

Glee club spring sing Friday at 8

A bunch of people in College Station and Bryan can hardly wait until Friday night, and their annual lift from the Singing Cadets.

Texas A&M's glee club stages its annual spring concert at the J. Earl Rudder Center Auditorium.

Singing Cadets President Phil Freeman leads the group in "The Ragtime War Hymn" as the curtain rises at 8 p.m.

Music to follow will include the production of "Aggie Muster Day," written by Mrs. Margaret Rudder in memory of the late Texas A&M president. The piece was arranged by Dr. Dennis Driscoll, meteorology professor and accomplished musician.

The evening's entertainment follows the pattern of 37 previous performances this year by the Singing Cadets. "We, The People" forms the program theme, Director Robert L. Boone said.

"Our premise is that since we are celebrating the Texas A&M centennial observances, all the songs all tie in one way or another," Boone said.

The repertoire has been "practiced" throughout South and East Texas this semester. The "Men in Motion" have performed in Kingsville, Brazosport, Dallas, Stephenville and many points between. A between-semester tour covered three states.

In Beeville, as elsewhere, the showmen, accompanied by master musician Mrs. June Biering won praise. "Each number outdid the last," wrote one patron. "No other group can capture and entertain like the Singing Cadets."



Staff photo by Kevin Venner

Robert L. Boone directs the Singing Cadets in one of several selections at yesterday's Muster observance. The group will hold its annual spring concert Friday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. The program will feature songs relating to the

The Friday program will feature religious songs including one of the first sung by the Cadets on the road, the moving "The Creation." The two-hour show also will present folk songs, spirituals, music from the "Big Band" era and novelty pieces.

Among the latter will be a special arrangement of "Swanee" starring the group's new members, called "buffos," and Neil Badders.

Soloists will be Fred McClure,

recently-elected student body president for 1976-77, Russell Anderson, Martin Fleming, Paul Ragsdale and Dan Ludden. A quartet, the "Aggenizers," will perform.

Music marking the 200th American anniversary will include "We, The People," "No Man Is An Island," "I Am The Nation," "Save The Country" and "The Declaration of Independence."

Five hundred reserve seats for the

Texas A&M centennial and the U.S. bicentennial celebrations. Student Body President Fred McClure will be one of the soloists. Reserved seats for the show are \$2 for students and \$3 for patrons. General admission prices will be \$1 and \$2.

Singing Cadets show are almost gone. They are \$2 per student and \$3 per patron. General admission prices are \$1 and \$2, respectively.

The Singing Cadets banquet will be Saturday, but it doesn't end the group's semester itinerary. On May 10, the first day of final exams, they sing at the national conference of the National Retired Teachers Association at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston.

URW gets cost-of-living clarification

CLEVELAND (AP) — The striking United Rubber Workers and the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. met for 90 minutes Wednesday then recessed until Thursday morning with no substantial progress reported in contract talks.

John Zimmerman, director of labor relations for Firestone, said neither the company nor the union budgeted from earlier positions that led to the strike at midnight Tuesday by 60,000 URW workers.

Zimmerman said the only substantial progress at Wednesday's session was in the area of clarifying the cost-of-living adjustment. He said "a lot of major issues are still before us." He said he agreed with union president Peter Bommarito that both sides are still far apart.

Zimmerman said Firestone "is in a position to certainly withstand a strike of six weeks' duration," but that he was optimistic that a settlement would be reached much sooner.

State panel passes insurance-rate hike

AUSTIN, Tex. — Building insurance rate increases, which will raise annual premiums on a \$35,000 brick veneer house by \$12 to \$21, have been approved by the State Board of Insurance.

Board Chairman Joe Christie said the relatively low 4 per cent average statewide increase points toward a possible leveling off in rates that have risen rapidly over the past two years.

The increase will add \$24 million to Texans' total premiums. Insurance men had asked for a 5.1 per cent increase at the board's Feb. 18 hearing. Board statisticians had recommended 5.4 per cent.

"There is every indication that inflation will not be as much of a problem during the life of the policies written under the new rates and we felt there should be a downward adjustment of the proposed rates," Christie said in a statement.

"I think the adjustments point to a general consensus that as inflation levels off there will be more stability and a leveling off of insurance costs," Christie said.

He said the rates will take effect in July or August. The board will decide the effective date later.

The increase will be the second in six months. A 6.9 per cent average statewide increase took effect Feb. 16.

Rates for homeowners policies, which account for almost half of the premiums paid in Texas, will rise 5.3 per cent in the Seacoast Territory, 5.2 per cent in the Central Territory and 4.8 per cent in the North-Northwest Territory.

Teague to arrive for campaigning

Rep. Olin E. Teague, D-Tex., will be at the Ramada Inn at Texas Avenue and University Drive tomorrow.

Teague, who is being challenged by Ron Godbey of Fort Worth for the 6th Congressional District seat, will be campaigning for the May 1 primary.

No time has been given for the congressman's arrival.

Charity walkers to turn in money, see free movies

A March of Dimes collection party for Walkathon participants to turn in their pledge money is set for Saturday at Manor East Theaters with this year's walkers having their choice of two free movies.

Kathy Conrad of the local March of Dimes office said final tabulations indicate 1,550 persons participated in the 1976 Walkathon with pledges totaling more than \$25,000.

Any walkers unable to attend the Saturday party are asked to bring or send their collections to the March of Dimes office as soon as possible. The office is located next to the Triangle Bowling Lanes. The mailing address is P.O. Box 9866.

Walkathon participants have their choice of two movies, "No Deposit, No Return" for the younger children, at 2 p.m., or "Echoes of Summer" for older participants, at 2:45 p.m.

Band marches in Alamo City parade Friday

The Texas Aggie Band unleashes its thunder once more in formal parade this year in San Antonio.

The Friday "Battle of Flowers" parade is one of six events remaining for the 1975-76 Aggie Band.

Drum Majors Michael Comley, Lacy Gilliam and Clifford Simming line up the organization at 1:30 p.m. for the five-mile Alamo City parade. Maj. Joe T. Haney, director, said the band should complete the outing by 2:30 p.m.

The San Antonio parade has been a regular performance for Aggie bandmen for many years.

"Actually, we've plenty to do without it," Haney said. "But the guys love to go."

It follows close on the heels of Muster. The band played for the traditional San Jacinto Day observance Monday. Most of the 300-member band, traveling by individual means, leave for San Antonio today.

Aggie Band members who play in the Aggie Stage Band will come back immediately after the Friday parade. The popular 17-member group directed by Haney performs here Friday evening at the Sports Media Banquet for the Athletic Department.

The band falls into marching formation again Saturday, for the Maroon-White spring football finale.

Only two more appearances then will await the centennial year version of the Aggie Band. They will be the May 8 commissioning and Final Review.

Scooter throws patrolwoman: Bicyclist escapes

A University patrolwoman was injured yesterday afternoon when she lost control of the police scooter she was driving.

Patrolwoman Karen Schluter, 20, was turning west on Ross St. from Spence when she lost control of the three-wheeled scooter and was thrown out of the scooter, striking her head on a street curb. She was treated at the University Medical Center for head lacerations and bruises. She was then released.

The scooter Schluter was driving traveled down Ross St. about 30 yards after she was thrown out. The scooter stopped by itself after bouncing against a street curb.

Police Chief O. L. Luther said police were not certain whether Schluter, who has been on the University force more than a year, was pursuing a bicyclist when the accident occurred. Witnesses at the scene of the accident said they had seen the patrolwoman start to follow a bicyclist that had run a stop sign.

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Lebanon's cease-fire broken

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changes between Moslem and Christian forces in Beirut.

The Moslems sent mortar rounds into the Christian-held port area and the nearby Christian district of Ashrafieh while Christian return fire landed near the American Embassy.

The Moslems reported capturing advance positions, including the Fattal Building, a Christian stronghold in the port area.

Reports from northern Lebanon said the Moslems there made another heavy shelling attack on Zagharta, the hometown of Lebanon's Christian president, Suleiman Franjeh.

The cease-fire plans sponsored by Syrian President Hafez Assad call for the Palestinians to act as Syria's representatives on

the enforcement patrols on an equal footing with the representatives of the warring Lebanese factions.

Franjeh and other Christian leaders are protesting this use of the Palestinians, fearing that they will favor the leftist Lebanese Moslems, who have had the help of the Palestinians' irregular guerrilla forces in the war.

Assad was not expected to change his plans to help the Christians. And since he is their only hope of retaining a significant share of power in the future Lebanese political system, there appeared to be nothing they could do but complain.

Assad demonstrated his limited support of the Christians early this month when their militiamen were powerless to halt the

advance of the forces of leftist Moslem leader Kamal Jumblatt. The Syrian president forced Jumblatt to rein in his men because Assad wants a political system in which the Moslems and Christians share power equally. He fears that the Moslem socialist government Jumblatt wants to install would involve Syria in another war with Israel before it is ready to fight.

Charles Malek, a Christian politician who has been little heard of during the civil war, emerged from obscurity to urge in a broadcast that the United States set up an international force to "salvage Lebanon." President Eisenhower saved the Christians in 1958 by landing U.S. Marines in Lebanon, but no U.S. military intervention is likely now.

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Preregistration can be fast, easy

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The student may request a time preference by writing the section number of the class in the preferred section. To make a request for a certain instructor, the student should write the section number and "INST" in the preferred section. Students with blocked schedules should write "FORCE" on the card under the heading "signed". The advisor should sign the card when the course outline is complete.

These preferences do not assure the student of receiving the exact times and in-

structors requested, but the registration department will do its best to comply with the student's wishes.

When completed the course request card should have courses listed in alphabetical order by department and times should not conflict. The student should be sure of this because most of the requests rejected are result of time conflicts.

After the advisor has signed the request card it should be taken to registration center, the old Exchange Store building, to complete the process. Students will be bil-

led at their permanent address on or about July 15. Fees should be paid by Aug. 2 or the schedule will be cancelled. When all fees are paid, the student's schedule will be mailed and should be saved to assure admittance to classes.

A guideline sheet for registration is available at the registrar's office in the Coke building. For additional information contact Willis S. Ritchey at 845-7117. Any student who needs special help due to physical disability should also call this number.

On-street parking removed

Spence Street to be closed next week

Spence Street should be closed to through traffic by late next week, an administrative official said yesterday. Spence is the only north-south street still running through the

Texas A&M campus. Robert Melcher, administrative officer for student services, said Spence would be blocked to motor vehicle traffic without restricting access to the three parking lots on the street. He said a permanent barricade or planter will be placed in the street, probably between the entrances of parking lot 18.

All on-street parking along Spence between Ross and Lubbock will also

be removed, Melcher said. The University Traffic Panel recommended last month to remove that parking and block off Spence between the entrances of parking lots 13 and 34. That recommendation would have removed the 18-20 parking spaces in lot 18.

Melcher said Dr. John Koldus, vice-president for student services, had approved the recommendations with the one change allowing access to lot 18.

The Traffic Panel had originally recommended closing Spence because of the heavy pedestrian traffic crossing between Ross and Lubbock Sts. Panel members said pedestrian-vehicle accidents were inevitable if the street wasn't blocked off.

Melcher said the street will be closed as soon as a barricade and signs can be installed. He said construction on Spence had delayed putting the barricade in earlier.

Funeral services for A&M employe held today

Services for Angel Guerra, Texas A&M employe who died Tuesday, are set for 4 p.m. today in Templo Buenas Nuevas Assembly of God Church at 1206 San Jacinto Street, Bryan.

Burial will be in Bryan City Cemetery, directed by Hillier Funeral Home.

Guerra, 58, was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan Tuesday after apparently suffering a heart attack while at Duncan Dining Hall. He had worked in the University's Food Services Department four years.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Guerra; five sons, Alberto Guerra, Miguel Guerra and Armando Guerra, all of Bryan; Angel Guerra, Jr. of Mexico and Beltrazar Guerra of Santa Barbara, Calif.; a daughter, Berta Guerra of Mexico; his mother, Trinidad Vasquez of Mexico; three brothers, Miguel Guerra, Jesus Guerra and Lorenzo Guerra, all of Mexico; two sisters, Maria Guerra and Francisca Guerra, both of Mexico; and six grandchildren.

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