

Former Students Schedule Meetings Here for Weekend

Seventy-three members of the Former Students Association Executive Committee have indicated they will be on the campus for the Association's annual Fall meeting Saturday and Sunday.

The Executive Board of the Committee will convene for a preliminary session Friday night in the MSC to make recommendations for the agenda of the Committee.

Actual sessions of the full committee will begin Saturday evening in the MSC Ballroom. The group's second and final meeting will be a breakfast Sunday morning.

Development Fund Objectives

Objectives of the Former Student's Association Development Fund will get the discussion spotlight at the meeting of the organization's policy-makers. The group has in the past concerned itself mainly with such things as constructing the MSC, having a book written and published about A&M, and many other projects which have been finished or near completion now.

At a June meeting at Caplen, the Board considered the following objectives for recommendation to the Council—a student chapel for inter-denominational services, completion of the 1950 Opportunity Award Scholarship program, and a college president's fund. The three objectives will be among the major items to be discussed when the general committee meets Saturday.

At the June meeting, the Board authorized Association President George Morgan to investigate and make a cost estimate on a student chapel in the YMCA building. Re-

ports of the committee are forthcoming at the Board's Friday meeting.

Members of the Board and early arrivals to the general committee meeting will be allowed free time to witness an intra-squad football scrimmage Saturday afternoon on Kyle Field.

The scrimmage, scheduled to begin at 2:30 p. m., will be held under regular game conditions.

During the course of its meetings, the Council will hear reports by the Association officers, and take action on recommendations for 1952 Development Fund objectives made by the Executive Board.

Marshall Quits Defense Dept.; Lovett Gets Job

Washington, Sept. 13—(AP)—President Truman boosted Robert A. Lovett into the job of Defense Secretary yesterday after George C. Marshall resigned to seek once more a quiet retirement at his Leesburg, Va., home.

In Congress, there was immediate praise of Lovett's appointment with some Republican senators saying they were happy to see a civilian returned to the top control of the huge military establishment.

The Senate is expected to give quick approval to Lovett's nomination.

Marshall said he resigned for "very personal reasons" and after an understanding with Mr. Truman that his services at the Pentagon were to be only temporary. He was appointed secretary exactly one year ago.

President Truman accepted the resignation "with great reluctance" and told the 70-year-old five star general in a letter "no man has given his country more distinguished and patriotic service than have you . . . You have earned your retirement many fold and I wish you many good years at Leesburg."

Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress appeared happy over the Lovett appointment. He is a 56-year-old former New York investment banker who first came into the government in 1940 at President Roosevelt's request as Assistant Secretary of War.

He had the job of boosting bomber production from three or four a month up to 1,000 a month. It appeared an impossible task—but he did it.

ED Department Adds New Course

The Engineering Drawing Department will offer a course in Lay-Off and Mold Drafting during the Fall semester. The course, ED 207, has a three-hour lab a week and carries a one-hour credit.

Prerequisite for the course is ED 124. The second part of the course, ED 208, will be offered during the Spring Semester, Prof. L. E. Stark, has announced.

Lay-Off and Mold Drafting is offered primarily to familiarize the student with ship nomenclature and to introduce some of the practical applications of descriptive geometry involved in mold loft layout, said Stark.

In the past an inspection trip was arranged to a ship yard to gain first hand information on newer techniques of ship construction and repair.

Officials Urge People To Get House Numbers

In order to start house-to-house mail delivery, which residents of College Station expressed their desire to have in a recent survey, a greater effort must be made to erect house numbers and mail boxes, according to the city council.

A letter was received at the last city council meeting from Dr. T. O. Walton, College Station, postmaster, informing the group that authorization to employ mail carriers and begin the service had been received.

Raymond Rogers, city manager, stated at the same meeting the city had completed the job of erecting street markers at all intersections within the city limits.

Although on many streets in the city house numbers have been put up in accordance with the council's request, many portions of College Station still lack suitable mark-

Fish Daze



New and returning students mount the steps to registration

Learning Ability Upped

Remedial Reading Successful

By FRANK DAVIS
Battalion City Editor

A big handicap facing many college students is their inability to read rapidly and with understanding. To correct this failing, the Basic Division began an experiment last year in remedial reading. The results of the experiment were encouraging.

Approximately 180 students enrolled last Spring in Basic Course 102 under Dr. Albert J. Kingston, director of remedial reading in the Basic Division. The average rate at which the students read at the beginning of the course was 215 words per minute, with a comprehension level of 52 percent.

The students were given instruction and exercises designed to teach them to read by phrases instead of words, widening their span of recognition, and to break their habit of vocalization, or moving their lips. The instructor attempted to enlarge their vocabulary, and to teach them to read for a special purpose and rhythm.

The result was an average gain in words per minute of 54 percent, with a 15 percent increase in comprehension.

This year four sections in remedial reading will be offered to upper classesmen. Six sections will be limited to the incoming freshmen whose tests show they need such instruction.

Two former dormitory counselors for the School of Military Science will aid Dr. Kingston in remedial reading this year. They are William B. Wood and Frank E. Mc-

Farland. The aim of the Basic Division in a few words is to help the student find himself near the start of his college experience.

To achieve this aim, the Basic Division is concerned with two phases—group and individual guidance.

As a group, the students are

'Fish' Views First Days With Bewilderment, Dismay

(Editor's note: Freshman Howard Hough, a new student on The Battalion staff, had this word of advice to offer fellow classmates ('55) concerning the first week as an Aggie "Fish.")

Upper Classmen don't bite. Although they seem to offer a few brief encounters with the almighty ones, not one actually took a bite. In fact the freshmen soon found out that all the formality was just tradition every Aggie since 1876 has gone through.

Lines soon became an unhappy sight for the new students because so much time was killed that way. Registration, post office box, uniforms—everything was in a general confusion. If there was a way there was a line.

Everyone started learning the first day what an Aggie was and what was expected of one. There's your way and there's an Aggie land way and during Freshmen Week the freshmen learned how to be a good Aggie.

"Howdy" took the place of "Hiya" and "Hello" and "Yes Sir" and "No Sir" replaced "Yea" and "No." Then came marching and meeting upperclassmen which gave

everybody a fit at first. To fall out at a certain time, and to make formation the right way was just another good Aggie duty.

Some fellas got homesick the first day and just about everybody was homesick by the third day. That's why most "Fish" would dash to the post office the first chance they got. By the word chance, that is, everyone complained often and loud about not having any free time and never getting enough sleep.

But dashing to the post office wasn't enough. Most of the fellows found the combination locks on the boxes didn't jibe with the number the Post Office issued.

It was during one of these fights with that unyielding door that upper classmen have a heart or a reasonable portion thereof. One of them actually gave several of the newcomers a little help.

It seems as if the doors resent a freshman being so brash as to expect mail.

Despite the fact of the resenting mail boxes, not enough sleep, homesickness, and to many waiting lines, the class of '55 is off to a big start.

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Cadet Officers On Campus For Orientation

A two day orientation course for cadet officers and non-commissioned officers began this morning with welcoming addresses by President M. T. Harrington, C. C. French, dean of the college; and W. L. Penberthy, dean of men.

The purpose of the school is to indoctrinate the coming year's cadet military leaders with information concerning leadership, health facilities, proper exercise of voice of command, property responsibility, the policies and methods used by the Commandant, and to familiarize the men with the Articles of the Cadet Corps.

A lecture and discussion of leadership responsibility was conducted by Col. Shelly P. Myers, PMS&T, and Col. E. W. Napier, PAS&T. This lecture encompassed the duties of the various officers and non-coms and included suggestions for the successful execution of such duties.

Wet Cold Front Moves in Over Most of Texas

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A cold front pushed a line of thundershowers slowly southward across Texas Wednesday night.

Heavy rains fell in parts of north Texas. Temperatures dropped from 15 to 20 degrees along the front, the weather bureau reported.

The front is due to affect all of the state except the lower valley and southeastern coast by Thursday morning, the bureau said.

Early in the evening (8:30 p. m.) the front extended along a line running roughly from east of Sherman to south of Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene and Big Spring to north of El Paso.

Al Stine, Associated Press representative, reported driving through torrential rains from Ardmore, Okla. to Dallas.

The weather man explained that Stine was driving right along side the cold front.

Dallas got more than 2 inches of rain and Fort Worth .55 inches as the black clouds moved over the area.

Other rainfall, not connected with the cold front, during the last 24 hours included: Houston .43 inches, Waco .15, Beaumont 1.40, Galveston 1.59, Laredo .37, Texarkana .25 and Mineral Wells .14.

The temperatures dipped to the 70's in the Panhandle. Amarillo had a high of 71, Lubbock 75 and Childress 78.

Victory Party To Celebrate UCLA Game

A Victory Party will be given in the Biltmore Bowl of the Biltmore Hotel following the A&M-UCLA football game Friday night.

Sponsored by the Southern California A&M Club, the party, along with other planned activities, is open to all Aggies who attend the game.

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given vocational orientation to acquaint them with the opportunities and requirements in different jobs. Talks are scheduled by the heads of the different departments in the four schools at A&M.

Working with the students as individuals, counselors talk with them about personal assets suiting them for particular job skills. The tests—aptitude and interest—which the student took during the new student program are utilized, as well as the student's high school record.

For additional information about the student, the appraisal service, formerly Veteran's Appraisal Service, under the direction of A. E. "Buddy" Denton, Jr. gives special tests to discover new strong and weak points.

Under the program of individual counseling, the improvement of study habits, and the working out of personal problems are attempted to aid the student in adjusting himself to college life.

A course in play production, English 381, will be offered this fall for three hours credit, according to C. K. Esten, assistant professor in the English department. Class will meet Monday and Wednesday at 1 p. m., with time for a lab not yet set.

A lecture and demonstration course, English 381 will be presented primarily from the director's point of view. Included in the course will be instruction on how to choose a play, how to interpret it, and how to cast it. How to design and light a set will be taken up, and there will be some training in makeup, some training in acting, and a short survey of the history of the theater beginning with the Greeks.

A companion course, much more technical than Eng. 381, will be offered next spring, Esten said. It will be English 382, stage craft.

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Journalism Clinic Planned For Future Newspapermen

The Texas Scholastic Press Clinic, presented by the Department of Journalism at A&M, will be held at the MSC Sept. 22. The Clinic is held for high school students

in the state interested in journalism. Andy Anderson, columnist and special writer for the Houston Press, will be the featured speaker at a luncheon held in the Assembly Room of the MSC. The best story printed in a school paper covering this talk and submitted to the TSPC will be reproduced and distributed to schools attending the Clinic.

Following the welcome address by Dr. C. C. Clement French, dean of the college, the delegates will hear the first of six scheduled talks by members of the Journalism Department and journalism students.

"What Journalism Can Do for You" is the title of the first address to be delivered by David Coslett, former Battalion co-editor,

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Deferments To Continue For Students

Washington, Sept. 13—(AP)—The Defense Department said yesterday it will continue deferring the draft of college students during the coming academic year but added that the program may have to be "tightened up" when military manpower nears the bottom of the barrel in the following year.

The department's manpower chief, Assistant Secretary Anna Rosenberg, issued a formal press statement yesterday apparently related to testimony she gave a Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee last June and which was made public recently.

In her testimony then she said the bottom of the military manpower pool would be reached in 1953 and added "we have to ask Gen. Hershhey (director of selective service) to set aside the student deferment next year, because we will not have enough men."

Her press statement yesterday said: "Under present manpower requirements and in accordance with presently authorized strengths of the armed forces, it will not be necessary to cease the granting of college student deferments. The defense department has not recommended that college student deferments be abolished nor does it plan to do so unless there is a substantial change in the size of the armed forces. There is no change in plans for the coming academic year."

"However, as General Hershhey and I have pointed out several times, in the year ahead we will begin to approach the bottom of the manpower barrel. At that time it may be necessary to tighten up on college student deferments in order to meet the manpower requirements of the armed forces."

"This would mean that fewer students would be permitted to defer their military service until after the completion of their higher education but it would not mean, by any means, that no students would be deferred for that purpose."

Aggie Players Plan Fall Presentation

Everyone who is interested in taking part in the play "Command Decision" is invited to attend the first fall meeting of the Aggie Players, today said C. K. Esten, sponsor of the club. The meeting will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Assembly Hall.

"Don't let lack of experience hinder you; sometimes it is a help," Esten said in urging everyone to come to the meeting.

There are 18 male parts in the play, and Esten needs someone for each part, since no one has yet been cast in the play. "Command Decision" will be presented on November 12 and 13.

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