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## 'Sea Aggies' Brave Winds, Pull Texas Clipper Through

Midshipmen of the Texas Maritime Academy demonstrated the skills of good seamanship during the storm which lashed the Galveston area last Thursday when they battled the sea for possession of their training ship, the Texas Clipper.

Capt. A. R. Philbrick Jr., ship's master, gave the following account of the early morning struggle in the captain's log:

"I was awakened at home by wind velocity and noise. I telephoned the Texas Clipper about 0500 and could not get through.

"I TRIED again in a couple of minutes and apparently got a direct connection with no ring as I heard voices on the Texas Clipper phone as follows:

"I can't get the Captain. "Another voice was saying, "If you can't get Capt. Philbrick, call Admiral Craik.

"I then got Naton (Robert Naton, the ship's first officer) on the telephone and he informed me that the Texas Clipper was about to break loose and that the gangway was about to fall. I told him I would call the tugs and I hung up.

"I then called the Bay-Houston Towing Company and told the dispatcher who I was and ordered a tug sent immediately to the clipper.

"I then got dressed and went directly to the pier, and noted the following:

a gangway had dropped to pier but was still held securely to the ship, the bow of the clipper was off the pier about 20 feet, two sets of bollards (lines) were set free, midshipmen on deck under direction of Mr. Naton getting lines out, and the tug masterson was pushing on the port bow.

"I then checked on the deck and discovered both bollards were pulled free and the eyes of the mooring lines had slipped. Only three lines were held forward—one heavy spring wire and two bow lines. One polypropylene line had parted.

"I boarded the clipper, and discussed the situation with Mr. Naton. He had everything under control, and the midshipmen were doing an outstanding job under his direction.

"I WENT to the bridge at 0500 and noted the wind force on the anemometer. The wind force was 45 knots with gusts to 65 knots.

"I then radioed the tug which

held the clipper into the pier while the mooring lines were secured to pilings, as the bollards were completely useless.

"The Texas Clipper was made completely fast at 0700, but the wind was still holding at 40-45 knots and I ordered the tug to remain alongside and hold us fast. "The lines held, and at 0830 I was able to dismiss the tug."

The captain had high praise for the midshipmen for the alertness that they showed all during the storm, and game special merit to the quarterdeck watch, Midshipman Tom Gibson, for alerting the ship when he discovered the situation.

Other damage reported to the installation were an automobile and motor bike damaged in the academy parking lot.

The Maritime Academy, established in 1965, is a branch of A&M at Galveston, designed to training students in merchant seamanship. It is the only maritime academy in Texas.

## Ags Up SWC Lead With Baylor Romp



### Horned Frogs Hand Mustangs Third Defeat

By JOHN PLATZER  
Battalion Sports Editor

As a record crowd of 8,050 filed out of G. Rollie White last night, the Texas Aggies suddenly found themselves two full games in front of the Southwest Conference basketball pack after an 86-74 romp past Baylor.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's cagers are now 9-1 in conference play, while Baylor and Southern Methodist are tied for the runner-up slot with identical 7-3 marks. One or the other is likely to be eliminated Saturday in Dallas when the Baptists and Methodists clash.

Texas Christian, the defending SWC champions who have occupied the league basement for most of the season, rose up to upset SMU 87-84 in an overtime tilt in Dallas last night. Each of the three title contenders have four conference games left on their schedules.

A CLOSED circuit television unit was erected in Guion Hall to handle the overflow from last night's game and a total of 1,200 took advantage of the setup. This brought the total number of viewers for the game to 9,250.

The Aggies jumped into a quick 2-0 lead in the game's first eight seconds on a layup by Ronnie Peret and were never caught. Steve Niles, a seven foot sophomore from San Antonio, turned in one of his more aggressive performances of the season to pace A&M in the early going. Niles poured in nine points in the contest's first ten minutes while holding Larry Gatewood, Baylor's top shooter, to two as A&M raced to a 20-15 advantage.

The margin continued to grow as a pair of free throws by Mike Heitmann upped it to 31-21 with 5:10 remaining and a layup by Chuck Smith made it 35-23 with 2:59 left. Coach Metcalf's crew surged to their biggest lead of the first half with 2:16 remaining when Billy Bob Barnett connected on a pair of free shots to make it 39-25.

BAYLOR BATTLED back with six straight points but a driving jump shot by Barnett game A&M a 43-33 halftime cushion.

Coach Bill Menefee's Bears made an effort to get back into the ballgame at the beginning of the second half, but torrid outside shooting by the Aggies kept them forward to each evening.

(See Aggies Up, page 4)

## Director Names Cast Of 17 For 'Lower Depths' Drama

A 17-member cast for the Aggie Players' March production of Maxim Gorki's "The Lower Depths" has been announced by Director C. K. Esten.

The campus fine arts group's third major production of the year will be presented March 17-22 at Guion Hall.

Rehearsals now under way have Lucy Bishop, sophomore English major of Dickinson, as Nastya; freshman James Dennis, English major of Houston, as Luka; sophomore Thomas Emshoff, marketing, Houston, as Acton; sophomore Irene Fazzino, English, Bryan, as Kvashnya; freshman Marc Fleishman, pre-vet, Dallas, as Pepper.

Also, freshman John Friedrich, pre-vet, Pittsburg, Pa., as the baron; junior Don Henry, management, Houston, as Tartar; senior Bill Hobgood, management, McLean, Va., as Screw; senior Rodger Kloppe, psychology, Houston, as Aleshka; senior Mike Link, sociology, Houston, as Medvedev; junior George McCoy, marine transportation, Marble Falls, as Kletch;

In addition, junior Bruce McKenty, government, Arlington, Va., as Bubrov; junior Ann Martin, education, Kauffman, as Anna; senior Carl Masterson, zoology, Sherman, as Kostylev;

Ed Donnell, vice-chairman, noted that the club welcomed students interested in expressing their opinions about contemporary issues.

After the member's prepared speech the entire membership of the club evaluates his address and gives the member constructive criticism.

A different member acts as toastmaster at each meeting, Donnell said.

The club usually meets Thursday in the assembly room of the YMCA, but presently the club is meeting in the YMCA basement, due to remodeling, Donnell said.

The Gavel Club is sponsored by Bryan-College Station Toastmasters International in cooperation with the YMCA. Club adviser is Dr. Frank J. Smentowski, an associate professor of chemistry.

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freshman Michelle Mayeux, liberal arts, College Station, as Natasha; senior Travis Miller, education, West Winfield, N. Y., as Satin, and sophomore Ruth Reeves, psychology, Comfort, as Vassilisa.

## Oilman Gives \$500 To Theater Arts For Child Drama

A \$500 grant by S. A. Olson of Comfort has been awarded Texas A&M for support of children's creative dramatics conducted by the theater arts section of the English Department.

"We are very proud of Prof. C. K. Esten's efforts in this direction," the donor said. Olson is an independent oil operator.

Esten, English professor and theater arts instructor, indicated the grant will be used to provide adult instruction for the children's program next summer.

In the creative dramatics session, youngsters write, produce and act out their own plays under section supervision.

"We're interested in what the kiddos can do," noted Esten, Aggie Players director. "We let them work on their own ideas, make their own dialogue, costumes and story. It's up to them. All we give is guidance."

Since the summer program was initiated in 1963, 500 youngsters from first grade to teenage level have participated, Esten noted. Olson's grant is the first support received by the section from outside the university.

His daughter, Mrs. Ruth Reeves, is a sophomore English major, acts in Aggie Players productions and is theater arts section secretary. Her husband, Sim Reeves of Fort Stockton, is a graduate student in soil and crop sciences.

... AND THE FIGHT ENDED Spectators and policemen stood at attention after the Aggie Band alertly struck up the "Star Spangled Banner" to end a fracas under one of the baskets in G. Rollie White Coliseum Tuesday. The scuffle, which involved both players and spectators, began when A&M's Ronnie Peret was fouled hard by a Baylor player. See editorial, page 2.

## Student Government Reforms To Be Studied By Civilians

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE  
Battalion Staff Writer

The Civilian Student Council will be taking a close look at A&M student government to see if ways are possible to make it more representative of the student body.

The decision, according to David Wilks, Council president, was made last weekend during a Council retreat in Houston. There, the Council adopted the following statement of opinion:

"The Civilian Student Council does not feel that civilian students are represented in student government. The Council will take appropriate action towards representing these students by studying student representation and student opinion."

"WE FEEL that since civilians are in the majority they should have a representative voice in the campus government," Wilks explained.

## Finance Fraternity Formed, Spring Activities Planned

Any student majoring in finance may be considered for membership in the new professional fraternity, Zeta Iota Nu, according to Stan Marek, president of the fraternity.

Only requirement for joining is a 1.0 overall grade point ratio.

Zeta Iota Nu, founded last week, will represent finance majors in the College of Business Administration, Marek explained.

At a meeting at 8 p. m. tonight the fraternity sweetheart will be chosen and the picture for the AggieLand will be taken. Members also will select a fraternity pin.

"The organization offers real benefits which accrue to a membership comprised exclusively of men who have chosen the same field for their life work," said Marek.

"Also, the fraternity will conduct professional and educational programs.

Officers are Craig Owen, vice president; Randy Smith, secretary; Bruce Upshaw, treasurer

plained. "We will try to see what can be done.

"We will be looking at all phases of student government—residence halls, the Memorial Student Center Council, and the YMCA, on up to the Student Senate. We have formed a study committee, and they will recommend what action, if any, should be taken in these areas.

"If the Council feels that any changes should be made, it will recommend it through resolutions."

During the weekend meetings the Council also voted to go ahead with plans for a panel forum, with the panel composed of students from the Council. Garry Mauro, junior yell leader, was appointed chairman of a committee charged with working out the details.

"The panel will consist of five Council members," Mauro said, "who will each give a short talk on a selected topic, then open

the floor to questions on that topic."

"Dean of Students James P. Hannigan has given us permission," said Bill Holt, council vice-president, "and we'll get rolling as soon as the details are worked out."

The Council also decided to have a Civilian Week this year in conjunction with Civilian Weekend. Mauro is in charge of the Week, and Hughes Hall President Ernie Godsey chairs the Weekend Committee.

"This is the first time we have done something like this," Wilks commented. "During the week, we hope to have some kind of activity every day. This will give the civilians something to look forward to each evening."



SCOPING IT OUT

Cameramen from A&M's Educational Television Department pan the action during the A&M-Baylor game for the benefit of some 1,200 fans in Guion Hall viewing the game over closed-circuit hook-up. A&M defeated Baylor 86-74 before a jam-packed 8,000 spectators in G. Rollie White Coliseum. (Photo by Mike Wright)



LUBOFF CHOIR ON TOWN HALL

The versatile, accomplished voices of the Norman Luboff Choir will be heard Thursday in an 8 p. m. Town Hall performance in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Among selections in the group's more than 30 Columbia and RCA Victor albums is "The Aggie War Hymn."

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