

Bill Awaits Senate

AF Cadets May Fly

A bill passed by the House of Representatives in its closing days last spring and now awaiting the Senate to reconvene in January could mean 35 hours of flight instruction for every physically qualified Air Force ROTC cadet at Texas A&M.

This bill has been second only to the new Air Force Academy on the USAF's list of proposed legislation. Now that funds for the newest service academy have been assured, Air Force top leaders have concentrated their effort on the AFROTC flying bill.

As passed by the House, the bill would give every physically qualified Air Force ROTC cadet a minimum of 35 hours flight instruction during his sophomore year. Each cadet would then receive a CAA private flying license.

Brig. Gen. Richard H. Carmichael, the AF's deputy personnel procurement chief, said the service was ready to move the program into 90 of the 188 AFROTC units at once. He put the cost at \$1,800,000.

Air port officials at A&M stated that this school is one of the 90 already prepared to begin the program, and expressed disappointment that the bill did not gain earlier passage.

Gen. Carmichael said there would be a big savings in other areas of flight training, in that AFROTC cadets would be screened in actual flying. For example, a man who gets air sick would be detected and eliminated from any further Air Force flying. At the present time the air sickness probably would not be detected until the student had

been commissioned and entered in a AF flying school.

The washout rate today in US-AF flying schools is approximately 29 per cent, according to Gen. Carmichael. Passage of the flying bill would reduce washouts in these schools, he said.

AFROTC is furnishing and will continue to furnish the bulk of Air Force pilots. Gen. Carmichael said the bill "will stimulate interest among the AFROTC group."

91.4 Per Cent Of Class of '59 In Military

Approximately 91.4 per cent of the freshmen class has elected to take military science and live in the Corps of Cadets during the coming year, according to Dr. David H. Morgan, president of the college.

A&M's optional plan for Military Science was approved by the System Board of Directors at their July meeting last year, stating all students have the option of taking military science or being a civilian student.

Those students taking military science will live in the Corps, with all four classes living together, marking the second year of Corps consolidation.

The optional military plan was presented to the Board by the Academic Council, the governing body of the college composed of the heads of departments.

All students in the Corps will wear the uniform all the time and will abide with the articles of the Cadet Corps, which is the same as last year.

If a freshman or sophomore wants to get out of the Corps or drop military science, after registration, the procedure will be the same as dropping any academic work.

Students Will Need 6 Hours Of Am. History After July 1

After July 1, 1956 no person shall be granted a baccalaureate degree of any kind from A&M until he has taken and passed six semester hours in American history.

A student can have the option, at his request, to substitute three semesters hours of Texas history for three of the six semesters hours in American history required by the terms of the act passed by the state Legislature during its last session.

The provisions of the act are in addition to existing laws requiring the teaching of state and federal Constitutions in state supported colleges and universities in Texas. These are history 306 and 307 at A&M.

By action of the Executive Committee of the Academic Council, all curricula which do not include this requirement in full have been amended to include it for all students who receive their degrees after July 1, 1956. In these curricula the additional hours needed to satisfy the requirement will replace an equivalent number of elective hours. The total number of semester hours required for the degree remains unchanged, according to J. P. Abbott, dean of the college.

Two sequences of history courses

offered by A&M meet the new law's requirement. These are as follows:

- History 105 and 106 (History of the United States), and

- History 325 (Trends in American history) and History 326 (History of Texas). The Texas history course will be offered beginning with the spring, 1956, semester.

Students who have completed three or more semesters of college work before registering for courses in American history have been advised by Dr. Abbott to schedule history 325 and 326.

Civilian Students Have Own Council

A&M will have the Civilian Student Council, put in operation last year, with it again for the coming semesters. Definite plans have not yet been made.

The Council is composed as follows. Floor or ramp representatives from each civilian dormitory are elected and they will elect a councilman from their dormitory area. The council will work toward better and friendlier relationships with the cadets and all parts of the college and toward improving all phases of college life.

Academic Building

Classrooms in the Academic Building have been given new chairs and repairs needed have been made.

The concrete stairway has also been redone this summer, and brand new steps are awaiting the scurrying steps of students hurrying to classes.

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