



Civilian Demonstration

—Battalion Staff Photo

Civilian students "fell-in" and marched to Corps ruling. The incident took place last night before the evening meal. The demonstration poking fun at the Corps and the new compulsory

Harrington Approves Required Corps Plan

Civilians Mock Military—'Only In Fun'

The demonstration of Civilian students in Dorm 16 and Bizzell Hall yesterday mocking the Corps was meant in fun and the participants did not intend to cause any ill feelings, said Bennie A. Zinn, head of student affairs.

"This incident was due to the decision to make military training compulsory," Zinn said. "They don't understand how the compulsory Corps will work. We explained it to the Civilian Student Council tonight and now all the dorm masters know. We are trying to get the Civilian students informed as soon as possible."

No disciplinary action has been taken, he emphasized.

"I spent the entire evening trying to straighten things out in an effort to make those involved see that this is not only a very foolish thing to do but also is contrary to college regulations," W. G. Breazeale, Civilian student counselor, said. He added that it was a suspendable offense.

"No one meant any harm," Zinn said. "It was all a big joke."

Shots Being Given In College View

Families of married students may receive their last shot in a series of three polio shots which began last spring tomorrow in the Housing Office at College View between 1 and 3 p. m.

Corps Progress Seen For Future

BY FRED MEURER

President M. T. Harrington said in an interview last night, he thinks military training is a wonderful opportunity. He said a boy makes a mistake by not taking advantage of it.

Following his official announcement yesterday that A&M would return to a two-year compulsory Corps program next fall, Harrington commented:

"I don't think a compulsory Corps will have much effect on enrollment here. The majority of parents can realize military training is good for a boy."

He pointed out that only about 150 or 200 new student chose Civilians life on the campus this year and indicated some of these may change their minds after having spent some time here.

Seniors Take Oath of Office At Ceremonies

About 600 Corps seniors took the cadet oath of office at ceremonies in G. Rollie White coliseum yesterday afternoon, with the entire Corps of Cadets, as an audience.

At the conclusion of the oath, Gen. Robert Ives, commander of the 36th Infantry Division, presented the traditional saber of office to Cadet Colonel of the Corps Jon Hagler. Ives was substituting for Lt. Gen. Ernest O. Thompson, head of the state railroad commission.

A&M President M. T. Harrington, guest speaker at the festivities, congratulated the seniors for taking initial steps in forming an honor code for the college. He also made an official announcement that compulsory Corps would again be started in at A&M next fall.

Senators Pass Resolution To Laud Directors

A resolution commending the A&M Board of Directors in their recent action making military training compulsory for the first two years was passed last night by the Student Senate.

Also discussed was Civilian seating in Kyle Field, brought to the attention of the student governing body by Lester Berry, vice-president of the Civilian Student Council. Berry said that a committee from this group had worked out what they thought was a promising idea to seat Civilians orderly and fairly.

The plan entailed reserve seating by classes, using numbered seats in the Civilian section. Tickets for the section would be given to Civilian students according to their academic classification.

Senators voted to turn the seating question over to the Student Life committee, headed by Teddy Lowe, for action. Lowe's committee has been in charge of Kyle Field seating all year.

The Senate also voted unanimously to send a letter to Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant, thanking and congratulating him on the job he has done in the four years he was head football coach and athletic director here.

The Senate heard a report from Lowe's committee on the possibility of taking a special train to Jacksonville, Fla. for the Gator Bowl. Cost of chartering a train seemed out of the question he said, because of high cost, approximately \$86 round trip per student. Lowe's committee was asked to query bus lines and determine the feasibility of chartering busses for the trip.

Weather Today

Forecast for the area calls for cloudy skies during the day, clearing this evening, with possible thunderstorms and showers during midday. A high of 70 degrees is expected today, with a low of 45 tonight.

Yesterday's high was 69 degrees at 2:15 p. m., and this morning's low, 57 degrees at 3:15.

At 8 a. m., relative humidity was 91 per cent, and the temperature, 60 degrees.

Editor's Action Backed By Publications Board

Student Publications Board members today concluded that Battalion editor, Joe Tindel, handled the story in the Wednesday, Dec. 4 issue of The Battalion concerning compulsory Corps according to good journalistic procedure.

In a 2½-hour session yesterday and another meeting today, the board studied the appropriateness of The Battalion editor's handling of the compulsory Corps story.

In the deliberations all facts available were examined, the editor interviewed and the whole problem thoroughly discussed.

The board's report, concurred in by Dr. Robert B. Kamm, dean of Student Personnel Services and the Basic Division, was sent today to President M. T. Harrington.

Upon concluding the study of the case, the board made the following observations.

"1. An unfortunate situation was created for both the president of the college and the editor of The Battalion in that an official announcement relative to an important Board of Directors' action was delayed for a period of eight days; and that early in this period not

only rumors relative to this action were prevalent but an actual verification of the action was made by certain members of the Board of Directors.

"2. The editor followed good journalistic procedures in securing and verifying the story. Before he published the story he received a definite statement from a member of the Board of Directors.

"3. Careful questioning of the editor revealed that he acted without maliciousness in handling the story; and that in his best judgment he was acting in the best interests of the college and with (See EDITOR, Page 3)

CSC Shows Dislike Of Board Action

Civilian Student Council members last night showed their disapproval of the A&M Board of Directors action making military training compulsory at A&M for the first two years.

However they deplored action of a group of Civilians who last night marched to Sbis Dining Hall wearing parts of the cadet uniforms and disrupting the cadet formations.

The Council indicated they opposed such mob action and urged it be discontinued.

Council President Billy McKown reported that the council executive committee would meet with Corps leaders Monday to discuss the honor code.

McKown said the entire council meeting next Thursday will be devoted to a study of the proposed Corps Honor Code.

The council president also said he had asked the Athletic Council to consider Civilian student seating on Kyle Field next fall.

He appointed a committee to further investigate the matter. Prior to this the Student Senate considered civilian seating matters before they were submitted to the Athletic Council.

Bennie Zinn, council advisor and head of Student Affairs outlined action taken by the Academic Council yesterday.

Engineering School Removes AS, MS

Military and Air Science were removed from the junior and senior engineering curriculum yesterday by the Academic Council.

A council member said the change was in no way connected with the A&M Board of Directors decision to make the Corps compulsory. The new curriculum has been studied for a long period of time and was scheduled weeks before the board's decision was handed down, he said.

In the past, junior and senior military and air science have been allowed to stand as elective credit toward an engineering degree.

The new plan will not require more than 17 semester hours to be taken by the engineering student, allowing him to complete his military training without taking more than 20 hours in all during any one semester.

The change will mean little difference in the number of hours taken in a semester, the council spokesman said.

The change goes into effect next September.

The council also passed the executive committee's recommendation that a mid-year Commencement exercise be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 1958, in Guion Hall, for January graduates.

The group also heard a formal announcement of the Board of Director's decision to make the Corps compulsory for entering freshmen next year, given by President M. T. Harrington.

Other action of the council included passing a new set of entrance requirements for beginning students. The new requirements

call for an entering freshman to graduate in the upper three-fourths of his class from an accredited secondary school with a minimum of fifteen credits which are acceptable to the college.

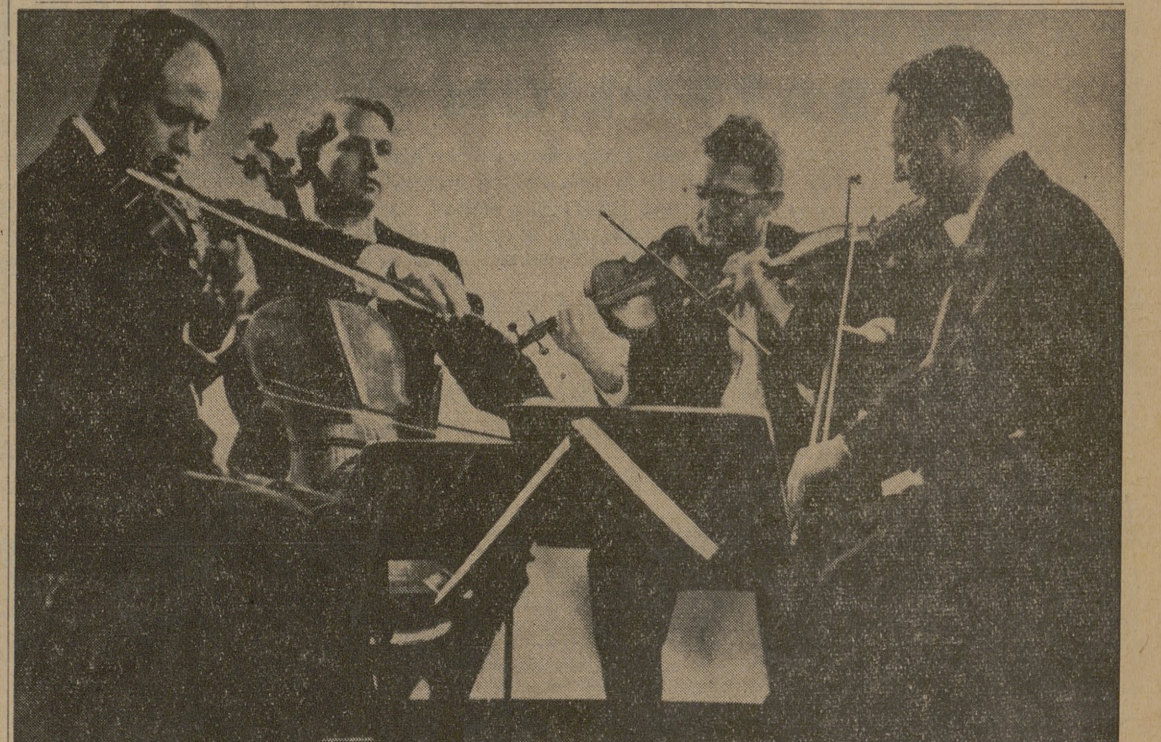
Several new courses were also approved, to go into effect next fall, as well as changing names, content and credit of several courses in various curricula.



Forty-First Anniversary

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Mr. and Mrs. P. L. (Pinky) Downs, Jr., will observe their forty-first wedding anniversary tomorrow. "Pinky", '06, has been connected with the college for many years and is now official greeter for A&M. They were married 41 years ago in Temple.



String Quartet Recital Set

The Fine Arts Quartet will be the second Memorial Student Center Recital Series presentation this year at 8 tonight in the Assembly Room of the MSC. Left to right in the group are Irving Ilmer, viola; George Sopkin, violincello; Abram Loft, second violin and Leonard Sorkin, first violin.