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## Cadet Officers Still Out; Corps Status In Question

## Aggie-Ex Group Urges Coach Dismissal

### Athletic Council Will Meet Saturday And Recommend Findings to President

The executive committee of the Former Students Association has unanimously approved a resolution asking for the dismissal of Homer Norton as head coach and athletic director, according to a story by Mike Haikin, Aggie-ex, which appeared in the Houston Post last Tuesday.

This story has neither been affirmed nor denied by the committee. The action was said to have been revealed at a closed meeting of the Houston Texas A. & M. Club this week; however, Haikin, former Battalion sports editor and now a sports writer for the Post, was present as a member of the club.

According to Haikin, the resolution was sent to the athletic council with a demand that some final action be taken this week; either that Norton be confirmed as coach for next year, or that the council make some settlement with Norton. The story pointed out that since Norton has a bona-fide contract good for more than three years yet, nothing can be done without his consent.

The resolution, as quoted in the Post, said in part: "It has become evident that Mr. Norton, though he may be a well qualified coach, has lost the confidence of the ex-students and thus can no longer bring full satisfaction to Texas A. & M."

The Athletic Council will meet Saturday afternoon after lunch, and for the first time in some years the student body will be represented by a duly elected member of the senior class, if election procedures can be carried out in time.

Decisions reached by the board will be sent to President Gilchrist in the form of a recommendation.

### National Research Men to Speak Here at Feb. 3 Meeting

Dr. M. K. Horne and Dr. Leonard Smith of the research staff of the National Cotton Council in Washington, D. C., will participate in a cotton research meeting here on Monday, February 3, John Leahy, director of the cotton research committee of Texas, announced today.

The cotton research meeting is being sponsored by the state-wide cotton committee of Texas, which represents all of the associations in Texas interested in cotton production, processing, marketing and utilization. Burris C. Jackson, of Hillsboro, is chairman of this committee.

The meeting will attract leading research personnel through-out the State associated with public and private institutions as well as technical personnel employed by industry, Leahy said.

The meeting has for its purpose a thorough examination of research projects in progress and development of an integrated program of research between research institutions and industry for the benefit of the Texas cotton community. The meeting also will consider methods of financing future research undertakings with particular respect to Public Law 733 and other supporting sources.

Dr. R. D. Lewis, Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, will be discussion leader for the meeting.

### Longhorn Photos Are Scheduled For Ten Campus Groups

The following schedule will be followed for taking club pictures for the 1947 LONGHORN. Pictures will be made at Guion Hall at 12:30 on the day indicated. Shirts, ties, and dark trousers should be worn. In case of rain another date will be announced in The Battalion.

Monday, February 3  
Young County Club  
American Chem. Society  
Tuesday, February 4  
Tyler Club  
Agronomy Society  
Wednesday, February 5  
Kaufman County Club  
Astronomy Club  
Thursday, February 6  
Victoria County Club  
Geology Club  
Friday, February 7  
Marketing and Sirlin Club  
Saddle and Sirlin Club  
Presidents of clubs whose pictures have been taken are asked to select the final picture from proofs at A & M Photo Shop before Tuesday, February 4.



HOMER H. NORTON  
Head Coach and  
Athletic Director

### Recreational Club Plans Being Made

Under the auspices of the Physical Education Department a number of recreational clubs are being organized, according to an announcement by W. M. Dowell, chairman of recreation. All clubs are receptive to anyone who might want to become a member and those interested in joining may do so at any of the regular meetings.

The badminton club meets regularly on Tuesday and Friday at 7:00 p. m. in the gymnasium, and is sponsored by Dowell. Plans are being made for matches against out-of-town teams as well as local teams. Trips may be made to near-by cities to promote competition and any member of the club may be permitted to compete upon request.

The fencing club meets every Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 5:00 p. m. at the gymnasium and the first formal meet is tentatively arranged for Saturday, February 1 at Cherryhurst Park in Houston. The Volleyball club, under the sponsorship of Nicky Ponthieux, will hold its first meeting Tuesday, February 4 at 5:00 p. m. Old members and those wishing to join are urged to come suited out in order to begin play immediately.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a handball club will be held Monday, February 3 at 5:00 p. m. in the gymnasium. Plans

### Extension Service Adds Agricultural Engineer to Staff, Effective February 1

William S. Allen has been appointed agricultural engineer for the College Extension Service effective February 1, Director Ide P. Trotter has announced.

The addition of Allen to the staff of the agricultural engineering department is in line with plans on which the Extension Service has been working for well over a year, according to Fred Jones, head of the department. A committee of six extension staff members began an analysis of the Texas rural housing situation in October, 1945 and drew up plans for a definite program.

In addition to setting up general standards in housing and farm buildings, the committee will draw up plans for a functional house for each principal area of the state. Another phase is work with county agricultural and home demonstration agents in the fundamentals of rural housing. Allen will work with the committee and put these plans in operation. He is a native of Watertown, Tennessee, and was graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1946 with a B. S. in agricultural engineering. For three years he worked as assistant to the rural architect for the Tennessee Extension Service.

### Veterans To Start Season With Free Movie Monday

#### Two Big Dances, Vaudeville Slated In Future; Elections in February

Spring semester activities of the Veteran Student Association will begin on Monday, when all veteran students and their wives are invited to attend a jamboree in Guion Hall at 7:00 o'clock. A short business meeting, just enough to get the association legally organized for the new semester, will be followed by a showing of the moving picture "We've Never Been Licked," made on the campus some years ago by Walter Wanger.

Many social events are scheduled by the association for the spring term. During the past few months the club has been inactive, due to a reorganization. When a new constitution was adopted last fall, the group was changed to a social organization, after having served for some time as a debating society and "sounding board." The reorganization is now complete, the association is ready to go into high gear.

All veterans on the campus are considered associate members of the association; active members pay \$1 membership fee for the school year and are allowed to purchase tickets for the big dances at 50 cents less than door value. Two such dances are scheduled for the spring term: the Washington's Birthday Ball on February 22, with Frankie Masters furnishing the music, and the Veterans Grand Ball on April 25, for which the orchestra has not been announced. Tickets for these dances will be on sale two weeks before events, in order to eliminate long ticket lines at the Sbsa Hall entrance.

A March 15 dance, erroneously announced as a veterans affair, will be an all-college dance. Membership cards will be on sale at the February meeting Monday night at Guion.

Other events planned for the term include an all-college vaudeville show, a stage show and the San Jacinto Day muster. The last (See VETERANS on Page Four)

### Waterworks Short Course Set Feb. 10

Final arrangements for the twenty-ninth annual Waterworks and Sewerage Short School, to be held on the campus February 10-13, have been made, it was announced today.

Registration will be held in Sbsa at 3 p. m. on February 9 and again at 8 a. m. the following day. Approximately 400 registrants will be housed both on the campus and at the Bryan Field Annex.

The short school is sponsored by an organization of waterworks and sewerage operators and engineers, headed by Joe B. Winston of Weslaco, in cooperation with the department of municipal and sanitary engineering at A. & M.

### 18-Year Olds Must Register on Exact Day of Their Birth

There may not be a war on, but selective service is still with us, so it is important that all students register on their eighteenth birthday, according to the Brazos County Selective Service Board.

A. & M. students who reach their eighteenth birthdays while attending school should report to the Brazos County Board, located in the county court house, Bryan. The records will not be kept there, but will be forwarded to the proper home-town board, according to Brazos county officials.

The law reads that registration shall be made on the birthday itself, unless that is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, in which case registration is to be made the next business day. Those who do not register at that time are reported as late registrants, subject to penalties at the discretion of their home boards.

### Veterans' Calendar

Feb. 3, 7:00 p. m.—Moving Picture "We've Never Been Licked."  
Feb. 6—Last date for filing for officers at Student Activities Office Ad. Bldg.  
Feb. 11-12—Voting for officers, rotunda, Academic Bldg.  
Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday Ball, Sbsa Hall, Frankie Masters Orchestra.  
March 3—Football movie.  
April 7—Student vaudeville show.  
April 21—San Jacinto Day Muster.  
April 25—Veterans' Grand Ball.  
May 5—Stage show. (?)

### Air Training Will Not Effect School Time Under GI Bill

Veteran students at A. & M. will be able to take flight training under the GI Bill of Rights without shortening their time in school, under a plan announced January 27 by Dean of Engineering Howard W. Barlow.

The private pilot course, formerly completed in one semester, will be offered veterans over three semesters instead, and tuition cost will be deducted in three installments, instead of a lump sum as before. The plan has been approved by the Veterans Administration.

### Bulletin Tells Best Portable Fan Usage

Air-conditioning for everybody may still be far in the future, but maximum cooling efficiency from the lowly electric fan can be obtained by any one willing to follow the directions of a bulletin just published by the A. & M. Engineering Experiment Station.

Entitled "The Efficient Use of Portable Fans", the bulletin embodies the scientific conclusions drawn by Dr. E. G. Smith of the college physics department after exhaustive research, which was sponsored by the Westinghouse Electric corporation.

For instance, it was found that a room could be cooled best by directing a fan at an open window, providing there is an air inlet at the opposite side of the room and the fan is properly situated.

Full directions for proper placement of fans in all types of residences are contained in the free 89-page bulletin, which may be obtained before hot weather arrives by writing the Texas Engineering Experiment Station here for Bulletin No. 95.

### Flight Training Students To Meet Monday at 7 p. m.

A meeting of all students interested and others who have registered for flight training during the present and subsequent semesters has been set for 7 p. m. on Monday, February 3 in the petroleum lecture room, Dr. H. W. Barlow, dean of engineering, has announced.

Any other persons interested in learning to fly are invited to attend. More than 100 already have registered for the private pilot course, to be held over a three-semester period, Dean Barlow said.

### Colored Lists To Designate Laundry Areas

Colored laundry lists will be used to distinguish the different stations starting next week, it was announced by J. W. Rollins, dean of men. Students are asked to turn in white slips to their sub-stations for those of the correct color.

All laundry will be returned to the stations strictly according to list color irrespective of the laundry mark, it was pointed out. The color assignments are as follows:

White—Station 1—Project House Area; Blue—Station 2—Across from Dorm 8; Green—Station 3—Foster Hall; Yellow—Station 4—West Side of P. G. Hall; White—Station 5—Annex; Pink—Station 6—North End of P. G. Hall.

Regulations as to number of pieces and limits on various items remain unchanged. In each bundle of the allowable 23 pieces may be the maximum of 4 shirts, 2 pants, 2 polos, 1 pr. coveralls, and 4 sheets, it was stated. Schedules for turning in laundry to stations are the same as for last semester with an 8 a. m. deadline on the designated days.

The first two weeks the laundry will be slowed because of the necessity of assigning marks to incoming students, but following this period laundry will be returned approximately three days after it has been turned in, it was announced.

### Aggie Player Try-Outs Set Feb. 3-4

Try-outs for the next Aggie Players production, "A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED", will be held Monday and Tuesday, February 3-4, from 5-6 p. m. and 7-8 p. m. George J. Dillavou has announced. The try-outs will be held on the stage of the Assembly Hall, and all students and townpeople are urged to come and try their hand at acting. Veterans' wives are especially requested to come.

Anyone interested in other aspects of the theater—scene construction, painting, publicity, box office, make-up, lighting, or costumes—may leave his name and address in the English department on the third floor of the Academic Building, or may contact George Dillavou or Art Angrist, whose offices are located on the second floor of Foster Hall.

"A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED" will be presented by the Thespians on March 12, 13, and 14 in the Assembly Hall.

### Short Course Tops Enrollment Limit

#### Williams Trying To Repeat School Later

Enrollment for the third annual Motor Fleet Supervisors short course, slated February 10-14 at A. & M., already has reached its limit of 50, but Director E. L. Williams today held out hope for those who registered too late.

Williams is trying to arrange for a repetition of the popular short course later in the spring, if he can obtain the scientific testing instruments and other equipment at that time.

Arrangements have been made for use of a mobile driver-testing clinic for use during the regular course, the clinic consisting of a bus equipped with a multitude of test equipment to determine a driver's ability.

#### 10,000 Flying Legs

A Pan American World Airways Constellation arrived at LaGuardia Field recently with half of it removed to make way for a shipment of 10,000 frog legs and 6,000 pounds of lobsters from Cuba. Air line officials said it was the first shipment by air of these delicacies from Cuba to New York and one of the largest air shipments of food by any line. The plane was chartered by the Hudson Bay Frozen Food Company of Manhattan.

### Meloy Recommends Civilian Basis For College ROTC

BULLETIN—Col. Meloy stated he was recommending that A. & M. be made a civilian college this morning, following refusal of the cadet officers to resume their commissions Thursday night.

"This is not a protest against Col. Meloy and his staff, but a refusal to tolerate the arbitrary dictations of President Gilchrist," stated a spokesman for the senior class. "The problem of room orderlies and freshman details has become one of the minor issues," he continued.

BULLETIN—Col. Meloy stated in a meeting with selected seniors yesterday that he no longer recognizes the senior class as a bargaining power, but that he would deal with ex-cadet officers individually in regard to reassuming commissions.

More than five hundred commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Cadet Corps resigned their cadet offices Tuesday evening of this week, following the announcement of restrictions on upper-class privileges under a new disciplinary system. President Gibb Gilchrist hastily dressed with collar still open, accepted the resignations on the front porch of his home, with his regrets, while participants in the midnight demonstration looked on.

All but the commanding officer and the executive officer of the corps were included in the mass resignation. Cadet Col. Ed Brandt and Lt. Col. Allen Self stated that they could not, in good conscience, resign at that time. However, their resignations were tendered the following morning to the Commandant.

Col. Guy S. Meloy, Jr. took over the newly restored office of Commandant of Cadets on the first day of the spring semester, January 27. First notice of the proposed changes in privilege came in the Tuesday, January 23 edition of the Battalion. The Senior Class voted to protest the curtailment in a meeting at 6:30 p. m. in the YM-CA Chapel.

At a meeting of the Senior Class in Goodwin Hall at 7:30 p. m., Col. Meloy explained the circumstances under which the change in discipline had been approved by the Board of Directors. The Directors had ruled that certain practices, though traditional, were violations of the Basic Policy and would not be permitted.

Following Col. Meloy's speech, Bill McCormick, class president, asked for an opportunity to present the class's objections to the rulings, which was granted by Col. Meloy. Shannon Jones also spoke in behalf of the class and their protests.

Col. Meloy offered no comment.

Seniors Vote to Resign

Later in the evening, the seniors held another caucus in the YMCA, and a majority of the cadet officers voted to resign their commissions in protest. Plans for a midnight march on the President's home, bearing the resignations, were formulated.

At midnight the cadets formed in their dormitory area, prepared to move out behind the band. At this point, Col. Meloy and some of his staff appeared, and asked that resignations be turned in to him and his officers.

This was not done, and agitation for continuance of the march spread among the cadet officers assembled.

"I'm ordering you back to your dormitories," stated Col. Meloy. Band members turned in their GI instruments upon orders. A trumpet sounded off with the Aggie War Hymn, and the march began.

Upon reaching the President's home, several of the high ranking cadet officers bore the resignations to Mr. Gilchrist, who accepted them "with regret."

Twelve-Point Request

The following morning, a committee of seniors, including Cadet Col. Brandt, Bill McCormick, Allen Self, Joe Mueller, Dean Denton, Teddy Holekamp, John Roper, A. O. Hamon, Shannon Jones, and Jimmy Nichols, met with Col. Meloy in his office, presenting a twelve point list of requests. This list of requests had been drawn up by the committee in a session lasting until 2:30 a. m.

Eight points of the program were agreed to wholly and some in part, by Col. Meloy after the all-morning meeting.

Senior court to replace the old student court.

That no army personnel be housed in the dormitory area.

Removal of threats to deprive advanced students of ROTC contracts.

Privilege of keeping the present uniform if desired in a majority vote.

That cadet officers be granted more voice in issuing orders to corps.

That promotion lists be referred to the Senior Class for discussion.

That extra drill of any authorized type be permitted if company commanders deem it necessary.

That two weeks notice be given of impending changes in large- (See CADETS on Page Four)



Dr. W. H. Alexander

### Alexander Speaker On Religious Week Program Feb. 10

#### Noted Lecturer Comes To Campus to Address Religious Meetings

Dr. W. H. Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City, will be the guest speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at A. & M. College, February 10-15. Dr. Alexander was graduated from the University of Tulsa after which he received an honorary scholarship to the University of Chicago, the institution in which he pursued his graduate work.

During World War II, he served as War Correspondent for the Daily Oklahoman, the Oklahoma City Times and the Christian Evangelist. Recently the tall, red-headed, former amateur boxing champion turned down an offer from Hollywood because, as he put it: "Just entertainment would not further the cause to which I have given my life."

In constant demand for National Conventions, Red Cross Work and other civic enterprises, he also has the largest, most progressive young people's group in the Southwest. The secret of all this is contained in the soldier's phrase—"He makes me want to live up to the best that's in me."

Due to professional experience he is a master entertainer and on a broad, religious plain speaks the language of young people in a dynamic way that has no peer. His lectures will present a supreme challenge to vital religion to the 7,000 college men here.

### Poultry Marketing Class Attends Fat Stock Show Jan. 30

Students of the poultry marketing class at A. & M. attended the Houston Fat Stock Show Thursday, January 30, to observe the poultry judging show.

Judges for the show were E. D. Parnell, professor in the poultry husbandry department, F. Z. Beamblossom, poultry marketing specialist of the college, extension service, and Clyde Ingram of Louisiana State University.

Approximately 1500 capons, 400-500 fryers and broilers, 250 fat hens, and turkeys were in the show. Last year's champion capon brought \$1200, and the champion turkey brought \$500. Parnell explained, that prices for the poultry are expected to be consistent with previous year's sales.