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Military Made Optional for A&M

Will Be Readmitted in Fall

Disciplinary Committee Regulates Punishment

M students who were suspended in May for violation of the Tonkawa Tribe, a secret fraternity, are readmitted to school now.

A disciplinary committee of the academic council has granted "indefinite suspension" punishment, allowing students to return to school Sept. 1, said President David H. Morgan.

Students will be on conduct probation and they are readmitted. Men W. L. Penst also sign an agreement with another disciplinary committee and they are readmitted. Both the student and the school agree to these terms.

Students are dismissed from the school if they do not comply with any of the regulations of the disciplinary committee.

The committee took the students "to the court" due to difference of opinion in the regulations under suspension.

Students differ in their opinions. The committee, Morgan notified that the regulations do not under suspension camp or receive the those enrolled have been permitted and have been

Air force ROTC students suspended subject to draft and punished for would have been release contin-

Players make no further personal interview. Including members and sophomores covered in an in-week before school

Students were later proved the football team.

Discuss subjects

System board of directors of Texas discussed joint two schools at a Tuesday morning. Discussion was co-ordinated by A&M's oceanic and UT's mar-ine department. An ex-citely was worked planning to use oratory at Galvesning to use A&M's A. Jakkula. Enterprises of the school were also dis-

System Approved Staff Members

A&M system's non-employees will get \$120-a-month living salary in-crease. The board of directors action Friday, put a legislative ruling effective Sept. 1.

The raise raised teaching salaries last regular ses-sion brings non-teach-ers par with the oth-

It affect most staff living almost all sec-

will not get the in-crease with line item high-ranking admin-istrators, those paid from

Unofficial Count Shows Enrollment

Official registrar's figures on yesterday's enrollment are not yet available, but an unofficial housing office count made at 11:30 a.m. showed more than 1,000 students in college housing.

The housing office's count is usually below the final count, since many students will not be living in college housing.

About 1,000 students were expected by the registrar for this session of summer school. An official total will be released next week.

Thursday is the last day to register, and Friday is the last day for making schedule changes.

Societies OKed For Professions

The board of directors has authorized the establishment at A&M of national professional societies. Previously, only national scholastic societies were allowed at the school.

President David H. Morgan, speaking to board, said professional societies will provide an "opportunity for our students to participate in the activities of their future professions."

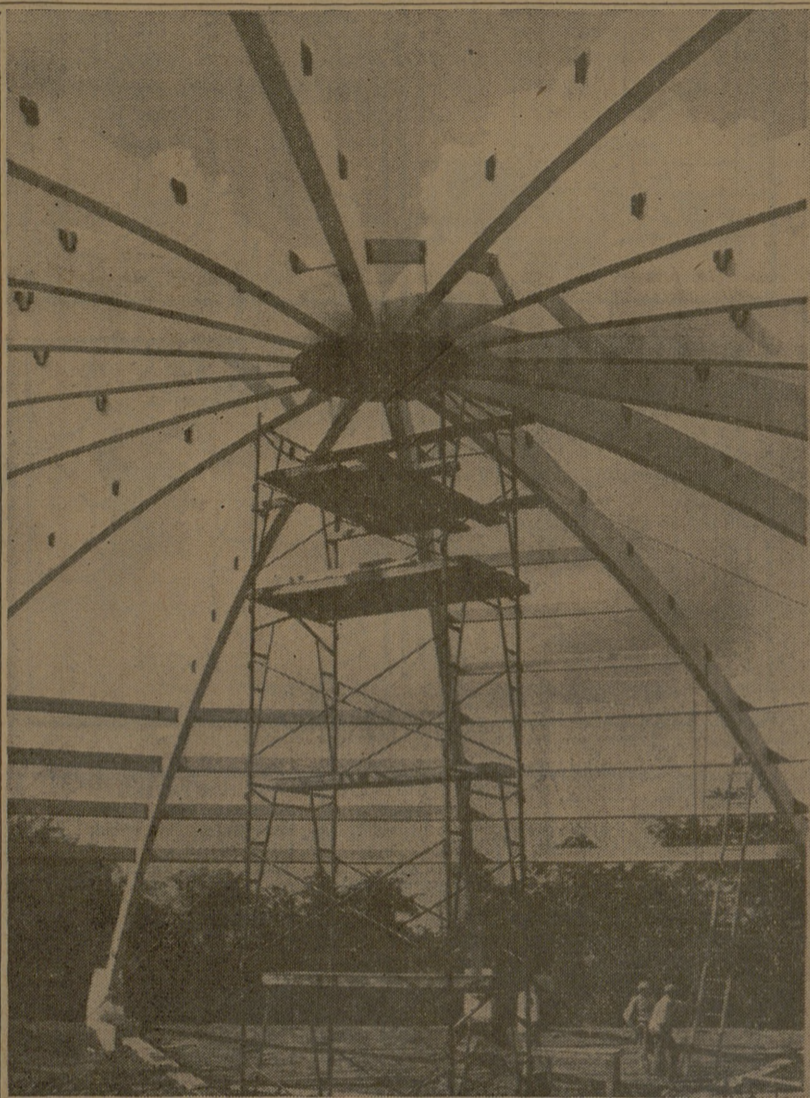
Some students go elsewhere because A&M does not have these societies, Morgan said. He said journalism and industrial arts were particularly interested in starting chapters of their professional societies here.

Another Dance Set For MSC Tonight

Tonight the Memorial Student Center summer activities program will again present the now well-established Hide-A-Way Dance in the Fountain Room.

The dance, which is to start at 8 p.m. will feature the music of Bill Coker and his combo.

"For the benefit of new students, this series of dances which was started this summer has gained great popularity among the local girls and especially the Aggies," said Gary Bourgeois, chairman of the MSC summer activities program.



FRAMEWORK—The new circular auditorium for A&M consolidated high school is constructed around this wood, concrete and steel framework. The walls, or roof, depending on the angle, have been put on the building, and it and the rest of the new school buildings are expected to be ready by September.

Board Approves Construction Work

The system board of directors approved Friday more than \$400,000 worth of construction for A&M, including repairs on the Memorial Student Center and air conditioning for the library.

The board voted \$30,000 for repairs, alterations, and purchase of equipment for the MSC.

Another \$275,000 was authorized for maintenance, repair, and minor alterations to buildings, including air conditioning of the library.

A contract for \$36,961.75 was approved for sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and parking facilities. The improvements will be made in the Academic building area, around the places left vacant by tearing down Ross and Pfeiffer halls.

R. B. Butler Co. of Bryan got the contract.

Repairs and renovations to the Exchange store will cost \$23,660,

Dr. Potts Offers Pastures Course

R. C. Potts of the agronomy department will offer a pastures short course Aug. 2-6 in the Cypress high school building in Harris county.

Classes in the course will meet from 7 to 11 p.m. daily, according to Harris county agent Dan Clinton, who was a member of the group which planned the course.

Not more than 30 persons may register for the course, in accordance with the college's off-campus short course program of adult education.

Certificates will be awarded to those who successfully complete the short course.

Potts said a part of the laboratory work will include visiting several farms and ranches in the area, in addition to the experiment stations.

and a hydraulic freight elevator contract for \$5,199 was approved. The board confirmed a \$38,766 contract for re flooring the dining rooms and lounges of Sbsa hall, work which is now under way. The Ray Baldwin Tile Co. of Fort Worth has the contract.

Painting of six dormitories was approved, at \$29,975. Painted will be the exteriors of Legett, Hart, Puryear, and Law halls, and the interiors of Milner, Legett, Mitchell, and Puryear halls.

Some of this work has also started, with G. S. Falco and Company of Houston holding the contract.

The board also authorized the chancellor to take bids on a poultry center feed building, and improvements at the college plantations.

3 Faculty, 1 Staff

Four Promotions Announced

Promotions of three A&M faculty members and one staff member were confirmed by the board of directors Friday.

Promoted were Dr. Ralph W. Steen, Robert L. Whiting, Dr. Grady P. Parker and H. D. Bearden.

The promotions were made by President David H. Morgan and Chancellor M. T. Harrington.

Steen has been promoted to professor and head of the history department, effective Sept. 1. He succeeds Dr. S. R. Gammon, who goes on modified service Sept. 1. Steen has been with A&M since 1935. He is a graduate of McMurry college and has his PhD degree from the University of Texas. He is the author of several histories of Texas and many historical articles.

Whiting has been promoted to professor and head of the petro-

Directors Wrangle Over 6.7 Acres

After coolly authorizing more than \$400,000 worth of appropriations for Texas A&M alone, the system board of directors Friday got into an argument over whether or not they should give away 6.7 acres of land.

The land was to be transferred from the Agricultural Experiment station to the Hudson independent school district in Angelina county.

"Will we keep the mineral rights?" asked one board member.

"Is this their idea or ours?" asked another.

"How much is the land worth?" said another.

"Have we ever done anything like this before?" asked another.

They finally decided to give the school the land, and now the school has a new playground, courtesy of the Texas A&M system.

Property Damage Means Suspension

Any student of either A&M or the University of Texas who does property damage on the other school's campus will be suspended for one semester.

The A&M system board of directors and the UT board of regents unanimously approved a joint resolution Friday calling for a minimum punishment of one-semester suspension for any student of either school who goes to the other campus "with the intent of painting or otherwise defacing statues or buildings or committing any other depredation."

The boards said they "view with concern the growing tendency of the students of the two schools" to deface the property of the rival school.

During the week before the traditional A&M-TU Thanksgiving game last year, several cases of property damage and personal abuse by students from both schools were reported.

Morgans Leave For Vacation

President and Mrs. David H. Morgan and their two daughters, Ann and Dee, leave today for Mexico.

The 10-day vacation will include a stay at Mexico City. They will return next Wednesday.

College Officials Reluctant to Talk

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion Summer Editor

The system board of directors Friday made military training optional at A&M, and the college officials aren't talking about it.

All students will have the option of either taking military training or being civilian students, effective Sept. 1. Those who take military will live in the corps of cadets.

All four classes of military students will be housed in the same military organizations, bringing into effect the consolidation move proposed at the spring board meeting.

A third option was also authorized by the board: the president of the college, on the recommendation of the academic council and approval of the chancellor, can allow stu-

dents to enroll for military training without living in the corps of cadets. The option has not been put into effect.

This third option would place students on the same basis as those taking military training at civilian colleges, if it is adopted.

The new regulations were recommended by the Academic council, governing body of the school, composed of the heads of departments.

All students in the corps of cadets will wear the uniform all the time, the regulation states.

The corps is to function "on strict military lines" under rules to be established by the staff of the college and approved by the Academic council.

No one in the top level of the college is commenting on either the board action or the possible effect on the school or the cadet corps.

Their attitude is summed up by Col. Joe Davis, commandant: "The board has made the decision, and that's it."

Davis said the plans for next year's corps organization were framed to allow them to work if consolidation was approved, so "we won't have any trouble there."

When asked what effect he thought the new plan would have on the corps of cadets, Davis said "No comment."

When asked what he thought of the third option authorized by the board, Davis said "No comment."

"Any statement I have to make will come through Henderson Shuffler's office," Davis said. Shuffler is the system director of information.

Chancellor M. T. Harrington would not comment on discussion during the board's 11-hour-long executive, or closed, sessions. Harrington was present during part of the closed meetings.

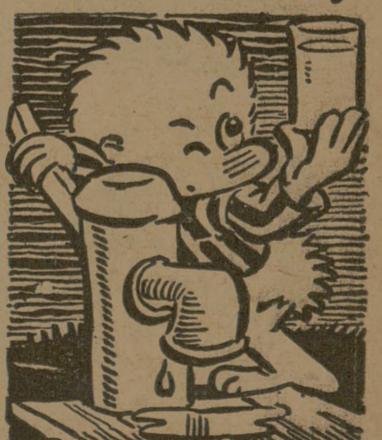
"They discussed coeducation but no action was taken," he said. He also said the board members "asked about" the TT's, a secret fraternity uncovered on the campus in May.

"I believe the new plan will help the corps of cadets," Harrington said. "It will make in the corps voluntary."

President David H. Morgan said the Academic council recommended the action to "open the college to boys who want to take one of our unique land-grant colleges but who do not want to be in the corps."

"I have not changed my opinion of the corps," he said. "It is a wonderful body for leadership" (See MILITARY, Page 3)

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY
Partially cloudy weather is expected today with scattered thundershowers late this afternoon and winds from the south at 15 m.p.h. Low last night was 76, high expected today about 99.