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Wearing Of Senior Boots Extended Until September

Senior Ring Rules Governing Order & Delivery Modified

Ring May Be Ordered Upon Classification As Unregistered Jr.

Yesterday afternoon the regulations governing ordering and delivery of senior rings were changed by the ring committee. The change makes it possible for a student to order the ring immediately upon classification as a junior. Before the change it was necessary for a classified junior to register for the first semester of his junior year which caused many students to register for the sole purpose of ring purchase.

Requirements for ordering senior rings were lowered to include juniors as far back as 1942 when military service began taking juniors out of school. At present the rules are:

1. Any student who has been in residence two semesters and fulfills all requirements for junior classification is eligible to order the ring.

2. Delivery will be made to him upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of military service or registration as a classified senior.

Ring orders under the new ruling will be accepted from qualified persons as soon as records have been checked and brought up to date in the registrar's office. H. L. Heaton, registrar, estimates this will require about fifteen days after the opening of the new semester on Feb. 5. He added that the registrar's office would accept mail orders from those students not returning for the next semester.

The Ring Committee re-emphasized that the relaxing of ring eligibility requirements for the ordering of senior rings was a war measure and went on record in favor of a return to the old requirement of senior classification as soon as the present emergency ends.

The following were present at the meeting held yesterday: Tom Alley, president; Bill Griffin, vice president, and Calvin Brumley Battalion editor, senior class; Charles West, president; Jere Higgs, junior class; Jack Lee Ward, president and Alfred Jefferson, sophomore class; Robert Lane and John Adams, freshman class, and Messrs. H. L. Heaton, registrar; W. L. Penberthy and E. E. McQuillen.

Basic Soft Drink Principles Stressed In Short Course

Basic principles of soft drink plant operation and their practical applications are being stressed in a three-weeks short course which opened Monday under the auspices of the national association of American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages.

The Texas A. & M. College is one of three technical schools in the United States selected by the Association of American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages to conduct this course. The other schools are the Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia and the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Monday forenoon was given over to registration of the 60 selected industry representatives taking the course, with lecture periods, question and answer sessions and helpful demonstrations starting immediately after lunch. Those taking the course show postoffice addresses in 20 states.

Instruction which deals with specialized features of the manufacture of beverages and plant operation is being given by experts from the industry, while the regular Texas A. & M. College faculty is giving the instructional work on more general subjects.

President's Ball To Be Held In Sbis Hall Tonite

Tuesday night, January 30, the President's Birthday Ball will be held in Sbis Hall. It is scheduled to begin at nine o'clock and will last until one. Music will be furnished by the Aggield Orchestra, and further entertainment will be provided in the form of a two act floor show which is to be presented by a group of WACs from Bryan Air Field at 11.

Major James E. Breland, who is chairman of the Ball, also announced that the Banquet room would be set aside for the Cadets and local school children who are to attend the dance. The Annex has been designated as the place of gathering for the adults.

Major Breland said that there would be three dances held in the vicinity, and that one ticket to any of the dances would be good at any of the other two. He said that it would be a simple matter to make the rounds and attend all three during the course of the evening. The other two dances are to be held at the American Legion Hall and the K. C. Hall in Bryan. The Bryan Air Field orchestra is to play at the K. C. Hall, while a square dance is to be held at the American Legion Hall.

Tickets for the dances will be \$1.00 per person for the adults, and \$1.00 per couple for the Cadets and school children.

Colonel Galloway, '29, Awarded Silver Star For Battle Gallantry

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, and Circular 66, Headquarters First United States Army, the Silver Star Medal was awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Galloway, Infantry, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action in Normandy, France. He entered military service from Alabama.

At about 0230, 30 July 1944, Lt. Col. Galloway volunteered and later insisted upon accompanying the Division Reserve Commander and eight enlisted men who were to proceed from a position near the Division Reserve Command Post to determine whether or not St. Denis le Gast was occupied by enemy or friendly troops. Lt. Col. Galloway placed himself in a standing position in front of the vehicle to act as an observer and to assist in the covering fire if necessary. The vehicle proceeded backwards into the town in order to facilitate a quick withdrawal in the event of an enemy counterattack, and contacted an enemy armored car. Lt. Col. Galloway immediately engaged the German sentries outposted at the German vehicle in a fire fight, wounding at least one, while the vehicle withdrew from the town under heavy small arms fire. Having secured positive information that the town was occupied in force by a Panzer battalion, the vehicle then returned to the command post. Lt. Col. Galloway's display of gallantry, courage, and utter disregard for his own safety while engaged in a vital and hazardous mission for a period of two hours, set a brilliant example of devotion to duty to the men of his unit and was instrumental in securing information which led to the destruction of the enemy force in a few hours.

Colonel Galloway attended A. & M. College, receiving his degree in Mechanical Engineering here in 1929. In addition to the recently won Silver Star, Colonel Galloway wears the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

Keep the young trees green. They are our future supply of fuel and timber. Don't burn the woods.



Aggield's Own Singing Cadets

Bryan U. S. O. To Hold Open House On Feb. 3, 4, 5; Fourth Anniversary Festival

The American public, whose gifts have made possible USO clubs and the organization's other activities, will be the guest of honor on Saturday and Sunday, February 3, 4, when USO in Bryan, will in nearly 3,000 other localities, will hold Open House on the fourth anniversary of its founding, February 4, 1941.

"As USO is financed by the American people through the National War Fund," Travis B. Bryan, chairman of the USO council, said, in making the announcement today, "contributors to the fund through National War Fund are especially urged to attend to see what their money has made possible."

"Your husband, daughter, or son probably has mentioned what USO means to men in uniform," Mr. Bryan said. "Monthly attendance at these clubs, usually reserved for those in uniform, is over 30,000,000 and USO-Camp Shows are enjoyed by 2,000,000 more; so come in, look around, be welcome, and get a first hand impression."

Another high point in which the local organization will join in the nation-wide observance will be the USO Anniversary Dinner which will be held Monday evening, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Maggie Parker dining hall. Judge Edward S. Boyles, chairman of the Houston USO Council will be the principal speaker, and District Judge W. S. Barron will serve as master of ceremonies. The Personnel Service department of Bryan Field and Public Relations and Welfare department of the Naval Training School will furnish entertainment.

A proclamation praising USO for its four years of service to those in uniform has been issued by Mayors Yeager and Langford, who have asked every citizen of Bryan and College Station to take advantage of the open house invitation to visit the USO clubs in this city, while Chairman Bryan is also emphasizing that all will be welcome at the open house celebrations to be held Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at both the main club at 210 West 26th Street and the Negro Extension at 22nd Street and Bryan Avenue. A formal dance at the Country Club will feature the anniversary celebration on Saturday, February 3 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Mrs. W. W. Harris will be chairman and music will be furnished by the Instrumental Gentlemen of Bryan Field.

We in USO are proud of the accomplishments of the past four years," Mr. Bryan said, "and only regret we cannot have everyone see at first hand what is being done in almost 3,000 other clubs and operations in the United States and overseas throughout the Western hemisphere. We also wish that everyone could see how USO-Camp

Shows entertains in the camps here and in every theatre of war."

"Thanks are being extended to the many men and women of this city who have given of their time to make USO a friendly place. USO is proud of its 1,000,000 volunteer workers all over the country who make its work possible. Some of them will greet you at the USO Club and show you the facilities you have helped make available."

Adaptation of USO to the needs of those in service as the plan of war changes, as well as its growth from a tentative idea to a network of nearly 3,000 operations, will be shown during the organization's Fourth Anniversary observance throughout the nation on February 3-5.

Open House for the American public, partner in the enterprise of providing facilities for aiding the will and spirit of the armed forces, again will be the principal feature on February 3-4, and anniversary luncheons are planned for February 5, according to Chester I. Bernard, USO president.

Looking into the future, Mr. Barnard said today that USO services are already being geared increasingly to returning service men, wounded or well, who are depending on USO in their off-duty hours, just as they did before going abroad. Other changes included provision for the higher proportion of women in service, more personal work with service men's wives, meeting changing conditions in war production areas and extension of USO-Camp Shows to meet the larger theatres of war.

However, it is through the Open

House that USO has a chance to show the public how their gifts to the National War Fund, from which USO derives its financial support, are used. Last year more than 4,000,000 persons took advantage of the opportunity to see how the organizations, usually reserved for military personnel, function. Practically all of USO's nearly 3,000 operations participated and are expected to do so again this year.

Mr. Barnard pointed out that it was not only a friendly interest but also loyal cooperation from the American people which had made USO possible. "On February 4, 1941, with the approval of President Roosevelt and the War and Navy Departments and the Federal Security Administration, the United Service Organizations were incorporated with the following members: Young Men's Christian Associations, National Catholic Community Service, The Salvation Army, Young Women's Christian Associations, National Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association."

Original plans called for about 340 clubhouses in 200 communities, Mr. Barnard said, but by February 4, 1942, the organization had 554 clubs and other service units in operation, and as the military forces grew, USO increased its volume of services accordingly.

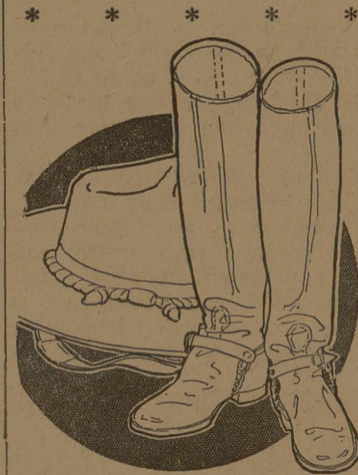
Commenting on the work during the first year, Mr. Barnard said the chief services were centered in the clubs, with dances, games, sports, music, photography and all the small personal services that make "a home away from home" the first consideration.

"Overseas work began in that

All Classified Seniors And Cadet Officers Are Eligible

Modified Order Was Effective Only to Feb. 2 Boots First Suspended September 18, 1942

The order permitting the wearing of senior boots has been extended to September, 1945, it was announced by President Gilchrist today. When the suspension prohibiting the wearing of the boots was modified last summer the order allowed the wearing of them only until February 2 and now it has been extended until September after which the order positively will not be extended, said Gilchrist.



Two semesters to live.

As to his reasons for the extension he said that some of the members of the Junior class might have misunderstood the previous announcement and purchased boots and he thought it only fair to extend the time so that all students would be clearly familiar with the order next September and there would be no misconception of the suspension.

As in the past two semesters only cadet officers and classified seniors will be permitted to wear boots next semester.

Wearing of the boots was suspended September 18, 1942, by direction of the executive committee, and an order released by the commandants office last August 9 lifted the suspension until February 2.

Cadet Officers In Class '44-'45 Get Certificates Wed.

Major Joe E. Davis announced today that engraved officers commissions will be presented to the various cadet officers tomorrow at retreat. Those cadets that were cadet officers under Cadet Colonel George Strickhausen will be awarded commissions.

Major Davis also stated that due to the amount of time it would take to present each man his commission it would be impossible to hold a special ceremony at the present time. The awards will be presented to each man individually by his own tactical officer. Companies will fall out in their own dormitory areas where the commissions will be presented.

It has been the custom in the past to hold a special ceremony or review for the officers who were to receive commissions, but due to the limited amount of time before the end of the semester no special plans could be made, said Major Davis.

Those cadets receiving commissions were made officers when organizations were again created on the campus last summer, and these men resigned their commissions at the middle of this semester so that men from two different classes would not be cadet officers at the same time. Most of the men who are to receive commissions are in the class of 1944-45.

Water-Sewerage Short Course Is Underway Here

Some 20 representatives from the 24 water districts comprising Texas are enrolled in a week's laboratory course featuring water and sewage treatment which started Monday at the Texas A. & M. College under supervision of S. R. Wright, acting head of the Department of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering. This course is a forerunner of the 27th annual Texas Waterworks and Sewerage Short School which will be conducted here February 5, 6 and 7.

Cooperating with the Texas A. & M. College in staging both the laboratory course and the short school are the State Board of Health and the State Board of Vocational Education. The State Board of Health has two instructors here assisting in routine tests and interpretation of results in water and sewage treatment. The laboratory session will run eight hours per day Monday through Saturday.

Clothing, Textiles, Condition Critical Even After War Ends

Even after the war in Europe ends, the clothing and textiles situation in this country is not expected to improve materially, Miss Alice Sundquist, Federal Extension clothing specialist from Washington, D. C., told members of the home demonstration staff during a recent visit to the headquarters of the A. & M. College Extension Service here.

Weather conditions in the Pacific theater cause rapid deterioration in clothing and tentage fabrics, and of late the demand has been so great that all coarse cotton yarns now are going to military purposes and none to civilians, the speaker said. As a result, home makers will have to prolong the lives of slip-covers, draperies, counterpanes and sheeting. Similarly, the shortage of denim work clothes will continue to pinch and conservation of these was never more important.

In fact, the consumer is getting squeezed from all directions, Miss Sundquist explained, since prices of clothing increased 41 per cent between August, 1939, and August, 1944. The increase has been about 10 per cent in the last 18 months. Nor do these figures take into account the decreases in quality or durability of garments.

Miss Sundquist's advice to home-makers was to make an inventory of unused or pre-war material which might be stored in attics, trunks and cedar chests. Making clothes over and making the best use of materials salvaged from flour and feed sacks will continue to be "musts" for many rural women, she said. These principles have been emphasized in Extension's war-time clothing program by the Texas clothing specialist, Mrs. Dora R. Barnes.

Consumers who feel the government should work toward textile standards for color fastness, laundering, shrinkage protection, and better measurements should convey their wishes to J. A. King, head of the War Production Board in Washington, she said.



Commencement Program

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:15 a.m. Processional
10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. R. C. Terry
1:30-4:30 p.m. —
All departments open for inspection
7:00 p.m. Commencement Processional
7:15 p.m. Commencement Exercises

Address—Dr. Harmon Lowman, President Sam Houston State Teachers College.
Valedictory Address —
Thomas William Melius, Jr., Metairie, Louisiana
Conferring of Degrees —
President of the College
Presentation of Diplomas —
President of the Board of Directors of the College

8:30 p.m. —
President and Mrs. Gilchrist at home informally to members of the graduating class and their guests, former students and their families, and members of the faculty and their families.

NOTE: The processional will form on the walk east of Guion Hall and will include the speakers, members, Board of Directors, graduating seniors, and members of the College staff.