

A&M Professors 'Lost' In Pay Raise Shuffling

PROFESSORS AT A&M are beginning to wonder where they fit into the proposed pay increases which have been floating through and around the Legislature during the last few weeks.

Today may tell the sad or glad story. Although the Senate has passed a bill to raise the wages of state employes 10 per cent on the first \$3,000 of present salaries which means about \$300 added to college instructor's income, no further action on this bill has been taken. It is not part of the general bill to pay for state operations.

The active and powerful lobby of high school teachers is rocking the Legislature with mail, telegrams and verbal "encouragement" as they try for their "wanted" \$600 yearly salary increase.

Neither house of the Legislature has approved the \$600 increase, but both agree an increase is due.

It is logical to assume that the Legislators understand the case, although perhaps not as well as some teachers and professors would want them to. Legislators are urging a sliding scale, giving the bulk of the money as an "incentive" raise to newcomers in the profession.

The problem facing A & M professors is that the 10 per cent state employe raise bill seems to have been lost in the shuffle.

Through last weekend, a joint appropriations committee has been thrashing through the problem and this afternoon, public hearings will be heard concerning the high school teachers' raise.

Word from Austin indicates that the Texas State Teachers' Association will help the college professors in their fight for a raise, after one is approved for the high school instructors. The shame is the weakness of the college professors' organization and lack of "voice appeal" to the Legislature.

But the joint committee may include the college instructors in their appropriations' bill although they started their conference last week without a definite bill concerning the college professors alone.

Today's session should shed some light on the confusing issue.

At the present time, the 10 per cent increase of state employes' salaries and the presence of the TSTA lobby are college professors' only "Easter eggs." We hope it does not end in an April Fool.

"What is good for the swarm is not good for the bee."—Aurelius.

Malenkov's Policy Impresses Few

A MEMBER OF the Congress seems infatuated by the recent Communist moves and feels a "substantial reduction" is needed in military spending, if a truce succeeds in Korea.

However, other members of the nation's Senate are convinced that a fatal mistake might be made, if the United States did relax at this moment.

In England, a Parliament member was carried away by Malenkov's administration policy during the dictator's first month in power and suggested that the Soviet leader be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The United Nations and the United States should make every effort to obtain a peace in Korea, but also to maintain all the defenses established since 1945.

To begin relaxing our guard at this time would prove disastrous to the safety of the world.

We should make every attempt to reach a settlement with the Soviet, but we should continue to remember our part and trust in maintaining world security.

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"The thought of suicide is a great consolation; by means of it one gets successfully through a bad night."—Nietzsche.

New Law Helps Korean Vets, A&M

AN INCENTIVE was added recently for Korean veterans to enter state colleges and universities with Gov. Shivers signing into law a bill which makes them exempt for payments of fees and other charges, just as are the veterans of World War II.

The bill of Rep. George S. Berry of Lubbock gives them the same privileges as the older veterans and also provides similar terms for children of Korean veterans who were killed in action or died while in service.

A&M is one of the 16 major state colleges and universities which will benefit.

"He is a fool who lets slip a bird in hand for a bird in the bush."—Plutarch.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Sen. Moore Explains Views On Coeds to Dallas Club

Editors, The Battalion:

Attached is a letter to the Dallas A&M Club concerning "Day-Dodger" Moore's stand on coeducation at A&M.

This letter was printed in the "Da-1-Aggie" and we feel perhaps you would like to print it.

(The letter, dated March 9, follows):

Dallas A&M Club

Mr. Robert A. Bell
913 Telephone Road
Dallas, Texas
Dear Mr. Bell:

Relative to our telephone conversation recently, I wish to give you the following:

The principal reason for introducing the resolution to make A&M College coeducational as I see it is to provide for the normal social and spiritual development of the individual.

At present the college can and does train its students to enter the various technical fields with excellent backgrounds. The record of graduates of Texas A&M College speaks for itself. Where they have excelled, I think they will go even further with less readjustment to society, were the college to become coeducational.

We speak of traditions, surely all Aggies and Aggie friends are proud of those of A&M College. Likewise, we as Americans are

proud of the United States of America and hold dear the traditions passed down through its age of development. But I do not feel that traditions should be so binding and unflexible as to prevent the development of the individuals concerned. Can we continue to be proud of traditions if they prevent the natural development of the minds and spiritual bodies of the individual?

All of the other major colleges now offer military science and A&M College is no longer exclusive in this field. If it could be worked out finally and A&M College should become coeducational

the college would become not only the largest school in the southwest but the best school in the south-west, academically as well as in size.

Driver Class Helps Students Pass Test

A&M Consolidated High School students who have taken driver's education courses have been almost 100 percent successful in passing state driving tests for license each year since its introduction in 1946.

The course is conducted by A&M Industrial Education students, said W. E. Wright, assistant professor of Industrial Education. At the completion of the course, Consolidated students are eligible to take driving tests, Wright said.

The purpose of the course is two-fold, Wright added. It instructs students in the practice of safe driving and teachers Industrial Education students the technique of instruction in driver's education after graduation.

Industrial Education students conduct four classes daily at A&M Consolidated High School. Students practice in a dual-operated Pontiac, Wright said.

Dairy Show Set By Kream, Kow Klub

Plans are now being made for the annual spring dairy show sponsored by the Kream and Kow Klub, the dairy department's technical club.

A. L. Darnell, professor of dairy husbandry, will be in charge of the show. There will be some 50 dairy animals of all ages available for student use, said Darnell.

The show will be held Saturday, April 25, at the new dairy center.

UN, Reds Agree Exchange of

MUNSAN, KOREA, April 7.—(AP) The United Nations and the Communists agreed today to exchange all sick and wounded prisoners of the nearly three-year-old Korean War.

Actual mechanics of the exchange still must be worked out. But there were only minor disagreements, and Allied officers said they anticipated no trouble reaching swift settlement.

The Reds said they would report within the next day or so how many disabled prisoners they would deliver to Panmunjom for the exchange, which could start within a week after plans are completed. Civilian war internees will be included.

"Very Favorable"

The senior Allied liaison officer, Rear Adm. John C. Daniel, said the Communist attitude "is very

Science Books Top In Circulation List

More books on applied science were circulated from the A&M Library than on any other subject, according to Mrs. John Ebbs, circulation librarian.

Eight hundred and ninety-two applied science books were checked out of the A & M Library, closely followed by 808 pure science and 667 social science, probably due to the fact that A&M is a mechanical college, she said.

Other books having high circulation and the number circulated are: history 473; biography 318; literature 330, fine arts 251; psychology 166; religion 58; language 43 and general subjects 25.

Total circulation for the month was 8,362. Total number of books taken out of the library was 4,845 and books read in the library numbered 2,269.

There were 4,031 non-fiction books circulated and 814 fiction. 1,163 reserve books were read in the library and 85 reserve books were checked out.

The present Cushing Memorial Library building was built in 1930 at a cost of \$25,000, and is available to citizens of the Bryan-College Station community as well as students and members of the faculty, said Mrs. Ebbs.

Fraps Gives College Technical Papers

Over 400 technical papers were recently given to the College Archives by Dr. George S. Fraps, retired State Chemist of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The papers deal with subjects ranging from dyeing to soil fertility, and are bound in 20 auto-graphed volumes.

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