

Arts and Sciences Council Committee Suggests Changes For Improvement of School

The committee on evaluation of the School of Arts and Sciences submitted last night a long list of suggestions dealing with physical facilities, instructors and curriculum, examinations and extra-curricular activities.

Changes and suggestions made by committee chairman John Samuels concerning physical facilities of the School of Arts and Sciences included new and more comfortable seats in the Academic building, better use of existing natural light sources and more and better student rest room facilities.

Recommend Shack Razing
The temporary class room area (Shacks) were recommended by the group for destruction.

However, the committee recognized the need for the Shacks because no other classroom space is available at present. Therefore the group suggested a list of improvements in the wooden buildings.

Heating and ventilating problems were noted as one source of student discomfort. Bad seating arrangements and lighting were also mentioned as sources of irritation to students. The committee recommended action be started as soon as possible to remedy these situations.

Cushing Library came in for a large share of the committee's report.

Citing air conditioning as a necessary factor in getting students to use the library, the group also suggested more and better lighting, and larger seating capacity.

Move Browsing Room

A suggestion was made by the committee to move the Asbury reading room to the first floor of the library to make it more readily available to students.

This move would encourage browsing by students just passing by the library, the committee thought.

Concerning use of the library, the committee felt the faculty could improve this program by including more outside required reading to supplement textbooks.

In the portion of their report dealing with instructors and curriculum, the committee was of the opinion that the college does not allow its faculty members time enough to do research.

Faculty members are burdened by an excessive number of classes and cannot therefore take time to write papers for submission to journals relating their fields, the report said.

Hits Minimum Law

The committee hit violently the state law which sets the minimum size of college classes and recommended that the law be abolished as "absurd."

A list of courses to be used in registration should include the name of the instructor teaching the course, was the opinion of the committee.

Samuels said the group felt it was unwarranted that departments would not submit their instructors to a sort of popularity poll. The committee felt that a student would choose the instructor from whom he would receive the most enlightenment.

In addition, the group felt the departments were displaying a lack of faith in their instructors by maintaining such a system.

The committee suggested that departments review their lists of required courses and modernize them by dropping or changing courses.

Compulsory Attendance Attacked

Students at A&M resent compulsory attendance, said Samuels, and according to the committee, therefore the plan should be abolished. The committee decided that in most cases, students who do not consistently attend class are not deserving of a college education anyway.

In addition, the group felt many qualified students were discouraged by A&M's disciplines and rules, especially compulsory attendance (See A&S COUNCIL, Page 2)

Who's Who Selected; SLC Discusses Batt

Battalion Editors Oppose SLC Motion at Meeting

Battalion Co-Editors Ed Holder and Jerry Bennett opposed a Student Life committee motion last night to appoint a group which will decide if standing committees are needed for Student Publications and yell leaders.

The motion was passed. Holder and Bennett were the only Student Life members present to vote against it. Bennett argued that such action might lead to censorship of the press. T. B. Fields was absent during the voting.

Chairman Joe Sorrels presented the matter to the Student Life committee at its monthly meeting in the Memorial Student Center. Carroll Phillips moved that the group be appointed. Jerry Ramsey seconded the motion.

Sorrels will appoint the group from members of the Student Life committee. Establishing these committees would require an amendment in the Student Life constitution.

If the members whom Sorrels appoints approve forming the committees, they will present a proposed amendment at the next Student Life meeting in January. They would also decide on the committee's membership and duties.

The Battalion editors turned thumbs down against the motion after Bennett failed to table it before it came to a vote. They asked why a publications committee was being considered.

Two Groups

C. G. (Spike) White, Student Life secretary and director of Student Activities said that he had been visited by two groups who criticized Student Publications. White then admitted that The Battalion was the only publication that had been criticized.

He said that two other persons had visited him separately to criticize The Battalion. Some of these people were members of The Student Life committee, he said.

White said their complaints concerned "What is good for A&M." (See BATT DISCUSSED, Page 2)

Selections Completed On Second Ballot

The Student Life committee named 26 seniors last night to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

It was one of the shortest sessions in the history of the committee for any meeting during which Who's Who selections were made. The committee met at 4:30 p.m., dismissed at 6:30 to 7:30 for dinner, and adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.

There were 19 votes cast on the first ballot, and 17 on the second. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, and Barlow (Bones) Irvin, athletic director, were absent on the second ballot.

There were 10 selections made on the first ballot, and

the remaining 16 on the second ballot. Students receiving three-fourths majority on the first ballot were elected, and students receiving a majority vote on the second tally were elected.

C. G. (Spike) White, director of student activities, said the keys which the Who's Who selections will receive will be purchased by student activities, and awarded at a later date, probably during the spring semester.

Names of the Who's Who selections will be published in the book entitled "Who's Who in American College and Universities," which is printed at Alabama university.

There were 15 corps students named and 11 non-corps students. Corps students named to Who's Who and their qualifications were:

James L. Blaine: cadet corporal (ASL); best drilled sophomore in company; most outstanding sophomore in 7th regiment; cadet staff sgt. in junior year; cadet captain; freshman track letterman; two year varsity track letterman; three year cross-country letterman; captain of cross-country team in 1953; vice president "T" association, '53; treasurer of Alpha Zeta, '53; Opportunity Award holder; cross-country conference champion two years.

Bobby K. Boyd: president of senior court; cadet colonel; Ross Volunteers; Phi Eta Sigma; Gen. George S. Patton Military scholarship; outstanding sophomore in company; outstanding cadet at summer camp; DMS.

Tillotson B. Field: student senate '53-'54; Student Life Committee, '52-'53, '53-'54; cadet captain; president of junior class '52-'53; (See WHO'S WHO, Page 2)

A&M Debaters Win Largest Tourney

A&M's John Samuels and Ken Scott tied with the University of Houston team for top honors in the senior division of the A&M Debate tournament Friday and Saturday.

It was the largest debate tournament ever held on the campus. Forty-four teams representing 12 colleges and universities competed.

The A&M and University of Houston teams each had five wins and one loss.

The U. H. team was given the trophy since A&M was host to the tournament.

Samuels, president of the MSC council, is a senior economics major from Galveston. Scott is a junior majoring in electric engineering.

The winners of the junior division were two teams from Baylor university, which tied for the title with six wins and no losses each.

Other A&M students who participated in the tournament were Bud Whitney, Johnny Wilson, Ken Hall, Page Morgan, Dick McGowan, Venis Redmon and Joe Dotson.

Banquet Held
After the tournament, 20 competitors attended a banquet in the assembly room of the MSC.

At the close of the meal, Richard Black, John Chapman, Charlie Briggs and two students from Baylor discussed "Attacking problems and procedures of congressional committees" and "How to improve the practices of such a committee."

At the close of the banquet, Ken Scott, president of the Debate club, presented the awards to the winners.

Directors of the tournament were John D. Ebbs and Victor

Western Band, Magician Win Talent Show

The dorm 16 Playboys and Dean Duncan, the magician, were the winners of the Aggie Talent show Friday night.

They will represent A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent show here March 19 in Guion hall.

Playboy members are Sanford Kinard, from Marlin; Bill Barefield from Del Rio; Bob Cargile from Atlanta; and Walter Miers from Rotan. Duncan is from San Antonio.

Judges for the talent show were Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, Bill Turner, and C. K. Esten.

The attendance was better than last year and I hope the turn out will be just as large for the Intercollegiate show," said Margaret Long, program consultant for the Memorial Student Center.

Plans for the Intercollegiate show are being made now and will include all colleges in the Southwest conference plus Oklahoma university and Oklahoma A&M.

Weather Today

Clear and cold today and tonight. Partly cloudy and cold tomorrow. High yesterday 50. Low this morning 28.

Wiening of the English department.

Among colleges and universities attending were Abilene Christian college, Southwest Texas college, Baylor university, Rice institute, San Antonio Junior college, Stephen F. Austin college, the University of Texas, Wharton junior college, Del Mar Junior college, Corpus Christi university, the University of Houston and A&M.

Robbins Speaks To Kiwanis Installation

Raymond Robbins, trustee of Kiwanis International, will deliver the principal address at the annual installation of officers banquet tonight in the Memorial Student Center.

Robbins was the first president of the Athens Kiwanis club. He has a 25 year perfect attendance record. In 1938 he was elected lieutenant governor of the Texas Oklahoma district. Five years later he served as governor of the district.

Robbins is active in the church, business and community. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church and was president of the men's convention, Synod of Texas, Presbyterian church in 1949.

He is also in the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, having recently been elected for a three year term as director. He has served as director for the Texas division of the American Cancer society.

Robbins has spoken for many service clubs and churches throughout East Texas.

From Smallest to Largest

Vet Hospital Is Well Equipped

By MARTIN COLLEY
Battalion Staff Writer

One of the most modern and well equipped veterinary hospitals in the United States opened its doors for patients Nov. 2, when the department of veterinary medicine and surgery moved into the new A&M veterinary hospital.

Formal dedication will be January 24.

"With the opening of this hospital our school is second to none in the country" said W. W. Armistead, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Armistead added that the new hospital will greatly improve the opportunities for teaching and will be of much benefit to the veterinary medicine students.

The \$700,000 hospital was designed for the convenience of everyone, from students and doctors down to the smallest animal patient.

The hospital is divided into two sections for receiving and treating animals. The east wing is for small animals and the west wing for larger farm animals. It operates like a large hospital for humans.

The small animal clinic, capable

of boarding 150 small animals, has a receiving room where a student is on duty to receive and diagnose animals brought in for treatment.

An animal requiring hospitalization is put in a ward for observation and care. Animals with communicable diseases are placed in isolation wards.

Also included in the small animal clinic is a special dietitian's kitchen where the different rations required for a kennel of dogs are prepared.

A new \$20,000 dollar x-ray machine, capable of taking normal x-ray pictures and strong enough to treat animals with s-ray rays was added to the equipment in the large animal clinic. This machine is the only one of its kind in this section of the country.

Eighty animals can be cared for at one time in the section for handling large farm animals. Stables connected to the hospital have space for 60 animals, with an additional 20 outside pens adjoining the stables.

The stables are connected to the hospital with a fenced, covered runway to bring animals in for treatment in bad weather.

The middle section of the hospital

was designed to serve both the small animals and the large animals. A diagnostic laboratory is maintained for taking blood tests and developing x-rays. A pharmacy is available for preparing medicines.

Including in the building is a 150-seat amphitheater. It is equipped with television conduits that will make possible the televising of any lecture, operation or important meeting.

Plans for the future include having the entire school of veterinary medicine located around the hospital.

MSC Sets Shorter Holiday Schedule

The Memorial Student Center will be closed Dec. 25-27, said J. Wayne Stark, director of the MSC.

Guest rooms will close at 3 p. m. Sunday and remain closed until Jan. 3. The rest of the Center will operate on an abbreviated schedule.

"This schedule will satisfactorily accommodate the people that are here during the holidays," Stark said. "Also, the overhead of the MSC is so high that it will be more economical to operate on such a schedule."

The MSC will resume its regular schedule Jan. 4.

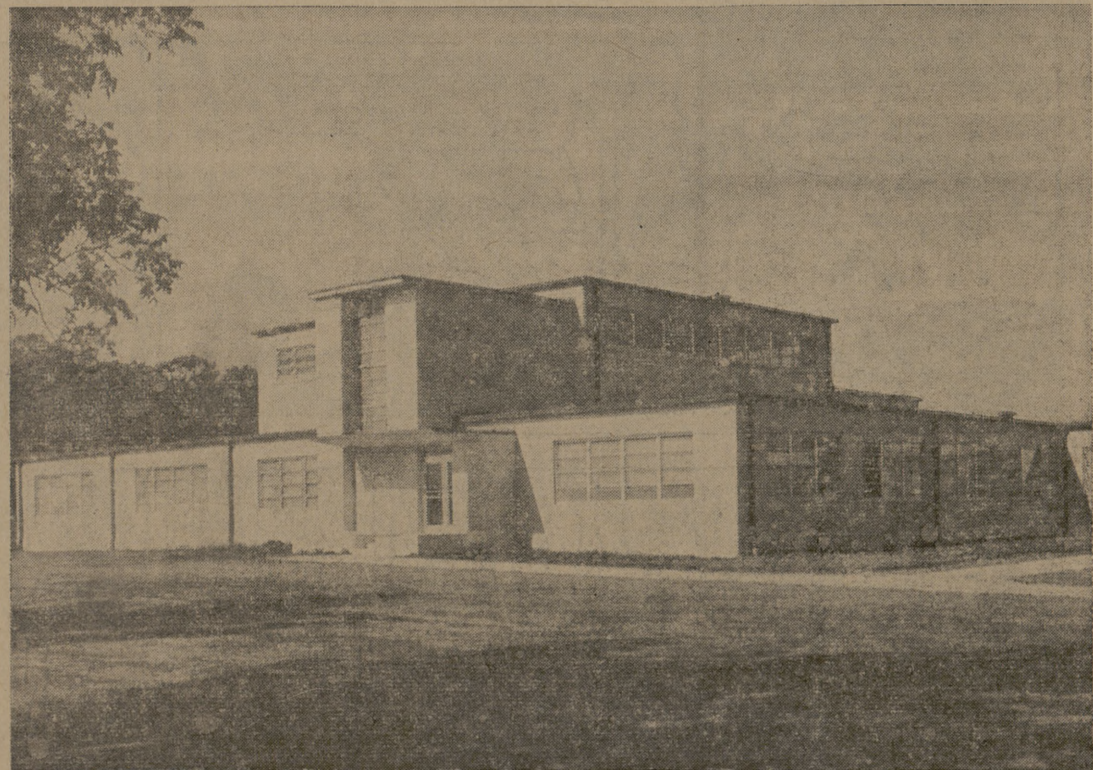
Stark released the following schedule:
Dec. 19 Gift shop, 7 a. m. to 1 p. m.; bowling alley, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.; barber shop, 8 a. m. to 1 p. m.; MSC offices, 8 a. m. to 12 p. m.; fountain room, 7 a. m. to 1 p. m.
Dec. 20; dining room, 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.
Dec. 21-24; gift shop, 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Dec. 28-31; fountain room, 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.; MSC offices, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Athletic Council To Study Football

The Athletic council will discuss A&M's football program for the coming year at 10 a. m. Thursday in the Memorial Student Center.

The committee also will act upon recommendations for letter awards in football and cross country track, said W. L. Penberthy, chairman.

Other members on the committee are J. P. Abbott, W. W. Armistead, H. C. Dillingham, E. D. Parnell, T. R. Timm, Price Campbell, Jake Hamblen, Dick Harris and Bill Brucks.



NEW HOSPITAL — A&M's new veterinary hospital will be formally dedicated Jan. 24. The hospital, which is considered one of the most modern in the country, is designed to serve patients from the smallest dog to the largest horse.