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Civilians Vote Tomorrow

SMU Apologizes For Student Brawl

Apologies were received here Tuesday from Southern Methodist university regarding a fight early Sunday morning between several Aggies and SMU students.

A letter from Ivan Irwin, president of the SMU Students association, was sent to Jerry Ramsey, president of the Student Senate.

The letter expressed regret on behalf of the student body that some SMU students had been guilty of misconduct.

Dean of students at SMU, Mayne Longnecker, Tuesday called Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, and offered an apology for the SMU student body. Longnecker also commended the behavior of the A&M students who were involved in the incidents.

One of the fights involved A&M Juniors Robert Wilkinson and

Lloyd Fite. Here is the story as told by Wilkinson:

"We were taking our dates back to the SMU dormitories about 12:30 a.m. Sunday and as we left, we were approached by 20 or 30 SMU boys. The boys separated us and wanted to know where our senior buddies were because they wanted some senior boots.

"They said parts of our uniform would do and one of the boys grabbed my hat and ran. When he later came back, I tried to get the hat and he grabbed me by the shirt.

"As we argued, he backed me across the street and against a car. Then both of us went to the ground and he held my head against the street with his knee. One of the SMU boys told him to break up the fight, and then they told us to get off the campus and never come back."

Seniors Attacked

Later that night, five seniors were on the campus and a group of SMU students, apparently the same group, attacked them. Col. Wilkins said one of the SMU boys made a pass at an Aggie and the Aggie "clobbered him." Police broke up the fight, he said.

Wilkins said Longnecker assured him "proper disciplinary action will be taken" against the SMU students and the damaged uniforms will be paid for. Wilkinson, whose serge uniform was ruined in the fight, estimated his loss at \$50. No other losses were reported.

Wilkinson said last night, "I appreciate the cooperative action that has been taken by both A&M and SMU to help clear up this incident. Also, I realize that the SMU student body as a whole was not to blame."

J Club Discusses National Meeting

Plans for sending delegates to the national Sigma Delta Chi convention were discussed at the Journalism club meeting last night.

Columbus, Ohio, is the site of the convention, to be held Nov. 8. A petition for setting up a chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, journalism professional society, at A&M will be presented to the convention.

Bill Thomas was elected junior representative to the Arts and Sciences council. Jon Kinslow and Harri Baker are senior representatives.

Jimmy Collins was appointed chairman of a committee to raise money for the Journalism club. Allen Pengelly and Ronnie Greathouse are the other members of the committee.

Georgia May End Public Schools

ATLANTA, Sept. 29—(AP)—An agency set up to find a way for Georgia to evade the U. S. Supreme Court rule against school segregation yesterday asked the voters to approve a measure that may mean the end of the public school system.

The agency is the Georgia Education Commission, created by the last Legislature. Beginning to draft its report, it called for ratification in the November general election of a constitutional amendment to enable Georgia to pay educational funds direct to pupils instead of support to public schools.

The pupils would pay their way in segregated private schools, which advocates of the plan claim would be exempt from the high court decree. Public schools with mixed classes would get no money.

Sponsor of the private school constitutional amendment is Gov. Herman Talmadge, who has won every political race he has run as a champion of white supremacy.

Job Hunting Should Begin For Seniors

Seniors and other students who will complete their college work this year should begin job-hunting now, according to W. R. Horsley, director of the placement office.

Even if the graduate is going on active duty immediately after graduation, he should begin job-hunting, Horsley said, because most employers are willing to start the men they want even if they have only a short time before reporting for active duty.

The Placement office keeps in touch with organizations offering jobs, and has information on the companies.

Horsley suggested that graduating students register with the Placement office, discuss their plans for the future with faculty members and Placement office staff members, and watch the placement notices.

Placement notices, or "Job Calls" are run in The Battalion, placed on departmental bulletin boards, and broadcast over radio station WTAW at 4:45 p.m. Monday.

News Briefs

THE TEXAS Dehydrators conference will be held Oct. 13 in rooms 3b and 3c of the Memorial Student Center. Registration will be conducted in the lobby of the MSC Oct. 13 at 8 a.m.

CHRIS H. GRONEMAN, head of the Industrial Education department, has been appointed to serve on the research and publication committee for the American Vocational association.

A SYMPOSIUM ON "Instrumentation for the Process Industries" will be held Jan. 2-28. It will be presented by the Chemical Engineering department.

MUMPS LED the list of communicable diseases this week, according to the Bryan-Brazos County health unit report. Diarrhea was second on the list.

ABOUT 650 Agricultural Extension personnel are attending the annual Extension conference here this week.

SECOND LT. Douglas E. Sowell has been designated as a naval aviator and received his commission recently. He is an ex-Aggie.

MARVIN N. CARTER has been sent to Egypt as an Extension service specialist. He was graduated from A&M with a B degree in vocational agriculture.

Anti-Segregation Picket Withdrawn

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Sept. 28—(AP)—Mothers picketing a school at nearby Four States in a segregation dispute withdrew today in the face of a court injunction and a judge's warning that their action was a "rebellion against the government, which cannot be tolerated."

"If necessary, I'll fill the jail until their feet are sticking out the windows," said Circuit Judge J. Harper Meredith in issuing the injunction.

The Marion County Board of Education sought the injunction after the picketing mothers prevented teachers from entering the Annabelle school for the second straight day.

Weather Today

Scattered to broken clouds with scattered thunder showers today and tomorrow, clearing tonight. High yesterday was 944, low was 70.

First Step Taken Toward Council

The election of civilian dormitory floor and ramp representatives will be tomorrow. This is the first step toward organizing the Civilian Students Council.

Thirty-six students will be elected from the dormitories, and these students, along with the house masters and dormitory senators, will elect representatives to the 14-man Civilian Council.

The number of representatives to be elected from each area is Bizzell, 3; Mitchell, 4; Milner, 4; Leggett, 4; Walton, 3; Law, 4; Puryear, 4; College View, 8; project houses, 1; and day students, 1.

Candidates for the positions must be students in good standing, have a grade point ratio of at least 1.0, and have been a civilian student for at least one semester.

Candidates also cannot be on academic or disciplinary probation.

Selected from these students, representation on the Civilian Council will be one from each dormitory, two from College View, one from the project houses, one from the day students, and the three civilian student members of the Student Life committee.

Dormitory representatives to the Student Senate will not be members of the council, but they may be called to meet with the council if they are needed to discuss a particular problem, said Bennie A. Zinn, head of the student affairs department.

Housemasters will conduct the election in each dormitory tomorrow. The ballots will be given out before 9 a.m. and are to be returned before 10:30 p.m. Each man is supposed to turn in his own ballot.

Civilian day students can vote in room 1-H of Puryear hall between 8 and 5 p.m.

This will be the function of the Civilian council, as explained by Zinn.

The council will handle problems arising among the civilian students.

At least two days before each council meeting, the floor and ramp representatives will meet to discuss any problems that have arisen.

If the problem concerns all the non-military students, it will be taken to the council.

However, if the cadet corps is also concerned, the matter will also be discussed with the cadet colonel. If the problem is still unsettled, then it will be taken to the Student Senate.

Dance Postponed

The meeting of the Memorial Student Center dance group, scheduled for next Monday, has been postponed until Oct. 11. The meeting was postponed because it conflicted with the Town Hall program scheduled for Monday.



RE-UPPING—Perry L. Crew, chemistry major from DeKalb, re-enlists at the army reserve recruiting table in the Memorial Student Center. Signing him up is sergeant first class Waconda F. Roscoe, recruiting sergeant.



DON'T BELIEVE IT—No, it's not your eyes. This is what's called a trick picture, and there's no good reason at all for printing it. It's a picture of Military Walk, looking toward Sbisas dining hall, taken from the roof of Guion hall. Everything is all squeezed up because the picture was taken through Guion hall's new anamorphic movie projection camera lens. If you looked through the lens the other way, it would spread the picture out, and that is how CinemaScope gets spread out all over a big screen. This concludes our physics lecture.

Civilian Program Pushed by Morgan

An appeal for civilian students to develop a program stronger than that of any other college or university was issued yesterday afternoon by President David H. Morgan at a meeting for the civilian students.

"Even in our present 'unorganized state' of the civilian students, it seems to me that A&M has more to offer civilian students in general than will be found in most of our colleges and universities," Morgan said.

"However, we are not satisfied with having the facilities available that are found elsewhere. We want a program that will be even stronger," he said.

Civilians Are Aggies

Morgan emphasized that civilian students and members of the cadet corps are both Aggies and are both members of the student body. He also pointed out the need for civilian students themselves to organize a development program providing leadership training for future life.

"The primary essential is an organization assuring the rights of the individual including an oppor-

tunity to develop his potentialities," he said.

In reference to such an organization, Morgan asked the group two questions—1) Should we introduce formal courses that will introduce you to the theory of human relationships and leadership development that the armed services are now stressing, and 2) What form of dormitory organization is most effective for this program.

Problem Larger

The problem of the development program is, in some respects, more complicated than that of the cadet corps since the civilian students are a more heterogeneous group, he said. However, Morgan said it seemed possible to him for the civilian students to develop the same spirit toward the group housed in each dormitory as that developed in each cadet unit.

"Through your close dormitory life," he said, "you have all of the experiences of fraternal life. It is possible that through the establishment of groups within these organizations, this spirit will emerge."

Mr. Jerry Ramsey, President Student Senate

Dear Jerry:

It is with deep shame that I find it necessary to write this type of letter to you, but because of the circumstances that have rendered it imperative, I can only hope that in some small measure it can repay a deeper humiliation that was thrust upon several of your students who were visiting our campus this past week-end; and who, when placed in a position of fear of physical harm and of loss of personal property by a group of SMU students, remained gentlemen throughout.

I am sure that the events have already reached your ears, but in case some doubts remain as to what did take place, perhaps I should tell you what has been told me by our students who were helpless bystanders. A group of SMU male students gathered around one of the girl's dormitories Saturday night and as your students returned from the dormitory after properly taking in their dates, they approached the cadets and proceeded to conduct themselves in a manner of which I and every loyal SMU student are very ashamed.

In addition to the damages caused by mental distress, there was an undetermined loss of property accompanied by at least one instance of bodily injury. For these and any other acts of which I am presently unaware, I am very sorry, and I can only hope that your students will not think that the conduct of the SMU students involved is representative of Southern Methodist University, and I also hope that a written apology in addition to any necessary remuneration from those SMU students involved will follow.

Ivan Irwin, President Students' Association



DANCING CLASS—These dancers are part of the 400 students registered in the Memorial Student Center dancing classes. The classes are taught on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MSC. Girls are from College Station and Bryan. Dancing instructor is Manning Smith.