

Veteran's Wife Applies For Degree From A & M

Claims Her Service in WACs Fills Military Requirements

COLLEGE STATION, April 1 (PA)—Mrs. Sierra Sandstead stunned college officials by applying for a degree here yesterday, becoming the first woman to do so in the seventy-two year history of the school.

Mrs. Sandstead, wife of R. A. Sandstead, veterinary medicine student from Llano, Texas, applied for a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, to be awarded her at the end of the summer session.

In proving that she was eligible for the degree, Mrs. Sandstead quoted "College Regulations," 1948 edition, page 17, section 35. "A candidate for a bachelor's degree must spend at least two semesters of the regular session or thirty-six weeks of the summer sessions in residence in this College during which he (she in this case) must satisfactorily complete, with an average grade of C or better, not less than 36 hours of work above the sophomore level."

"I have met the (above) requirements," said Mrs. Sandstead. "I have attended summer school here the past two years while my husband has been in school and I intended to finish this summer. I attended TSCW for three years prior to the war, so I have the necessary hours for this degree."

When quizzed about the state requirement that all graduates must have completed two years of basic military or its equivalent, Mrs. Sandstead revealed that she had served in the WAC for two years during the war, thus satisfying that requirement.

R. A. Sandstead, who resides with his wife in apartment D-124Y College View, revealed today that his wife's action came as a complete surprise to him. "I knew that Sierra was finishing up the requirements for her degree, but I had no idea she intended to take it here," he said.

College officials expressed great concern over the actions of the pet five-foot-two blonde Mrs. Sandstead. President Gibb Gilchrist is in Austin and as yet has not been contacted, but Dean Bolton gave an official statement to the press in his home late last night. "An emergency meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for tomorrow morning to consider this... this thing!"

COLLEGE STATION, April 1—Cadet staff members of Cadet Corps staff announced here today that plans are being completed for a midnight march on College View. The corps is to be led by the band

playing "Four Semesters With the Wrong Woman," which has been especially written for the occasion. The march will be orderly, military staff members assured everyone. The corps will stand at attention while the corps staff turns in the little black books of the entire staff at the Sandstead apartment.

COLLEGE STATION, April 1—A. E. "Red" Hinder, president of the Ex-students Association, announced plans here today for publishing the next issue of The Texas Aggie with a two-inch black border around the edge of the front page.

NEW ORLEANS, April 1—Henry A. Wallace, left-wing presidential candidate, announced in New Orleans where he is addressing the PAC that he wasn't aware of all the circumstances, but that he was in favor of A&M. "Any school with colors of MAROON and white must be all right," he said here today.

TSCW STATION, April 1—Joyce Jean Klabber, student leader told of the explosive effect of the Aggie land situation upon the TSCW student body. The campus has been divided into two major, hostile camps. The first, composed of these students currently dating Aggies, are horrified at the thought of a woman getting a degree from A&M. The second group, composed of students currently dating men from other schools, are highly in favor of women getting degrees

from A&M. A small third group, composed of students dating men from neither, is ignoring the whole affair.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 1—Congresswoman Clara Lucy Booth made a heated speech in the House today on the situation at A&M. She had it entered into the Congressional Record that she is highly in favor of women having the same educational rights as men, and declared that she will introduce a bill in the House making it legal for women to attend any school in the United States, including Annapolis and West Point.

HOUSTON, April 1—Oveta Colp Hobby, wartime commander of the WAC, stated here today that ex-T/5 Sierra Sandstead had been her orderly and received the Bronze Star for 100 successful missions between Fort Oglethorpe and the Pentagon building on her motorcycle. "Mrs. Sandstead is a fine type of military woman," ex-Colonel Hobby stated, "and I resent the implication that WAC service is less arduous than cadet life at A&M."

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 1—President Harry S. Truman stated today that he believed that the Texas A&M situation will have little or no bearing on the coming November elections, but that he intends to request Congress to immediately increase veterans' subsistence \$5 a month.

Research Project Upset By New Post Office Box Slips

Tom Agrimec, senior student majoring in traditional lore, said today that he was planning to bring suit against the College Station Post Office for malfeasance of duty. "These new box rent notices has got to go," the frustrated senior explained.

Questioning by a Battalion reporter brought out the fact that Agrimec has spent three and a half years at A&M studying the scribbles left upon ancient post office notices by Aggies of past decades.

Agrimec has developed a chemical process for making old writing legible, and has been using it on box rent notices for the past three years. He hints of startling things that he has learned from the old notices.

"After all this work, and just when I was beginning to see success in my venture, what does the Post Office do?" Agrimec smiled bitterly. "They destroy the old notices and come out with brand new ones that will be of no interest to a historian like myself until about 1975."

With only one more notice, Agrimec believes that he could have collected enough material for a book entitled "Inside Dope." This book, he says, would show what real, down-to-earth, ever-day run-of-the-mill students at A&M have been thinking and writing through the years. Such a work, he adds, would make all books taken from official college records look anemic.

Agrimec refused to give even a brief summary of the work he had planned. But he did give a few examples of his findings. "One card I thought was completely worthless, but closer inspection brought out my old man's name. Class of '14. And under that, the words, 'I love Isabel!'"

"Isabel is my mother's name," Agrimec said, and, looking a bit sheepish, he added, "That's the first hint I'd ever had that he felt that way toward her."

Other examples of rejuvenated writing cited by Agrimec were: "June, 1912—I set fire to Old Main last night. Ha, ha," and, "1946: I sent the Kyle Field score board up in smoke last night."

In Agrimec's room are several vats filled with chemicals, and a huge vault with a time lock and three yale padlocks. "I'm taking no chances on anybody stealing my stuff," he said, deftly searching my pockets when I told him the interview was over.

"You can tell the boys through your little paper that if any of them have any old box rent notices, I'd sure like to have them," Agrimec said as he ushered me out of the room. "Maybe with just one more slip I could finish this most wonderful and revealing book ever written about A&M College."

With these words, the thick metal door to Agrimec's room clanged shut and a bolt was slipped into place. That apparently indicated that the interview was over.

According to recently uncovered evidence, from diaries and old news clippings, historians have come to the conclusion the Alamo did not fall—it was pushed.



DR. M. T. NOLEN, left, and DR. J. T. MILLER, right, newly appointed chief dietician and supervisor of subsistence for A&M are shown discussing future plans for feeding the students of the college.

Police Watching Suspects

Burglars Still at Large After Attempted Bank Robbery Fails

Three would-be burglars were foiled in an attempt to break into the First National Bank of College Station about 9 o'clock last night. City and county police officials have been working on clues all night, but as yet no suspects have been rounded up.

The officers found a volleyball, an army swagger stick, and a worn copy of Craig's "Works of Shakespeare" at the north side where entry was attempted. They are at a loss as to the significance of these articles and what part they played in the burglary attempt.

While the swagger stick and the volleyball were found beside the building, the book was found near the northeast corner where a lookout was stationed. Numerous cigarette butts were scattered about.

Though the trio were obviously hunting for money, several people are taking no chances. The dean of engineering immediately removed all his major quizzes from the bank vault and bought a ticket to Dallas on the first plane. Several Aggies dashed in before 8 o'clock classes to remove their Tessie datebooks.

Inspector Slickman, Aggie land Yard, states that this is the most daring act of crime since the attempted hold-up of a colored janitor last semester. "We are checking the activities of several prominent people on the Campus at present," he said, "but I cannot release their names."

Three of his ace detectives were observed at key points. One was watching the ROTC headquarters, another was on the third floor of the Academic Building, and the third visited the Activities for Students at 8 this morning and then immediately left for DeWare Field House.

C. G. "Spike" Black, head of Activities for Students, has admitted under questioning that he was at the bank about 8 p. m. last night to see the bank president. He claims that he was there to float a loan for the Activities Office. "We have been in the red since we repaid the money on the Cavallaro Concert," he said. He could give no satisfactory explanation for the volleyball being at the rear of the bank.

Slickman has given particular attention to the English Department. His right-hand man, Hafta Givietick, reported that Millie Phillips, secretary to Dr. Juno, brought a "Works of Shakespeare" book from the bookstore early this morning. She insisted

that one of the instructors had misplaced his text. Dr. Juno declined to make a statement, but he appeared to smoke more cigarettes than usual.

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New Supervisor, Dietician Named in Aggie Mess Hall

College officials, responding to many pleas from the student body and faculty alike, have announced the appointments of Dr. J. T. Miller to fill the recently vacated position of supervisor of subsistence and Dr. M. T. Nolen as chief dietician of Texas A&M College.

According to first reports appointment of these two leading figures in the culinary world has been joyously received by all those who take their meals at the college mess halls.

Both men already are on the campus, delving into the possibilities inherent in a situation which will give them full opportunity to exercise their native talents in the field of mass feeding.

Dr. Miller and Nolen are perhaps best known for their now famous discovery of that internationally favorite dish, known by various names, which consists of a succulent, gristly hash in a gravy base mixed together with well toasted slices of properly aged bread.

Dr. Nolen was instrumental in the discovery of this dish, and it was while he was working with Dr. Miller that the concoction first received wide publicity. At the time both experts were working as culinary experimenters in the Prairie View food laboratories.

Dr. Miller is a graduate of the Betsy Cooker School of Dietetics, having studied there for 18 years, majoring in the toasting of whole wheat bread. His administrative experience, qualifying him for the position of supervisor of subsistence, was gained while doing research in the field of sanitary dish washing under the supervision of master government experts. "Using the Fried Egg for the Fourth Time," his thesis for his doctorate degree, won Dr. Miller international acclaim.

Dr. Nolen, long recognized as an expert in dietetics, comes to the A&M campus from the General Mills Milling Company where he was instrumental in the development of the palatable "C" ration served to our nation's armed forces during the war. He is not a graduate dietician, but his practical experience gained as an observer at the U. S. S. Rubber Company and at the Kemp-El-Ration Corporation has more than qualified him for his new position.

The Institute of Processed Meats, more familiarly known as the Redd Hart Company, honored Dr. Nolen with his degree as Doctor of Canine Nutrition.

Nolen's experience, according to newly appointed Chief of Subsistence Jay Miller, is widespread in the dietetics field. He was KP three times during his army career and

Communist Plot Uncovered In College Station Underground

By J. EDGAR BUTCHER
Communist cells have been meeting nightly in the power tunnels connecting A&M's buildings, it has been revealed by Fred Slickman, chief of campus security.

The secret was uncovered last night when a man-hole was inadvertently left open by one of the comrades. An unnamed member of the campus police noticed the open hole, and as he was about to replace the cover heard voices chanting, "Comes the Revolution, I get all A's and a distinguished student card!" Recognizing that something was amiss, the campus flatfoot flushed his quarry, using a pipe instead of a pistol, and herded the group of more than 40 down to Goodwin Hall.

Under questioning, the leader broke down and revealed this information:
1. They were sent here to enroll directly from Moscow, Spain since then has fried eggs on several mornings.

When questioned as to their policies in operating the college dining halls both men were quoted as saying, "Hub?" Further explanation by the corps of reporters present at their first "Press-Mess" conference brought this reply from the two men: "This pilfering of plates must stop." Dr. Nolen then commented on the two different systems of feeding now being used on the campus. "What do you mean family style?"

Reporters left the interview confident that the new appointees would furnish a fine source of copy for the country's newspapers.

Dr. Miller and Nolen will assume their duties as members of the college staff in the near future. It is thought that as soon as both men have turned in cafeteria equipment they now have in their possession they will be ready to begin operations.

"We told the students that college classes are conducted that way in Russia," said the leader, "booked merely as Comrade X."

"And did they fall for it?"
Asked what disposition he would make of the prisoners, Chief Slickman said he planned to send them to H. R. Mullen at the University of Houston.

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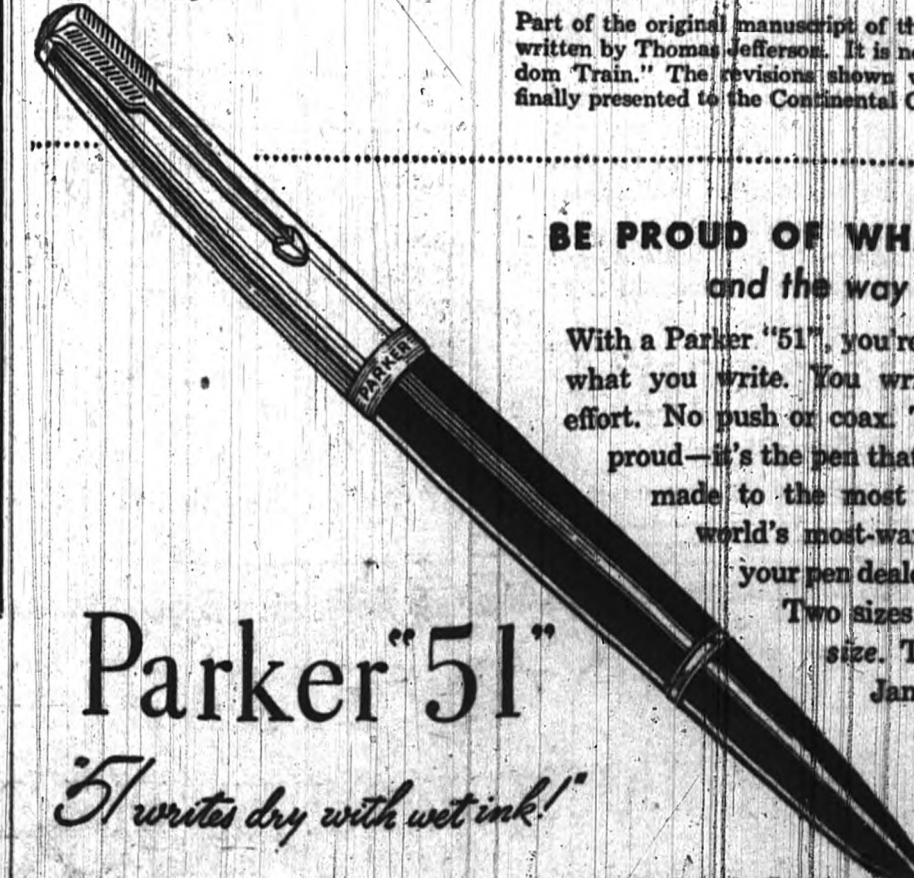
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When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles & organizing it, in such form, as to them shall appear most likely to promote their Safety and Happiness.

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