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Graduate School Would Get Girls First, Reports Say

Board Denies Coeducation Vote Due

Issue Discussed Only Informally, Directors Claim

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All nine members of the A&M Board of Directors have denied reports that a board vote on coeducation is planned at an April 27 meeting of the directors.

Polled by telephone this week, the directors said that the issue has been discussed informally, but a decision to take a vote has not been made.

AGENDAS FOR THE APRIL 27 meeting have not been compiled and agenda requests from members of the system will be accepted until April 9.

Talk of a coed vote by the directors reached campus during Spring Military Day weekend activities. One board member reportedly discussed the issue with cadets eating in Duncan Hall.

The gist of the reports is that coeds will be admitted into the graduate school in September, with the acceptance of day-student girls to follow soon afterward. The board has reportedly not discussed accommodations for coeds to live on campus.

AFTER THE APRIL MEETING, only one more board meeting (in July) will be held before the opening of the next fall semester. Main motive reported behind the board's alleged move is a desire to let student wives to attend graduate courses.

Board members have also been reported in favor of as little publicity as possible on the issue. As one report stated, "They want to make the change with as little fan-fare as possible."

Should the board vote for the admission of coeds, that decision would be final since no legislative approval is required. Even so, there has been talk on the issue in the legislature, local Rep. David Haines disclosed.

YES, I HAVE heard talk," Haines said, "but not from any official sources. Also no indication has been given as to how soon a possible move might be made."

Only one director, L. F. Peterson of Fort Worth, said a move might be made in the near future.

"I don't think it's gotten that far," Peterson said, "but it will probably be discussed before school is out this year." He added that the question was not discussed at the board's last meeting, held here in January.

TWO OF THE DIRECTORS, however, said the question was discussed at the January meeting. Clyde H. Wells of Granbury, who otherwise had no comment, said there was some informal discussion of the issue. Board vice president John W. Newton of Beaumont also said there had been discussion of the matter in January, but he did not specify whether the talk was "formal" or "informal."

Wells and Newton both added that the directors reached no conclusions during the January discussions.

VETERAN DIRECTORS S. B. Whittenburg and Sterling C. Evans, the board's president, both said the issue could come up at any time, but that they knew of no planned vote in April.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the issue had been talked about many times in the past—and even voted on," Whittenburg said. He added that the administration has not approached the board with a request on the matter.

Naturally there is always informal discussion among board members because this is a question with which we are concerned," Evans related. "It might come up at any time, but has never been voted on since I've been on the board."

THREE BOARD MEMBERS, Clyde Thompson of Diboll, H. C. Heldenfels of Corpus Christi and Dr. A. P. Beutel of Lake Jackson, said the question was definitely not discussed at the meeting in January.

All three also said they knew (See Coeds on Page 6)

Senate Probes Old Skeletons

By DAN LOUIS
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Thursday night's Student Senate meeting will be a session of attempting to resurrect the dead, namely the Texas Maritime Academy and the college's museum.

The agenda for the regular session at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-D of the Memorial Student Center calls

for, among other things, a study of Texas Houston of Representatives' decision to cut out appropriations for the Galveston headquarters of the academy and the recent closing of the museum.

THE CLOSING of the museum occurred when the Department of Range and Forestry moved into the new Plant Sciences Building. Until that time members of the department who had offices in the museum building had maintained the museum.

Operation of the museum by the department was prompted in 1959 by a rider to an appropriations bill in Austin which stated that a museum such as the one on campus could not be maintained by state funds.

However, Doug Hotchkiss, chairman of the student issues committee of the Senate, said Wednesday that he feels the museum should be maintained as an educational aid.

OTHER BUSINESS saluted to be discussed at the meeting includes a full report to the Senators on the veto by the Executive Committee of a proposal by the Senate that parking stickers be pro-rated so that student registering cars late would not have to pay the full fee.

Jerry Vion, chairman of the student life committee, said Wednesday that some definite benches in the dormitory areas. He promised a complete report for the Thursday session.

The agenda also calls for action on election commission rules change. Earlier in the year James Carter, parliamentarian, was made chairman of a committee to study commission rules and to include what was termed "rules of precedent" in the written rules.



Mother Dies

Mrs. Lottie Neumann, last year's Aggie Mother of the Year, died Tuesday after a long illness in a Galveston hospital. She is the mother of Donald B. Neumann, senior education major from Chilton.

Lee Walker To Head Opera Committee

James E. Ray, president of the Memorial Student Center Council, has appointed Lee Walker as the chairman of a committee to make plans for a student trip to the Metropolitan Opera to be held in Dallas in early May.

Ray said the idea of the Cultural Leadership Committee is to stimulate the interest of the students toward the cultural opportunities which are available.

The committee has earlier received special rates to the "Taming of the Shrew" in the Alley Theater in Houston. A student with an identification card could receive special rates.

Ray said he appointed Walker as the head of the committee because "Walker is really interested in this type of thing and he is also interested in getting the students to show their interest."

JFK Calls Cuba Failure For Reds, Winds-Up Meeting

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — President Kennedy told an enthusiastic crowd of university students Wednesday that Cuba is an example of communism's failure to provide for its people. He held up the \$20-billion Alliance for Progress as Latin America's New Deal.

"The myth of the 1950s," he said, the claim that communism could build a better system, has collapsed. "It is our adversaries who must build walls to contain their people."

WINDING UP his three-day solidarity meeting with presidents of six Central American republics, Kennedy told students and townspeople at the University of Costa Rica they share in the task of proving that men can protect freedom and conquer want and ignorance.

Reviving a quotation by Franklin D. Roosevelt, he said: "I can say here to you: This generation of Americans—your generation of Americans—has a rendezvous with destiny."

AN ESTIMATED 10,000 people, about half of them students, stood quietly as the President spoke. Near the end he was interrupted by cries of "Viva Kennedy." He stopped, smiled, looking a little embarrassed, then continued. At the end he said: "Viva Costa Rica. Muchas gracias"—many thanks.

In a late change Kennedy dropped from his prepared text at the university a declaration that the Soviet Union must get out of Cuba. He also omitted statements that Cubans should share in the principles of freedom and economic growth on which he said the alliance is based.

Correspondents who travel with Kennedy noted that he frequently departs from his prepared texts. They saw no special significance in his omission of the section on Cuba.

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Investigators Hear Conflicting Testimony On Henry Marshall

FORT STOCKTON (AP) — Conflicting testimony as to the position of the late Henry Marshall on cotton allotment deals made by Billie Sol Estes was brought out Wednesday before a three-man farmer committee hearing evidence in the case.

The government made an important point earlier as it sought to prove its contention that Estes' allotment deals were illegal.

J. Berry Ligon, Pecos County ASCS chairman here, and Mrs. Ruth Minear, his office manager, both testified concerning a January, 1961, meeting in Fort Stock-

ton in which Marshall participated. Both quoted the former Agriculture Department program specialist as saying that Pecos County allotment transfers were in good order.

But J. Taylor Allen of Provo, Utah, Southwest area director of the farm aid program under the Eisenhower administration, said he attended the meeting and that Marshall was not satisfied with the manner in which the deals were handled.

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Pierce Receives Burns In Chemistry Experiment

A pathologist in the School of Veterinary Medicine was severely burned Wednesday afternoon in a chemistry experiment.

He is Dr. Kenneth R. Pierce, assistant professor of pathology, whose laboratory is located in the Veterinary Medicine Building.

Pierce was working on an ether experiment when the explosion occurred, sending flames scorching his hands causing second-degree burns.

Rushed to St. Joseph Hospital, Pierce remains in fair condition. His attending physician says he cannot tell yet when Pierce will be released.

THEY DON'T KNOW US!

Architects Seek To Remove Old Beer, Sandals Image

By KENT JOHNSTON
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Head of the Division of Architecture T. R. Holleman feels that college is the best place to eliminate the "beer and sandals image" which is associated with architecture students.

"It's an image that the average campus has of the architecture student. We think that the best time to dispell the image is right here in college."

"This thing is age old. It's a way of people thinking of an architect as being a pretty picture painter."

VANVOY MOORE, fifth-year student from Dallas, said: "They see us at parties dressed as beatniks, and if they want to believe we're really like that, it's childish."

Charles Hearn, Bay City fifth-year architect, said:

"Don't get us wrong. We don't stay around up here on the fourth floor. We work hard and then we go home."

"We haven't been realistically criticized. Other students don't know what we are. If they want to know, let them come up here and investigate for themselves."

Holleman explained that he and the staff are in the talking stage of creating methods to "let others

see what our students have to go through and the work they are capable of doing."

RICHARD MOORE, junior from San Antonio, said:

"Due to the environment and the lack of culture here at A&M, most students associate us with abstract ideas, wild clothes and far out, meaningless art when they really don't understand the meaning behind those works of art."

Hearn said:

"We aren't that far out. Sure, we have to be different. We have to identify ourselves with society while we're tied down to a technical school."

"Here at A&M, the courses of study are greatly technical. We can't get any of the related arts which act as stimulants for design, things that give us a frame of reference to design a form. At any other school, we wouldn't be such a bastard child."

"I REALLY DON'T care what they think, but when they want something done, look who they come to for poster designs, publications art work, setting up dances, Town Hall and the Aggie Players. These are things that are unknown but have to be done."

Vanoy Moore added: "When people aren't cultured,

they can't understand us. We're here for a rounded education. That's why we are found in so many different fields of activity.

"We have to dabble in all the arts to do what we want to do. We're concerned with total environment."

On the subjects of education and environment, Hearn said:

"We're not any different from anyone else. We're going to school for the same thing that other students are — to get an education. But to do it, we have to gain a type of attitude rather than a lot of specific knowledge."

"WE DON'T DEAL with specific things like accounting or government," Vanoy Moore added. "We deal with human environment. If an architect or city planner didn't dream about where we are going, who would? Not engineers."

Hearn said, "Other than English, there's little culture here. Architecture is one of the only brushes some students have with culture."

Vanoy Moore continued: "Others don't understand people in the art fields. Practical people don't understand philosophers. We have to be philosophers in that we have to question what has been done and what can be done. We have to be critical of ourselves and other people to come up with an answer to what we want."

"WE ARE SOMETIMES compared with a doctor in a specialist field," said Hearn. "Where the doctor is concerned with health, the architect is concerned with environment."

Richard Moore summed up his ideas with a definition of what an architect represents:

"Because of the drastic change from the old domestic style of architecture to the fresh, contemporary free-form style of today, people tend to think of the architect as a man out of touch with reality."

"Actually, he is a man trained and educated in the profession, design and construction of all forms and types of structures."

Wire Review

By The Associated Press
U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, calling Cuba "a showcase of failure," said Wednesday it is costing Russia \$1 million a day to prop up the Cuban economy.

"Even this support has been unable to arrest the deterioration and decline of the Cuban economy," Johnson said.

The vice president spoke at the Inter-American Defense College in an advanced studies institute for senior officers of member nations of the Organization of American States.

He estimated it already has cost Russia more than \$1 billion to prop up Cuba.

"At this moment, the most urgent problem in our hemisphere is the existence of communism in Cuba," Johnson said.

WASHINGTON — The Senate investigations subcommittee is checking the relations of Undersecretary of Defense Roswell L. Gilpatric's former law firm with General Dynamics Corp., which was awarded the controversial B-71 warplane contract.

Sen. Karl Mundt, R-S.D., disclosing a check is under way of the business and professional affiliations of everyone who participated in the contract award, Wednesday both Gilpatric and Secretary of the Navy Fred

Korth will be summoned for questioning.

But he told reporters that Gilpatric, who will appear Thursday, will not be questioned on "this possible conflict of interest," but on an anonymous Pentagon statement released over the weekend criticizing the committee.

No date has been announced for Korth's appearance, but Mundt told reporters: "I didn't know when we started this investigation, that he was so highly influential a citizen of Fort Worth, Tex.," the city where General Dynamics would work on the TFX contract.

TEXAS NEWS
AUSTIN — The House bogged down for the third straight day Wednesday on the touchy question of limiting city annexation powers.

The bill, originally by Rep. Henry Grover of Houston, was amended 13 times before a committee substitute for the original measure was given a 111-31 vote of approval.

AUSTIN — Texas senators brushed aside protests of state AFL-CIO officials Wednesday and confirmed the reappointment of J. Ed Lyles as labor's representative on the Texas Employment Commission.

Lyles will serve his first full term, ending in 1968. He was appointed in 1960 to serve out the unexpired term of the late R. F. Newman.