

Civilian Students Organizing Own Military Company

Civilian students interested in wearing the uniform and taking part in Corps activities are working on a plan which may boost A&M's military enrollment by about 60 students.

Those interested should meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon on the main drill field. It is necessary that a uniform be worn.

Several students who were unable to get contracts but who were interested in being Corps members have met with military and college officials to see if they could organize a "civilian military unit," and

have circulated a petition to that effect.

"We've met with no opposition so far," said Morris Rogers, one of the seniors organizing the unit. "In fact, there has been more interest in organizing such an outfit than we believed possible. I think we could even get a whole battalion."

"Capt. Albert Sparks, dormitory counselor, is the spark that started the flame," Rogers said. "We asked him about the possibility of organizing the unit and he encour-

aged us to see the college officials, and guided our moves."

"Our tentative plans," Rogers said, "are to live as any other military unit in Dormitory 16. It would be a strictly military outfit, made up mostly of juniors and seniors. There will be a few sophomores."

"If the plan goes through we will march in as the Corps and eat in Sbsa. Drill will be held every Thursday and will be compulsory," Rogers said. "We will march into all home football games, and take part in corps trips and competitive

drill, such as the General Moore Trophy."

Thirty-five students signed a petition to the Military Department asking for the organization, said Col. Joe Davis, commandant. The Military Science Department is looking forward to the organization of such a unit, he added.

Rogers pointed out that while only about 35 signed the petition, many other students had shown interest, and there would be approximately 60 charter members in the unit.

Corps privileges will be taken

according to class. There will be C.Q. for sophomores. Qualifications, as they now stand, are to have two previous semesters of military science, show interest in the organization and willingness to abide by the Articles of the Cadet Corps, and have approval from the commanding officer.

Officers in the unit will be recommended by the seniors in the unit, and the Military Science Department will select them from the list recommended.

Uniforms have not been supplied as yet, Rogers said, but college of-

ficials are working on this and will probably appropriate at least part of the money needed. He pointed out that the students would have to buy their own shoes, socks, ties and caps, and whatever other articles the college can't supply. Uniforms will not be issued by the clothing warehouse.

Civilian students interviewed seemed to be highly in favor of the "civilian military unit." Eddie Nettles, junior civil engineering major, pointed out that several students like himself missed a contract by one or two grade points,

but they still wanted to belong to the Corps.

"I've wanted back in the Corps ever since I got out, said Wane Davis, senior education major. That's one reason I came to A&M, and now it looks like my chance to get back into uniform. Even if it costs me \$100 I'm going back in."

"Shoes and brass will be polished, and we'll be ready to march in with the rest of the Corps for the University of Houston game, if our tentative plans work out," Rogers concluded.

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READY TO DANCE—Sorry, girls, but you'll be more than a week too early to sign up for the dancing classes conducted in the Memorial Student Center by Manning Smith and the Dance Committee of the Center. Boys register Monday at 7:30 p.m. and the girls a week later. Left to right in our picture are Patsy Smith, Norma Udashen, Sarita Colson, Marilyn Machlman, Manning Smith and Mrs. Betty Traganza, MSC program director.

Student Senate Indorses Fee For Memorial Student Center

Football Seating Plan To Remain Unchanged

The Student Senate last night decided to back the proposed \$2 compulsory union fee in the coming election Sept. 28-29. The vote was unanimous.

Bud Whitney, MSC Council President, presented a short discussion on the union fee. Some Senators wanted to know why the money was collected at registration instead of after the election to see if the fee would pass or not. Whitney explained that "it would be too much trouble for the Fiscal Office to call in every student and collect \$2 after the election. If the fee does not pass, the money will be refunded."

The Senate Committees were named after an hour and a half of voting and shuffling around at the meeting with

A&M Enrollment Shows Increase

In keeping with the already noted fact that there are many more cars on the campus this year than last year, the student enrollment also shows a healthy increase this year.

Showing an increase of 9.36 per cent, this year's enrollment figure is 6,736 compared with 6,159 for last year.

an additional committee named. The committees named were for the entire year with the exception of the Seating Arrangement Committee, which presented its plan for Kyle Field seating.

The seating plan will be the same one used last year. It will be used experimentally for the University of Houston game to see if it will work out, according to (See SENATE, Page 2)

Governing Body Should Be Senate

"I consider this as the key body of the campus, the governing body," Dr. Robert Kamm told the Student Senate last night.

"I don't know whether you have been doing all the governing that

you can do or not," he said. "But, I would like to see the Senate as the main group on the campus."

Dr. Kamm presented the Senate several things he would like to see done this year.

These were as follows:

- Give consideration to campaigning on the campus. Create two or three spots on the campus where students can campaign, both Corps and civilian students.

- Welfare fund drives cleared through the Senate instead of through the Dean of Personnel Services Office.

- The possibility of having the president's reception held in the MSC instead of at the president's home. Too many people do not bother to walk all the way across the campus to go, he said.

Dr. Kamm said the Student Life Committee was here as an advisory group and that the Senate did not have to go through this committee.

In closing, Dr. Kamm said he was here in the interest of every student—both civilian and Corps.

1,600 Aggies Buy Tickets For LSU Game

More than 1,600 students will be leaving the campus today and tomorrow for the A&M-LSU game in Dallas and the various parties held after the game.

According to Pat Dial, business manager of the athletic department, 1,675 student tickets have been sold for the game. Along with student tickets, 950 date tickets were sold.

"This is a 50 per cent increase over sales for last year's game in Dallas," said Dial.

Numerous parties are slated to be held over the city with the largest being at the Aggie favorite, Lou Ann's.

The weekend game has been declared an unofficial corps trip by Larry B. Kennedy, Corps Commander. I'm sure all Aggies will be there to show the team that the Twelfth Man is still behind them, win, lose, or draw, he said.

A yell practice will be held in Dallas Saturday in the park just south of the Dallas Hotel, according to Paul Holladay, head yell leader. The yell practice will begin at 5 p.m. and last for approximately 30 minutes.

Kick-off time is 8 p.m.

Dance Classes To Begin Monday

A&M students can register for fall dancing classes at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Manning Smith will conduct the classes, which will start the first week in October and continue until February.

High school girls from College Station and Bryan will take part in the classes once again. They will register at the Center Oct. 3, the night of the first class.

Regular fee for the classes will be \$5, for both students and girls.

SCONA Assured For A&M

A group of A&M students with their eyes on the future and their hands willing to work in the present have successfully carried through plans that will give top students from 50 leading colleges and universities of the South and Southwest a behind-the-scenes look at national affairs.

Invitations are being mailed this week to the presidents of educational institutions in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri and Colorado to select two top students from each to attend the first Student Conference on National Affairs. The \$12,000 project is to be held Dec. 14-17 in the Memorial Student Center.

In addition to the larger schools within a 600-mile radius of A&M, special invitations were sent to the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Academy and three of the leading educational institutions of Mexico. Students are to be selected by their schools, including Texas A&M, on

the basis of their interest in national affairs and background.

Both men and women in the college junior and senior grade level will be eligible. Half of the transportation cost of each representative will be paid by SCONA.

For three days these students will listen to addresses by men active in national affairs, from the governments of this country and others, and will engage in panel discussions led by these experts on the problems involved. SCONA

chairman John Jenkins said that the names of speakers and panel leaders will be released later. The conference this year will center on "The Role of the United States in World Affairs."

While the conference plan has the blessings and full cooperation of A&M's administration, it has been wholly the result of student planning and work, and will be run by student leaders on the campus.

Leading roles, besides Chairman

Jenkins, have been played by Jack Lunsford, vice-chairman; Herbert W. (Bud) Whitney, who's enthusiasm got the plan off to its realization; Les Robinson, who represents the MSC Forum Group; Harold Sellers, chairman of the Secretariat Committee; Vic A. Mosely, chairman, Program Committee; Weldon Walker, chairman, Arrangements Committee; Jim Arnold, chairman, Publicity Committee; Cyrus M. Johnson, chairman, Planning Committee; Larry Ken-

neddy, chairman, Finance Committee; and Bob Bacher, chairman, Transportation Committee.

Lack of space prevents publishing the names of all committee members, but Jenkins said that all of the committees need more students to help with the planning. Anyone interested in working with a SCONA committee should contact Harold Sellers in room 218, dorm 10.

The only other conference of this type, sponsored by an educational institution with private backing, is the U. S. Military Academy's Student Conference on United States Affairs. This conference, held each December at West Point, provided the spark that led to A&M's SCONA.

Although the Academy's conference is limited primarily to the major Eastern colleges and universities, A&M was invited last year to send representatives. One of the students selected for this honor was Whitney, then a junior, from Big Springs. Whitney is now president of the MSC Council.

He was enthusiastic over the opportunities which the West Point conference offered for seeing firsthand some of the men who deal with our national problems and for discussing these problems with

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Memorial Student Center, III

Council Governs Activities

Ed Note: This is the third in a series of articles on the Memorial Student Center. With the election next week on the union fee, it is felt that students can decide how to vote easier if they know more about the Center.

A major point in the overall purpose of the Memorial Student Center is to teach self-government. This is accomplished through the functioning of the student government of the Center.

The MSC is governed by a Council of eight students, five faculty members and two former students. A student is always president of the MSC Council.

Herbert W. (Bud) Whitney, engineering and English senior from Big Springs, is president of the Center's governing body for the 1955-56 school year. Assisting him as vice-president is Dick Wall, chemical engineering junior from Houston. One other officer for the Council exists—secretary-treasurer, who is always the director of the MSC. J. Wayne Stark fills this capacity.

The Council members are picked as follows:

- Four student representatives from the MSC Directorate or the outgoing Council, to be elected by the Council. The Directorate is composed of chairmen of the vari-

ous Center committees; its purpose is to plan and direct the program of the Center.

- The editor of The Battalion, official newspaper of the college.
- Five members of the faculty, to be appointed by the president of the college, Dr. David H. Morgan.
- Two former students, chosen

Weather Today



Partly Cloudy

Forecast for today remains partly cloudy with occasional rain showers through this afternoon. Temperature at 10:30 a.m. was 83 degrees. Yesterday's high was 90 degrees with a low of 77 degrees.

by the governing board of the Former Students Association for overlapping terms.

- One member of the Student Senate to be elected by the Senate.
- Two student representatives to be elected by student members of the Center.

The term of office for student members is one year; for faculty and former student members, it is two years.

Student members of the Council for this year are Frank Jagers, Bill Willis, Don McGinty, Ernest Kennedy, Douglas DeCluitt and Bill Fullerton.

Faculty members are F. D. Lawyer, Architecture Department; B. H. Nelson, Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department; W. F. Berndt, Fiscal Department; E. D. McMurry, Veterinary and Physiology Department; and W. L. Tidwell, Biology Department.

Former student members are J. B. Longley and Brownrigg H. Dewey Jr.

The preceding is, in brief, the organization of the Council, and the names of present Council officers and members, which is charged with the organization and operation of the activities and events within the Center.

(The fourth in this series will appear in Tuesday's Battalion.)

Aggies Make Early Trip To TSCW

Five A&M students left with W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, business manager of student activities, for Texas State College for Women in Denton yesterday to attend All-College Night.

Making the trip with Hardesty were Larry Kennedy, cadet colonel; Paul Holladay, head yell leader; Gerald Van Hoosier, Civilian Student Life Committee; Stewart Coffman, civilian chaplain; and Glenn Buell, representing the Student Senate.

The trip is an annual affair with the Aggies appearing during the All-College Night festivities at TSCW to explain the cooperation between A&M and TSCW students on Corps trips, Rosebud Festival and at other functions during the school year.



SHE PLANNED IT—The activities which students enjoy at the Memorial Student Center can be traced back to Mrs. Betty Traganza, program director. She recently replaced Mrs. Frances Shackelford, who returned to her job as Directorate secretary. Mrs. Traganza is married; her husband, Gene, is a graduate student in oceanography. She holds an AB from Nebraska University and a Masters from Indiana U. She has taught in colleges in Missouri and Mississippi.