

## Mitchell Appointed As Sgt. Major

Sergeant Fred H. Mitchell has been appointed sergeant-major of the Battalion, announced Col. W. H. Davis, commanding officer.

Mitchell, a range-forestry major, will assume his duties immediately, said Weldon Kruger, sergeant-major who will take over the corps staff duties.

Mitchell will serve as sergeant-major for two years. He held the job in 1951.

Mitchell will direct the activities of the Battalion. He will conduct meetings and coordinate work with the ROTC.

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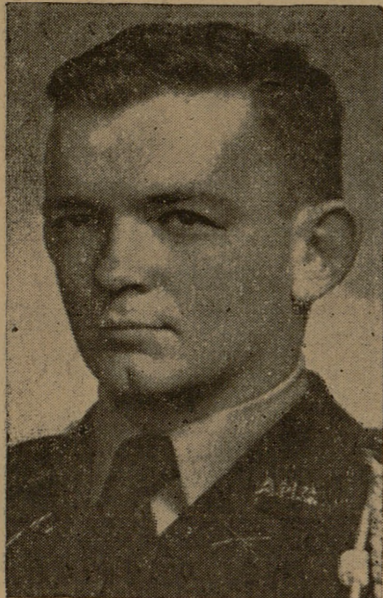
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Mitchell is the son of Col. and Mrs. E. H. Mitchell of 5012 Woodrow, Galveston. His father is currently serving in Europe as inspector general for the European Theater of Operations communications zone.

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## School Group Hears By-Laws, Bond Plan

The newly formed College Station citizens group for public schools last night adopted a set of by-laws and heard an explanation of the proposed \$385,000 bond issue by the A&M Consolidated School board of trustees.

By-laws for an Educational Commission were adopted as recommended by the by-laws committee, with a few minor revisions.

The purpose of the organization is set forth in the by-laws as "to aid school authorities, gather facts, and inform the community."

An executive council, composed of the president, vice-president, secretary, and chairmen of nine committees, will serve as the group's steering committee.

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## SLC Seeks to Help Student-Prof Plan

The Student Life Committee (SLC) approved yesterday plans to include other student and faculty groups in seeking the solution to better student and faculty relations.

After hearing Dr. Carl Landiss of the physical education department present the student-faculty relations subcommittee report, the SLC decided the problem should be extended to include comment from the different schools student academic councils, the faculty executive councils, dean and the Student Senate.

The motion was made by Joel Austin, co-editor of The Battalion, and seconded by Junior Class President T. B. Fields.

Two Problems  
The subcommittee report presented two problems which must be solved. These are (1) students feel censored by their fellow students if they go to an instructor for help and (2) student and instructors do not have a close enough relationship.

Four suggestions offered to cure both problems were:  
● Cadet officers should encourage underclassmen to become better acquainted with instructors and go to them for help.  
● Each student in the unit should be allowed to ask a professor over each week to visit his dormitory and eat the evening meal in the dining hall.  
● Stronger emphasis should be placed on departmental coffees.  
● Assign students to faculty members, who will act as individual counselors for this group.

Earlier, the SLC approved Dec. 17 as the date for the second annual 12th Man Football Bowl game.

Budget Raised  
For Recreation  
In 1953 - 54

The College Station Recreation Council budget for 1953-54 will be \$4,985, based on expected income.

Announced yesterday by Ralph Rogers, secretary of the Council, the budget is \$500 over last year's budget of \$4,478. The program for the coming year, however, has been expanded to include more activities, Rogers said.

Added this year will be the Recreation Council's assistance in American Legion junior baseball and sponsoring of two minor league teams for the Little League Baseball program.

Activities included in last year's program that will be continued this year are swimming, tennis, pre-school, tumbling, senior softball, a Lincoln High School program, a community picnic, Christmas party, rifling, and senior volleyball.

He added that the income for the budget will be derived from fees paid by participants in swimming, tennis, and pre-school activities, plus contributions and \$500 carry-over from last year. The contributions, expected to total \$2,700, come from the city council, Community Chest, and Chamber of Commerce. Rogers expects \$1,865 from fees.

It was decided by the Council Friday to name recommendations for the City Recreation Board at the April 13 meeting, at which offices will be elected. Those recommended must be approved by the mayor and the city council.

Evaluation Report  
Set for Wednesday

The A&M Consolidated Elementary School Evaluation Committee will make a public report of their findings at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the Consolidated cafeteria.

The five-man committee has been conducting a "self-improvement" study of the elementary school this week, said Mrs. H. S. Creswell, principal.

"Parents and interested citizens are urged to support their school by attending this committee meeting," said Michael V. Krenitsky, president of the Mothers and Dads Club.

Members of the evaluation committee are Teresa Carrel, Texas Education Agency; Dr. Alma Freeland, University of Texas; Dr. Robert Jacobs, A&M Basic Division; Paul Manning, Navasota elementary principal; Jim Morman, Hempstead School superintendent; and Dorothy Jean Green, fifth grade teacher at Casin School, Austin.

BA Department  
Adds New Course

A new curriculum in personnel administration has been approved and will go into effect Sept. 1, said R. L. Elkins, associate professor of business administration.

Business Administration 105, the new course, is the only addition. Its purpose is to familiarize new students with different phases of the field. It is a three-hour freshman course.

DR. J. D. LINDSAY, head of the chemical engineering department, has been named a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers committee on Nuclear Energy.

The committee is planning an international meeting which will explore the chemical engineering aspects of nuclear processes.

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## Bloodmobile Unit Sets Goal At 200 Pints

Two hundred pints of blood will be the goal of the Southeast Texas Bloodmobile Unit's second visit to the campus, March 24.

More than 200 pints were donated at the Bloodmobile's first visit, Dec. 17.

First sergeants have been given donor forms for distribution to their units. Anyone between the ages of 21 and 59 may donate. Donors between the ages of 18 and 21 must have the consent of their family.

Any staff members, local resident or non-dormitory student who wishes to can donate by calling the Housing Office and making an appointment.

A doctor and a staff of registered nurses will take donations. They will be assisted by volunteer workers from College Station, with refreshments provided by the Kiwanis Club.

The volunteer workers and their jobs are as follows:  
Donor Room: Mesdames C. C. Doak, J. J. Woolket, R. H. Shuffler, A. D. Adamson, M. M. Norton and J. E. Roberts.

Canteen: Mesdames J. R. Oden, R. E. Leighton, R. D. Lewis, B. H. Dewey and W. R. Horsley.

Orange Juice: Mesdames Walter Delaplaine and Brint Morris.

Escort with card and bottle: Mrs. Lee P. Thompson.

Bottle Lablars: Mesdames C. B. Godbey and Bennie Zinn.

Walkers: Mesdames Fred Weick and C. H. Thompson.

Hostesses: Mesdames T. W. Leiland, W. R. Horsley, M. T. Harrington and D. W. Williams.

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