.

Esten said 13 students are currently studying for teaching certificates in theater arts at A&M. The certificate, available through the English Department and the Education and Psychology Department, qualifies students to teach theater arts in high school.

Students are required to complete 24 hours of theater arts courses for the Texas Educator Agency certificate, Esten noted.

Heaton pointed out that a student has nothing to lose and all to gain by taking the test. This test gives a student a second chance to remain in school.

"Say that a student passes the draft test but fails to make the minimum Selective Service requirements for his class, then that student still has the opportunity of remaining in school," Heaton said.

THOSE STUDENTS who have not taken the Selective Service Qualifications Test are reminded that Feb. 10 is the last date for applying for this test.

Students wishing to take this test are urged to report to the Registrar's Office at once and obtain the necessary applications.

Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state selective service director, said eligible applicants must on the testing date, be registered with a draft board, intend to request occupational deferment as a student and not have taken the test previously.

Sbisa Wants List Of Meal Conflicts

Students who have class conflicts with the lunch meal schedule or who have classes scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Spring Semester and desire late meals are requested to report to the Sbisa Hall Office and place their names on the list.

Doolittle III Commissioned, Plans Propulsion Studies

James Harold Doolittle III, grandson of the famous World War II pilot, was commissioned in the U. S. Air Force Saturday at Texas A&M.

The 22-year-old Air Force ROTC program graduate received his bachelor degree in mechanical engineering at commencement Saturday morning.

He plans to do graduate work at A&M in aircraft and rocket propulsion systems and will enter active duty in February or March, 1968.

THE NEW OFFICER'S gold bar was pinned by his fiancée, Miss Pat Nagel of San Antonio. They plan to be married today. He is the son of Mrs. Elva Doolittle, 119 West Ashby Place, San Antonio.

At A&M, Jim Doolittle was a member of Squadron 12 and served as cadet captain and supply officer on the Second Wing Staff. He was a member of the Student Engineer Council, Pi Tau

Four Ags Named As Delegates To Principia Confab

Four Texas A&M sophomores have been named delegates to a national student conference at Principia College.

They are John W. Fuller, a journalism major from San Angelo; Joseph S. Spitzer, a government major from Tyler; William R. Howell Jr., a chemical engineering major from Brenham; and William R. Allen, a pre-medicine major from Jackson, Miss.

Delegates were announced by Bob Heaton, chairman of A&M's 12th Student Conference on National Affairs, and Pat Rehmet, chairman elect of SCONA XIII.

A&M's delegates have been active in SCONA committees. All have "B" averages or better.

Sigma, national mechanical engineering fraternity, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and chairman of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

DOOLITTLE WAS a Distinguished Student and is a Distinguished Military Graduate. He flew in the A&M flight training program through which he acquired a private pilot's license with 80 hours flying time.

He will go into Air Force pilot training and hopes to eventually work in aircraft systems.

His grandfather led the first

U. S. bombing raid over Tokyo in April, 1942, for which Jimmy Doolittle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The famed pilot, now 70 and member of TRW Inc., Shell and Mutual of Omaha boards of directors, commanded the 12th and 8th Air Forces and notched several firsts in the air.

HE WAS THE first pilot to fly across the U. S. in one day and set the world speed record for a land plane in 1932. The Santa Monica, Calif., resident won numerous air trophies.



DOOLITTLE COMMISSIONED
James Harold Doolittle III of San Antonio gets his Air Force second lieutenant's bars pinned by his fiancée, Miss Pat Nagel of San Antonio, at commissioning exercises here Saturday. Doolittle, grandson of the famed World War II pilot who led the first U. S. bombing raid on Tokyo, will attend graduate school at A&M.

By LEE MORENO

"Nobody detests lines more than I do," quipped H. L. Heaton, director of admissions and registrar at Texas A&M.

Heaton made this statement in connection with the advance planning for the Spring Semester registration to be conducted in Sbisa Hall Feb. 3-4. He is expecting a record spring enrollment of over 10,000 students.

"THE BEST WAY to avoid long lines at registration is to keep the flow of students even," Heaton said. "It is essential to keep the procedure orderly so that tempers do not flare and everyone is on his best behavior."

The registration of 10,000 students takes lots of advanced planning. Heaton's office works closely with the faculty, Housing Office, Fiscal Office, identification, and Student Activities, in order to co-ordinate the operation.

HIS OFFICE is responsible for giving general directions to all department heads. Also, each department must indicate how much space it will need at Sbisa, and how many staff members will work the registration for the given department.

STUDENTS ARE urged to pay close attention to the instructions in the bulletin of classes and to those people conducting the registration. The bulletin of classes may be obtained at the Registrar's Office prior to registration or at the news stand in front of Sbisa on the day of registration.

Radiophones, telephones, and the Sbisa public address system will serve to keep the registration flowing orderly. If at any time the lines stack up in a given area, radiophones will be used to slow down the flow of students or to delay the issuing of class cards. Also, if the flow is slack, radiophones can be used to bring more students into the registration area.

"THE MOST effective method of controlling the flow of students is by the times at which the class cards are issued," Heaton explained.

The expected enrollment for the spring represents an increase of approximately 1,000 over the same period last year, and would be only slightly less than the 1966 Fall attendance of 10,706, an all time high.

New freshmen will report Feb. 1 for orientation. Classes begin February 6.

Registration Schedule

Registration for the Spring Semester will be conducted in Sbisa Hall. Registration cards will be issued at the newsstand according to the following schedule:

- Friday, Feb. 3
- 1-3 p. m.—All whose surnames begin with G, H, I, J, K.
- 3-4:30 p. m.—All whose surnames begin with A, B.
- Saturday, Feb. 4
- 8-10 a. m.—All whose surnames begin with T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.
- 10-11:30 a. m.—All whose surnames begin with L, M, N, O.
- 1-3 p. m.—All whose surnames begin with P, Q, R, S.
- 3-4 p. m.—All whose surnames begin with C, D, E, F.

Town Hall Hosts Globetrotter Extra

By BOB PALMER
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Inman Jackson, head coach of the Harlem Globetrotters, slated to appear in G. Rollie White Coliseum Feb. 6, has announced the lineup for that performance.

The Globetrotters will feature pivotman Meadowlark Lemon, "the sultan of showmanship," and ace dribbler Fred Neal in the Town Hall extra.

THE REST of the team will include floormen Hallie Byant, Mel Davis, Jackie Jackson and Bobby Joe Mason. Cornermen on the Harlem team will be Troy Collier and Frank Stephens. Operating from the pivot position besides Lemon will be Hubert Ausbie and Billie Barnes.

The New York Nationals, "capable of a good performance against any club," will face the Globetrotters in their match at Aggield on the first Monday night after the beginning of the spring semester.

Tickets, costing \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3, will go on sale in the Student Programs Office Monday and will remain on sale through the night of the performance.

"THE FAMED Trotters have risen far above basketball and major sports in general," Sports Editor Lloyd Larson, of the Milwaukee Sentinel, acclaimed. "They are entertainers first. Not by their choice, but by popular demand."

"The Globetrotters guarantee the weary sports loving public relief from all that yak-yak about full or half court presses, rebounding strength and fast break or slow break," Larson continued. "THEY ARE entertainers in the purest sense of the word," he said.

The court antics do not stop with the half time. The Globetrotters carry in their retinue a complete half time show.

Cochran To Serve At Nuclear Confab

Dr. Robert G. Cochran, Texas A&M's Nuclear Engineering head, will serve as a panelist at a nuclear engineering conference next week at Argonne, Ill.

Cochran's panel will probe questions on nuclear engineering education at the annual Association of Mountain Universities and Argonne National Laboratories Conference.

"Is industry using nuclear engineering graduates effectively?" and "Can universities do significant research in nuclear engineering?" are top questions.

Miss Loni, the "Dutch Treat," who was 1961 "Beauty Queen of the International Circus," will be in the show.

The Del Moral Trio, featuring their famous perch act, will also appear along with the comical juggler, Lee Marx.

A table tennis match between England's trophy-winning Richard Bergmann and South Korea's Lee Dal Joon will round out the program.

Tectonophysics Created; Handin To Head Center

Creation of a Center for Tectonophysics at Texas A&M has been announced by President Earl Rudder.

Rudder also announced the appointment of Dr. John W. Handin as Distinguished Professor of Geology and Geophysics and director of the new center.

The Center for Tectonophysics will conduct fundamental studies of the mechanical properties of rocks, explained Dr. Horace R. Byers, dean of A&M's College of Geosciences, in which the new center will be established. It will emphasize applications to major problems of earth structure, such as the origin of earthquakes, the mechanisms of folding and faulting and the nature of mountain building.

Dr. Handin is a member of the Panel on Earthquake Prediction of President Johnson's Science Advisory Committee and a member of the Committee on Rock Mechanics of the National Academy of Science. His research on the deformation of rocks under high pressure and temperature won him international acclaim.

Dr. Handin received his Ph.D. from UCLA and taught geophysics at UCLA and Columbia. He has published more than a dozen major scientific papers.

Commenting on the need for the new center, Dr. Handin emphasized that the origins of natural forces and the real stress-strain-time relations of the earth's crust are largely unknown.

Joining Dr. Handin in establishing the Center for Tectonophysics are Dr. Melvin Friedman, David W. Sterns, George M. Sowder and Dr. John M. Logan. All these men have been closely associated with Dr. Handin for several years.