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Board To Study New Cadet Articles

AF Cadets Will Keep Same A&M Uniform

A&M's air force ROTC cadets will not change to air force blue uniforms. President David H. Morgan made the announcement yesterday, after receiving a letter from air force authorities ruling that A&M's present uniform is distinctive.

The present uniform will remain the same, except for a possible few minor changes, said Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant. The changes will be aimed at making the uniform more standard throughout the corps.

Yesterday's decision on air force uniforms is the result of a series of events, beginning when the air force changed to a blue uniform several years ago.

In July, 1952, A&M officials were told by the air force that the

air ROTC cadets here would have to be in blue uniforms by the fall of 1953.

Later, the air force said the change-over could wait another year, but that air ROTC cadets would definitely have to be in the blue uniforms by the fall of 1954.

In that letter, an air force official said "the air force was still opposed, in principle, to the approval of the uniforms of any other services for AFOTC students."

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HERE IT IS—Fred Mitchell, cadet colonel of the corps (left), gives President David H. Morgan a copy of the revised Articles of the Cadet Corps. The presentation was yesterday, at a meeting of the cadet commanders, first sergeants and sergeant majors.

Corps Consolidation Recommended

The A&M system board of directors this weekend will consider a revision of the Articles of the Cadet Corps that would include having freshmen ROTC students living in military units with upperclassmen.

The provision of the recommended articles reads as follows:

"Each company (squadron) level will be composed of cadets from all classes and will be housed together. All cadets will live in a unit housed in a corps dormitory except married students, local day students and others with the specific approval of the commandant."

The complete revised Articles of the Cadet Corps will be presented to the board members for their information. However, the provision quoted above is the only one that requires board action.

"No Hesitancy"

President David H. Morgan told The Battalion yesterday he has "no hesitancy" in recommending the revised Articles to the board.

The recommendations give more authority to the officers and more rights to the individuals," he said, speaking of the complete Articles.

Col. Joe Davis, commandant, said the revised Articles were "set up to improve the standard and recognize the rights and feelings of the individual members of the cadet corps."

Freshmen cadets are now living in a separate dormitory area from upperclassmen. They are living in military units with only a few cadet officers and non-commissioned officers to a unit.

Freshmen were separated by board action soon after World War II.

Trotter Selected Top Honor Student

Ide Trotter jr., chemical engineering senior from Bryan, has been named valedictorian of the class of '54.

The valedictorian is chosen from candidates for their first bachelor's degree. The one having the highest grade point ratio after the fall semester of his final year is valedictorian. Trotter's grade point ratio is 3.0.

All work must be in this college, except for a maximum of 12 semester hours which may be taken during the summer vacations at other schools. The valedictorian must be a candidate for his degree at the spring commencement, and cannot be a summer school graduate.

Trotter has been active while a student here. During his freshman year he was a member of the freshman drill team, Battalion staff writer, and a member of the freshman Baptist Student union council. He also won the chemical engineering section of the freshman slide rule contest, was a distinguished student and a member of Phi Eta Sigma.

During his sophomore year he was on the student senate, Battalion copy editor, rifle team letterman, president of Phi Eta Sigma, secretary of BSU council, reporter for the Bryan-College Station A&M club, Interfaith council, and American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Trotter was

standing sophomore in the corps of cadets, and was a distinguished student.

During his junior year he was parliamentarian of the student senate, sergeant on corps staff, executive committee of the BSU of Texas, on A&M BSU council, junior representative to engineers council from AICHE, AICHE, Interfaith council, junior advisor of Phi Eta Sigma. He won the DAR award for outstanding junior, a Chemical Corps association medal, Tau Beta Pi, A I Ch E award for outstanding



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United Nations Club To Hear Harry Brunger

Harry A. Brunger, world service secretary of the YMCA of Hong Kong, will speak to the United Nations club at 7:30, Friday in the assembly room of the YMCA.

Brunger started his career in Canton, China, in 1948 as YMCA program secretary. He and his family were forced to leave in 1950 by Communist forces and afterward joined the staff at Hong Kong.

Brunger and his Chinese colleagues are trying to meet needs for education, recreation, job training and other basic services.

"He has a wonderful grasp of the workings of Communism and you will appreciate his frankness in dealing with it," said J. Gordon Gay, general secretary of the YMCA.

In addition to speaking, Brunger will also be present at an open house from 3-5 p. m., Friday in the cabinet room of the YMCA.

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Air Academy May Bolster Enrollment

If the proposed Air Force academy is located at Bryan, the academic facilities of A&M will be offered during the first two years while permanent facilities are under construction, Travis B. Bryan said yesterday.

Bryan, president of the First National bank and tireless worker in the effort to bring the academy to this area, said a high system official had assured him that academy students could be accommodated.

One of a list of 400 towns throughout the nation being considered by the site selection committee, Bryan is being presented to the committee through a detailed

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factual data brochure prepared by the Bryan banker. Information ranging from geographical location down through tax information and acquisition costs is included.

The nomination of Bryan has the approval and support of many influential persons throughout the state as well as prominent national figures, Bryan said.

First instructed to reach a decision on a site within 45 days, the committee instructions were changed to require a decision "within a reasonable period of time."

The new instructions will give the committee opportunity to more thoroughly examine the qualifications of the large number of sites under consideration.

This change prevented the selection from being limited to the six original sites being considered since the academy was first proposed five years ago, Bryan said.

Since the act requires Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott to designate some existing air force base for the two-year operation pending construction of permanent facilities, Bryan Air Force Base is an ideal temporary air academy solution, Bryan said.

Other advantages the area has to offer are abundant housing, schooling for the children, the personnel influx would produce, central location as to large cities in the state and year-round operational climate, he said.

Members of the site selection committee appointed by Talbott are Gen. Carl Spaatz, USAF (Retired); Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, USAF; Dr. Virgil Hancher, president of the University of Iowa; Merrill Meigs, Hearst Corporation, Chicago; and Brig. Gen. Charles E. Lindbergh, USAF.

Says Johnson

Town Hall Tickets Are Going Fast

Tickets to "Annie Get Your Gun" are going fast, said Bill Johnson, newly elected student entertainment manager.

"Over three fourths of the tickets to the Monday at 7 p. m. performance have been issued," Johnson said.

"Annie" is the seventh and last Town Hall show of the year. Performances will be held Monday at 7 and 9:30 p. m. and Tuesday at 7 p. m.

Johnson urged Town Hall season ticket holders to exchange their season ticket for a ticket to the performance of their choice.

Tickets to the show are available for \$2 for those who do not have Town Hall tickets.

Tickets may be obtained at student activities office or outside the dining halls tonight. If any tickets are left, they will be available at the door.

"Annie" is based on the real life story of Annie Oakley, an almost legendary sharpshooter of the late 1800's.

She was born in Darke county, Ohio in 1860. Her childhood was rugged, especially after her father died of exposure when she was four.

Annie was only six when she took her father's muzzle-loading rifle into the woods to hunt for food. The two quail she brought back added considerably to the skimpy dinner menu. She never "learned" to shoot—it just came naturally.

In those days, shooting matches were favorite sporting events and Darke county had its quota of expert marksmen. But Annie made them all look a little silly. Frank Butler, a professional, came to Cincinnati and, as was his custom, offered to shoot against anyone for \$100 a side. Annie took him up on it. She not only won the match, she won Frank Butler. Six months later they were married and went on the road together as Butler and Oakley.

After ten years of vaudeville headlining and exhibition shooting, Annie and Frank joined Buffalo Bill's Original Wild West show. They toured the United States and Europe extensively with the show. They both died in 1926.

Mothers Day Dance To Be In Grove

Student activities office will sponsor a free Mothers Day dance in the Grove from 9:00 'til 12:00 p. m. May 8, said W. D. Hardesty, Business Manager.

All students, their wives, dates, mothers and fathers are invited. Music will be furnished by Bill Turner and the Aggieldand orchestra.

Self Evaluation Result

The proposed Articles of the Cadet Corps, including the consolidation-of-the-corps provision, are the result of a "self-evaluation" requested by Morgan in September.

At that time he asked cadet commanders, first sergeants, and sergeant majors to make a self-evaluation of the corps "for the organization, guidance, conduct and administration of the cadet corps, designed as an ideal corps for the latter half of the twentieth century."

Morgan accepted the revised Articles yesterday in a formal presentation attended by the cadet commanders, first sergeants and sergeant majors.

In presenting the Articles, Fred Mitchell, cadet colonel of corps, said, "It is the belief of this headquarters that these articles will provide a stable corps of cadets."

Morgan called the Articles the "best organization of any activity ever presented to me by a group of students."

Other Changes

Besides the consolidation provision, the revised Articles also recommends other slight changes in cadet policy and corps operation.

Other recommendations of the corps evaluation include a tentative physical structure recommendation, based on consolidation; the writing of a "Cadence", traditions handbook; and standardization of the uniform.

Other activities and departments of the college are also undergoing a self-evaluation, at the request of the president. He said the other recommendations would probably be presented at the July meeting of the board of directors.

"We want to get action on the corps evaluation now so we can begin planning for next year," he said.

News of the World

WASHINGTON—The House today upheld President Eisenhower's request for a flexible world strategy by beating down, 214-37, a proposal to limit the use of American troops in combat zones. Then it voted the armed services a post-Korea low of \$28,684,250,486 in new money for the year ending in mid-1955. The defense budget which now goes to the Senate was approved on a roll-call vote. The House overwhelmingly defeated an amendment, by Rep. Coudert (R-NY), which would have required prior congressional approval before any of the new money was used to support forces in combat in Indochina or other parts of the world which the United States is not obligated by treaty to defend.

AUSTIN—Ralph Yarborough, who charges Gov. Allan Shivers with party disloyalty, will try for the second time to wrest the Democratic nomination for governor from Shivers. The 50-year-old Austin attorney and former district judge jumped in the race today, thereby assuring a test of whether Shivers lost votes when he supported Republican Dwight Eisenhower for the Presidency in 1952. "As a Democrat, I will not stand idly by while the Democratic party is again betrayed," Yarborough said.

HANOI, Indochina—French commandos in pre-dawn raids today struck Vietminh positions pressuring Dien Bien Phu's shrunken defenses. The raiders smashed a string of rebel fortifications and killed at least 70 Vietminh before they were driven back into the bastion. The French concentrated their assault on the weakened northwest corner where the Red-led rebels have been massing for an all out thrust toward the heart of the fortress barely 600 yards away. Plunging into the net work of Vietminh trenches and fox holes, the commandos routed the rebels at bayonet point.

Weather Today



Chem Engineer Group Holds Convention Here

The student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers is holding its regional convention here today.

The convention started this morning in the Memorial Student Center and will close with an awards banquet tonight at Maggie Parker's in Bryan.

Speaker at the banquet will be W. S. Franklin, head of the technical division at the Baytown refinery of the Humble Oil Co.

Two students each from Rice, UT, U of H, Lamar Tech and A&M will present technical papers in competition for four cash awards totaling \$75. Representing A&M

Whitney Winner Of Scholarship

Herbert W. Whitney has been named winner of the \$500 scholarship given by the Square D company said F. H. Roby, vice president of the company.

Whitney is a sophomore in Industrial engineering at A&M. Selection of the winner is based on scholastic attainment and leadership. Whitney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Whitney of Big Spring.

Shepardson Heads Chicago Meeting

C. N. Shepardson, Dean of Agriculture, is in Chicago to attend three meetings this week. He left Tuesday morning.

He attended a meeting Wednesday of the Land Grant College association's committee on vocational agriculture teacher training.

Friday and Saturday, he will preside at a meeting and Sunday he will attend the Sears Roebuck scholarship meeting.

HUNTING DEER AT 101

WHITEMORE, Mich.—(AP)—In 1865, when the Civil War ended, Pete Cameron shot his first deer. Now, 89 years later, Cameron is 101 and still hunting.