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TMA Now On Its Way After Rough Sailing

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The Texas Maritime Academy is well on its way after a period of rough sailing on legislative waters earlier this year.

TMA took another step towards becoming the South's maritime academy with the A&M Board of Directors' approval of a \$131,000 for modernization work to be done at the academy's campus in Galveston.

Capt. Bennett M. Dodson, superintendent of the TMA, reported that the State has given the academy \$120,000 for modernization program and these funds have been supplemented with about \$55,000 in federal funds.

Work to be done on the TMA headquarters, formerly known as Fort Crockett, includes the renovation and construction of classrooms, offices, student dormitory rooms, lounges and the painting of everything which doesn't move.

The modernization program is part of the maritime academy planning which has been continuous from the time that the idea of the academy was first originated, State Senator A. R. Schwartz of Galveston told The Battalion Thursday night.

Schwartz indicated that the work being done would be completed in time for September.

On June 3, TMA students will travel to New York by commercial jet where they will board the New York Maritime College training ship for a 12-week summer cruise to Europe, Dodson revealed Thursday.

Ports of Call for the cruise will include stops in Dublin, Ireland; Hamburg, Germany; Naples, Italy; and Palma De Mallorca, a Mediterranean island port off the coast of Spain.

FIVE VACANCIES are open to A&M students who would like to participate in this summer program, stated Dodson.

The vacancies are open to students who have completed their freshman or sophomore year and have a good academic record, as well as being physically fit, Dodson said.

Students need not be majoring in a maritime curriculum to take part in the summer cruise program. Credit for one hour of English and four hours of marine engineering or marine transportation will be given to students completing the cruise program.

TOTAL COST of the 12-week cruise is \$1,015. This fee includes transportation by air to and from New York, tuition, board and room, ship expense and uniforms, reported Dodson.

LONGEST TRIP EVER
Architects Leave For Miami Meet

The fifth year design class of the Division of Architecture was scheduled to leave Friday morning at 8 by car to Miami, Fla. to the annual national convention of the American Institute of Architects.

The group of 18 persons plan to take four or five automobiles and visit New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Mobile, Tallahassee and Saint Petersburg in order to study the architecture of the South.

The architects will return May 13. THEY PLAN to return on a more northern route, along the eastern coast of Florida, so they will get a more complete tour of the antebellum South.

This is the longest trip a fifth year class has ever taken. In May of 1962, the national convention was held in Dallas. The convention consisted of seminars, student design exhibits, talks and lectures by architectural figures Charles Colbert, O'Neil Ford, Felix Candela and Jane Jacobs.

The fifth year design students attended the convention and were student hosts to the associated student chapters of the A.I.A.

THE PURPOSE of attending the convention is to come in personal contact with some of the leaders in architecture as a climax to formal academic education, Fadal said.

Those students making the trip are Fadal Donald McMasters, Billy J. Letwisch, Jos Middleton, John V. Moore, Edward Kemp, Bill Mar-

Evans, Peterson Tell Group Co-eds Won't Affect Corps

Board Presented Protest Petitions

By DAN LOUIS JR.
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Approximately 400 student leaders, civilian and military, were told two-fold Thursday night that the Board of Directors recent decision to admit co-eds on a limited basis should not indicate any danger to the Corps of Cadets.

"I think it is unfortunate that the opinion has gotten around that co-eds will affect the Corps," Sterling Evans, Board president said.

L. F. (Pete) Peterson, Board member and president of the Association of Former Students, stated, "As far as I'm concerned I've got six years to be on this Board, and let me tell you the Corps has a friend in me."

"I THINK this Corps has got to stay here," he added.

Peterson went on to tell the students that he had gone to school with women and that "they didn't give us any trouble."

"I don't think all this furor is worth all the trouble it has brought about. I think we must concern ourselves with getting the best professors down here to teach our boys," Peterson told the group.

AT ONE POINT in the meeting Harlan Roberts, president-elect of the Student Body for the 1963-64 school year, presented a petition in protest to co-education to Evans.

Roberts pointed out that 2,462 cadets had been approached with the petition and the 1,875 had signed it. He urged civilians to do something of a similar nature to let the Board know "how civilians feel about the issue."

Evans told the students that the Board did not think that co-eds in a class would necessarily raise the standards of the school, "But the Board feels it is handicapped in hiring professors," he said. "Because, many of the better professors want a place for their wives and daughters to go to school," he explained.

WHEN ASKED if a student referendum disapproving co-education would make any difference in the Board's decision, Evans promptly replied, "No!"

He later added, "You cannot run an institution such as A&M on the basis of student polls."

Communist Goals Is Weirus' Topic

Richard Weirus will speak on "What We Should Know About Communism" at the A&M Methodist Church Sunday at 6 p.m.

Weirus, director of the development fund of the Association of Former Students, is a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve. He has attended several Army schools on Communist techniques for world conquest.



Opinions Of 1,875 Students Presented

Harlan Roberts, president-elect of the student body, hands A&M Board of Directors a petition circulated through the Corps last week.

Eighty-Six Have Registered At Close Of Election Filing

At the close of filing for class positions Wednesday 86 prospective candidates had registered for the May 8 class officer election.

According to election commission advisor Wayne Smith, the registration began slowly but ended with someone filing for all offices.

Only one position, freshman Memorial Student Center council representative, had a candidate running unopposed.

ELIGIBILITY of the candidates was to be reported by the Registrar Friday. Some of the candidates who filed are expected to be declared ineligible on the basis of the registrar's report, Smith said.

"For a class election, I would say that filing was light," Smith added. "Eighty-six filing for positions sounds like a large number, but it's really a small amount when you break it down into classes and the individual positions."

The senior class had 38 candidates, but the sophomore and freshmen classes didn't get too many people out to register."

The number of candidates for each position pending the registrar's eligibility report is as follows:

IN THE CLASS of '64, six filed for president, four for vice president, six for secretary treasurer, four for social secretary, four for historian, three for student entertainment manager, three for MSC Council representative and eight for yell leader;

In the Class of '65, two filed for president, four for vice president, two for secretary treasurer, two for social secretary, three for MSC Council representative and 15 for yell leader;

In the Class of '66, five regis-

tered for president, six for vice president, four for secretary treasurer, three for social secretary and one for MSC Council representative.

TOTALS WERE: 19 members of the Class of '66 for five positions, 28 members of the Class of '65 for six positions and 38 members of the Class of '64 for eight positions.

"We're waiting now to hear from the registrar so we can get the ballots typed up and the machines ready, but after we find out the candidates' eligibility, we'll be ready to go ahead with the election," Smith said.

Apparently most of the candidates waited until the deadline Wednesday to file. On Tuesday, the day before the deadline, Smith reported that filing was heavy in the president and vice president slots but there were few or no candidates in the other positions.

BY TUESDAY afternoon only five freshmen had filed, but after filing closed Wednesday, 19 freshmen were unofficial candidates.

Registration requirements were a 1.0 grade point ratio and academic classification with the classes filed for at election time and at the beginning of the year of office.

WHAT DO THEY SAY?

Women Discuss Board's Co-ed Rule

By VAN CONNER
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And, what have the ladies to say?

The Battalion feels that women, at least those who will be affected by the limited co-education decision of the Board of Directors, should have a chance to express opinion.

"I think it's terrible," said June Roco, whose husband is a senior mechanical engineering major, "there are plenty of other schools in the state where girls can go."

Vickie Jones, wife of a junior business administration major added, "I hate to see the tradition broken. I don't think there are that many girls who just have to go to school here, al-

though I realize that it would be more convenient for some."

Barbara Seagraves, secretary for the department of Wildlife Management and wife of a senior math major, said that she thought that women would be good for A&M as far as the graduate school is concerned.

"But I don't see how they will help at the undergraduate level. Besides, I like the tradition too much to see girls come."

Sandra Cahill, unmarried typist for the Department of Plant Sciences, said, "I think it's a shame to have girls come here after so many years."

The wife of a senior business major, Donna Nafe, plans to take some courses this summer and would probably take more if the couple were not leaving in August. She felt that in ten years co-education would improve the school.

"Besides," she added, "I think girls in the classrooms might help the boys." She explained that she thought it would provide more initiative.

Mrs. Doris B. Watson, department secretary for plant sciences, said she thought the decision was a shame after all the years of tradition. She pointed out, however that she thought a better faculty could be attracted to the school and maintained if their daughters could go to school here.

Carolyn Adair, who works for

the college personnel office and whose husband is a graduate student in physics, plans to take graduate courses in education.

She added, however, "I side with the boys — I hate to see a lot of tradition ruined. But as long as it has been passed I'm going to take advantage of it."

Another graduate student's wife, Judy Clark, said she would take advantage of the ruling if she were able. She added that she thought the school will show cultural improvement and that the standards will be raised. She added that she thought it would be very good for the school and Bryan-College Station.

Mrs. Charles L. Leinweber, wife of the head of the Department of Range and Forestry,

said, "I'm for it." She had a word for those who question the decision:

"The only thing you can count on is change. And, while change doesn't necessarily mean progress, progress always brings about change."

Mrs. Richard J. Baldauf, whose husband is an associate professor of wildlife management, said she thought the ruling was a "fine thing" and added, "Except for the fact that I have a very small child, I would probably enroll myself."

"I think it will be a good thing for the Aggies. I think there is a lot of room for improvement all the way around and girls might help that. I don't mean it is bad now, but I think it can improve."

Aggie Mother Will Be Named Next Thursday

The Aggie Mother of the Year will be chosen today by the student life committee and Dean Hannigan.

The committee's decision is scheduled to be announced Thursday, according to a report given by the committee at Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

Jerry Vion, committee chairman, said the winning mother will be honored at the review on Mother's Day, May 12, and also will be given special recognition at 11 a.m. that day.

IN OTHER Senate business, vice president Gregory Laughlin announced that Harlan Roberts, next year's student body president, will represent A&M at the Southwest Conference sportsmanship committee spring meeting.

The meeting will be held on the University of Arkansas campus May 11, preceding the conference track meet.

Tim Hinkle, executive secretary of the group, said in a letter to Sheldon Best, student body president, "The purpose of this meeting will be to go over the new constitution and rules, orientate new members of the committee, make plans for our fall meeting, and discuss new business that needs to be brought before the committee."

DOUG HOTCHKISS, chairman of the student issues committee, reported on the progress made in preparation for the Twelfth Man Bowl basketball game.

He named six subcommittees to have charge of specific phases of the bowl game: tickets, concessions, public address system and scoring, programs, publicity and band. Chairmen of these subcommittees will be chosen by Monday, Hotchkiss said.