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College Who's Who Lists 34 Aggies

Hagler Calls Board Action 'Best Thing'

By JOE BUSER

Corps Commander Jon Hagler expressed delight and reaffirmation in the potentialities of the Corps of Cadets after the official release of the A&M Board's decision to make military training compulsory for freshmen and sophomores.

Hagler said that this was the best thing that could happen to A&M. "We are closer to realizing the terrific potentialities of the Corps; however, we now have a real challenge."

He said that the challenge was that, under anything compulsory, there would be some men involved that did not completely believe in the program. That is, there would be those in the Corps that would be only because they had to; consequently, the program must be good.

"There has been some mention that compulsory Corps would give us quantity, not quality. The actual number of cadets in the Corps is not important; what they get out of the training is," Hagler said.

He said that men already in the Corps would not realize a great deal from the compulsory Corps;

the men that would benefit would be those who dropped out—or would drop out—before they were able to accurately evaluate the Corps merits.

"A man at 17 or 18, just out of high school, usually isn't able to see things such as rigid discipline in its true perspective, in the same manner that children do not always understand directives from their parents. However, after reaching maturity, the motives of their parents become apparent. So it is with the Corps."

Hagler said that he did not feel that A&M was intended to become the West Point of the Southwest, nor did he feel that the board wanted that.

"I do feel that, in the Corps of Cadets, men are instilled with discipline that isn't available anywhere else," he said.

Hagler agreed that the purpose of A&M was educational in nature.

"However, since the Corps' program is also educational, being a member does not hinder a man in obtaining an education," Hagler said.

★ Students Give Opinions On Board Action

Student opinion on the Board of Director's action monopolized campus discussions last week and a variety of comments was expressed pro and con on the question of compulsory military training and its effect on A&M.

"I feel compulsory Corps is bad," said Amon Bailey, Civilian senior. "A&M will lose some good men who might come here otherwise. However I think there should be some regulations for Civilian students to live under."

Said a Civilian senior who asked his name not be used, "I think it's a good deal. It will build up the reputation of the veterans like myself and the Civilians in general, by eliminating freshmen and sophomore "non-regs."

"I think if they are going to make two years compulsory, they should make it compulsory for four years," said Luis A. Lopez, graduate student. "If it's going to be a military school, let's make it a good military school."

"A&M should strive for quality, not quantity," said John Aldridge, a fifth year student who was in the Corps for four years. "If you force a man to be in the Corps who doesn't want to be, you will weaken it. I think it is better to have a small, strong Corps rather than a large, weak one."

"I think the Corps is outdated and has lost its usefulness," said David Dannenbaum, sophomore in B Field Artillery. "The scientific man will win the next war, not the military man."

"With the new emphasis on grades, I think compulsory Corps is a good thing," John Mayfield, Squadron 23 senior said. "This is a big responsibility placed in the hands of the upperclassmen, but, handled properly, I think the Corps will progress steadily forward and serve as a challenge."

George Ragsdale, second group staff senior disagreed. "Although I feel that the Corps helps most boys who are in it," he said "I do not think that a person should be forced to be in the Corps if he wants to go to A&M. A&M is a fine school, and to be able to take advantage of the educational facilities offered here a boy should not be required to participate in any specific extra-curricular activity such as the Corps."



—Battalion Staff Photo

MSC Ready for Christmas

Christmas decorations have been placed throughout the Memorial Student Center and even the jolly old man in the red suit is feeling the holiday spirit with only 10 more school days left until Christmas.

Corps Now Urging Joint Honor Code

In a joint meeting of the Corps orientation committee and the executive committee of the Civilian Student Council, Corps proponents went on record as being "in favor ultimately, of a school wide honor code."

The meeting, the first of its kind, was for the most part, a "friendly get-together, man to man," as one Civilian councilman said. Both groups seemed well pleased with the meeting and were optimistic about the future.

According to Taylor Scott, chairman of the Corps orientation committee, "Orientation will go right ahead as planned in the Corps area, but we (the orientation committee) will give the Civilians any information or help in organizing a code for themselves, if they want it."

No formal resolutions were passed by the joint committee, but the feelings of both groups were aired.

Dick McGlaun presented a three-page report from the Civilian Student Council and the progress they had made on an honor code.

They advocated a code, similar to the one accepted by Corps seniors Nov. 7, but with one reservation. They desired a governing body, like the Corps honor council, to be set up by and for Civilians.

Spokesman for the Corps representatives was Scott, who outlined the progress the code had made since its conception last year.

Four members of the Corps committee, Ray Bowen, Bob Burkhead, V. E. Hawes and Scott, are attending the Council's meeting Thursday night, to explain the code to the entire body.

According to Bowen, "Our purpose is not to sell them on the code, but only to inform them so they can properly evaluate it."

"And offer our services if they want them," he added.

Student Committee Makes Selections

Who's Who Selection Committee members chose 34 Aggies to the 1957-58 Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The selection committee is composed of four students and four staff members appointed by Dr. Robert B. Kamm, dean of Student Personnel Services and the Basic Division.

Those chosen were: Brady Douglas Armstrong, Ray Morris Bowen, Billy Lewis Clark, James Paul Costa, John David Crow, Roy Bennett Davis Jr., Donald Dean Dunlap, Jerald Wayne Ellington, Alvin Howard Grantham Jr., James Robert Groves, Jon Lewis Hagler, Thomas Raymond Harris, James Bond Henson, Robert Henry Kidd III and Alfred Kirst Jr.

Corps Colonel Clears Mix-up

Editor:

The Battalion

For the sole purpose of clarification, my statement to The Battalion on Dec. 2, 1957 was this:

I have had no official notification by college officials as to the rumored action taken by the Board of Directors and as such I have no statement to make until that action is confirmed officially by college officials.

In reply to a question asking what my comment might be if the rumored action was true, I said this:

Naturally I'm delighted and I certainly feel that it is a change for the good. I do think that it presents a real challenge for the Corps of Cadets because under such a compulsory system there will naturally be some in the Corps regardless of their wishes, and such a system requires that we maintain a top-notch program.

This might be of interest to those who have read that I felt "that it will eliminate trouble by putting people in the Corps regardless of their feelings."

Jon L. Hagler '58
(Editor's Note: Two top Battalion reporters took Hagler's remarks about the Board's action down in a telephone conversation with him Dec. 3, 1957.)

The portion of the story in the Dec. 4 issue of The Battalion containing Hagler's remarks taken from the two reporters' notes read:

"Cadet Colonel of the Corps Jon L. Hagler admitted that he was delighted and felt it (compulsory Corps) was a change for the good. He said it presents a 'real challenge for the Corps of Cadets.'"

"He feels that it will eliminate trouble by putting people in the Corps 'regardless of their feelings.'"

If what the reporters took down in their notes is not what Hagler meant to say, The Battalion Apologizes.)

860 Visit A&M
A total of 860 people visited the A&M campus during November, attending short courses, conferences, and other scheduled meetings.

Little Effect Seen After AS, MS Cut

Changes in curriculum for engineering majors, excluding advanced military and air science, are actually no cause for alarm members of the Engineering Council said last night.

Studying the new plan passed by the Academic Council last week, the engineers found it would cause no significant change in the number of hours required of an engineering major in the Corps.

C. W. Crawford, Associate Dean of Engineering, was principal speaker at the meeting and helped explain the meaning of changes to the students. The new plan will go into effect next September.

The number of hours required for an engineering degree was lowered for all engineering majors—in most cases by the 12 hours required for junior and senior military and air science courses. The change will affect some engineering majors more than others, but will in any case, mean little difference to Corps students.

For civilian students, the new ruling will mean a lighter scholastic load, or room for more elective courses.

Another major change in the

curriculum was the addition of more courses in humanities and social sciences.

Breaking down several of the engineering graduate requirements, the picture looks something like this:

Chemical engineering majors are currently required to have 150 hours for graduation. The new plan requires 145 hours. These figures mean a Chem. E. major, taking military or air science would need 12 hours above the new figure, or 157 hours—seven more than the present curriculum requires. In the 1954 catalog, the number of (See LITTLE EFFECT, Page 5)

Weather Today

College Station weather will be clear to partly cloudy today, colder tonight and Wednesday, with the low temperature tonight in the high 30's.

Yesterday the high reading—61 degrees—was taken at 1:15 p. m. This morning's low, 41 degrees, came at 7:30.

The 8 a. m. relative humidity was 67 per cent, and the temperature, 45 degrees.

SCONA III Opens Three-Day Showing Tomorrow

Eugene M. Zukert, former assistant secretary of the Air Force and former member of the Atomic Energy Commission, will open the Third Student Conference on National Affairs tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 with an address on "The World Today."

About 150 students representing 63 different colleges and universities in 20 states, Canada and Mexico have accepted invitations to the conference.

Dr. John Boyd Page, dean of the college, will welcome the delegates prior to Zukert's speech. At 4 p. m. the round-table groups will have an orientation meeting followed by a smorgasbord in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 6.

At the second plenary session tomorrow night at 8 Zukert, Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International

Peace and Dr. Charles L. Dunham, chief of the Division of Biology and Medicine of the Atomic Energy Commission, will present a panel



Eugene M. Zukert

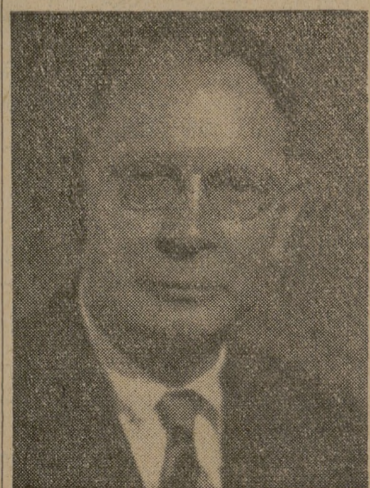
discussion. Their topic is "What is the Role of Nuclear Energy in Foreign Policy?"

The delegates have been divided into seven round-table groups. These groups will meet at 8:30 a. m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 1:30 p. m. Thursday. The general public is not invited to these meetings, but observer chairs will be empty from time to time and students are encouraged to fill these vacancies. Only the delegates will be permitted to enter into the discussions, however.

Round-table topics are "The United States and the Middle East," "The United States and Europe," "The United States and the Western Hemisphere" and "The United States and the Far East."

After a guided tour of the campus Thursday afternoon the delegates will be treated to a Texas-style barbecue on the lawn of the

MSC. The Corps of Cadets will honor SCONA III delegates and faculty with a review Friday at 4 p. m. A buffet follows this at 6.



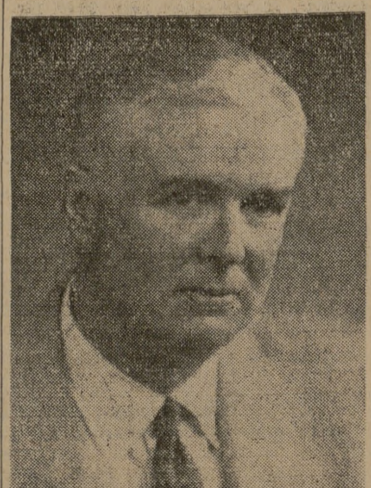
Joseph E. Johnson

Gen. John P. Daley is scheduled to address the Third Plenary Session Thursday night at 8 in the MSC Ballroom. Daley, who is the chief of Research and Development for Special Weapons of the Department of the Army, has as his topic: "Why Army Missiles in the Space Age?"

The Fourth and the Fifth Plenary Sessions are to be held Friday. At 2 p. m., Minnesota's Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, a U. S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Disarmament, will answer the question: "How Can the Situation in the Middle East Affect the Rest of the World?"

Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, who was president of the U. N. Fourth General Assembly in 1949-50, and current chairman of the Philippine delegation to the U. N. General

Assembly and their representative on the U. N. Security Council, will deliver an address in G. Rollie White Coliseum Friday night at 8.



Dr. Charles L. Dunham

His topic is "The United States and World Affairs."

John Scott, special assistant to the publisher of Time Magazine, will sum up the conference at the final meeting of SCONA III, a luncheon at 12:15 Saturday. His speech is entitled "Fact Finding Round Up."

The purpose of SCONA III is three-fold. (1), To conduct a series of informative and stimulative discussions on "The Role of the United States in World Affairs," (2), to provide an appreciation of the complexities of the foreign policy of the United States to an increasingly large representation of college students of the South and Southwest, and by a serious exchange of ideas between students over a period of years, and (3), to help promote a generation of responsible leaders in international affairs.