

Enlistment in Reserves Is Required for Contracts

Juniors Rescind Action Previously Taken on Prom

Adopt Overseas Caps; Sophs Will Wear Chevrons as Distinguishing Emblem

By a vote of 371 to 50 the Junior class voted by secret ballot to adopt the traditional system of holding the Junior Prom and extending the usual invitation to the Senior class to attend the dance. Also at this meeting, which was held Thursday night and presided over by Jack Miller, president of the Junior class, action was taken as to what uniform the cadet corps is to wear during the next term.

The vote to invite the seniors to the dance repealed a previous vote that had been taken at a meeting held last Monday night in which it was decided not to invite the class of '42. The plans adopted at this and the previous meeting are final for the banquet and dance to be held May 8.

A committee composed of Austin Nance, Bill Holland, Bill Black, John Longley, Earl Hartman, and Frank Young met with Colonel Welty to consider seven proposals as to the uniform. Two plans were approved which are designed to distinguish between the Juniors

In the last few days perhaps some members of the corps have taken some actions which are not in accord with the true Aggie spirit which we are fighting to preserve. This spirit of unity between our classes is all the more important in this transitional period of hardship in the history of the corps, and is further heightened by the fact that within two weeks another group of Aggies will complete their work at the ollege and join the ranks of those A. & M. men already fighting at the front.

None of the actions were intended to be tradition breaking or acts of disrespect nor did they have any personal bearing, and for the good of the Corps we appeal to members of all classes to consider the matter a closed incident.

Jack Miller Dick Hervey
Austin Nance Tom Gillis

and Sophomores and both were adopted at the meeting pending approval of the uniform committee. Sophomores and Freshmen next summer are to wear shirts without shoulder loops while on the other hand Juniors and Seniors are to wear the loops. Sophomores also are to distinguish themselves from the juniors by wearing either corporal stripes or the first class private single stripe.

Other action taken at the meeting was to adopt the overseas caps (See JUNIORS, Page 4)

What a Soldier Thinks About!

Aggie Tells of High Spirits, Tough Going, Needs in Battle

The Aggie spirit thrives amid strife and conflict!

In a letter to his father, ex-Aggie, Capt. Paul R. Gregory revealed the hardships endured and the courage with which the American soldiers faced the Japanese massacre in embattled Bataan.

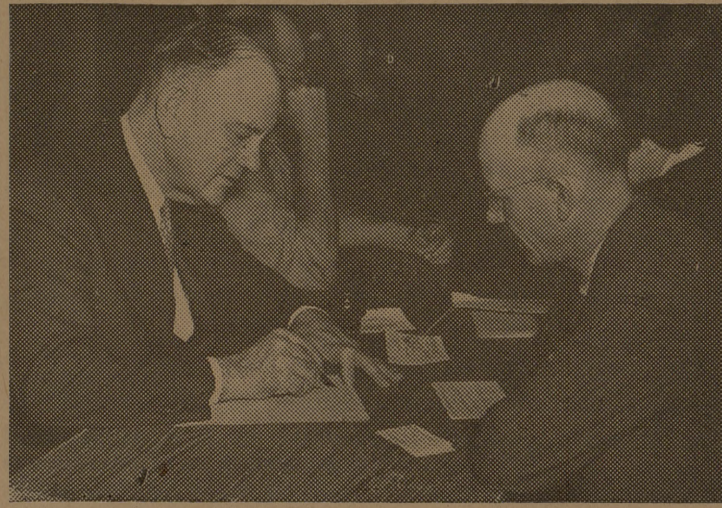
A portion of the letter reads:

General Moore Wins DSC for Bravery in Action at Corregidor

Major General George F. Moore, former commandant and an ex-student of the college, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross according to radio reports from Australia and General MacArthur's headquarters.

This decoration was recommended for General Moore by MacArthur and the citation indicated that it was for constantly visiting all components of his command while under fire of the enemy. Moore is in command of the island forts of Mills and Corregidor, and has a large number of A. & M. graduates under him.

Prexy Signs Up



Dr. T. O. Walton, president of the college, is depicted above signing up under the 45 to 60 Selective Service Act. Even men in high positions of public responsibility are not exempt from the call of their country to lend aid in the common cause of all free nations, that of defeating the axis powers. In view of the fact that Walton is now serving by directing the training and education of soldiers and technicians who will be called upon to lead the United Nations to victory, the Selective Service Board will probably not call him from his present position.

Students to Register for Sugar Rations Books Monday and Wednesday

All students eighteen years of age or older must register for War Ration Books Monday, May 4, and Wednesday, May 6, in the corridor of the Administration building. Tuesday is omitted because of previous class cancellations for reviews, lectures, etc.

Registration of students with surnames beginning with A thru L, inclusive, will be held from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday, and students with surnames beginning with M through Z will register at the same time Wednesday. Students should not cut classes to register, but should register during an off-period. If a student has no off-periods on the day scheduled for him to register, he may register on the alternate day. Because of limited time, Acting Registrar Heaton urges that students exert every effort to register as scheduled.

Civilians will register for War Ration Books at the high school in their district. Superintendent Bunting, of the A. & M. Consolidated High School, stated there would be no high school classes Monday, and urged that everyone in that district try to register Monday. Those who cannot possibly register then will be signed up on the 5th, 6th, or 7th of May.

A facsimile of the application for War Ration Book No. 1 which

will be filled out for the students appears on page 4 of this issue. Students are requested to study carefully the application blank and be prepared to answer all questions. The Office of Price Administration estimates it will take four minutes to fill out each form if questions are answered promptly.

Fifty members of the junior class will be selected to assist with the registration—twenty-five to help Monday and the remainder, Wednesday. These students will be excused from classes while assisting.

Singing Cadets Join In National Music Week Celebration

The Singing Cadets will present a full-hour of entertainment Monday night in the Bryan High School auditorium for the benefit of the public. The program is in observance of National Music Week and is only one of several such programs to be presented throughout the week, according to R. W. Jenkins, director of the Singing Cadets.

Other entertainment features designed to emphasize the importance of music to everyone will be presented by the Bryan A Cappella Choir and a piano and harp recital by high school students. Members of the cadet corps are especially invited to attend all of these programs, says Jenkins.

Hospital Insurance Headed by Anthony

Group hospitalization insurance matters will be handled hereafter by M. L. Antony in the College Hills Estate office, according to an announcement by the College Insurance Committee.

Antony will succeed Seldon W. Henslee, who expects to enter the army. Antony will collect premiums from members of the group, accept applications for new members, and handle hospitalization claims.

The insurance plan is open to all full time employees of the College, and at present has about 350 faculty members and other college employees in its membership. Any member who enters the hospital receives \$5.00 per day during confinement and is reimbursed for surgical operations in amounts up to \$150, depending on the nature of the treatment.

The present semi-annual premiums are \$7 per member. The protection went into effect over a year ago. During the first year, the members paid \$5,134.50 in premiums and received from the insurance company \$5,258.90 in claims.

The usual experience is for claims to be higher the first year than thereafter. It is hoped that claims will be fewer this second year to prevent increase in rates.

Air Corps Also Offers Enlistment Plan, But Prevents Holding Advanced Contract

Enlistment to Be at Same Time as Signing of Contracts

According to releases from the War Department all Sophomores who plan to take advanced military science must enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps before they will be permitted to take advanced military science.

The physical exams for all potential advanced students will be given sometime next week. As soon as the candidates have successfully completed their physical they will be required to enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

All students who may leave college for any reason prior to graduation with his class will automatically be called to active duty in the army, provided he has no valid reason for getting deferment.

This compulsory enlistment for all advanced military students must be made so that reserves will be available and so that the student who is now in college taking military training will be protected until graduation.

Men who are not yet 18 years old will not be enlisted in the ROTC advanced course if they agree to sign an agreement which will require them to enlist when they reach that age.

Advanced course students who are now taking military science whether they have contracts or not, are urged to enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

Air Officers Present Plan Monday in Assembly Hall

Officers of the U. S. Air Corps will discuss the new Army Air Force enlisted reserve plan Monday night at 7:00 in the Assembly Hall, according to an announcement made by Reynolds Smith, former Dallas golfing star, who is now connected with the Public Relations office at Randolph Field. Captain Blaine B. Campbell and Lieutenant J. E. Michael will explain the new plan to interested Aggies.

Smith stated that the following requirements applied: ages past 18 years and not yet 27, married men are acceptable but all must submit a birth certificate or acceptable proof of age. Normal Air Force physical and mental tests must be passed. Applicants, upon the basis of special aptitude, are classified as pilot, bombardier or navigator. Students with special college training can pursue training in ground crew subjects such as armament, communications, engineering, meteorology and photography. Within eight months the applicant can win a commission as a flying officer.

Smith stated, the Air Force examining board is scheduled to be on the campus May 13th and 14th. Under the new plan aviation cadets are procured through preliminary enlistment as privates in providing enlistment on a deferred service basis until the cadet is required for Army training.

The Commandant's Office interprets the plan to mean that the Enlisted Reserve men are subject to active duty at any time, although deferment is permitted to provide for further scholastic training. Students enlisted in the Air Force Reserve, will be ordered to active duty upon graduation or upon call with opportunity to compete for commissions in the same manner as aviation cadets.

Students enlisting for the Air Corp will be unable to get advanced R. O. T. C. contracts since existing army regulations do not permit membership in more than one arm of the service.

The Army Air Force Enlisted Reserve, authorized on April 4, 1942, is open to college students who have not completed their educational training and who wish to continue in school. The plan will serve the purpose of insuring the Army Air Force a continuous supply of well trained men to become officers in all branches of the Army Air Force.

Members of the inspecting party were Col. E. A. Keyes, Col. C. L. Mitchell, Col. Wm. J. Calvert, Col. John Perkins, Lt. Col. O. C. McIntyre, Lt. Col. B. F. Chadwick, Lt. Col. R. A. Eads, Maj. J. B. Wise, Capt. G. T. Turner and Lt. D. C. Cutter.

Old AAA Building Renamed Anchor Hall

The old AAA Building which has been turned into classroom and office space for the Navy school has been named "Anchor Hall," it was announced by E. N. Holmgren, Business Manager. The name, Anchor Hall, was the choice of Navy personnel on the campus and will be the official name by which the building is referred.

Collegiate F. F. A. Elects New Officers For Coming Semester

The 'A. & M. Collegiate Chapter of F. F. A. met last Monday night and elected the following officers for the coming year: Philip Alford, president; John Pesek, vice-president; Oliver Rinehart, Jr., secretary; Charles Wyatt, treasurer; H. C. Clemons, reporter; I. D. Smith, adviser; Jack Barton, parliamentarian; Lloyd Clyburn, watchdog; "Doodie" Rice, historian; and Jack Robertson, song leader. Committees to set up plans and goals for the coming year were appointed. A program committee was selected to present the entertainment for the final meeting of the year.

Cosmopolitan Club Holds Annual Banquet

The Cosmopolitan Club will hold the last business meeting of the year Sunday afternoon in the Chapel of the old "Y". The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the time and place for a farewell banquet for the graduating club members.

Election of officers for the coming term will be held, and it is urged that all members, both graduating and otherwise are urged to attend.

Welty Compliments Corps on Conduct

Inspectors Were Well Pleased Commandant Says

Colonel Maurice D. Welty, in a statement yesterday, commended the cadet corps on the fine cooperation shown during the federal inspection Wednesday and Thursday. Although the report of the inspecting officers has not yet been made public, Welty expressed the opinion that the corps made a fine impression on them.

The officers conducting the annual inspection arrived on the campus Tuesday night and were here until late Thursday. Wednesday they were guests of the senior cadet officer of each unit in Duncan and Sbisah halls and Wednesday afternoon the party visited President T. O. Walton; Executive Assistant E. L. Angell and Dean T. D. Brooks.

Welty's complete statement concerning the inspection was, "I feel that the corps made a fine impression on inspecting officers who were here. Inspectors were entirely satisfied with the cadets individually and collectively. However, their report will not be known until it is released from the War Department. I personally want to commend the cadets and thank them for their fine cooperation."

Highlight of the inspection was the mounted review of the corps Thursday afternoon. The review was the first in the history of the school at which khaki shirts were worn with the Number 1 uniform.

The associate-members of the board are Lt. A. P. Utterback, Lt. E. B. Sale, B. D. Marburger, W. J. Butler, M. L. Cashion, E. L. Angell, Capt. Joe Davis, Harold Vance, S. R. Gammon, R. W. Steen, A. B. Nelson, M. F. Nelson, W. L. Penberthy, W. Horsley, F. G. Anderson, T. A. Munson, G. B. Wilcox, J. T. McNew, F. B. Clark, I. G. Adams, D. B. Cofer, C. O. Spriggs, M. C. Hughs and C. C. Hedges.

Don Hackney to Swing in the Goodman Style With the Aggieland During Summer Months

Don Hackney, clarinetist with the Aggieland Orchestra, was announced as the new leader of the organization last night at the Cotton Ball. Hackney was selected by vote of members of the orchestra and will succeed Topsy Pearce as leader.

Hackney has already made plans for the orchestra as it will be under his direction. He plans to use the style of Benny Goodman and to make the music "sweeter" than it has been in the past. An addition of two saxophones will be made to give the orchestra a more rounded staff.

Among selections to be played by the orchestra for the corps dance tonight is "Milland's Version of Fighting Doug MacArthur," a novelty number. A number of Jimmie Lunceford's arrangements will also be played.

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