

Army, Air Force Designate A & M One of Nation's Military Colleges

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Move Means More Uniform Money

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Texas A&M has been recognized by the U. S. Army and Air Force as a Military College under the Department of Defense definition, entitling the college to double commutation in the amount of \$226,450, Vice President Earl Rudder announced this week.

A&M is the seventh college in the nation to receive this special designation. Other Military Colleges include Virginia Military Institute, The Citadel, Norwich University (Vt.), North Georgia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Pennsylvania Military College. The rating is made on a yearly basis following an inspection 30 days after school opens in the fall.

The \$226,450 commutation represents almost a 100 per cent increase over the standard commutation received in past years. Only students (1) living in the Corps of Cadets (2) housed in military dormitories and (3) under constant military jurisdiction are eligible for double commutation. This regulation excludes day students and athletes living in Henderson Hall.

In addition, pro rata refunds must be made on all students who drop out of the Corps during the year or who change their status from dorm students to day student.

The \$226,450 will come in the form of federal funds from both the Department of the Army and the Air Force on the basis of enrollment. Each basic ROTC student (first two years) will entitle the college to draw \$50 a year; advanced students (those under contract) will be allowed \$100 a year. The money will be used to purchase uniform parts as stipulated by Army and Air Force regulation.

Will Pay Bills

"We hope to pay off our bills on the uniforms we issued in the fall—and pay back the \$90,000 loan we received from the permanent mess hall fund last year," Bryan W. Hearn, military property custodian, said.

He explained that uniforms cadets are now wearing were purchased from government warehouses on the strength of federal commutation not then received. The \$90,000 was used to buy uniform parts such as shoes and the new overcoats from civilian firms, he said.

Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, said, "We hope the fund will provide enough money in a few years to increase the uniform issue to the point where entering students will not need to buy supplementary articles as they now must."

Even with the uniform issue now being made, new students are required to purchase about \$90 of additional articles such as collar brass, extra khaki uniforms and extra wool trousers.

New Dress Uniform

Col. Davis also indicated that new dress uniforms for early fall and spring occasions pending the accumulation of necessary monies. He also said that extra utility uniforms (fatigues) and jump-boots would be possible items issued in the future.

Maj. C. Taylor Quitting Job After 12 Years

Lt. Col. Frank S. Vaden, Jr., Assistant Commandant, announced today that Major Charles M. Taylor, tactical officer for the 2nd Regiment, has submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 31.

Major Taylor, who has been at A&M as a tactical officer for almost 12 years, said that he is planning to go into the electrical construction business in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"I have enjoyed working with the Corps of Cadets more than anything I could have done here at the college," Major Taylor said concerning his resignation. "It has been inspiring, and has been a pleasure dealing with the A&M cadets. I believe that this is one of the best student bodies in the world; and certainly in the nation," Major Taylor said.

Major Taylor graduated from A&M in 1942; and served in World War II with the 24th Infantry Division in the Philippines. After the war he returned to A&M where he did one year of graduate work, then joined the School of Military Sciences. He has served in the Army for 17 years.

Information concerning a replacement for Major Taylor is not yet available.

Cub Scouts Tour Battalion Office

With a January theme of "Cub Newsmen", two local Cub Scout group visited The Battalion Tuesday and Wednesday seeking general knowledge of newspaper production and management.

Tuesday, Den 1, Pack 802, of College Station, sponsored by the A&M Methodist Church and led by Mrs. Edwin Svendsen, toured The Battalion.

Members included Bob Jones, den chief, Howard Nedderman, Johnny Mac Griffith, Richard Davis, Bruce Jones, Joel Svendsen, Tommy Reel and Billy Braddy.

Den 13, Pack 167 in Bryan toured the newspaper's office Wednesday. Mrs. R. E. Branson is den mother. Scouts on the tour were Bobby Marcotte, David Terwey, Pierre Sargent, Dennis Moore, Rusty Arnold, Kevin Karli and Don Branson. Visiting with the group were Mrs. L. L. Karli and Ricky Branson.

Gayle McNutt, executive news editor of The Battalion, acted as guide.

MSC Taking Bids For Meeting Rooms

Applications for meeting rooms for student organizations and clubs for the spring semester will be accepted in the Social and Educational Department of the MSC beginning at 8 Friday morning. Mrs. Ann Keel, MSC Social Director, announced yesterday.

Any student organization or club desiring a room must submit an application Jan. 16, she said.

RV's Selected Honor Guard At Inauguration

A&M's crack honor guard, the Ross Volunteers, has been picked as Gov. Price Daniel's special guard for the inaugural ceremonies in Austin Tuesday.

The Texas Aggie Band will not participate as in years past, Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, band director, said yesterday.

First activity for the unit Tuesday will be as honor guard for the Governor's three car procession to the Capitol at 10 that morning. The RV's will form two columns along each side of the procession, said Melburn L. Glasscock, RV commander.

At noon the group will form an honor guard column through which Gov. Daniel will proceed from the steps of the Capitol to

the podium on the lawn where he will make his inaugural address.

Tuesday night the RV's are invited to the Governor's Ball, the highlight of Texas society, and to a reception preceding the ball. Both affairs will be held in Austin's new Municipal Auditorium.

Col. Adams said the band will not make the trip because most of the band students will have quizzed the day of the ceremonies.

"In years past the final examination schedule has been built around the Inauguration so band members could make the trip, but this year the administration decided the trip would not be practical," Adams said.

"The decision was neither mine nor that of band members," he said.

Ross Volunteer members will have excuses from their finals that day.

Drill unit members not staying for the ball will make the trip by chartered bus, while those attending the ball will travel by private car, Glasscock said.

Glasscock also announced that the unit has been invited to the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans in February. He said they will leave Feb. 5 or 6 for New Orleans and will return Feb. 11.

Other officers in the RV's include Herb Whalen, executive officer; Fred Hunter, administrative officer; and Fred Kappel, Jack McCrary and Randy Curtis, platoon leaders.



Battalion Staff Photo

RV's Prepare for Inauguration

The Ross Volunteers practice marching amidst falling twilight for their trip to Austin Tuesday for the Governor's Inauguration ceremonies. The crack military hon-

or company will also participate in the Mardi Gras festival in New Orleans early in February.

Will Bring in \$22 Million

Possible Solution Proposed For State's Financial Ills

AUSTIN (AP)—The Legislature's first possible answer to part of the state's financial problem was offered Wednesday in a tax revision bill designed to raise 22 million new dollars from businesses.

Seeligson, a business man and rancher, also figured that the net gain in taxes paid by individuals each year—not each two years—would be 2.8 million as contrasted with a net annual gain of 8.3 million in taxes paid by business.

His bill would call for repeal of numerous special occupation taxes which are out of date or hard to collect such as those on itinerant doctors, clock peddlers and street car companies. Occupation taxes

are retained, he said, only on those businesses where the levy serves a regulatory purpose, such as on pawnbrokers, loan brokers, and dealers in pistols.

The bill would eliminate the military post exemption on cigarette taxes and set up a new formula for the franchise tax law allocable by companies doing business outside the state.

It would change these rates, but add no new taxes:

Motor vehicle sales tax raised from 1.1 per cent to 2 per cent, with used cars exempt; telephone and telephone gross receipts taxes made uniform at 1.5 per cent instead of the present variation from 1.5 to 2.75; electric utility gross receipts taxes would also be made uniform at 1.5 per cent instead of widely varying as now.

Court Refuses Coed Plea Again

The Texas Supreme Court yesterday overruled a motion for a rehearing of a ruling on A&M's coed suit.

The court three weeks refused a motion for a writ of error filed after the 10th District Court of Civil Appeals in Waco had reversed a decision made by a Bryan District Court last spring.

John Barron, Bryan attorney representing Mrs. Lena Ann Bristol and Mrs. Barbara Alice Tittle both of Bryan, said yesterday that a brief will be filed with the United States Supreme Court in the next few days although he did not know when they would act on it.

Barron said, "We are in earnest in trying to get this matter settled and we believe that we have a good chance for a ruling in our favor in the higher court although the decision could go either way."

He also said, "I believe that the Texas court did not rule in favor of A&M but instead it ruled in favor of the school's board of directors."

Pakistan Prof Due Here Friday

Dr. O. P. Bergelin, chemical engineering consultant at the Ah-sanullah Engineering College of the University of Dacca in East Pakistan, will visit A&M Friday.

He will visit the Engineering Experiment Station and the departments of Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering. His tour will be led by C. W. Crawford, associate dean of engineering, and J. H. Caddess, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

Dr. Bergelin will also confer with officials of the foreign program of the A&M College System.

Prior to joining the Intercollegiate Exchange Program of the system and the University of Dacca in 1954, Bergelin was a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Delaware. He and Caddess worked together in Pakistan until last fall when Caddess returned home.

★ Foreign Student Must Give Address

All foreign students must report their addresses to the Immigration and Naturalization Service sometime during the month of January, Robert L. Melcher, foreign student advisor, said yesterday.

Address report cards, used for this purpose, may be secured from the Post Office. The card must be turned in to an employee of the Post Office, and must not be mailed by the student, Melcher said.

Ag Groups Hold Practice Judging

Several Texas PFA and 4-H chapters participated in practice judging contests here Saturday.

Contests were held in meat, poultry, dairy, and livestock judging.

The event was sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service to prepare the club members for the State Judging Contest to be held this spring.

Springs Fees Now Payable

Fees for the spring semester are payable now at the Fiscal Office in the Richard M. Cokey Building.

Fees for the full semester are \$299.35. Fees for the first installment are \$106.50.

The full amount or the first installment must be paid by Jan. 31.

News of the World

By The Associated Press

Rebel Execution Toll Reaches 180

HAVANA, Cuba—The reported toll of revolutionary war crimes executions soared Wednesday to 180. Rebel chief Fidel Castro declared they will continue—regardless of world opinion.

Asked by newsmen as he left his quarters in the Havana Hilton Hotel whether the shooting of Fulgencio Batista's accused henchmen would be called off, Castro replied swiftly: "No. To the contrary, we have given orders to shoot every one of these murderers. And if we have to battle world opinion to mete out justice we are prepared to do it."

★ ★ ★ Ike Lauds U. S. Missile Progress

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower offered an opinion Wednesday that "we would more than be a little stupid" not to believe that the Soviet Union is outstripping the United States in some phases of missile development.

"After all, he said, the Soviets have been working at it many years but the United States began urgent work on long-range missiles only four years ago."

But on the encouraging side of the missile and defense picture, Eisenhower said: "I think we have made very remarkable progress."

★ ★ ★ Europeans to Start Missile Production

THE HAGUE, Netherlands—Europe will shortly have her own guided missile production program, U. S. Dep. Defense Secretary Donald A. Quarles said Wednesday. He told a news conference his current European trip is intended chiefly to lay the groundwork for such a program.