

Board Sticks With 'No Hazing' Policy; Postpones Coaching Decision

Seven Seniors Get Little Response

The Board of Directors reaffirmed its intention of banning hazing—both physical and mental—from the campus, and voted confidence in President Gibb Gilchrist's administration in the face of student demands for his ousting. It sidestepped immediate action on Coach Homer Norton until the other two members of the Board are appointed and affirmed by the Senate; the earliest possible time for the directors to meet in full session again will be the latter part of this week.

Meeting in executive session Friday afternoon after hearing seven cadet seniors charge lack of cooperation between the administration and student body, the board issued a statement that "the recent disturbance at the A & M College, involving 179 members of the senior class, was caused by the administration's enforcement of regulations adopted by the board governing life." This "dis-

turbance" involved a midnight march on the home of President Gilchrist when the cadet officers resigned their commissions and demands his ouster.

Vote of Confidence

The board gave President Gilchrist, Dean of Men J. W. Rollins, and Colonel Guy S. Meloy Jr., commandant, a vote of confidence in handling the recent disturbance. The statement by Board Presi-

dent G. R. White that any practice which prohibits a student from making the best use of his time toward securing educational benefits offered by the college would be eliminated. It also stated that "the board of directors is wholeheartedly and unanimously in accord with any action which the administration takes to reach this goal."

President Gilchrist, in a state-

ment after the midnight march, said that unfavorable conditions, particularly hazing in the Cadet Corps, had caused 48 percent of the freshmen to drop out of school during the first semester. The board endorsed this statement and "recognizes that hazing is the principal trouble."

Exchange Store Rebates

Other business discussed Friday was the distribution of \$3800 in

profits of the Exchange Store on a pro rata basis to students who had made purchases and deposited sales slips requesting the rebates.

College authorities were given permission to comply with terms of Senate Bill Number 7 of the 50th Legislature increasing certain salaried employees whose incomes had not been adjusted since September 1, 1945.

The Board approved the accept-

ance of \$10,000 endowment for scholarships at North Texas Agricultural College from North American Aviation Foundation.

Plantation Profits

Dean Charles N. Shepardson reported to the board that the College Plantation showed a net profit of some \$6300.

NTAC was granted \$13,000 to purchase three dormitories and an apartment which they now lease

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two blocks from the Arlington school's campus.

A gift from Hobart Taylor of \$500 for improvements of campus life at Prairie View University was accepted by the board.

Sbsa Kitchen Gets New Roof
The board authorized several construction items, including a new roof for the kitchen of Sbsa Dining Hall, renovation of the Board of Directors rooms at college, and painting and repairs at the Aggie-land Inn.

Gifts and grants acknowledged by the board Friday were as follows: an engine from Humble Oil Company to test octane rating of airplane fuels; \$2,000 grant in aid from the Nutrition Foundation for research; \$1,500 grant from National Livestock Meat Board for research; Loan of a Todd Fog Insecticidal applicator; \$1,000 grant in aid from General Foods Corporation for research; and approximately \$1,000 worth of greenhouse plants from Louis Hahn and Son of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Bill Proposed for VA to 'Foot' Vets' Student Activities Fees

Includes Publications Subscriptions, Athletic Events, Town Hall Features

A bill enabling the governing boards of all state colleges and universities to authorize a fee of not more than \$20 per semester to cover hospital and health service, athletic events, student activities, student publications, lecture and artists series, recreational programs and facilities, and book rentals, has been introduced by Senator R. L. Proffer and state Representative Robert H. Jackson.

The proposal has been endorsed by student government groups in almost all state colleges, and it is expected that its passage will meet with general approval of all ex-servicemen now attending school under the GI Bill of Rights. Such a bill would enable the Veterans' Administration to pay these fees, which, in many instances, are too high for veterans to pay.

Up to this time the Veterans' Administration has refused to pay for student activities and publications, such as those stated above, but with this bill enacted into law, the Veterans' Administration would be forced to pay these fees.

In some state schools where the student activities fees are compulsory, the Veterans' Administration has undertaken the payment of them. In other cases, including A. & M., the payment of these fees is optional, and the Veterans' Administration has refused to pay. This deprives the ex-serviceman student in a school where the payment is optional of the same or equal benefits with the student attending a school where the fee is required.

College authorities estimated that with such a law, it would not be necessary to increase present fees.

Working on the basis of 5,000 veteran students enrolled in A. & M., the passage of the bill would save ex-servicemen, as a whole, \$100,000 a year. It would include activities such as athletic events and Town Hall features, and subscriptions to The Battalion, either The Engineer or Agriculturist, and The Longhorn.

Directors Name Dr. J. C. Miller Head of AH Department

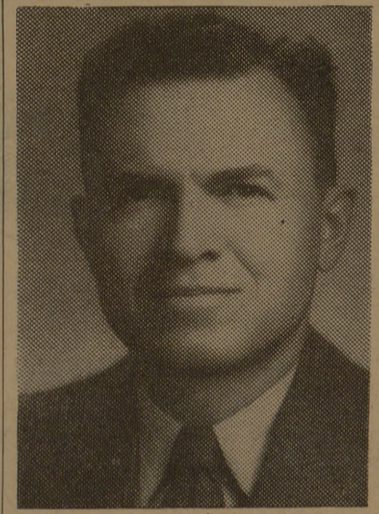
Taught Here 1940-45; Left to Become Head of Tennessee U. Dept.

Dr. J. C. Miller, now at the University of Tennessee, was appointed head of the Animal Husbandry Department by the Board of Directors February 21.

A native of Jackson, Missouri, Dr. Miller has taught at the University of Tennessee since 1945. In the animal husbandry department at A & M for five years, he left to become head of the department at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Miller is one of the leading authorities in the United States on the physiology of reproduction and animal breeding. He is a leader of young men and an inspiring teacher.

Dr. J. C. Miller



New head of the Animal Husbandry Department is Dr. J. C. Miller, who comes from the University of Tennessee.

Agronomy Society Sends Invitations; Appoint Committee

Sponsoring the 13th Annual Cotton Style Show and Pageant, the A & M Agronomy Society has sent out 175 invitations to Aggie mothers' clubs and ex-student groups throughout the state and campus clubs, so that each will be represented with a duchess for the occasion, President John P. Stanford has announced. These invitations should be returned as soon as possible and not later than April 1.

Tuesday Stanford appointed a steering committee to make arrangements for the annual cotton ball and pageant, which will be held April 18. Comprising the group are J. S. Mogford, V. P. Bennett, Roy H. Anderson, G. W. Kunze, E. J. Vacek, R. L. Moore, Mason Briscoe II, and D. B. McCombs.

Likes Americans, Wants Pen Friend

From London to "His Worship, the Mayor of Bryan" came a letter the other day wanting a pen pal in the wild and woolly sections of Texas.

So "His Worship" forwarded the manuscript to The Battalion. In brief, here is the general idea: "I wondered whether you could connect me with pen-friends from your community," wrote the 20-year-old English lass. "I worked as a hostess at an American Red Cross club for a short time, and met several very nice American men and women. The GI's I knew and brought home were all decent, straight, lovable young men, and both my mother and father liked them very much," she continued.

Then she went on to thank all "those generous, courageous, fighting men from America who played such a big part in the ultimate victory," and hoped that England and the United States could build a lasting peace and a happier new world for all.

Pen pals interested in corresponding with this young English girl, write to Miss Elizabeth G. Robinson, 16 Angel Walk, Hammersmith W 6, London, England.

City to Elect Three Councilmen April 1

A general municipal election will be held in the City of College Station on April 1 to elect three councilmen. The councilmen whose terms expire are: G. B. Wilcox, Ward 1; C. W. Crawford, Ward 2; and Rev. R. L. Brown, Ward 3. The election will be held at the Consolidated High School and the polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

Blank applications for candidates may be obtained at the City Office. These should be filed with the City Secretary before March 1.

Cops Nab Peter Rabbit On Lettuce Hunt in St. Louis

Peter Rabbit has been caught—hunting lettuce! Saturday in St. Louis a night watchman heard the shatter of window glass. Then a dark figure fled past him. The watchman lunged and missed. Then a nearby patrolman, quick like the rabbit, gave chase and caught the quarry.

The would-be-burglar was identified at police headquarters as Peter J. Rabbit, 21, St. Louis. He apparently was looking for some long green lettuce.

Class of '45 Picks Cotton Ball Duchess Wednesday

The Class of '45 will meet in the Assembly Hall Wednesday night, February 26 at 7 p. m. for the purpose of arranging the selection of a Cotton Ball duchess. Entries will be made by pictures, and a committee will be appointed to judge the pictures at this meeting. Further spring social activities will also be discussed along with several other important business matters. Class members are urged to help make this the largest meeting of the year.

Spring Has Sprung, and Multi-Colored Helmets Dot Campus

By Allen Self

No, it isn't the army of occupation which has invaded the campus of late. It's only the cadet corps blossoming out in their new helmet liners.

The markings contrived for the drafty fabric helmets are novel to the extreme, resembling the designs that were on the helmet of the young sergeant recently pictured on the cover of Life magazine.

Though complicated as the wearer ascends in rank, the lowly private merely has the brass branch designation and unit markings (A, B, C, etc.). On the sides of the helmet are two A & M decals resembling those used by the Afrika Korps.

Cadet commissioned officers really have a chance to shine. Circling the helmet is a wide gold stripe, shouting "OFFICER" to all who see it. They also are adorned with the Aggie eagle emblem which regularly goes on the visor cap.

Staff officers are flashier yet. Corps staff members have an additional gold stripe, while regimental staff officers wear their regimental colors in a stripe above the gold one.

Helmet liners are destined to eventually replace the traditional campaign hats, which the army has now largely discarded.

The old Aggies had to provide decorations from their own initiative, rolling brims on the campaign hats and indenting the top to give the "jock", "topkick", or the "Beau Brummel" effect.

But now the decorations are already made, painted and varnished. But the rain still drips down your collar, boys.

WANTED! 18 Stage Hands

Eighteen stage hands are needed to work before, during, and after the performance of the Ballet Theatre, which will take place Wednesday, March 12, in Guion Hall.

Applicants will be expected to assist carpenters in preparing the scenery and stage for the performance. Students interested should have no class after 2 p. m., Wednesday, and some will be expected to help pack scenery on trucks after the show. All work will be completed by 10:30 p. m. Wednesday night, and student labor rates will be in effect.

Interested applicants should contact the Student Activities Office, Room 3, Administration Building.

Episcopals Plan Lenten Services

Keeping in step with the Lenten season, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is offering a "Lenten Challenge" every Wednesday, the Rev. O. G. Helvey, vicar, has stated. Each Wednesday at 10 a. m., a short Holy Communion service will be held at the church, which is located across from the new area drill field. In this respect, the Rev. Helvey said that the service would be over in ample time to meet an 11 o'clock class.

Also every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m., an evening service and Bible discussion will take place.

Last Sunday the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas, was at the morning service for Confirmation and sermon.

Await Naming of Bell, Krueger To A & M Board of Directors

Tyree L. Bell of Dallas and Carl C. Krueger of San Antonio were still waiting nomination to the A. & M. Board of Directors by Governor Beauford Jester yesterday.

Names of Bell and Krueger had been cleared by state senators from their respective districts, but Governor Jester was apparently waiting until all nominations were cleared before naming any. Then directors for A. & M., regents for T. U., and directors for several other state colleges would be named in a single message.

3,000 Pack Sbsa Hall for Saturday Night Masters Ball

More than 3,000 Aggies, their dates, and wives—danced to the music of Frankie Masters' Orchestra at the George Washington Ball on Saturday night. According to Grady Elms, acting manager of Student Activities, this was the largest number to attend a college dance during the current social season.

The George Washington Birthday Ball was sponsored by the Veteran Students' Association, and Vice-President Bob Polson of the Association stated that he was well pleased with the large attendance figure. Even though there had been an advance ticket sale, many people stood in line to buy tickets as late as 11 p. m.

At intermission the sixteen beauties from TSCW were presented by Gloria Echols, editor of the Daedalian, TSCW yearbook. Masters picked four class beauties from the sixteen nominees. Names of the four class beauties will not be released until the TSCW Senior Formal on May 3.

Frankie Masters and his orchestra have just completed a six weeks' engagement with the Interstate Theaters, having appeared on the Sunday afternoon "Showtime", all over the state.

Prairie View Law Course Lacks Takers

Established After Sweat Case at UT

The law course at Prairie View University, established as the state's answer to court rulings that Texas must provide such a course or admit Negroes to the law school at the University of Texas, has no takers, Gibb Gilchrist, president of A. & M., announced Saturday.

Prairie View, the only state-supported college for Negroes, is a branch of A. & M., and the court decision to establish a law course there arose from the suit filed by Heman Marion Sweatt for the University of Texas to admit him as a law student.

Registration at Prairie View ended February 10, but the final date of entrance was purposely extended four days, E. L. Angell, assistant to President Gilchrist, stated. The law course was established under the personal supervision of Angell. "Since there were no applicants for the law course, it was planned to give up the Houston offices and release William G. Dickson, Negro lawyer, as instructor on March 1. The site of Houston was chosen for the law training because of its nearness to Prairie View, and Angell termed Dickson as "a fine man and eminently suitable for the position."

It was stated that the course would be re-established next September if there was a demand for it.

Angell said that 400 volumes of law works were available in the Prairie View Library, and arrangements had been made with the University of Texas Law School to deliver on twenty-four hours' notice a list of first-year books recommended by that school. Since the books would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000, he did not buy the books from Prairie View's limited funds after it became apparent that the school would not have any legal trainees this semester.

Officer Observes Corps Informally

Lt. Col. N. L. Soderholm, a member of the Texas Military District staff with headquarters in Austin, visited the campus Monday and Tuesday, February 17-18, for the third informal visit of observation of the Cadet Corps, Colonel G. S. Meloy Jr., commandant, stated. During those two days Col. Soderholm observed drill and classes.

Information has been received by Colonel Meloy that the annual formal inspection of the ROTC will take place between April 15 and May 25. A definite date for this inspection will be announced later.

Registrar Says

Students planning to graduate at the end of the current semester, May 31, 1947, must submit formal application to the Registrar on forms provided for that purpose not later than March 1, 1947.

H. L. Heaton, Registrar.

After Marrying, See VA

"If you're a veteran and get married, see us—the sooner the better," says Taylor Wilkins, veterans' advisor on the campus.

A single veteran in school or training may draw as much as \$65 subsistence monthly; a married veteran as much as \$90. But a single veteran who gets married will draw the larger amount ONLY from the date he applies for it.

So the best policy is to see the VA as soon as possible after getting married.

Bill Proposes Wider Area And Occupation of Board Members

A wider spread, geographically and occupationally, of members of the governing boards of the state colleges and universities was proposed Friday by Rep. Grady Moore of Clarksville. The proposal would mean that directors would be chosen from different portions of the state, a policy which Governor Jester has already adopted.

Moore's proposal would prohibit more than two of the nine members of the governing boards from representing the same occupational group. It would prevent future conditions in which lawyers have constituted a large percentage of the membership of some of the state boards.

A further restriction that Moore proposes would be a provision that at least a majority have children attending public or private schools, or institutions of higher learning. Minimum age of a member would be 30 years.

The bill on file would change the requirements on governing boards operating under a 1913 act. That, apparently, would include all state colleges and universities except Texas Tech, Lubbock, and the College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville.

Rep. Moore's views were incorporated in a bill filed with the chief clerk, and the complete bill was supposed to have been read yesterday when the House resumed sessions.

Insurance Policy Reinstatement Bill Expected to Extend Deadline to Aug. 1

About 900,000 World War II veterans in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi will soon receive letters from the Veterans' Administration acquainting them with their rights to reinstate lapsed GI insurance, according to the Dallas Branch Office, 1114 Commerce St.

About 95 per cent of the 1,300,000 World War II veterans in the Dallas Branch Area had GI policies during military service. The minority who had no government insurance are also eligible to receive it on application along with medical evidence satisfactory to VA.

Bill Awaits Signature

Both the Senate and the House approved a bill authorizing extension of the deadline for reinstatement of GI term insurance without a physical examination upon payment of two monthly premiums; this bill is now awaiting the President's signature.

The Veterans' Administration anticipated that a new deadline of August 1, 1947, would be set. Until that date, veterans will have only to sign a statement that their health is as good now as it was at the time the premium lapsed.

Most lapses came immediately after demobilization before records were decentralized to branch offices. The trend has now reversed. Nearly 24,000 veterans reinstated during January alone in the Dallas Branch Area.

VA is now paying out about \$700,000 a month to 18,689 beneficiaries of veterans in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, on insurance claims. About 10,000 veterans in the area have received waiver of premiums because of total disability.

Ballet Tickets On Sale Feb. 27

Tickets for the Ballet Theatre will go on sale Thursday, February 27 at WSD and Waldrop's in Bryan and the Student Activities Office at college, Grady Elms, acting Student Activities director, announced.

Slated for March 12 in Guion Hall, this performance will not be a Town Hall, but an added attraction on the entertainment schedule. Reserve seat tickets will cost \$2, whereas general admission tickets will sell for \$1.50.

4% Gratuity Payments To Vets Income-Tax-Free

The four percent gratuity payments made by the Veterans' Administration to the credit of veteran-borrowers under the GI Bill loan provisions are exempt from federal income tax, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has ruled.

In addition, it was stated, all interest paid on loans guaranteed or insured under the amended law may be listed as a deduction by the veteran regardless of whether or not part of the interest actually was paid with the gratuity.

New Air Mail Schedule	
Outgoing	
North 8:00 a. m.	— 3:00 p. m.
South 3:30 p. m.	— 7:50 p. m.
Incoming	
North 1:55 p. m.	— 9:10 p. m.
South 9:50 a. m.	— 4:20 p. m.

WHEEL-CHAIR BUS



Walter Ellsworth, patient at McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital, Richmond, Va., adjusts a safety bar holding his wheel chair in place preparatory to a ride in the new, specially equipped bus recently obtained for transporting wheelchair patients.