

Dallas News Looks At A&M's Issues

(Editor's note: The following editorial column appeared in The Dallas Morning News Sunday, Apr. 1. We think Mr. Acheson has done a fine job in summing up the three big issues facing the A&M System Board of Directors and the Century Study.)

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Trustees of Texas A&M College enjoy no bed of roses. Year in and year out, they are faced with more prickly policy problems and pressures than nearly any other governing body of an institution of higher learning in the state.

Currently, they are confronted with three hot issues:

(1) Should women students be admitted to the 86-year-old main branch at College Station?

(2) Should compulsory military training be abolished, making it optional?

(3) Should the college name be changed to indicate its status as a university?

Neither of the first two demands is of recent origin. Question of converting the all-male school into a coeducational institution has been agitated for years. Numerous lawsuits have been filed to compel trustees to take this action. Latest was in 1960. On Oct. 14 of that year the Texas Supreme Court disposed, finally, of the question of the legal right, or power, of the trustees to exclude women students.

The court said, in effect, that the board was not discriminating against women on the ground of their sex. Hence the trustees could not be ordered, or mandated, to admit them. But in leaving the matter to the discretion of the board, the court decision has led to the present request that trustees exercise

their discretion to let female students enter Aggieland.

Advocates of coeducation argue that trustees are inconsistent. For, as they point out, woman students are allowed now—and have been for years—at the three other colleges within the Texas A&M system. They are Arlington State, with 8,318 students; John Tarleton College at Stephenville, with 1,389 students; and Prairie View State College, with 2,920. Their total enrollment of 12,627 students, many of whom are women, exceed the 7,724 registered at College Station by a wide margin.

But opponents cite the historic emphasis on military training at College Station as a major reason why it should continue as an exclusively male student body. They say you might as well ask that either West Point or Annapolis be made coeducational.

Texas A&M College has trained more officers for the armed forces than any other single institution. It supplied more Army officers in World War II than West Point. It has long enjoyed one of the highest ratings in the nation as a school of military science and tactics.

This performance raises the second issue: that of compulsory military training. Before World War II, all able-bodied undergraduates were required to take four years' training as members of the cadet corps. But after 1945, the board of trustees scrapped compulsory training, allowing each student to choose whether he would enroll in the corps or not.

Not until 1952 did the trustees restore compulsory military training—and that covered only the first two years in college. Such is the modified requirement today. Yet, in spite of this freedom of choice as juniors and

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle TO AUSTIN SOON



"... it was th' greatest Civilian Weekend yet!"

seniors, many of the students elect to belong to the cadet corps.

Contrary to the impression of many, Texas A&M's status as a land-grant college does not call for compulsory military training. Congress merely said in the Morrill Act, under which Texas A&M and 67 other land-grant institutions were set up throughout the nation, that they were expected "not to exclude" schools of military science and tactics.

Federal funds paid to the 68 institutions from land-grant endowments are a mere drop in the bucket. The total they had to share in 1958 was only \$5,052,000, or a little more than \$70,000 each if divided equally.

Major federal funds go to Texas A&M for research, mainly in its agricultural experiment stations and at College Station, together with funds for statewide diffusion of the results of research through its extension service. This totals nearly \$5,000,000, or almost as much as the State of Texas appropriates each year to operate the college.

This enormous research program, now broadened to include nuclear engineering, electronic aids for automation in industry, oceanography and other developments, points up the third issue—that of A&M's university status.

This oldest of the state's institutions of higher learning fully qualifies to be called a university. That is, under the long-accepted concept of a university.

It has a series of schools ranging from veterinary medicine to nuclear engineering. They are grouped around a college of liberal arts and sciences. It provides graduate study in a number of fields. Its record in research is formidable.

How trustees will decide on each of these three questions is yet to be determined. Each is highly controversial within the diverse groups concerned with the future of the college.

There are 41,000 ex-students. Most are probably opposed to any radical change from past policies or traditions. Many say that all three issues are so much yak-yak and not to be taken seriously. Many in faculty and administrative posts hold, however, that A&M must move and alter with the times. It is up to the trustees to say whether any or all of these proposals are advisable.

Scientists do not know why inhabitants of the mountain states are bigger than easterners and southerners.

Model U.N. Club Ready

The A&M Model United Nations Club, advised by Martin T. Kyre, Jr. and Dr. Ramon Arango, instructors in the Department of History and Government, will represent Belgium at the Model U.N. Conference at the University of Texas Apr. 12-14.

Television station KBTX-TV in Bryan presented a 30-minute interview with the club's delegation to the conference this morning over "Town Talk." Besides the two faculty advisors, the delegation is made up of Luke Soules, Lyn McKinnie, Bob Wakefield, Mickey Metcalf and Richard Alvarado.

In the past few weeks, the group has been working with the Honorable J. Frans Herpin, Belgian Consul-General stationed in Houston, Tex., and with other sources to become intimately familiar with the character and problems of the Belgian people.

The delegation visited in Herpin's home recently, and last Saturday he and his wife drove to A&M to address the Club and view the campus. A highlight of the Herpins' visit was a tour through the new Nuclear Reactor Center.

The club has been meeting in Kyre's home since early last semester to exchange information about the United Nations and to begin becoming familiar with Belgium and its problems as a country. However, the organization has had official recognition by the college only slightly over a month.

"Several times there has been some confusion when our club name was mentioned; some mistake us for the A&M United Nations Club, which is much larger but does not participate in national Model U.N. activities,"

said Alvarado. Members of the club recently addressed the campus United Nations group; result of this meeting was an agreement that the United Nations club sponsor the delegation of seven's trip to Austin.

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