

Civilians Want To See Board On Corps Plan

Billy McKown, president of the Civilian Student Council has written a letter to President M. T. Harrington requesting audience with the A&M System Board of Directors to voice Civilian opinion on compulsory military training.

McKown told Councilmen last night that the letter had been acknowledged and "Dr. Harrington has asked me to see him personally about it."

The Council voted to send five representatives, chosen from ten nominees, if an audience was granted. The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22.

"I presume he wants to find out what we intend to say—and how we plan to back up our assumptions," McKown said.

The nine Councilmen present discussed briefly the need for a factual and representative report. McKown said, "We mustn't go with a chip on our shoulder—that would be disastrous."

No Letter Jackets

In other action, the Council decided to ask dormitory councils to remind students about the college regulation against wearing letter jackets, awarded by schools other than A&M. Several members said that they had noticed violations of the rule especially by students from Hart Hall.

High School Day Planning Scheduled

Hometown club presidents will meet at 5 p. m. Tuesday in Room 101 of the YMCA to discuss High School Day.

The exact date for the annual day of sports is not known because a new football coach has not been hired. C. G. (Spike) White, manager of Recreation and Entertainment, said.

"High School Day is the best opportunity that hometown clubs have for contributing to our college," White said, urging all hometown presidents either to be present or to send a representative.

Odom to Preside Over Short Course

R. E. Odom will head the commercial florists short course to be held here Sunday through Tuesday. Sessions will be held in the Memorial Student Center.

The short course is sponsored by the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture.

Yule Seal Sellers Still Taking Grants

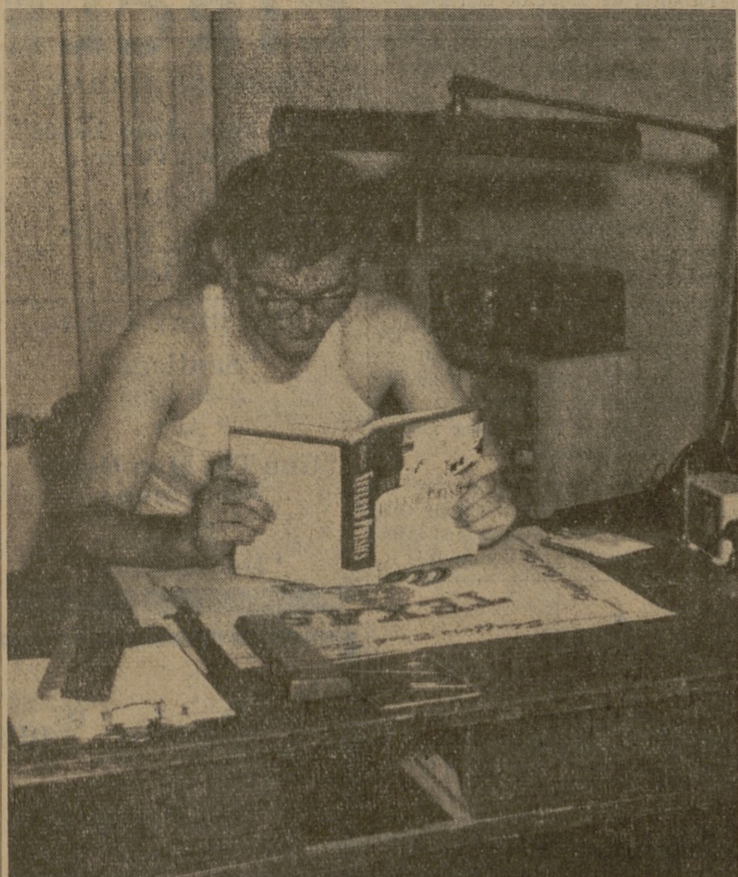
Although the drive has officially closed, Christmas Seal sales books are still open for late contributions. Mrs. Joe Faulk, county chairman for the drive, said yesterday.

Sales officially closed Dec. 31, but Mrs. Faulk said any late contributions would be greatly appreciated to help out the drive which she describes as "weak" this year.

The seal sales now total \$5,335, several hundred dollars behind the sale at this time last year. Funds from the drive go to continue the work of the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association.

Mrs. Faulk, as spokesman of the Christmas Seal committee, expressed appreciation to both citizens and businesses, as well as students who have supported the sale. She mentioned especially the married students living in college apartments, sent seals by mail, whose response has topped that of last year.

"The sales committee regrets," Mrs. Faulk, said "that circumstances over which it had no control, seemed to prevent the fine response of the dormitory students to the sale this year as in past years. However, the light contribution from the civilian dormitory



—Battalion Staff Photo

An Early Start

Jay Kaufman, Houston EE major, starts the long task of preparing for final exams. In the meantime, coffee pots are being shined up, and cigarette sales have taken a sharp climb, as other students also begin preparing.

MSC Boasts New Carpeting, Sound

While Aggies were gone over the Christmas holidays, new \$85,000 automatic pinsetters in the bowling alley were not the only changes made at the Memorial Student Center.

New carpets were laid in five rooms on the main floor—the main lounge, promenade, ladies rest room and the dining room, at a cost of about \$8,000, Charles G. Haas, assistant director and business manager of the MSC, said.

The green carpet which used to be in the above rooms is now in the guest room, which was much in need of carpeting, Haas said.

A \$2,500 folding wall has also been added to the third floor. The wall is between rooms 3A and B. "The folding wall will give the floor added versatility," he said.

Painting of the central kitchen and service rooms, additional lighting in the gun collection room on the third floor and plumbing and electrical repair all was done during the two-week period.

Along with this, the central sound system was remodeled. It completed a transition in high-fidelity.

Much of the furniture has been

redone and not junked as rumor has led many people to believe, Haas said.

Haas said the MSQ is in its third year of a three year renovation program, and he estimated that between 30 and 40 thousand dollars would be invested in the program.

Only the fountain rooms, gift shop and a few meeting rooms have not been worked on.

One of their next steps is to have air conditioning installed in the Post Office area.

The business profits within the MSC are paying for the entire renovation and not state appropriated funds or student fees.

Ike Stresses Safety In Congress Speech

Dulles Used 5th Senator Says

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Sen. Morse D-Ore said that Secretary of State Dulles took "the administration Fifth Amendment plea" yesterday when asked to discuss his admitted differences with Harold E. Stassen.

Dulles had a discussion behind closed doors with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Morse is a committee member.

In a statement, Morse said Dulles did not say a word that indicated recognition of need for worldwide disarmament.

He said Dulles admitted disagreement with Stassen, the President's disarmament ambassador, but took his "Fifth" plea in "the form of hiding being executive privilege when he was asked to discuss what those differences were."

Graduation Regalia Deadline Nearing

Graduating seniors have been reminded that Saturday is the final day for ordering graduation regalia from the Exchange Store.

Corps seniors will wear uniforms and civilian seniors will wear caps and gowns. At the present time only 50 gowns have been ordered.

Yoshihara On Job

MIDWAY ISLAND (AP)—Lieut. (J.G.) Takeshi Yoshihara, the first American of immigrant Japanese parents to graduate from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, is now stationed here as assistant public works officer.

Sets Up Program For Space Needs

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower proclaimed yesterday a program of "safety through strength" and issued to the American people and an applauding Congress a confident, ringing "call for action."

This was the essence of Eisenhower's answer, in his annual State of the Union message to Congress, to what he acknowledged are real, growing, space age dangers from a Communist imperialism "waging total cold war."

Eisenhower set forth an eight-point program, and summoned the country and Congress to rally behind it with sacrifices and understanding. Many Democratic leaders promptly lined up with Republicans in expressions of support and praise.

Space Book List Added To Library

With attention being focused today on space travel, rockets and ballistic missiles, a new list of books in this field has been prepared by the Cushing Memorial Library.

Miss Jane Forgotson, science reference librarian, has revised and enlarged a bibliography entitled "Conquest of Space" which she prepared a year ago. This bibliography contains 83 titles arranged under the headings "History of Rocketry and the Earth Travel Concept," "Conditions Beyond the Earth," "Rocket Engineering," "Guided Missiles," "Space Ships and Satellites," "Interplanetary Flight" and "Flying Saucers."

Copies of this bibliography are available in the Science and Agriculture reference room on the second floor of the library.

Students May Reserve Rooms For Next Term

Students wishing to reserve the rooms they now occupy or a different room for the spring semester should pay their fees and reserve their rooms beginning at 8 a. m. next Monday, Harry L. Boyer, Housing Manager, said yesterday.

Fees are to be paid at the Fiscal Office in the Administration Building. The fee receipts must then be brought to the Housing Office, where rooms can be reserved.

Those wishing to occupy a room other than the one they now occupy, including students changing from military to civilian dormitories or vice versa, must present room change slips from both house masters and Organization Commanders concerned. A student moving from a military dorm to a civilian dorm must obtain the signature of his tactical officer on his room change slip.

Beginning January 22 all rooms will be available on a first come, first served basis. Since there is only one day allotted for registration of old students, fees should be paid and rooms reserved before registration day.

Day students are urged to secure their day student permits and pay their fees early. These permits must be secured before fees can be paid.

The chief executive conceded that "most of us" failed to anticipate the "psychological impact upon the world of the launching of the first earth satellite" by Russia. He said the consensus is that at the moment America probably is "somewhat behind the Soviets in some areas of long-range ballistic missile development."

BA Head to Chair Training Program

Dr. T. W. Leland, head of the Division of Business Administration, will chair the Executive Development Training Program to be held here Jan. 26-Feb. 14.

Thirty-six young executives are due to attend the sessions to be held in the Memorial Student Center.

Eagle Says Merchants Didn't Ask for Coeds

By FRED MEURER

In its second front page editorial of the week heralding a switch to co-education at A&M, the Bryan Daily Eagle yesterday denied rumors and opinions that the proposed move had been inspired by local businessmen.

Spurred on by some votes of confidence given it in letters to the editor, the newspaper rapped back at other letters which opposed the Eagle's stand.

The Eagle defended its move by saying in the editorial:

"No Bryan merchant knew anything whatever about the Eagle editorial until the morning it appeared. Anyone who implies that this is simply a campaign for business is raising a false issue, probably in order to avoid facing the facts about A&M. We are concerned with one thing: that A&M fulfills its complete obligation to the State of Texas."

Without actually denying that coeds at A&M would greatly aid business in the area, the Eagle editorial presented a long list of possible ways co-education might benefit A&M and the taxpayers.

Among them were that co-education would give women a chance at an economic education, provide a better environment for faculty members and their families, and serve as an attraction for athletes and coaches.

PRO'S BATTLING CON'S

The two factors are now battling it out, toe-to-toe, with the pro-co-education group trying to tear down the "old school tie" and bring A&M to modern standards, while the other group is digging in to

defend A&M traditions and a strong military training program.

Yesterday's editorial stated: "Although co-education has been proposed before, we don't believe it has ever had such support from former students. There are still some, of course, who are bitterly opposed and have written to that effect."

An example of the support came in a letter from a Class of '39 student in Wichita Falls who said: "The changing times, in my opinion, dictate that such a policy (co-education) be undertaken. One only has to observe the rapid growth and advancement of Texas Tech to see that we are losing ground at A&M, not only as regards the school itself, but primarily in the manner that the school serves the people of the State of Texas."

BRYAN CHALLENGED
On the other side of the fence, a Class of '48 member sent a telegram to the Eagle, saying bluntly:

"Your recent editorial regarding co-education at A&M confirms a thought I've had in mind for many years, that the only thing wrong with Aggieland is its close proximity to Bryan, Tex."

Another letter which was signed "A Poor Boy" and which the Eagle felt it must print without "guaranteeing its authenticity" because it was "so amusing" asked:

"Is the answer to the dilemma (which you so beautifully framed) to make A&M coed? I think perhaps not, since you're fighting something almost as big as Uncle Sam—Aggie exes." In the letter, the student attacked the Eagle's reference to A&M as a "Poor boy's school."

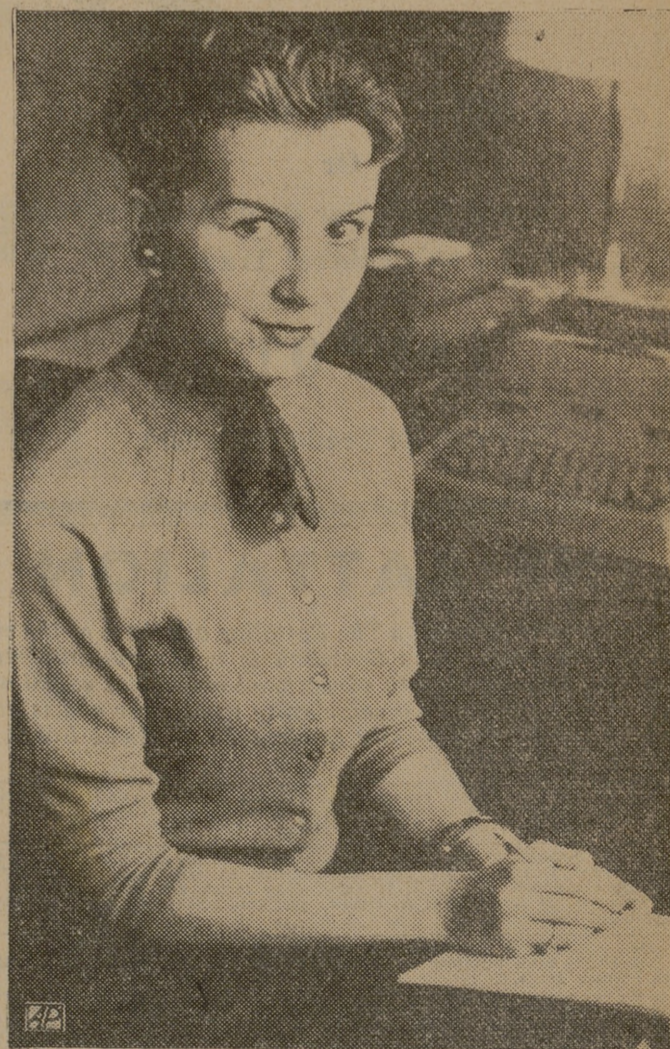
Though arguments for and against co-education may ring across the countryside for a long time, any switch is up to A&M's Board of Directors. One veteran Aggie professor commented in a class yesterday that the board "would not make A&M co-educational in a million years."

Weather Today

Local resident can expect cloudy and warmer weather, with the mercury rising to 65 degrees today and falling to a low of 45 tonight.

At 8 this morning the relative humidity was 95 per cent and the temperature 47 degrees.

Yesterday's high was 52 degrees at 1:30 p. m. The low was reached at 7:30 this morning, when a reading of 41 degrees was recorded.



Highest Paid, Best Looking

National Office Management Assn., announced that private secretaries in Beaumont were paid highest in nation—\$105 a week. Beaumont immediately staked another claim—that its private secretaries are also the prettiest and here's one—Charlene Mitchell to prove it. National average is \$83. (AP Wirephoto)