

Military Made Optional At A&M

A&M May Begin New Athletic Era Tomorrow Night

The beginning of what supporters hope will be a new era in A&M athletics unfolds tomorrow night on Kyle field, when the Aggies line up against a heavily favored Texas Tech squad in the season opener.

About 30,000 fans are expected for the 8 p.m. kickoff and the first showing of Head Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant, his eight man staff and 35-man squad. Three other players, Ends Paul Kennon and Bill Schroeder, and Halfback Charles Hall, will sit out the game because of injuries.

Faced with one of the smallest groups of players in A&M's football history, Bryant and his staff have worked long and hard in their effort to teach "hardnosed" football to the gridsters they have to work with. Tech, on the other hand, returns with a veteran team and a flaming desire to avenge last year's loss to the Aggies, their only defeat of 1953.

A&M's probable starters, as announced by Bryant, are: Right end, Bennie Sinclair, 6 feet, 2, 195; right tackle, Norbert Ohlendorf, 6 feet, 3, 200; right guard, Marvin Tate, 6 feet, 175; center, Herb Wolf, 5 feet, 11, 185; left guard, Ray Barrett, 5 feet, 9, 195; or Sid Theriot, 5 feet, 10, 185; left tackle, Larry Winkler, 5 feet, 11, 205; left end, Donald Robbins, 6 feet, 1, 188; Quarterback, Elwood Kettler, 6 feet, 165; left half, Don Watson, 5 feet, 11, 185; right half, Joe Schero, 6 feet, 165; fullback, Don Kachtik, 6 feet, 1, 185.

Yesterday, the No. 1 and 2 teams again polished offensive plays and worked on defense against the No. 3 team. The first two elevens also drilled on punting and kicking field goals under pressure.

At one point in the practice, the nine-man coaching staff, with two managers, took over as the No. 3 team, and ran Tech plays against the Red and Blue squads. Assistant Coaches Jerry Claiborne and Jim Owens, a former all-America at the position, filled in at right end on offensive drills.

Bryant explained later that he made the move to give his White team a rest and because he didn't

No Review Set For Tech Game

The cadet corps will not march into Kyle Field prior to the game with Texas Tech Saturday night, Frank Ford, cadet colonel of the corps, announced.

Units will not have time to organize after registration, Ford said. Some cadets will not have their uniforms by then, so there will be no pre-game review, he added.

"Cadets will be in uniform unofficially," Ford added. "But it will not be compulsory."

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Welcome Back

It is a particular pleasure to welcome returning students and new students to the A&M campus this year because this year holds rich promises of being a highly significant period in the rich but stormy history of this great college as it continues to advance in its steep climb to a position of national and international reputation.

This can be the year that the administration, faculty, students, and former students joined forces to initiate a program that became stronger with the years and continued to warrant, and to receive, their combined support.

This can be the year that the student body became one organized group with accepted objectives and the support of all—Aggies first and last. This can be the year that the Corps of Cadets began its modern operations under military discipline which recognized the rights and integrity of the individual and that saw mental hazing join physical hazing in leaving the A&M campus never to return!

This can be the year that the "forgotten" students—the civilian students—organized to take their rightful place beside the Corps of Cadets in forming one consolidated student body cemented in spirit so that friction and dissent vanished, the year in which the accent was placed on the common good rather than "privileges"—on opportunities rather than "rights."

This can be the year that produced hope that A&M's future in athletics would live up to—or exceed—its past glory, the year in which all Aggies, present and former, supported the athletic program.

Welcome back, and let's go to work. This CAN be THE YEAR.

David H. Morgan
President

Plan Approved By Directors

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion Co-editor

The major change to the returning students this year is A&M's new optional military plan.

Under the plan, approved by the A&M System board of directors at their July meeting, all students have the option of either taking military science or being civilian students.

Those who take military will be in the corps of cadets, and all four classes will be housed together, bringing into effect the corps consolidation 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 students to enroll for military training without living in the corps of cadets.

This option has not been put into effect, and the administration has no plans for authorizing it in the near future.

The optional military plan was recommended to the board by the academic council, the governing body of the college, composed of the heads of departments.

All students in the corps of cadets will wear the uniform all the time, the new regulations state.

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.

A new articles of the cadet corps has been drawn up, based on the recommendations submitted by last year's cadet officers. It is essentially the same as last year's.

Morgan said the academic council recommended the optional military plan to "open the college to boys who want to take one of our unique land-grant college courses but who do not want to be in the corps of cadets."

A&M has 14 courses that are not offered at any other Texas state school.

"I have not changed my opinion of the corps," Morgan said. "It is a wonderful body for leadership training."

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TT's Readmitted By Executive Panel

The 17 A&M students who were suspended in May for being members of the Tonkawa Tribe, a secret fraternity, can come back to school now.

The executive committee of the academic council has changed their "indefinite suspension" punishment, and they will be allowed to re-enter school this semester if they wish to.

All of the 17 will be on conduct probation when they are readmitted. They must also sign an oath saying they will not room with another member of the TT's and

they will not be allowed to hold any elected or appointed campus positions for a year. Both the student and his parents must agree to these provisions.

Failure to comply with any of these provisions may mean dismissal, according to college officials.

The executive committee readmitted the TT's "to prevent inequalities due to difference in army and air force regulations concerning students under suspension."

The executive committee, President David H. Morgan said, had been notified that air force regulations do not permit students under suspension to attend summer camp or receive commissions, while those enrolled in army ROTC were permitted to attend camp and were commissioned.

As a result, air force ROTC students among those suspended have been subject to draft and others being punished for the same offense were commissioned, Morgan continued.

The 17 men, including members of the senior, junior, and sophomore classes, were uncovered in an investigation the week before school ended last spring.

Four of them later proved to be members of the football team.

A&M Cadet's Final Appeal Rejected

John W. Robertson, sophomore cadet, has been suspended from school for mental hazing of new students, and has had his appeal for readmittance as a civilian student rejected by the executive committee.

He was formally charged with "assuming unauthorized authority as a sophomore private."

The new articles of the cadet corps state that a freshman has to take orders only from authorized upperclassmen, those in his military unit.

A board composed of the commandant, the assistant commandant, the professor of air science, and a member of the cadet corps staff assessed the punishment.

Robertson was not in uniform at the time of the hazing.

David H. Morgan, president, said A&M system board directors at their July meeting instructed the administration to see that hazing, both mental and physical, is eliminated.

Ag, TU Vandals To Be Punished For Damage

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 board of directors and the University board of regents unanimously approved the resolution at a joint meeting after the board's July meeting.

The resolution calls 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 degradation."

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-UT Thanksgiving game last year, several cases of property damage and personal abuse by students from both schools were reported.

Mothers Clubs To Plan Policies

State Board of Federated Mothers Clubs will meet at the MSC Saturday at 11 a.m. to form the organization's policies for the year.

The executive board, which includes presidents of the A&M Mothers' Clubs throughout the state and state officers, will be present. Mrs. J. F. Van Wert of Marshall, state president, will preside over the meeting.

Attending from this area will be Mrs. David H. Morgan, wife of the A&M College president and honorary president of the club, and Mrs. Ide Trotter, Brazos County A&M Mothers Club president.

Batt Club Suggests Dorm Area Names

Since A&M no longer has a "corps area" and a "freshman area," a change in nomenclature is needed for the two corps dormitory areas.

The Battalion suggests that the area with dormitories 1 through 12 be called the "West Area" and the area with dormitories 14 through 17 be called the "East Area."

Great Issues To Feature Harold Stassen

Harold Stassen, U.S. foreign operations administrator, and Dr. William G. Pollard, executive director of Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, are slated to speak in November for the Memorial Student Center's new Great Issues and Recital series.

Pollard will speak on "Secrecy, Security, and Science" Nov. 10. Next will be Stassen on Nov. 17, who will talk on the American foreign policy, and foreign operations administration.

Other speakers contacted by the council who are not yet scheduled but who are expected to speak during the year include: Dr. Robert Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago; Henry Ford II; and Chester Bowles, former ambassador to India.

The theme for this year's great issues program is "free minds, free men", said Bud Whitney, vice-president of the MSC council.

"Purpose of the great issues series," Whitney said, "is to acquaint A&M students with some of the greater issues of our time by inviting prominent Americans to speak here."

Guion To Open Next Saturday

Guion Hall will open at 1 p.m. Saturday with the movie "Act of Love," said Tom Puddy, manager. The theater will close at about 6 p.m. for the Texas Tech football game and will reopen at 10:30 for a late show.

During the summer, a new, wider screen and an anamorphic lens were installed, so Guion can now show CinemaScope movies.

Admission this year will be ten cents for children and 35 cents for students and adults.

Bertrand, Barlow Resign from A&M

Two of A&M's top administrators have resigned from A&M to take jobs at other colleges.

Howard W. Barlow, former dean of engineering, resigned Sept. 1 to become director of the Institute of Technology at Washington State College.

John R. Bertrand, dean of the Basic Division, will leave Oct. 10 to become dean and director of



Howard W. Barlow
Leaving ...



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A Special Edition For the Upperclassmen

This issue is The Battalion's welcome to the campus for the returning students.

It is a little different from our back-to-school specials in the past, when they were aimed at telling the freshmen about the school in which they had enrolled.

This summer, a 20-page edition of The Battalion was sent to all the freshmen telling them about A&M, so this issue is aimed at telling the upperclassmen what went on here during the summer.

We hope we've covered all the changes that have happened, and we hope you'll enjoy your year here.

Better Dancing Floor

New Construction Complete

By RALPH COLE
Battalion News Editor

The class of '58 will be the first to trod the floors of the newly redecorated Sbis mess hall when the doors open for registration Friday.

Rest rooms, a new dish washing room, lights, draperies and a new red tile floor will greet Aggies when they register. The floor is designed to make the hall a better place for student dances.

The system board of directors approved more than \$400,000 worth of construction for A&M. This included construction of curbs, gutters and parking facilities in the Academic building area as well as the painting of six dormitories.

The Cushing Memorial library had its lighting system changed from the old type fixtures to the new fluorescent lamps. The foundation was raised under the wing

where books are stored. The interior was replastered and painted and will be air conditioned during the fall of this year.

The Memorial Student Center was allocated \$30,000 for repairs, alterations and purchase of equipment for the center. Television has been placed in the MSC fountain room and main lounge.

BAFB Combo

Plays for Dance

Bryan air force base's five-piece combo will play for a dance Saturday night on the Memorial Student Center terrace following the game with Texas Tech, said Margaret Long, MSC program consultant.

A Latin-American combo from Bryan may also play for the dance, Miss Long said.

The Exchange store has completely remodeled the upstairs and installed a loading dock and an elevator for easier handling of products. The supply center will be moved to the upstairs and a proposed "help your self" book store will be moved to the present position of the supply center. A whole new remodeling of the store and the breaking down to departments is planned and will be finished by Sept. 1955.

The parking lot west of Bagley hall is being rebuilt and is about one-half finished and ready for use. The project will include a drainage system, concrete curbing and gravel topping. It is expected to be finished in October.

The proposed addition to the G. Rollie White coliseum will open during the fall term of 1955, said C. E. Tishler, head of the physical education department. The new addition, which joins the rear of the main building, is for physical