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Harrington Agrees to Consider Corps of Cadets Consolidation

Corps Policy Committee Presents Proposal List

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President Harrington agreed last night to consider three proposals which would lead to a consolidation of the Corps of Cadets by housing freshmen with the other three classes.

The proposals were presented to the president by three members of the 15-man steering committee of the junior class for 1953-54 corps policy.

These members were Fred Mitchell, corps sergeant major, Kurt Goode, corps operations officer, and Vol Montgomery, junior yell leader.

The first proposal asks for an eventual consolidation of the corps where all classes would live together. The second recommends the consolidation should be done starting next fall. The third recommends two trial consolidated units be set up next year in case the program could not be inacted throughout the entire corps. The committee feels these trial units would prove the advantages of a consolidated corps and help perfect it for future years.

Details of the consolidation plan would have to be worked out by a joint committee of cadets, faculty members, and administrative representatives, Mitchell said. Mitchell explained the committee would cooperate with the administration in any way possible to make the plan a success.

Basic Division

Regardless of where the freshmen are housed, the committee feels they should remain under the academic supervision of the Basic Division.

In addition to the three proposals the committee also presented the president with a list of advantages a consolidated corps would have over the present system of freshman segregation. These advantages are classified under four general categories: academic, military, morale, and activity.

The complete list of these proposed advantages appears on page two.

Harrington asked the committee several questions concerning the proposed consolidation. He explained, though, the questions were for his own information and were not intended to show criticism of the committee's work.

Under the proposed consolidation the board (instrument for hazing) would have to be completely abolished, Mitchell said. Goode said A&M must turn out men who can control without hazing. If men who haze underclassmen are eliminated, the standards of the school will be raised, he said.

Harrington asked the three committeemen if they thought a man who didn't show officer qualities by the end of his junior year should be removed from the corps. Mitchell agreed by saying any man who graduates from A&M with a commission must have qualities which would enable him to care for the lives of his men.

'Good of Country'

No man should be an officer who is not capable of leading men into battle, he said. "The good of the country comes before the good of the school," Mitchell added.

Harrington asked the three men if housing freshmen with the upperclassmen would make the freshmen feel uneasy. He said visitors who remembered when all classes lived together were amazed at the present relaxation of the freshmen.

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Gilchrist Says Abolish TS Academy

Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist said today that the A&M System Board of Directors should abolish the Tarleton State College Academy.

The State House of Representatives has passed a bill giving the Board the power to do away with the high school part of the A&M System junior college.

Gilchrist said that the abolishment of the academy would greatly reduce the running expense of the system because of the limited enrollment of the Academy. "In reality nothing would be abolished by the bill, but defects of the original law would be corrected," he added.

Gilchrist said that in the event that the high school courses were in enough demand they would be offered again.

The bill has not yet been passed by the state senate.

Samuels Outlines '53-'54 MSC Goals

Better student-faculty relations is a goal of the MSC next year, said John S. Samuels, new president of the MSC Council and Directorate.

Other proposals for 1953-54 and new ideas mentioned by Samuels include:

- Formation of a forum committee to operate in conjunction with the Dallas Council on World Affairs.

- An expanded program to educate new freshmen on the value of extra-curricular activities through the MSC's new student week set-up and through the basic division classes.

- Taking the Junto Club, campus discussion group, into the MSC as a Directorate body, the first time such a group has been integrated into the MSC organization.

Better student-faculty relations will be attempted through coffeees to be held once a semester during the regular class period by students and their professors.

Calendar Planned

The possibility of printing a monthly calendar listing activities for that month was also mentioned by Samuels.

An expanded art program with more and varied exhibits is also planned for next year.

Continual broadcast of serious music in the Center, from opening to closing has also been planned.

More record listening hours similar to the program held in the Center earlier this week are proposed for next year.

In addition to these suggestions, Samuels promised better organization of the MSC personnel program with closer coordination among other campus groups.

Square dances over WTAW will also be continued next year as a regular activity of the Center.

A more extensive program of dancing classes is in the blue print stage, Samuels said, with enlargement of classes a definite possibility.

The MSC will have a brochure ready for distribution by September to visitors of the Center and campus, describing the building and its various functions and activities.

One-Way Street Project To Relieve Congestion

More one-way streets are planned on the campus to help move traffic with less congestion and prevent accidents, said H. W. Badgett, manager of the college physical plants.

Houston St., heading out to the North Gate in front of the College Station Post Office, will be

one-way, he told the Accident Prevention Committee yesterday.

The street, immediately in front of the Postoffice, will be one-way going north, and the continuation of Houston St., past the small Y, will be one-way going South and coming on to the campus, Badgett said.

Another one-way street is planned for Roberts St. (between the library and Bagley Hall) and Hubbard St. (between the library and the new Science Building) in the area surrounding the Cushing Memorial Library.

Roberts will be one-way toward the west, while Hubbard St. will complete the semicircle at back of the Academic building and be one-way going East.

Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men and chairman of the committee, said four recommendations will be made to the Campus Traffic Committee. Besides the proposals for the one way streets, the committee recommends:

- Allowing the Academic Building parking lot to have the extra entrance it has now and to be marked "Entrance Only" and "Exit Only."

- Placing of stop signs at the Throckmorton and Jones Sts. intersection.

- Placing speed zone signs at various points on the campus.

Badgett also told the committee that every college building had been inspected recently for fire hazards and all fire extinguishers checked. Replacements and repairs are being made where necessary, he said.

"All elevators have been inspected and will be three times each year," he added.

Ralph Vernon of the industrial education department reported that all the engineering shops will be surveyed completely by Thursday to seek causes of accidents in these locations.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Melcher, act-

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More Than 200 Duchesses Planned for Cotton Pageant

More than 200 duchesses will be crowned in the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball, are from left to right: (Seated) Miss Mary Helen Winsor, Miss Cora Jane Becker, Miss Jane McBrierty, Miss Gloria Bendy, Miss Ann Stewart, (Standing) Miss Allie Jeanne Glass, Miss Margaret Robinson and Miss Linda Bailey. Miss Jonetta Lovett was absent from the picture because of illness.

Russell, assistant to the executive vice-president of the National Cotton Council of America, Memphis, Tenn.

The king will then present the duchesses of the seven Southwest Conference colleges and of the Agronomy Society, and crown his queen, Miss Rattan said. The queen's court will be presented following the coronation.

J. J. Woolket, head of the mod-

'Old South' Set As Cotton Ball Theme Friday

A Mississippi River landing and plantation will be the main theme of decorations for the 1953 Cotton Pageant and Ball tomorrow night in DeWare Field House.

A pier will be erected at the east end of the basketball court to give the impression that the Royal Court, Dukes and Duchesses have just disembarked from a river boat.

The west end of the gymnasium will have the traditional southern mansion with columns, overhanging roof and white picket fence.

Members of the court and the duchesses will come into the field house on the pier, will descend to the gym floor and walk the length of the room to the mansion at the other end.

Decorations, being worked on by the Agronomy Society, will be completed Friday morning, said Clarence Watson, agronomy professor and advisor to the 1953 Cotton Pageant and Ball.

The Grove will not be decorated for the Cotton Ball, said W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, business manager of Student Activities. His reason is that any decorations placed in the large, outdoor area look insignificant.

Memorial Park For Aggie Dead Is Being Built

A memorial park to Aggies who fought in the Spanish American War is under construction west of the new area dormitories, said W. H. Badgett, manager of the physical plants.

It will be a lounging park where students can relax, Badgett said.

The monument, to be dedicated at commencement, will be given by the memorial Association of Spanish-American War Veterans.

When complete, the park will contain walks, benches, new shrubs and trees, and ornamental street lights. Badgett expects to complete it in one or two years. Work is being done on laying the new walks and on planting.

The barbed wire fence around the area will be removed as soon as the plants have had a chance to start growing, Badgett said.

ern languages department, will be master of ceremonies. A silver set will be presented to the college by Mrs. A. D. Mebane in honor of here late husband Mr. A. D. Mebane, who fathered scientific cotton betterment in the state. President of the College M. T. Harrington will receive the set from D. E. P. Humbert of the genetics department.

"Then the parade of southern beauties begins," said Miss Rattan. She said about 220 duchesses and their escorts representing organizations on the campus and from throughout Texas will be presented.

Included in the entertainment which follows will be songstress Carmen Hines of Fort Worth and Billie Biggs of Southern Methodist University, a dancer, said Miss Rattan.

Aggie Follies and 'Harvey' Set in Guion Hall May 8-9

The annual Aggie Follies including the Aggie Players' presentation of "Harvey", will be presented May 8-9 in Guion Hall.

Theme of the Follies will be a trip around the world by Aggies. Included in the numbers for the show will be a barbershop quartet, singers, dancers, an all-male Hawaiian chorus, the Singing Cadets, the Brazos Bottom Boogie Busters, and many others.

The performance Friday, May 8, will be at 7 p. m. and admission charge will be 75 cents. The Follies will be given immediately after "Harvey" Friday. There will be a matinee Saturday of "Harvey", and an evening show of the Follies. Tickets for the Saturday's performances will be one dollar. Tickets bought for the Saturday show are good for both the matinee and evening performances.

Johnny Samuels, chairman of the Follies committee, explained the difference in prices for the show.

"We want as many to go Friday so there will be enough seats for those who want to take their parents Saturday," he said. "The same show will be given both days.

Phi Eta Sigma Plans Initiation

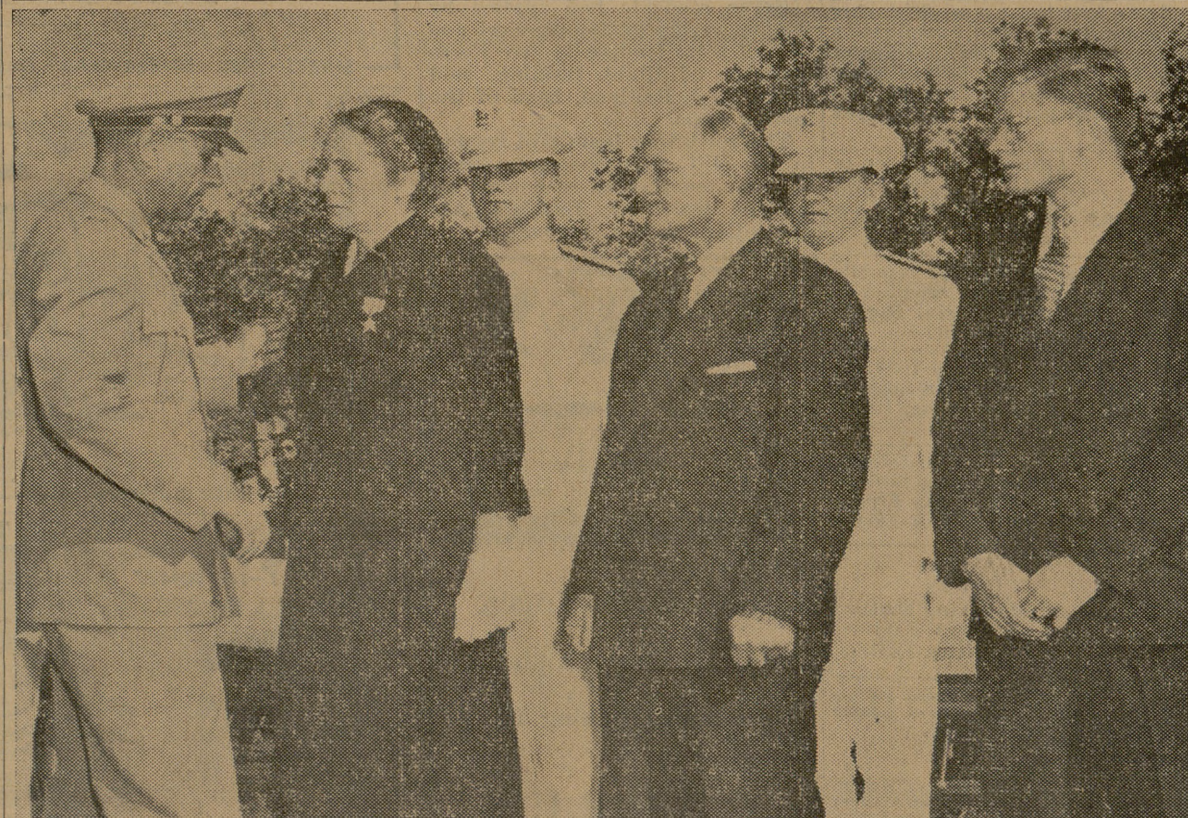
Phi Eta Sigma, national honor society for freshmen, will have its annual banquet and spring initiation Thursday, April 30 at 7 p. m. in the MSC Ballroom.

Dr. Fred W. Jensen, head of the chemistry department, will be the speaker. Jensen and David H. Morgan, dean of the college will be initiated honorary members.

More than 50 freshmen also will be initiated. Requirements for membership are a grade point ratio of 2.5 or over.

Tickets for the banquet are \$1.75. They may be bought from Jerry Ramsey, Dormitory 9; Harri Baker, dormitory 8; Dick McCasland, Walton Hall; Frank Ford, Dormitory 2 and Jules Vieaux, Dormitory 8.

Freshmen who have been initiated into Phi Sigma will elect next year's officers Thursday at 7:15 p. m. in the YMCA.



SILVER STAR—Mrs. James H. Rives receives the Silver Star awarded posthumously to her son, 2nd Lt. David Rives, '52. Col. Shelly P. Myers, PMS&T, presented the medal to Mrs. Rives at the Aggie Muster review Tuesday. Mrs. Rives' husband and her son, Fred, look on. Escorts for the Rives family are Ross Volunteers Billy Reed (left) and Hollie Briscoe. (Phot by US Air Force)

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