# 'No Basis for Charges', Committee Reports

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student body. The committee termed Dr. Walton's belittling of "constituted authority" as an extremely unfor-tunate, not to say deplorable thing. A&M is not a sectional school

and it should not belong to any particular group other than the taxpayers of Texas the committee further pointed out.

The committee recommended that the Board of Directors investigate the possibility of a Chancellor for the A&M system. They point out that this is just a recommendation and that the Board has the sole authority to reject or adopt the recommendation.

Signing the majority report were Senators Harris, Hardeman, Ram-sey, Tynan; Representatives, Gil-

mer, Storey and Cox. Complete Text of the Report We, the Joint Legislative Com-mittee apointed by virtue of S. C. R. 21 to investigate the "contro-versy at Texas A. & M. College and to inquire fully into all matters of disagreement between the student body and the administration and any violations of law or of state policy by anyone connected with Texas A. & M. College or the stu-dents of said college and the misuse of any authority on the part of anyone on the staff of Texas A. & M. College, or any misconduct or resistance to constituted auth-ority on the part of the students and to inquire fully into all allegations made against the admin-istration of the college, touching any of its administrative officers, staff or faculty, by any person," pursuant thereto beg leave to submit the following report: STATEMENT

The Committee convened and organized on April 3, 1947, select-ing Hon. Fred R. Harris and Hon. Claude H. Gilmer, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively. An investigator and a reporter were

Extensive documentary evidence, statements and records were admitted and considered by the Committee. Approximately 44 hours were consumed in the actual examination of witnesses,

5. There was no evidence of any official corruption of or by

the administration or the President. 6. There was no evidence of any misapplication or misappropriation of any funds of the Col-

lege by anyone. 7. There was no evidence of any "ineptness" in the school administration.

8. There was no evidence of any coercion, intimidation or dur-ess of either students or faculty or staff members. 9. The rental charged for rooms

was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with the law for the retirement of outstanding revenue bonds. (Art. 2613a-1, 2613a-4, R. C. S. Texas, 1925). 10. The food in the dining hall was of good quality, well-prepared, and of sufficient quantity and the

11. There was no evidence of "controlled" publicity on the part

**VOLUME 47** necessitated an overall increase in

expenditures. 13. The fund of aproximately \$200,000.00 created for the con-struction of a Science Hall was properly handled and its dispo-cition orticfordurily curplained. sition satisfactorily explained. 14. The Brazos River Bottom Farm was purchased on the recom-mendation of Dean E. J. Kyle prior to the present administration and the current price of land in the vicinity is in excess of \$75 per

followed by the management of the Exchange Store and the profit

\$19,004.64 retained by the store for operating margin; \$3,863.21 set up to pay a 10% dividend to students whose sales slips were signed and deposited; \$8,036.26 transferred to student

namely, Mr. T. O. Walton, form-er President of A. & M. and pres-

Charges made against the A&M College Administration by the Vet eran Students Association were without basis, the majority report of the Legislative investigating committee concluded in a written summary presented to members of both houses of the Legislature on Friday, June 6. The report charged that dis-ing persons took full advantage of student discontent over new hazing rules, to discredit the school ad-ministration.

ministration. According to the report, Dr. T. O. Walton, former President of A&M and presently Postmaster, Travis and presently Postmaster, Del 28. Reasonable rules and regu-

lations prescribed and promulgated by the Board pursuant to law have all the force and effect of law insofar as those under their jurisdiction are concerned.

29. The School of Veterinary Medicine has not been removed from the accredited list of the American Veterinary Association. 30. The School of Chemistry was removed from the list of schools approved by the American Chemistry Society in December, 1946.

cost thereof was not excessive.

"controlled" publicity on the part of the administration. 12. The cost of operation of the office of the Dean of Men was not increased for the performance of the same work done by the Commandant's office; however, ad-ditional duties assigned there to

## Six veteran officers will be elected the early part of next week, the election committee announced at the end of last semester. Positions will include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, and parliamentarian. Veterans wishing to become candidates for any of the above positions can file in the Student Activities Office until noon,

Thursday, June 12. As stated in the constitution of the Veteran Students Asso-ciation, officers "shall be elected to serve a term of one regular semester"; two summer sessions are considered as one seriester

the vicinity is in excess of \$75 per acre and not \$60 as charged. 15. The College Exchange Store did a gross business of approxi-mately \$360,000.00 and made a pro-fit of approximately \$54,000.00 thereon or about 15%. A faculty-student council, the student mem-bers being selected by the students at large, were consulted and sub-mitted recommendations thereon and whose recommendations were followed by the management of **Recreation Council Announces** Program of Summer Activities-

comprising approximately 1500 pages, and such more lines varges, and such more increases and and the page of transferred to states, including control to contro

ently Postmaster at College tion, Mr. Travis Bryan, banker at Bryan, Texas, and Mr. Delbert V. Schultz, Big Spring, Texas, have materially contributed to the present student uprising by fomenting, counseling, advising and financing unrest and discon-tent among the student body. 33. The morale of the vast ma-

jority of both veteran students and cadets, as well as staff members is the highest in the history of the College, and the academic accom-plishments of the vast majority of the students are satisfactory.

34. The activities of the College are being administered in a businesslike and efficient man-ner and its fiscal affairs are in excellent condition.

35. The College has the largest enrollment in its history and is at-tended by students whose courses were interrupted by service in the armed forces of their country and whose marital status, in many instances, has changed, and together Students Association, and heard in with crowded conditions and the executive session, also at the re-

While many of the charges were vague and indefinite, yet some specific accusations were made and queries propounded which have thoroughly studied in the light of the evidence.

The complete absence of any testimony worthy of considera-tion of official corruption or misappropriation of any funds by the administration or ineptness of administration is noteworthy. On the contrary, the State auditor's official reports, as well as the College Comptroller's records, indicate the efficient and businesslike conduct of the administrative and fiscal affairs of the main College and its farflung activities.

Testimony of staff and faculty members, who were summoned at the direct instance of the Veteran

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generous State governement. Likewise, the charges for food clearly refuting such charge. a generous State governement. in the dining halls should be of suf-ficient amount to operate it on a Board of Directors and the admin-

istry Society in December, 1946. 31. The Blue Star Award for military efficiency was not earned by the Cadet Corps in 1946. 32. Certain outside influences, 33. The Blue Star Award for military efficiency was not earned by the Cadet Corps in 1946. 32. Certain outside influences, 33. The Blue Star Award for military efficiency was not earned by the Cadet Corps in 1946. 32. Certain outside influences, 33. The Blue Star Award for military efficiency was not earned by the Cadet Corps in 1946. 33. The matter of the present period of transition from a great school to a greater school. 33. The matter of the present period of transition from a great school to a greater school. 34. The uncontradicted evidence is school to a greater school. 35. The uncontradicted evidence is school to a greater school. 36. The uncontradicted evidence is to the effect that there was no form of censorship or "controlled publicity" maintained by the ad-(See NO BASIS on Page 2)

**COMMENTS** Careful consideration of the voluminous record of the investigation clearly supports the foregoing findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the investigation clearly supports the foregoing findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the investigation clearly supports the foregoing findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the investigation findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the investigation findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the investigation findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the investigation findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the voluminous record of the investigation findings. Commension of the voluminous record of the voluminous r The room rental of which com-plaint was made was shown to have been fixed at a sufficient a-mount, based upon the number of occupants, to discharge the interest and sinking fund requirements of Revenue Bonds out of the proceeds of which the desite that a meeting of vét-erans was to be held to discuss haz-ing and other important matters. Such are rather inconsequential Revenue Bonds out of the proceeds of which the dormitories had been constructed. There was no other source of income available for the retirement of such bonds and it was statutory that there should be none. In order to preserve and maintain the credit of the institu-tion it was necessary to make output

tion it was necessary to make such formation of the College testified charges. In this connection it that he had never been told by should be borne in mind by the citthey are under no obligation to furnish board, room and clothing to those availing themselves of the educational facilities afforded by Lute freedom in the publishing and

istration early began to take steps

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## **Appropriation of \$5 Million to A&M Granted Under Bill 246**

The main division of A. & M. By The Battalion College will receive an appropria-tion of \$4,980,182 for the ensuing Staff Correspondents

tion of \$4,980,182 for the ensuing biennium, under the provisions of House Bill 246 which became a law as Governor Beauford Jester affixed his signature on June 4. The bill, which contained the ap-propriations for all state-suppor-ted colleges and universities, to talled \$45,447,646, and is the lar-talled \$45,447,

## the Exchange Store and the profit therefrom was disbursed as fol-lows: At the May meeting of the College Station Recreation lows: Included State Schools Ask Support Of

State Schools Ask Support of Building Plan Amendment Administrators of 16 state-supported colleges and universities, including A. & M. and the University of Texas, Saturday urged all friends of education in Texas to vote fav-orably next August 23 on the proposed constitutional amend-ment which would enable the schools to launch a thirty-year building program and equipment 1. Assigning from the presently

jubilant over the passage of the appropriation bill. For them, it the end of a hard, uphill meant

- Dean of Men's office.

Specific questions propounded Veteran Students Association. by

1. What happened to a fund es-tablished prior to 1943 for a new classroom and laboratory building to augment the Science Hall, and why hasn't construction started on This fund was in the building? the amount of approximately \$200,000.

2. What was the basis of the purchase of a Brazos River Bot-tom farm at approximately \$78 per acre when adjacent farm land was, and still is, selling at approx-imately \$60 on page 2 imately \$60 an acre? 3. Why should the College Ex-

change Store, located here on state-

owned property be permitted to make a net profit last year of \$54,-000 at the expense of the individ-or revolts" at A. & M. College at ual student and the Federal Government?

Why is the \$100,000 wind-tunnel located at Easterwood A ir Field not in operation? Why was 23. The banning of va the survey and subsequent recom-mendation by Dr. A. A. Potter, of Purdue University, to spend not over \$25,000 on a wind tunnel ignored

5. Why did President Gilchrist 24. That hazing is condemned refuse to accept the outright gift of Bryan Army Air Field from the utes of Texas in A. & M. College, Federal Government for the use of the Aeronautical Engineering De-ported schools, and the violation thereof constitutes an offense pu partment?

6. Why doesn't Texas A. & M. have a definite tenure system for right of appeal for its faculty 25. It is the duty of the Board members? FINDINGS

1. The A. & M. College of Texas as well as the rules prescribed by

the use of the Aeronautical Engi-neering Department.

18. A. & M. College has a tenure system and right of appeal for any aggrieved faculty members.

of Mr. Gibb Gilchrist as Dean of the School of Engineering in 1937. 20. The Board of Directors unan-

including the Articles of the Cadet Corps, pursuant to the Basic Pol-icy resulted in a limited student up-

rising or revolt. 22. There have been recurring

intervals and in varying degrees of intensity, primarily over the mat-ter of enforcing the law prohibit-

23. The banning of various hazing practices is the prime factor contributing to the student unrest because of imagined "interference" with so-called "tradi-

**By Charlie Murray** 

**Election of Six VSA Officers Slated** 

Next Week; Filing Deadline Thursday

on the summer program will be junior and semior softball;

rifle marksmanship; swimming for beginning, intermediate,

urday, May 31, 2869 students en-rolled and yesterday, June 9, 827 more were signed up.

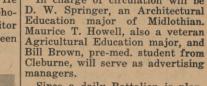
In brief the provisions of the proposed amendment are:

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aggrieved faculty members. 19. Former President T. O. Wal-ton recommended the appointment of Mr. Gibb Gibbrist as Deen of

summer Batt has been published | per, with David M. Seligman, navy | who hails from San Antonio. He By Charlie Murray This summer The Battalion will be a semi-weekly publication, cir-ulated every Tuesday and Friday Summer Batt has been published summer 20. The Board of Directors than-imously directed the promulgation of a "Basic Policy" for the conduct of all personnel at the A. & M. culated every Tuesday and Friday College in the early part of 1947. 21. The promulgation and en-forcement of rules and regulations, collated every fuesday and Friday Charlie Murray, veteran student Managing editor for the Tuesday for the Fri afternoon. In previous years the from Eagle Pass, will edit the pa-issue will be Richard I. Alterman, appointed.



Since a daily Battalion is plan-ned for the September term, interested students are needed to work on the paper. At least five paying offices will be available during the fall term, and this summer will be the best time to gain experience.

Students with the intellectual curiosity to gain writing experi-ence and to learn fundamentals of newspaper editing and makeup, are requested to meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in The Battal-ion office, Room 3, Administration Building.

In the past co-eds attending A. & M. during the summer terms have participated on The Battalion staff, a practice which will be con-All interested co-eds are tinued. also invited to meet Wednesday afternoon in The Batt office.

Married veterans who do not live in dormitories should go by the Student Activities Office to leave their mailing addresses for the summer Battalion.

tions"

25. It is the duty of the Board of Directors and the school auth-orities to enforce the laws of Texas,

Maurice Howell Advertising Manager



Charlie Murray Editor

**Bill Brown** Advertising Manager

D. W. Springer **Circulation** Manager