

Twelve Semifinalists Named To '68 Vanity Fair List



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Six Finalists To Be Chosen Next Month

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Six of 12 semi-finalists will be announced as the court of A&M's Vanity Fair at the May 18 Senior Ring Dance, according to Gordon E. Sommers of San Antonio, Aggieldan editor.

Vashti Louise Meriage of San Marcos, escorted by John T. Corcoran of Tyler, is a junior economics major at Southwest Texas State College. A former high school homecoming queen, she is 20 and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Escorted by Carl H. Neumann of Houston, Kathrin Sudela, 18, is a brown-haired, blue-eyed freshman nursing major, attending Baylor University.

A 20-YEAR-OLD blonde, Carol Beler of Denton, will be escorted by Ron McLeroy of Dallas.

Dianne Carol Willis, 21, has blonde hair and hazel eyes. The Shreveport, La., contestant will be escorted by Carl Feducia, also of Shreveport.

Clarence Daugherty of San Antonio will escort a Baylor coed, Judi Martin, 18. She has brown eyes and brown hair.

Kerry Lent Skarlen, 21, is a senior majoring in elementary education at Southwest Texas State College. The San Antonio native has brown eyes and auburn hair and will be escorted by Leon E. Travis III of San Antonio.

BLONDE, blue-eyed Sally Ann Lindsey, 21, will be escorted by Steve Melzer of Midland. Miss Lindsey is a student at Baylor University.

Escorting Nancy James of Westlaco is Mike Shaw, also of Westlaco. A student at the University of Texas, Miss James has blonde hair and blue eyes. She was named "Combat Cutie" here last month.

Laura Lee Belville, 19, is a sophomore sociology major attending Texas Woman's University. The brown-haired, green-eyed Texas City native will be escorted by John B. Drury of Garland.

A University of Texas coed, Judith Diane Taylor, 20, will be escorted by Robert B. Boldt of Tyler. She has brown hair and brown eyes.

MARK DAVIS of San Antonio will escort Gayla Bell, 20, brown-haired, blue-eyed contestant from Port Arthur.

A freshman at Sam Houston State College, Nancy Coleman, 19, has black hair and brown eyes. Her escort will be Don Cumbie of Rockdale.

The six Vanity Fair winners will be chosen by the A&M Press Club at a banquet May 17.

Sommers noted that candidates' pictures may be picked up at the Student Publications Office.

CHOICE '68 Ballot Set For Wednesday

Student Poll To Highlight Senate Vote

By MIKE PLAKE
Battalion Feature Writer
A&M students will have the chance to exert their political influence two ways in the Student Senate elections Wednesday.

They will elect the complete slate of officers for the Student Senate as well as the Civilian Student Council. Candidates for chairmen of the Issues, Student Life, Public Relations, and Student Welfare Committees of the Memorial Student Center Directorate will also be on the slate.

In addition to electing student body officers, the voters also may participate in the CHOICE '68 National Presidential Collegiate Primary.

Over 1,000 universities and 5,000,000 students are expected to turn out for the primary. A sample ballot which will be used is included on Page 5.

The ballot includes a list of presidential candidates and three referendum questions.

CHOICE has been billed by national leaders as an important influence in the 1968 presidential campaign.

President Lyndon B. Johnson supported CHOICE with this statement:

"I hope the public service TIME is performing will really be one," he said, "because if there is one thing disappointing to me about young people, it is that they don't use all the opportunities available to them to make their government a better government."

TIME Magazine is sponsoring CHOICE.

"In 1964," the President continued, "only half the young people took the trouble to express themselves when they had their opportunity. It ought not be that way. Those who are going to live the longest and be most affected by the government, for a longer period, really have more at stake."

Former Vice President Richard Nixon, according to his aide, John Whitacker, said that he (Nixon) doesn't stand much of a chance.

Whitacker said Nixon thought the whole program built around CHOICE is liberal-oriented, and therefore excludes his way of thinking.



SENIOR RING LINE

Mrs. Louise Brownlee, senior ring clerk, takes down information from juniors ordering senior rings. At left is Barney Gershen, Company A-1, and at center is Richard Eads of the White Band. Ring orders are being taken on weekday mornings from 8 to noon. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Top SWC Students Arrive For 'Idea Exchange' Meeting

By BOB PALMER
Battalion Staff Writer
Student leaders from Southwest Conference schools arrive today for a student idea exchange conference which continues through Saturday.

Approximately 25 students will attend the meet in the Memorial Student Center to help "open communication between the schools," said Student Senate

Vice-President Bill Carter who has ramrodded the conference.

"We hope to develop better student relations between the Southwest Conference schools and to exchange ideas to improve our student governments," Carter noted.

DELEGATES to the conference will be made up of student body presidents, head yell leaders or cheerleaders, editors of school newspapers, athletes and other student leaders.

Sid Spain, Southern Methodist student body president, will be the first speaker for the conference. Spain is expected to provide the liberal student viewpoint of student government.

William P. Kuvlesky, assistant professor of sociology, will present the socialist look at student government to the conference.

Carter said he hopes to get ideas from the roundtable discussions which will help solve some of the problems A&M students face.

"WE WILL be discussing problems in the rights and roles of student governments and student publications," Carter said. "We will also look into Conference sportsmanship."

Carter said that discussion might also bring recommendations on how to organize civilian students and in conduct of elections and campaigns.

He also pointed out that ways to enhance student power might arise from the conference.

Another program that Carter will be pushing at the meeting is a SWC Student Association to coordinate student activities in the conference.

"The major problem will be funds," Carter remarked. "I think this is something we need and all the schools can profit by it."

Carter first presented the idea of the idea exchange conference at the SWC fall sportsmanship meeting.

Ag Convocation Set Tonight At 7 In MSC

By JOHN MOORES
Battalion Special Writer
Reagan V. Brown, sociologist with the Agricultural Extension Service, will give a slide presentation, "High on the Totem Pole" at the 12th annual Agricultural Convocation in the Memorial Student Center ballroom at 7 tonight.

This year's theme is centered around being prepared for the dynamic future of agriculture, Dr. R. C. Potts, associate dean of agriculture for instruction, said.

Another program feature is the recognition of an honor professor and several outstanding graduating seniors in the College of Agriculture.

The Agricultural Convocation is the only annual meeting of all students and faculty in the College of Agriculture. The Convocation is sponsored by the Student Agricultural Council composed of student representatives from each of the technical clubs on campus, Dr. Potts said.

Brown has promoted Texas agriculture through his leadership in the Texas Community Improvement Program. In addition, he has served as county agricultural agent in three Texas counties. His "down to earth" philosophy has made him a widely known speaker throughout the Southwest.

An attendance will be presented to the departmental club with the most members present. The gavel is made of wood from a bannister in Gathright Hall, the first building on the campus. The Entomology Club currently holds the attendance gavel.

This year a special effort is being made to encourage wives of students and faculty members to attend the Convocation, according to Dr. Potts.

Three Chairmen Still Needed For MSC Committees

Chairmen are still needed for the Radio, Chess and Recreation Committees of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate, announced Benjamin Sims of Kingsville, Council president-elect.

Students with a 1.4 grade point ratio should apply at the Student Programs Office by April 26.

In other business, Harry Snowdy, vice president-elect of programs, announced that a film series committee will operate on a trial basis next fall.

Featured films, to be shown in the MSC ballroom on Friday nights, are Fail-Safe, Seven Days in May, The Ipress File and The War Wagon.

Sims reminded committee chairmen that the annual MSC Awards Banquet, with a Pan-American theme, is scheduled April 25.

Sims also announced that an organizational chart of the Council and Directorate, complete with pictures and a glass case, will be hung by the Student Programs Office by next week.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

Economist Stresses Need For Federal Intervention

By TOM CURL
Battalion Special Writer

Problems cannot always be solved by existing means and the solving of these problems requires expanding our methods.

This premise was used to explain the increasing role of government in our society by Dr. Oskar Morgenstern to a Great Issues audience Wednesday night.

The Princeton professor spoke on "Individual Decisions and Social Welfare."

"New problems are generated much faster than we can deal with them," the Polish political scientist said.

Dr. Morgenstern said that every problem must be defined and specifications made as to which means will be allowed to solve this problem.

AN EXAMPLE used was the problem faced by the explorer, Columbus, who could not balance an egg on end. The problem was solved when Columbus expanded the means and broke the end off the shell.

The educator remarked that without at least some government intervention, people may create problems that have no solution.

Such a problem is the pollution of Lake Erie. Industry and

agriculture waste disposal have caused the once-clean lake to become septic.

Dr. Morgenstern referred to a report that said if the lake were left undisturbed, it would lose its pollution in about 500 years. But with government sanitation programs, it might clear up in about 200 years.

ANOTHER NATIONAL problem that seems to have no solution except for federal intervention is air pollution. He said that each year 60 per cent of the air pollution in America is due to automobiles. These engines add 66 million tons of carbon dioxide and 190,000 tons of lead to the air per year.

A problem that will undoubtedly grow in the future is disposal of excess heat from nuclear reactors. Presently, much of this heat is disposed of in river water. But this causes an increase in water temperature and may adversely affect river life.

"Government is, whether we like it or not, more and more present in our society," Dr. Morgenstern concluded.

MORAL AS well as legal restraints may help solve the problems of our society.

"It's impossible for a law to spell out all situations to which it may apply," he said.

"Distance" may serve as a factor in the moral solution to a social problem. An example used by Dr. Morgenstern was that a person would not sit down to a full meal if another man were starving outside. Yet that same person does sit down to that same meal while people are starving in Calcutta.

"The mere distance of something helps determine if it is morally acceptable," he remarked.

ACCORDING TO Dr. Morgenstern, lack of knowledge caused many of our modern social problems.

"The people who contributed to present problems are very possibly dead long ago," he said.

He said that with the knowledge we have today, there is no excuse for many of the problems that are now being caused.

Dr. Morgenstern also discussed

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KATHERIN SUDELA
... Baylor freshman



VASHTI MERIAGE
... SWTSC junior



CAROL BELER
... Denton blonde



DIANNE WILLIS
... Shreveport blonde



JUDITH TAYLOR
... Texas student



NANCY COLEMAN
... Sam Houston freshman



GAYLA BELL
... Port Arthur brunette



SALLY ANN LINDSEY
... Baylor blonde



LAURA LEE BELVILLE
... TWU sophomore



NANCY JAMES
... Texas freshman



KERRY SKARIEN
... SWTSC senior



JUDI MARTIN
... Baylor coed

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