

Former Students Plan Chapel Here

The Association of Former Students council has voted unanimously to support the building of an All-Faith chapel here as its principal project for the year.

Meeting here last weekend, the council and executive board heard plans for construction of the proposed student chapel.

The chapel will be built across from the president's house. It will seat approximately 200 persons. The All-Faith chapel committee will recommend an architect to design the building. He must be approved by the executive board.

Estimated Cost

Construction is planned to start early in 1954. Estimated cost is \$250,000.

Headed by O. T. Hotchkiss '24 of Port Arthur, the chapel committee is composed of eight former students and YMCA Secretary J. Gordon Gay. The chapel will be designed for private prayer, funerals, weddings and other religious activities.

Hotchkiss said the chapel is not meant to compete with other churches of College Station.

Plans for the chapel started in 1951. The council voted to set aside \$27,000 of Development fund for the project. By the end of 1952 the amount had risen to \$45,000.

J. B. (Dick) Hervey, Former Student secretary, outlined a new plan for raising money during the 1953 Development Fund campaign, part to be used for the chapel fund.

Letters have been written to 620 former students asking them to spearhead collections to the Development fund. They are to contact other former students in their towns. Hervey said that so far 316 have accepted.

Development Fund

The council voted to spend \$1,000 for the 1954 operation of the college president's fund and \$25,000 for running the Former Student office and publications. This money was set aside from the Development fund.

The council approved a motion

to set up a committee to investigate a pension system for association employees. The council also voted to investigate revising the means of selecting its members.

Bill Garrett '47 made the motion. Garrett said he did not think the younger former students were represented enough in the council.

The council heard reports concerning the association's budget. The association showed a balance of \$138,454.97 on Aug. 31. Each year the group allocates itself an amount from the budget to run its office located here.

At the end of August, office budget figures show it has spent \$1,371.34 more than has been made. Hervey said this shortage now is not unusual. He explained the Campus Cleaners does not pay its dividend until the end of the year.

Later Dividends

And some of the association's investments do not pay dividends until later. These dividends will help straighten out the budget, he said.

In addition to its own budget, the association handles two other funds. They are the Student Loan fund and the Development fund. The Development fund contained \$179,914.93 at the end of August. The Student Loan fund totaled a balance of \$282,039.27 at the same date.

Halfmast Flag Is for Late Chief Justice

The flag at the North Gate postoffice is a half-mast in memory of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Fred Vinson.

President Eisenhower last week declared a 30-day mourning period for the late chief justice, to be observed by all government buildings and personnel.

MSC Plans Fewer Art Shows in '53

The art gallery committee of the MSC will feature fewer exhibits this year so they can have more outstanding exhibits, said Mrs. Emalita Newton Terry, advisor to the group.

Mrs. Terry is going to Houston soon to arrange for the showing of the Strauss collection of American artists, valued at approximately one million dollars.

The committee also plans to show another exhibit of Curtis Publications' illustrators. The Ladies Home Journal exhibit this summer and the Saturday Evening Post exhibit last spring were very popular with visitors to the Center, said Miss Terry.

Perry Nichols, Dallas art patron and banker, who judged the art gallery committee's show last spring, has been invited to present an exhibit sometime this year.

"We're going to try and obtain some more Old Masters if possible, as they were also popular with Center visitors last year," said Miss Terry.

A show of good Mexican art is a possibility for this year, Miss Terry said, as is a show of Xavier Gonzalez' work. Gonzalez taught a workshop course in art techniques here last year.

Army Gives Contracts To 25 AF Cadets

Approximately 25 air force cadets have tentatively received contracts in the ground force, Col. S. P. Myers, professor of military science and tactics, said.

These contracts will be affirmed if juniors in the ground force branches fail to fill the 380 contract quota allotted them.

None of the ground force juniors who qualify for contracts will be bumped by the air force cadets," said Col. Myers.

Two air force seniors are among the cadet whose applications have been tentatively accepted.

According to Col. Myers, possibly 30 air force cadets will receive contracts in the ground force combat arms before the end of the week. Air force cadets wishing to apply for MS III contracts may do so at the operations office on the second floor of the military science building.



CORN-EATIN' CAT—"Squeaky takes his daily meal of corn on the cob from his owner, Mrs. Frank Pinert, who lives on a farm southwest of Woodrow, in Lubbock county. After he finishes the corn, Mrs. Pinert will let him have desert—the cantalope she has in her other hand. The cat, which is of the alley variety, will strip all the kernels off the corn. Mrs. Pinert tried the corn one day when she ran out of milk to feed the cat. He likes it.

Program Consultant Of MSC Is OU Grad

Miss Margaret A. Long, the new program consultant for the MSC, is a 1953 graduate of the University of Oklahoma. She came to A&M for the first time Sept 5.

Miss Long replaces Miss Betty Bolander, who has been program consultant since 1950.

The job of program consultant is not Miss Long's first contact with student union work. She was student assistant to the social director of the OU union before coming to A&M.

As an OU student, she was president of the student union activities board, a position similar to that held by John Samuels, president of the MSC Council and Directorate.

She also was secretary of the OU student senate and senior class during the 1953 school year and

co-chairman of the Campus Chest drive that year.

A 22-year old 'old maid', Miss Long's home is in Oklahoma City. She majored in social work and government at OU and received a bachelor of arts degree.

Like most new-comers to A&M's strictly male military society, Miss Long still finds it bewildering to hear so many 'Howdy's' and to see so many males so completely in the majority.

Former POW Returns Here From Korea

Sgt. Hubert H. Hawkins of College Station is one of the 428 Americans who were prisoners of war landing in San Francisco today from a navy transport.

Enlisting in the army when he was only 13 by falsifying enlistment papers, the 21-year-old sergeant was captured during the fall of 1950.

Educated at Lincoln high school, Sgt. Hawkins is one of 14 Texans returning to the states for the first time since their capture by the Communists.

No Commissions for Category III

PAST Announces Changes For Juniors and Seniors

No commissions will be given Category III air force ROTC graduates. They will receive instead certificates of completion of four years advanced ROTC.

The AFROTC detachment has clarified policy changes for advanced contracts.

Quotas in categories for juniors and definite policies on seniors have been announced by the professor of air science and tactics.

Category I (flight) juniors who made scores of four or more on the AFROTC examination given Sunday will receive advanced contracts. Those with a score of three will be conditionally accepted and those with below three may be enrolled informally on an elective basis.

Only 16 Category II Juniors

From those juniors in Category II (engineering or scientific) the AFROTC will accept 16 cadets with the most of them going to aeronautical and electrical engineering majors.

In addition, 16 of the next highest in this group will be conditionally accepted.

Only one student not physically qualified for flight or not taking an essential course will be accepted for conditional enrollment.

The Senior Outlook

In the senior class this year the number of commissions tendered to

graduates breaks down like this:

Category I graduates—from 83 to 100 per cent will receive commissions.

Category II graduates—from 56-85 percent will receive commissions. These will go only to aeronautical engineers, civil engineers, mathematics majors, electrical engineers, mechanical engineers and most science majors. No agricultural engineers, architects, or petroleum engineers will receive commissions.

Category III Graduates — No commissions will be tendered physically unqualified graduates in non-essential fields.

Category IV graduates (veterans)—All veterans will receive commissions.

Certificates of Completion
Advanced ROTC cadets who do not receive commissions will get certificates of completion, stating that they have completed four years of ROTC training.

These men will be commissioned after two years service in the enlisted ranks. They will not have to serve two more years as officers, but will be subject to call to active duty in national emergencies.

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Theoretically then, those men with a certificate of completion from A&M, could end up with one from OCS. If the OCS commission was in the army, then when the cadet's two years in service was up, he'd have to choose between the air force and army.

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Some Non-Reg Students Live Three To Room

New Cadet Officer's Oath Includes Anti-Hazing Clause

The following is the anti-hazing oath that all commanders will take this year.

A new clause inserted in the oath implies specifically that the board will not be used on underclassmen.

The old oath was revised last year by a committee from the class of '54. Their revised oath was adopted exactly as they wrote it.

I, John Doe, having been appointed an officer in the Corps of Cadets, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station, Texas, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the laws of the State of Texas, the College Regulations of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will not participate in, condone, or tolerate physical hazing or the use of any instrument upon a cadet's body for any reason whatsoever; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So Help Me God.

Leads in F's

Arts and Sciences Is Hardest School

By BOB HENDRY
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The glorious, carefree life of the arts or science major is no more. The college has betrayed him by making the School of Arts and Sciences the hardest division at A&M in which to pass courses.

According to grade distribution records compiled last April by college officials, nine per cent of the students in the School of Arts and Sciences failed and eight per cent failed in the School of Agriculture.

Six percent failed in the School of Engineering; two per cent in the School of Veterinary Medicine; and zero percent in both the Basic Division and School of Military Science.

Highest F Percentage

The School of Arts and Sciences racks up another victory by having the department with the highest percentage of F's, the mathematics department with 18 per cent. Chemistry, also in that school, runs a close race with 16 per cent.

Arts and Sciences captured all of the first five places as far as the percentage of D's is concerned. Ranking first is the economics department with 19 per cent; second, physics and chemistry, 18; third, English, 17; fourth, math, 16; and fifth, history, 15.

Least A's Given

The School of Veterinary Medicine claims the department with the least percentage of A's given;

the veterinary anatomy department with eight percent.

The physics department boasts the lowest number of B's passed out, with 27 per cent. Arts and Sciences won again with the overall low of 31 per cent.

The School of Agriculture won hands down in the least C's contest. Its over-all percentage is 24 per cent, and its agricultural education department is the lowest with two per cent. This school's bio-chemistry and nutrition department was second lowest with three per cent, and the plant physiology and pathology department is third with four per cent.

The Basic Division and School of Military Science have been omitted in tabulating the following information.

Leads in A's

The School of Agriculture leads all the others in the percentage of A's given, with 26 per cent. This school's plant physiology and pathology department gave the most A's, with 60 per cent.

Agriculture students also received the most B's with 42 per cent. Three departments tied for individual honors, however, with 53 per cent each. They are horticulture, journalism, and petroleum engineering departments.

The School of Veterinary Medicine leads all others in the number of C's with 33 per cent. Its veterinary anatomy department won high honors with 38 per cent.

Contract Cut Gets Blame For Crowding

Non-military students living three to a room will remain together this year, said Harry Boyer, head of the housing office.

Men who were expecting contracts but didn't get them have caused overcrowding in the non-military dormitories, he said.

Boyer said another factor which entered the picture was that some seniors did not receive rank and are living together in separate units.

Approximately 85 rooms in the non-corps dormitories are housing three persons each, while there are about 100 vacant beds in the corps dormitories, he added.

Civilian students cannot be moved into these vacant beds, because the empty rooms are scattered over the area and are not concentrated, Boyer said.

Corps students are not living three to a room except in isolated cases. There are only about a dozen such rooms in the new area, he added.

Civilian Students

A few 4th and 5th year unmarried civilian students have been allowed to move off the campus into private apartments, he said.

Vets Get Apartments

Every married veteran student who wanted a college apartment got one, he reported. Twenty-five new non-veteran applications for college apartments could not be filled, he said.

The housing office estimated that that more than 700 married students have enrolled. This includes both new and returning students.

A break-down by areas of married students shows:
College View, 466 and Project housing, 60; Boyer estimated married students in non-college apartments in College Station and Bryan at 200.

Dunn Stops Move To Reunite Corps

Former Student association president J. Harold Dunn has halted an ex-student move to consolidate freshmen and upper-classmen in one housing area.

Rod Gambrell '47 suggested the Former Student council investigate housing all freshmen and upper-classmen together. Gambrell made the request at last week's meeting of the Former Students Council and executive board.

Gambrell said he thought both groups were at a disadvantage living in separate areas. He said this year's seniors seem to be more capable than his graduating class.

Dunn told the council that Gambrell's request was a college matter. He said the council had no right to interfere with college policies.

Bids for CHS Taken Oct. 15

Bids on the new A&M Consolidated high school building may be taken as early as October 15.

"Architects have been working on the plans and we hope to begin construction late next month," Superintendent L. S. Richardson said.

Weather Today



CLEAR
Clear this afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tomorrow. High today 95. Expected low tonight 68. Expected high tomorrow 95 to 98.