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Board of Directors Abolishes Tarleton High School

The A&M system board of directors has decided to abolish the high school division of Tarleton state college.

Board members voted the action in their meeting here Wednesday. They heard a report which included the information that this year's high school enrollment at Tarleton was 23 students.

The board also urged the comptroller to study a method of financing through revenue bonds the construction of additional buildings at Prairie View A&M college.

Prairie View reported a need for 80 rooms for girls, 90 rooms for boys, a faculty and staff dorm, an exchange store and guest house. Board members urged the further study of financing the construction of these buildings through revenue bonds with "utmost dispatch."

Distribution of \$30,007.91 in Exchange store profits for 1952-53 received approval at the meeting.

The distribution was \$20,000 to the Memorial Student Center, \$7,500 to intramural athletics, \$1,350 to the band awards and trips account and \$1,157.91 retained for operating capital.

The board revised the procedure for sale of oil and gas leases on property owned by the system. The period between the time an affirmed bid is received and the public auction is held was shortened by about four months to two months.

The bond on military property at Prairie View was increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

The board authorized a livestock revolving fund of \$50,000 for use by the Agricultural Experiment station in buying livestock for experiments. The legislature originally granted \$15,000 for this purpose, so the two sums will give the experiment station \$65,000.

Lease Accepted

An oil and gas lease bid was accepted from W. C. Proctor of Dallas. The oil, gas and sulphur lease was on 320 acres of system land in Cherokee county for a \$5 bonus and one sixth royalty.

Proctor also guaranteed to start a well on the land within 90 days or forfeit the lease.

Board members requested a restudy of the remodeling of DeWare field house. They voted to investigate the possibility of adding to the new gymnasium the things which were to be built into the remodeled field house.

If the field house is remodeled, the baseball team's dressing rooms will be removed. Therefore, the board authorized \$36,000 for the team's dressing rooms under the west side of Kyle Field if DeWare is remodeled.

The board authorized the comptroller to take bids on a new-sewerage treatment laboratory for experimental purposes.

Arlington received \$2,400 for outside lighting at the student center there.

Prairie View received \$2500 for fencing around its poultry area.

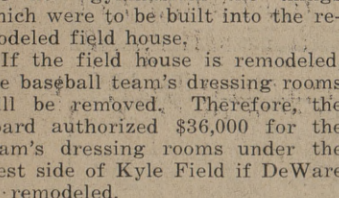
Board members authorized \$25,000 for miscellaneous improvements.

Air Force Applications For Non-Regs Due

Non-Military students planning to apply for air force contracts next semester or the fall semester of 1954 must file applications today.

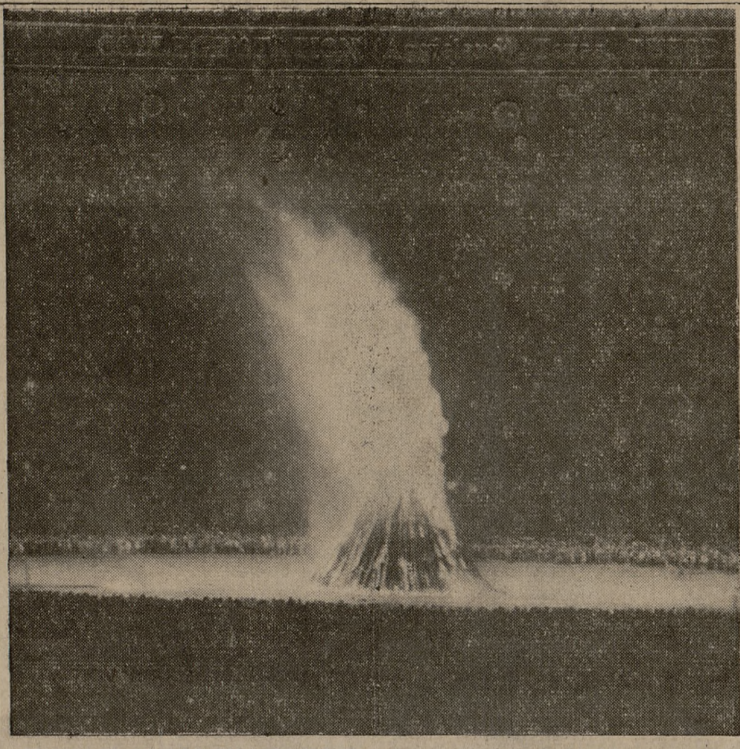
Applications should be made to Capt. Jack Hoffman in room 201 of the Military Science building, said Maj. Luther Westbrook, director of training.

Weather Today



CLOUDY

Cloudy today and tomorrow with possible light showers tomorrow. High yesterday 69. Low this morning 56.



WHILE 10,000 WATCHED—An estimated 10,000 persons were on hand Wednesday night for the burning of the 1953 Aggie bonfire on the main drill field. Flames still rose from the remains of the fire as late as Friday evening.

Chest Lacks \$2,500; Drive Ends Dec. 5

The A&M College-College Station Community Chest - Red Cross drive, which closes Saturday, is about \$2,500 short of its \$13,070 goal.

Thirty departments of the college have reported contributions to the A&M College-College Station Community Chest-Red Cross from 90 per cent or more of their staffs.

Two departments contributed almost 90 per cent, said Fred J. Benson, chairman of the drive.

"These departments should be commended for their gifts to the drive," Benson said.

Departments contributing 90 per cent or more were offices of the chancellor, president, dean of the

News Briefs

COMPANY SIGNS must be removed from the drill field by 6 p. m. today, said Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, or the signs will be destroyed by the B&C department. Signs may be stored in the basement of Dorm 3 for use next year.

DAN RUSSELL, head of the agriculture economics and rural sociology department, spoke yesterday to the College Station Lions club on his recent trip to Europe. Russell showed slides of color pictures he had taken while in Germany.

MSC RECITAL SERIES begins Friday with a concert by Gaetano Molieri, principal violist of the Houston Symphony and Albert Hirsch, Houston pianist. No change will be made for the concert, the first in a series sponsored by the Memorial Student Center music committee.

THE SCHOOL OF agriculture will sponsor the third annual Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers Dec. 6 through Dec. 9 in the MSC. Agricultural trends in 1954 will be the main discussion topic for the first session of the course.

DR. RAYMOND REISER of the department of biochemistry and nutrition, was elected recently secretary-treasurer of the southwest section of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, a national organization. His term of office will be two years.

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING school under the Korean G. I. bill are reminded they must report to the Veterans Advisor office, 102 Goodwin hall and sign the monthly certification for November, said Bennie Zinn, veterans advisor.

ANYONE still having corps axes and files used on the bonfire is asked to turn them into Wayne Findley, room 208, dormitory 7. The corps is responsible for the tools, and they are to be used next year, Findley said.

WILLIAM P. CHAMLEE, 53, was recently graduated from the engineer officer basic course at Fort Belvoir, Va. He received a degree in architecture and his second lieutenant's commission here.

JUNTO will meet tonight at 7:30 in room 3D, MSC. Charlie Parker will lead a discussion on "An Evaluation of the Eisenhower Administration."

BLOOD DONOR certificates for the recent blood drive will be sent out Thursday, said Bill Reed chairman of the drive. The blood group and RH factors are now being typed.

MEMBERS of the industrial education seminar class will make a field trip to the Houston area Dec. 3, 4 and 5 to visit industries and schools.

Film Club to Show 'Man Hunt' Tomorrow

The A&M Film Society will present "Man Hunt" tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

System For Improving Corps Grades Devised

Clark Attends Odessa College; Won't Return Plan To Be Carried Out By Scholastic Officers

A program was started last night to improve the grades of A&M upperclassmen military students.

Entirely a student undertaking, the program calls for corps scholastic officers to keep reports on cadet upperclassmen having trouble with their school work.

Only upperclassmen are included in the program, said Carroll Phillips, corps scholastic officer. The Basic Division has a separate program. Cadet athletes are presently excluded from the program, but will be included soon he said.

Day students are not included in the plan.

Phillips explained the plan last night at a meeting of scholastic officers and dormitory counselors. Dean John R. Bertrand and C. H. Ransdell of the Basic Division, Corps commander Fred Mitchell, and Corps Deputy Commander Kert Goode also were present.

Scheduled to be in full operation by the end of the week, the program consists of four reports and an oath to be signed by cadets on academic probation.

Upperclassmen signing the oath are required to:

- Report their academic progress to their scholastic sergeant and/or scholastic officer, including test results in all subjects.
- Report to the scholastic officer when in danger of failing any subject.
- Attend all classes except when properly excused.
- Have the scholastic officer or sergeant sign all passes before presenting them to the dormitory counselor for approval.
- Accept any and all suggestions made by the scholastic officer and scholastic sergeant of their unit in the interest of improving their academic standing.
- Agree to attend any and all help sessions set up for any subject which they are failing.

Phillips said he did not know what would be done to an upperclassman on probation who refused to sign the oath.

"I'd say a sophomore or junior would sign it," he said.

Although reports are to be submitted to dormitory counselors, the plan is entirely a student program and dormitory counselors will serve only as guides, he said.

Form Required

Each student is required also to fill out a form containing the course, grades on major and minor quizzes, semester grades, number of hours passed and number of grade points made for nine weeks and semester periods.

Sophomores will place this form under their door cards, Phillips said. Juniors will place them on their bulletin boards, and seniors can do what they choose with them.

"This form should be kept in a unit's file for at least one semester," Phillips said. "Students can then use the information to determine whom they should see about specific courses."

The other reports are a scholastic probation record of each individual, an unsatisfactory progress report of each group or regiment, and a list of names of students failing specific courses to be submitted each month to each group or battalion scholastic officer.

"Scholastic officers will have a lot of work to do in order to carry out the program," Phillips said, "but it is work we can do a lot with."

The purpose of the reports is to make cadets self-conscious of their grades," Phillips said. "If a person is self-conscious about his grades, he will try to do better work."

Aid Help Sessions

The reports also will serve in helping to obtain help sessions, he said. The number of students wanting help sessions will be entered on the reports.

When a sufficient number has requested help, a professor is then asked to hold a help session. The program is expected to eliminate the problem of having a professor give up his evening with his family to hold a help session, and then find only a few of the students who said they would come, present.

"The idea of the program is to help Aggies and not tie up people with red tape," Mitchell said. "Go at it with this attitude and professors will be glad to hold help sessions."

Bertrand said he thought the program was a good idea. "I wish to commend everyone working on this program for the work being done," he said.

Football Fan Loses \$120 Before Game

Galveston man lost \$60 to a pickpocket in the Memorial Student Center just before the University of Texas game last Thursday.

The wallet contained valuable papers and he thought he had \$50 in a secret compartment also.

The pickpocket got the wallet under a buttoned pocket.

The man discovered the loss of his billfold as he was trying to buy a ticket to the ball game. Luckily, he had six one dollar bills in front pocket.

The wallet may be found if the thieves take the money and discard the billfold, said Morris Maddox, campus security officer who handled the complaint.

The victim's name was withheld.

Ag Student Edits AFEA Publication Outfit Pictures Now Being Taken

Andrew C. Hudson, senior agricultural economics major from Alpine, has just completed the first issue of Newsletter, the official publication of the student section of the American Farm Economic association.

Hudson was elected editor at the association's annual meeting held in August at Oregon State college.

Newsletter, published three times yearly, contains up-to-date news and views on all phases of agricultural economics, as well as club news from the 31 member colleges throughout the United States.

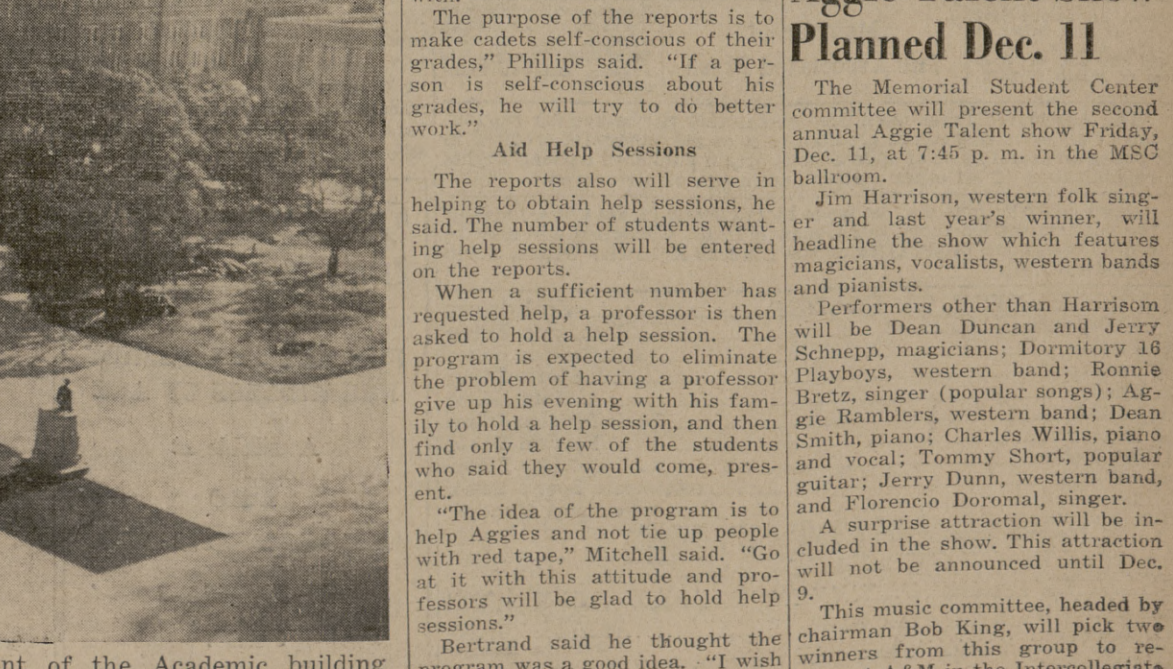
Agricultural economics students are urged to attend the meeting of the Agricultural Economics club on Dec. 8, where they will receive their copy of Newsletter, Hudson said.

Upperclassmen outfit pictures are now being taken at the System Administration building.

B armor and A field artillery will have their pictures made Dec. 2, followed by field artillery and A coast artillery.

Pictures of the freshmen units, the bands, A infantry, B infantry, and A armor have already been made.

The uniform for the pictures will be blouses, garrison caps, green ties for juniors and seniors and boots.



BEAUTIFICATION CONTINUES—As this scene in front of the Academic building shows, the main concrete slab and part of the new sidewalk system have been laid. Remaining work includes completion of the sidewalks, leveling and filling of the soil in the area and landscaping.

Ticket Sales Begin For Laughton Show

Tickets to Charles Laughton's Town Hall performance will be distributed outside dining halls following evening meals this week.

Laughton will put on two shows at 7 and 9 p.m. in Guion Hall Monday, Dec. 7.

The special performance tickets are free to Town Hall season ticket holders, said C. G. (Spike) White, student activities manager. The tickets are also available at Student Activities office.

Individual performance tickets are available for \$2 at Student Activities office for those who did not purchase a Town Hall season ticket, White said.

The reason for having two shows, White said, is that Town Hall was designed for the new Physical Education building. Since that building has not yet been completed, Town Hall must be held in Guion hall.

White urged each student to get his ticket to the Laughton show in order to keep from "missing out on this fine entertainment."

Ninety-three per cent of the students have season Town Hall tickets, White said.

Corps Gets Bill For 'Float Outs'

A bill for \$101.88 has been presented to Fred Mitchell, cadet corps commander, for "float outs" to dormitories 1, 7, 9 and 12.

The \$101.88 bill is for the replacement of missing flush valves and for labor to the building and utilities department for installing the new flush valves.

A bill for \$180 was recently paid by the cadet corps for "float outs." The \$180 bill was also for new flush valves and labor to install them. The \$180 was raised in the corps by an assessment to each outfit, Mitchell said.

"We hope to somewhat reduce the amount of this second bill," said Mitchell. "I hope for cooperation in the corps to stop these 'float outs,' because it is costing the corps itself," he said.

Aggie Talent Show Planned Dec. 11

The Memorial Student Center committee will present the second annual Aggie Talent show Friday, Dec. 11, at 7:45 p. m. in the MSC ballroom.

Jim Harrison, western folk singer and last year's winner, will headline the show which features magicians, vocalists, western bands and pianists.

Performers other than Harrison will be Dean Duncan and Jerry Schnepf, magicians; Dormitory 15 Playboys, western band; Ronnie Bretz, singer (popular songs); Aggie Ramblers, western band; Dean Smith, piano; Charles Willis, piano and vocal; Tommy Short, popular guitar; Jerry Dunn, western band, and Florencio Doromal, singer.

A surprise attraction will be included in the show. This attraction will not be announced until Dec. 9.

This music committee, headed by chairman Bob King, will pick two winners from this group to represent A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent show, which will be held in Guion Hall, March 19.

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