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Cadet Corps Is Reorganized After Five-Day Interval

Athletic Council Decision On Norton Issue Sent to President

Texas Tech Contract Extended Three Years for San Antonio

A decision regarding Head Coach Homer Norton was reached by the Athletic Council Saturday afternoon and will be sent in a confidential report to President Gibb Gilchrist, C. W. Crawford, athletic council chairman, stated.

Meeting in a four-hour session, the council considered demands by the A. & M. Ex-Student Association that Norton be replaced.

President Gilchrist will make a report on the findings of the council to the board of directors later this month, and no public announcement will be made until that time, Crawford said.

Coach Norton, Aggie head coach for the past 13 years, has been under fire from ex-students since early in the 1946 football season when the Aggies dropped three out of the first four games. "We hope that whatever comes out of this meeting this afternoon will be beneficial to all concerned," Crawford declared, but declined to give any hints as to matters discussed or decisions.

Former students have asked that Norton, whose contract does not expire until August 31, 1950, be replaced and the contract be dissolved.

Recently, Norton has been mentioned in connection with the coaching position vacancy which now exists at the University of California. The announcement from California was supposed to have been made after the national coaches meeting held the early part of last month.

Norton was closeted with the council for nearly three hours while routine business was discussed.

One member of the council, C. D. Ownby, disqualified himself from the discussion on the Norton issue, saying that he was employed by the athletic department and under direct supervision of the coach and athletic director. Ownby is business manager of athletics at A. & M.

Another member, S. A. Lipscomb, who was in Corpus Christi at the time, telephoned his vote to the Athletic Council.

Red Raider Contract
It was announced that the council took action extending A. & M.'s contract with Texas Tech another three years. This decision was reached in conjunction with the San Antonio chamber of commerce in which city the Red Raiders and Aggies will play through the 1950 football season.

Staff Member Will Attend National Medical Meeting

Maurine Hearn, vice-director for women and state home demonstration agent, will represent the A. & M. Extension Service at the second annual meeting of the American Medical Association's National Conference on Rural Health. The meeting will take place in Chicago, Illinois, February 6-8.

Purpose of the conference is to give doctors and rural health workers an opportunity to exchange views regarding vital questions in the development of a better health service in rural communities throughout the United States.

Baby-Sitter Rules

Associated Press, keeping a close eye on developments in the baby-sitter world, reported that Collector of International Revenue Francis R. Smith has ruled that fees paid to baby-sitters cannot be deducted from income-tax returns. "Paying someone for watching a baby is no different than paying someone for shoveling snow from the sidewalk," said the collector.

Camera Club to Meet

The A. & M. Club will meet Monday, February 10, in the club-room, located in the basement of Guion Hall. The meeting will begin at 7 p. m.

Saddle and Sirlain Club

The election of officers will be the purpose of the Saddle and Sirlain Club at its meeting tonight at 7:30 p. m. The club will meet in the A.I. lecture room.

Marines' Deaths Set Mark

In World War II the Marine Corps proved the most perilous of the United States services as a whole, with a battle death rate of 4 per cent.

Final Date for Ordering Senior Ring Favors Feb. 12

Orders for senior ring favors are now being taken in the Student Activities Office, Grady Elms, acting director, has announced. Cost of these favors is \$2.50, and orders should be placed prior to Wednesday, February 12.

San Antonio Sports Editor Blasts 'Petition' Squabble

According to an Associated Press release, Bill Bellamy, sports editor of the San Antonio Evening News, added more fuel to the A. & M. football coaching squabble when he revealed in his daily column, "Strictly Sporting", that the refusal to sign a petition favoring the Aggie Coach Homer Norton, lost an Alamo City two-letterman his scholarship.

Bellamy wrote: "We'd like to pause here momentarily to look into one of those petitions in circulation. As we understand it, one of several persons on the athletic staff, including Lil Dimmitt, were canvassing the football dormitories for signatures of the players to the effect that the squad and Norton were just one big, happy family, etc."

"Seems as if one burly San Antonio youngster who had lettered two years on the varsity didn't like the idea of signing something he didn't believe in, and he didn't believe in Norton. Coincidentally (local A. & M. Club please take note), this lad, whose name we're leaving out purposely so that he won't be branded a trouble-maker, eligibility left would be cut loose. Maybe we're wrong, but this youngster is bitter about it and at the present time is considering enrolling at Trinity University."

"Maybe the Aggie publicity bureau should announce that two more lettermen—Mann Scott, half-back, and Bill Johnson, center, have quit the squad and are slated to enroll at a California university."

"Something needs a washing besides our dirty socks, especially if the 'sign or else' condition actually does exist or has existed in the present athletic setup."

Erroneous Statement
The article by Bill Bellamy also stated that Tommy Johns, editor of The Battalion, was told to "lay off" Norton in his editorials. This statement was erroneous in two ways. One, John is NOT the editor of the paper. Two, neither John nor the real editor, Allen Self, have been told to "lay off" Norton in editorials. Not even Larry Goodwin, vitriolic sports columnist of the Batt, has had any such threats.

Thermo Books!

The Mechanical Engineering Department requests all students who have Thermodynamics textbooks, and wish to either sell or lend them to leave their names in the departmental office.

At present many students are still without texts, and there are no prospects of procuring them in the near future through regular channels.

Reserve Officers to Hold Dinner-Dance Saturday Evening, Feb. 8, in Sbisa Hall

The Brazos County Reserve Officers' Association will sponsor a dinner-dance at Sbisa Hall Saturday, February 8, at 7:30 p. m., President E. N. Holmgren has announced.

In addition to the members of the Reserve Officers' Association, all Navy, Marine, and National Guard reserve officers are invited to attend.

Tickets Available
Tickets at \$2.25 per person are now available in College Station from the Aggie Inn, Lipscomb's Pharmacy, George's Confectionary, Sid Loveless, Taylor Wilkins, and Grady Elms. In Bryan tickets may be obtained at Waldrop and Company.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Aggieband Orchestra under the direction of Bill Turner.

Men who desire rooms for their dates may make accommodations at the Placement Office in the Administration Building.

corpsemen as the first unbiased version of the protest. The facts were straight, and both sides of the issue were equally represented.

Byron Winstead, publicity director for the college, and representative of the statewide wire services as well, sent out the first news about the midnight march. His dispatches were printed in the Wednesday morning papers. Protesting cadets considered adding him to their list of those whose resignations they were demanding, for they felt Winstead's version was biased from the administration point of view, as he cited antihazing regulations as the principal cause of the mass resignation.

Winstead's Defense
Winstead said he had no other

Learning How To Do It for Arabia



A smiling SAUDI ARABIAN prince learns about cotton breeding at A. & M. College. Crown Prince Saud Al-Saud last Saturday visited the college and was shown the latest research work in cotton breeding. Left to right—Prince Saud, President Gibb Gilchrist, Dr. Afif Tannous, USDA, and Dr. Meta Brown, cytogeneticist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Behind Dr. Brown is Tom Richmond, agronomist.

American Chemical Society Secretary, Business Manager to Speak Here Feb. 12

Alden H. Emery of Washington, D. C., national secretary and business manager of the American Chemical Society, will address the college section on Wednesday evening, February 12. His lecture will include the aims and activities of the American Chemical Society, the largest professional organization of scientists in the world, with 48,000 members and 112 local sections throughout the United States.

Sophs Appoint Committees for 'Revue' Feb. 28

Bearing the name of the Sophomore Sweetheart Revue, the annual sophomore ball will be presented by the Class of 1949 on Friday evening, February 28, at 9 p. m. The dance will be held in Sbisa Hall to the music of the Aggieband Orchestra.

The following committees have been appointed, George R. Edwards, sophomore class president, announced. The invitation committee is composed of Chester M. Bell, Truman G. aMartin, Donald H. Barrett, Lee Holder, and James D. Bell. The decorations committee includes A. K. Jacobson, J. Fred Hambright, D. G. Kaspar, and Allen B. Bradshaw. John Orr, W. Hayes, Charles D. Glass, and Larry Kinnard are members of the refreshment committee, and the programs will be handled by Hiram Smith, James H. Simpson, and Bernard Kitchens.

Deadline for Vet Club Filing Feb. 6

Nine vacancies in the Veterans' Association are now open, and students interested in filing may do so in the Student Activities Office prior to 5 p. m., February 6, Dave Bruce, acting president announced. Positions of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentary, and sergeant-at-arms are open. Also, three members for the newly formed Mess Committee and one veteran on the Student Life Committee will be elected.

Any veteran is eligible to file for any of the above-named positions.

Voting will take place in the rotunda of the Academic Building on February 11-12, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Yellow fee slips must be presented in order to cast a vote.

Rio Grande Valley To Judge Beards Thursday

A beard judging contest will be the principal feature of the Rio Grande Valley Club, when it meets Thursday, February 6, in the YM-CA, J. Tippit, reporter, revealed. The meeting will begin at 7 p. m. The "brush" is in preparation for Charro Days in the Rio Grande Valley from February 13-16. All students from that vicinity—and especially those with beards—are urged to attend.

Thief May Get Stung

The thief who took a box from the car of a California herpetologist may wish he hadn't. The snake expert told police the box contained three live rattlesnakes, complete with fangs and poison ducts.

Promotion List Announced By Col. Meloy Yesterday

57 of 179 Cadet Officers Renamed; Majority Receive Old Commissions

Cadet commissioned officers are once more in their positions of authority over the Cadet Corps, after a five-day period in which disorganization prevailed, following a mass midnight resignation.

Col. G. S. Meloy, commandant, announced the revised promotion list to restored cadet officers in a meeting in Goodwin Hall Monday noon. Only a skeleton organization of commanders and higher staffs exists under the present setup, but further promotions will be announced soon, according to the military department.

Non-commissioned officers have been reinstated in an acting capacity, subject to future approval by the new cadet officers.

Majority Signs
Late Friday afternoon, seniors began lining up to sign the applications for re-commissioning as cadet officers. This action was precipitated by an order calling for all government property to be turned in to the authorities, and providing for immediate movement of seniors from former cadet dormitories.

By 6 p. m. Friday evening, 143 seniors had signed the requests for commissions, which also embodied a pledge to obey orders of college and military authorities and assessment of 10 demerits and 10 extra hours of duty.

Tour of Clubs
Teams of cadets toured to Ft. Worth, Dallas, Amarillo, and San Antonio to sample the sentiment of former students and to attempt to give the true picture of the situation and the causes for the protest.

Sentiment both pro and con was discovered by these students but none of the clubs made a conclusive move supporting either the students or the administration.

President's Statement
President Gilchrist issued the following statement Monday: February 3, 1947.

I have today approved the appointment of Cadet Officers submitted by Colonel G. S. Meloy, Jr. in his re-organization of the Corps. Included in the list are 57 of the 179 Cadet Officers whose resignations were accepted by me early last Wednesday morning.

Colonel Meloy advises that this first list is to initiate his reorganization and that he has not fully examined all of the applications. He still needs 30 to 35 commissioned officers in the Corps and will try to get them from the applications submitted. It looks now as though the commissions granted will not be much in excess of one-half the number who resigned. These young men have agreed in their applications to support the Basic Policy, and we are expecting them to do that.

Gibb Gilchrist, President.

In another statement issued Saturday, President Gilchrist said, in part, "During the past semester, and before any grades had been reported, 176 freshmen left school, 74 giving hazing as the principle reason. Reports now indicate 430 freshmen who entered in September either resigned or were dropped for deficient scholarship at the end of the semester. This represents approximately 48 percent of the freshmen students who were living with the corps of cadets and is indicative that conditions in the corps were not conducive to the pursuit of a college education."

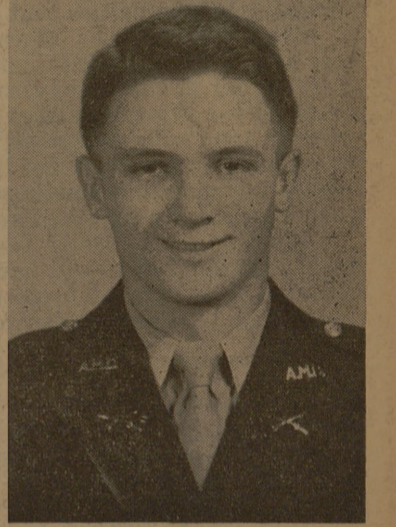
CORPS STAFF

Col. Ed Brandt, Lt. Col. Allen Self, Lt. Col. Joe Coddou, Major Philip Kosub.

Infantry Band

Captain Paul Allen, First Lt.

Reappointed . . .



Cadet Col. Ed Brandt

Richard Alves, First Lt. Larry Mangold.

Field Artillery Band
Captain William S. Dixon,
Infantry Regimental Headquarters Staff

Lt. Col. H. C. Hosh,
First Battalion Infantry
Headquarters Staff
Major B. Z. Strange.

Company A, Infantry
Captain Richard Reed.
Company B, Infantry
Captain Teddy Holekamp.

Company C, Infantry
Captain Oliver Potter.
Company D, Infantry
Captain Herschel Wood.

Second Battalion Infantry Staff
Major W. D. O'Hara.
Company E, Infantry
Captain Walter Higgins.

Company F, Infantry
Captain Thomas Eubank.
Company G, Infantry
Captain Donald Hudman.

Company A, Signal Corps
Captain Dean M. Denton.
Artillery Regimental Staff
Lt. Col. J. H. Cochrane, Major S. D. Davidson.

First Battalion Artillery Staff
Major Joe Mueller.
Battery A, Field Artillery
Captain F. M. McMillan.

Battery B, Field Artillery
Captain Robert Martin.
Battery C, Field Artillery
Captain C. T. Spence.

Battery D, Field Artillery
Captain Don Farrell.
Second Battalion Artillery Staff
Major J. E. Mortenson, Captain G. B. Bell.

Battery E, Field Artillery
Captain Vernon Hill.
Battery F, Field Artillery
Captain Arthur Haws.

Battery G, Field Artillery
Captain J. L. Nichols.
Battery H, Field Artillery
Major Jerry Lewis.

Battery A, Coast Artillery
Captain Edward Bateman.
Company A, Quartermaster
Captain R. L. Moore, First Lt. J. J. Tores, First Lt. A. F. Moore, Jr.

Composite Regimental Staff
Lt. Col. Donald Nelson, Jr.
Cavalry Squadron
Major J. C. Dickson, Captain Michael Williams.

Troop A, Cavalry
Captain Joe Knight.
Troop B, Cavalry
Captain Charles Tate.

Troop C, Cavalry
Captain J. N. Miller.
Troop D, Cavalry
Captain C. W. Thoma.
Troop E, Cavalry
Captain Harrell Fotnik.

Engineer Battalion
Major B. J. McCormick, Captain A. O. Hamon, First Lt. Oscar Jimenez.
Company A, Engineers
Captain C. W. Cecil.
Company B, Engineers
Captain W. J. Mannas.

Company C, Engineers
Captain Billy Bowden.
Company A, Chemical Corps
Captain R. F. Huston, First Lt. George Knox, First Lt. Earl Snively.

Army Air Force Group
Major Edwin R. Daniels.
Squadron A, AF
Captain Tommy Blackstone.
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State Press Jumbles Facts, Emphasizes 'Paddle' Issue

By Allen Self
Statewide press coverage of the cadet officer resignation and midnight march, with its consequent repercussions, brought curses and fervent denials from all quarters of the Aggie campus, but undoubtedly boosted sales.

Only newspaper to send a correspondent to A. & M. within a reasonable length of time was the Dallas News, which dispatched Charles Burton, veteran reporter, with instructions to get the full story from both sides and send back reports giving the middle-of-the-road story.

Burton's first story, which was headlined with the news of the cadets' request for President Gilchrist's ouster, was lauded by

alternative but to report it as such, as no written statement of cadet policy had ever been given him, while administration officials had been only too glad to air their views, with permission to quote fully.

The garbled story which appeared in Thursday's Houston Post was not his doing, Winstead held. The news editor of the Post pulled out the seventeenth paragraph of his story concerning the resumption of military formations, and made it the lead, according to Winstead. Then they boldly attached untrue headlines to the story in order to give the impression that the "revolt" was over, when it was still going strong.

The good, solid, unthinking San Antonio Express came through Saturday morning with the most erroneous report of any, and proclaimed it to the world in 1 1/2 double deck headlines on the front page—"188 A. & M. Cadet Officers Ousted From Corps". In reality, practically every one of the cadet officers had already decided to take their medicine and sign back up when the Express hit the streets.

The Express had misconstrued a threat as an actuality.

Even Batt Slips
Even The Battalion slipped once as, faced with changing situations and changing minds, it printed a late bulletin asserting Col. Meloy

was recommending that the college revert to a civilian status. What the Commandant actually said was, "If the juniors and seniors fail to cooperate, I will have no other alternative than to recommend that A. & M. be made a civilian college."

Eagle Jumps Gun
Our neighbor, the Bryan Daily Eagle, headlined the assertion "TEXAS A&M IS NOT A MILITARY COLLEGE TODAY", which sounded like it would have been followed with "BY GOSH" if space had allowed.

This statement was, of course, erroneous, as the military standing of the college had not changed overnight, even if there had been a midnight march on prey's home.