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Students Can Take Advanced ROTC As an Elective

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Some students will be allowed to take advanced ROTC as an elective, Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, announced.

"Those allowed to informally enroll in military or air science," Davis said, "will be students who show leadership ability and can add something to the corps of cadets. They will not be enrolled just for the prestige they would receive from being in the corps."

Under the regulations, students falling in one of the following categories may enroll informally in ROTC if selected by the professor of air science or professor of military science and tactics and approved by the commandant:

a. Students who have failed the air force or army officer's qualifying test but who are otherwise qualified for a contract,

b. Students with minor physical defects which prohibit them from receiving a contract but which will not prohibit them from fulfilling the requirements of the ROTC program,

c. Students who do not receive a contract due to limitation in the number of contracts to be awarded,

d. Students with a grade point deficiency or a deficiency in hours who have four academic semesters remaining before graduation and who are otherwise qualified for a contract may take ROTC as an elective for one semester only. At the end of one semester the cadet will receive a contract or be transferred from the corps,

e. Cadets who are permitted to take ROTC as an elective will enjoy all the cadet privileges of cadets who are under contract including being considered for cadet rank.

Students with a grade point deficiency or a deficiency in hours

New Tradition Born at A&M Last Night

A new Aggie tradition was born last night, when Paul (Bear) Bryant, A&M coach and athletic director, made a plea for support at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

"We need you most, then," Bryant said, speaking to the student body at All-College night in the Grove. "When that fourth quarter starts, yell out and let us know you're there."

Bryant thanked the students for their support in Saturday's Texas Tech football game.

"We really appreciated it," he said. "When a team is down or being licked, they need it."

"We're down now," he said. "But I've been down before and I don't like it. I don't intend to stay down."

After introducing his coaching staff, Bryant said, "If we are able to give the team the type of leadership they deserve, we'll salvage this season."

"I'm confident you'll hear from this team before the season is over, and what you'll hear will please you," he said.

Weather Today



Cloudy tonight with scattered showers. High temperature yesterday 99, low last night 68. Rain-fall at 6:30 a.m., .07 inches.

who have more than four academic semesters remaining before graduation and who are otherwise qualified for a contract may live with the corps and participate in cadet drill and ceremonies for one semester only, if selected.

Five year course students may be selected for a maximum of two semesters. At the end of that time the cadet will receive a contract or be transferred from the corps. These cadets will not receive academic credit for this work nor may they hold cadet rank.

Those desiring to take advantage of one of the options listed above must make application in triplicate to either the professor of air science or professor of military science and tactics, Davis said.

All cadets taking military or air science as an elective will be required to furnish their own uniforms. They will not receive military draft deferment nor will they receive subsistence while informally enrolled in ROTC, he said.



BABY GATOR—Conrad Cummings, corps chaplain, holds one of the wriggling young alligators caught at Manor Lake near West Columbia while on Memorial Student Center retreat last week.

News Briefs

REAVES T. MAGNESS JR., '53, recently was promoted to first lieutenant while serving with the Ryukyus command ordnance service on Okinawa. He is from Breckenridge.

FIRST LT. CURTIS M. BURNS, '52, was graduated from basic jet pilot school Sept. 15 at Bryan air force base and awarded the silver wings of a United States air force pilot. He is from College Station and majored in landscape architecture.

A JUNIOR COLLEGE conference will be held in the Memorial Student Center Oct. 4-5. John R. Bertrand, dean of the Basic Division, will be chairman.

JOHN D. WHEAT has been appointed assistant professor of animal husbandry at Kansas State college, Manhattan. He received his BS degree from A&M in 1942 and his MS in 1951.

RALPH A. ZINGARO has been added to the chemistry department staff. Dr. Zingaro received his BS degree from the City College of New York in 1946 and his PhD from the University of Kansas in 1950.

Five Added To Department Of English

Five new members have been added to the department of English.

Dr. R. H. Ballinger came into the department as an associate professor from the Basic Division where he had been a counselor. Dr. A. L. Bennett from Eastern Oklahoma state college joined the staff as an assistant professor.

New instructors are J. P. Blumefeld, who has been working on a PhD degree at the University of Tennessee; L. D. Clark, who has a MA degree from Columbia university; and W. D. Kadow, who has been studying for the PhD degree at the University of Arkansas.

H. E. Hierth, assistant professor who has been at the University of Wisconsin for the past year and a half studying for the PhD degree, and W. C. York, instructor who has been at the University of Pennsylvania for the past two years studying for the PhD degree, re-joined the department after a leave of absence.

New members of the department of mathematics are assistant professor Atholl L. Wilson; instructors, Frank N. Huggins, R. S. Musa, Alvin F. Hildebrandt, Roy Ellis, William H. Clayton; and teaching fellows, Harry B. Llenza jr., Carl M. Pearcy jr., and James C. Bolen.

SECOND LT. JAMES A. EARL, '53, was graduated from basic jet pilot school at Bryan air force base and awarded silver wings Sept. 15. He is from San Antonio.

SECOND LT. ELMO K. WALKER was awarded the wings of gold of a naval aviator during ceremonies at the U. S. naval air station at Pensacola, Fla. He is an ex-Aggie.

DEAN W. W. ARMISTEAD of the School of Veterinary Medicine, will speak at the 30th annual veterinary short course at the University of Missouri Oct. 4-5.

COUNTY EXTENSION agents will participate in the second annual orientation course program this week at A&M. Those attending are agents or assistant agents who have come into the service between Feb. 1 and July 1, 1954.

Town Hall Series Set for Coliseum

Town hall programs will be held in the G. Rollie White coliseum this year, said W. L. Penberthy, head of the student activities.

The first program will be Oct. 5 and will feature the Sauter-Finegan orchestra. The Teltschiks, a piano duo, will be here Oct. 26 and Marge and Gower Champion and the voices of Walter Schumann will furnish the Dec. 14 program.

Others for the rest of the year will be the Houston symphony orchestra, Jan. 6; Fred Waring orchestra and chorus, Feb. 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11; the Serenaders, a male quartet, Feb. 28 and the "Caine Mutiny Court Martial," March 24.

Cadet Officers To Be Given Oath of Office

For the first time in A&M history officers of the cadet corps will be administered their oath of office in a formal and public ceremony scheduled for 4:15 p.m. today in the G. Rollie White coliseum.

Four hundred and fifty-six students will be sworn into office from rank of cadet first lieutenant to colonel.

Dr. David H. Morgan, president, will be the only speaker in the 30-minute ceremony. The oath will be administered by Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant.

The Aggie Band will provide the music and all members of the corps will be present.

Conrad Cummings, corps chaplain, will give the invocation.

Senior officers will sign the following oath:

Having been appointed an officer in the corps of cadets, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the laws of the state of Texas, the college regulations, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will not participate in, condone, or tolerate physical hazing or the use of any instrument upon a cadet's body for any reason whatsoever; that I take this obligation freely, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; so help me God.

Board of Directors Lets Construction Contracts

New construction for the A&M System was the main order of business for the A&M System board of directors, meeting here Saturday.

Contracts totalling \$317,095 were awarded, with the largest single award going for a new A&M Press building. The \$252,625-contract was awarded to Martin Semands of Conroe.

The building will be a one-story, industrial-type concrete and brick structure, housing production equipment, offices and storage rooms.

It will be near the laundry, in the general utilities area of the campus. The Press is now in the basement of Goodwin hall.

Bonds in the amount of \$220,000 for construction of the Press building were sold to Eddleman Pollock company of Houston.

Other contracts awarded by the board for construction at A&M were \$14,203 for a superintendent's residence at the college plantation and \$25,347 for a feed building at the Poultry center. Both contracts went to the B-W Construction company of Bryan.

The board also appropriated \$50,000 for construction of a Farm Service center, consisting of shop and warehouse buildings, machinery sheds and service and maintenance area.

The center will serve the agricultural facilities in the dairy-beef area.

Other appropriations approved were \$4,500 for repainting and repairing Walton hall, \$9,000 for plans for a furniture warehouse and shop building for the buildings and campus utilities department, and \$2,000 for plans for remodeling the buildings in the old veterinary hospital area.

The civil engineering department will move into the old veterinary hospital buildings when the remodeling is complete.

The directors also approved \$100,000 for future construction at the farm centers, to be allocated at the discretion of the Agriculture council.

A balance of \$352,373 in the building fund will be used to furnish buildings now under construction. (See BOARD, Page 2)

Enrollment Increases 3 Per Cent

The enrollment at A&M shows an increase of slightly more than three percent over enrollment figures for the same period last year, according to a college release issued Monday.

Friday and Saturday student registrations totaled 6,007, while 5,824 registered during the same two days last year.

Information was not available Monday on the number of cadets and civilian students enrolled, but 380 late registrations last year raised the student total to 6,204, of which 4,168 were cadets and 2,036 were civilian students.

College officials do not anticipate that late registrations will reach 300, since A&M had a home football game registration week and most students planning to attend probably took advantage of enrolling in time to see the game.

A&M Senior Beaten After Tech Game

An A&M senior was attacked and beaten, but suffered no serious injuries Saturday night after the Texas Tech game by unidentified persons who "wanted his boots."

Joe E. Crenwelge, senior petroleum engineering major from Fredericksburg, said he was approached by the youths outside the main gate of Kyle field about "ten or fifteen minutes" after the game.

I Got Clobbered

"They said something about wanting my boots," Crenwelge said, "and I told them they would have to take them off. The first thing I knew, I got clobbered."

Crenwelge said the fight was broken up by a "few guys who were not in uniform." He said he did not know who attacked him, how many there were, or what school, if any, they were from.

"All I lost was a little blood and I got a busted lip, so I didn't think it was worth reporting," he said.

Neither Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, or Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, had been informed of the incident by last night. Davis said if it had been reported to the college officials he probably would have heard about it.

Action Wanted

Wilkins said last night if there had been a fight between A&M and Texas Tech students, then "we will start some action with the dean of Texas Tech."

"We'll turn the case over to them."

Great Issues Cards Being Distributed

Students who did not get tickets to the Memorial Student Center's Great Issues and Recital series can pick them up at the MSC director's office.

Students must have a fee slip showing that they have paid the student activity fee before they can get the ticket.

The Center ran out of these cards at the registration Saturday, so they are being given out this way, said Mrs. Helen Atterbury, MSC secretary.

and see if they can run down who did it," he said.

Wilkins also said there was an attempt by Texas Tech students to tear down the goal posts after the game. However, he said the cadet officer of the day and the cadet officer of the guard stopped the attempt without violence.

"The cadet officers did a good job in handling it," he said.

Board Assures Press Freedom To Publications

The much-discussed student publications board has been formed, and its first act was to assure freedom of the press to The Battalion and all other student publications.

(See Page 2 for the committee's statement in full.)

Only five persons on the seven-man board have been named so far. They are Karl E. Elmquist, executive chairman, D. D. Burchard, T. W. Leland, Bennie A. Zinn, and Bobby LeRoy Reid.

Following the provisions of the board's by-laws, Burchard represents the journalism department, Leland represents "a department other than the journalism department" and Zinn represents the student affairs department.

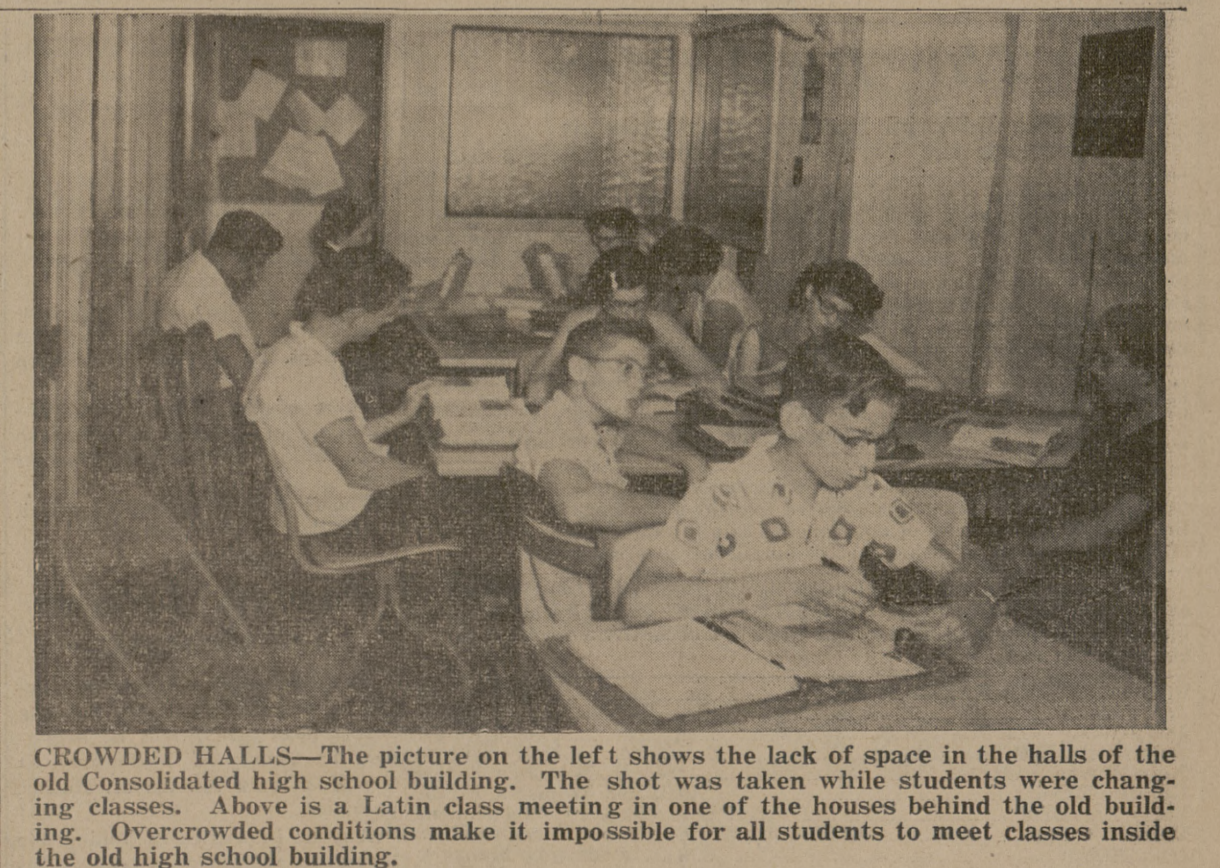
Elmquist will teach half-time in the English department and work half-time on student publications.

Elmquist was named manager of student publications last March after The Battalion staff resigned in protest of what they called "an attempt to censor" The Battalion.

Reid, a graduate student, was chosen by the Graduate council to represent the graduate students. Two other students, one a senior military student and one a senior civilian student, will complete the board. These will be chosen by student election.

The faculty members were appointed by the president, on the recommendation of the Academic council.

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CROWDED HALLS—The picture on the left shows the lack of space in the halls of the old Consolidated high school building. The shot was taken while students were changing classes. Above is a Latin class meeting in one of the houses behind the old building. Overcrowded conditions make it impossible for all students to meet classes inside the old high school building.