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Corps Change Is Approved By Directors

A&M's Board of Directors Saturday approved appointment of a regular military officer as a commandant of cadets and reaffirmed its policy that qualified first and second year male students be required to take basic ROTC and belong to the Corps of Cadets. (See page 2).

The consolidation of the commandant with a senior Army or Air Force officer will strengthen the Corps by providing more realistic training and will save \$60,000 annually, the Board said.

A similar organization was followed until 1951 when a civilian college employee was named commandant. Since 1951 the heads of the Army and Air Force detachments have only supervised ROTC classes and drill.

President Earl Rudder, who recommended the change to the Board pointed out that fewer and fewer Corps freshmen were returning for their sophomore year under the civilian commandant organization. He noted that whether cadets were ultimately commissioned or not, they received more leadership training in a military Corps run by military officers.

Pearson Named BA Head

Dr. John E. Pearson was appointed Professor and Head of the Division of Business Administration in other Board action Saturday.

The 37-year-old educator received his Ph.D. degree in economics from Indiana University. He came to A&M from North Texas State where he was chairman of the Division of Business Services of the School of Business Administration.

New Degrees Approved

The Board also approved the recommendation by President Rudder that the Texas Commission on Higher Education be requested to authorize two new advanced degree programs at A&M.

Both degree programs, Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Engineering and Master of Urban Planning, were requested to meet needs of Texas not now being met, according to Rudder's recommendation.

No other institution in the state offers a program similar to the proposed Ph.D., and only The University of Texas offers one similar to the proposed Urban Planning program, the request to TCHE stated.

Status-Change Preparation

In preparation for the switch to university status the Board gave Rudder the go-ahead to ask the Texas Commission on Higher Education permission to change A&M's schools to "colleges" and divisions to "schools."

Pending commission approval, there will be a College of Agriculture, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Engineering, School of Architecture, and School of Business Administration.

Chancellor M. T. Harrington told the Board the change is a normal procedure in switching from college to university status.

August 22, 90 days after the state legislature adjourned, is the target date for the status change.

\$4 Million In Contracts

A total of \$4,011,566.60 in contracts was awarded for construction projects and some \$411,151 in funds were appropriated by the Board of Directors.

Among the contracts awarded were:

To H. A. Lott, Inc., of Houston, \$3,112,425 for construction of new dormitories and lounges at A&M.

To J. M. Odom Construction Co. of Austin \$596,000 for renovation of existing dormitories at A&M.

To W. E. Kutzschbach Co. of Bryan, \$172,755 for utilities for dormitories at A&M.

To McCann Construction Co. Inc., of Fort Worth, \$31,346 for utility extension at Arlington State College.

Among appropriations approved by the Board were:

At A&M College:

\$95,000 for waterproofing of masonry of six buildings.

\$22,000 for construction of an Activation Analysis Research Laboratory at the A&M Research Annex.

\$800 for plans for a seismic station at the Junction Addition.

At Arlington State College:

\$200,000 for movable equipment for the library.

\$17,000 to supplement previous appropriations for utility extensions.

\$18,451 for construction of parking lots.

\$8,600 for plans and preliminary expenses for central utility plant expansion.

At Prairie View A. and M. College:

\$11,000 for storm water drains.

\$1,000 for preliminary plans for warehouse and computer center plans.

A&M Adjunct Enrollment Hits Record 164 Freshmen

A&M's summer program at the adjunct, located 250 miles west of the main campus, has a record 164 freshmen enrolled for the first six-week term.

Expanded facilities allow the record enrollment. In earlier years the capacity was 120 freshmen.

The adjunct located at Junction Addition is used as the base for field work by the civil engineering and geology students.

Adjunct Director W. D. Kutach said the first six-week term ends July 12 and the second term begins July 15.

The program bridges the gap between high school and college study with instruction offered in a summer camp atmosphere.

The freshmen study mathematics, English and physical education.

Kutach said the freshmen group includes 158 Texans and six from other states.



Practice Makes Perfect

Anne Harrison and Jackie Semmelrogge The presentation is being worked up by the rehearsal a dance scene for the July 7-9 "Shirt Sleeve Opera" group as part of the production of "South Pacific" in Guion Hall. MSC's summer program.

SUMMER SESSION MUSICAL

'South Pacific' Presentation Slated For Guion, July 7-9

Rogers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific," the summer session musical production by A&M's "Shirt Sleeve Opera" group, co-directed by Bob Boone and Mrs. B. J. Barron, will be presented July 7-9 at 8:15 p.m. in Guion Hall.

The production, handled by the Student Programs Office at the Memorial Student Center, is based on James A. Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific." The action takes place on two islands of the South Pacific during a lull in the war with Japan.

CHARACTERS ARE marines, seabees, nurses, sailors and islanders. The plot is formed on two romantic themes. The first is the love affair of Nellie Forbush (Ann Harrison), a young navy nurse, and Emile de Beque (Charlie Mitchell), a middle aged French planter on the island. The second romance is that of Lt. Joseph Gable (Bill Dansby), an American marine, and the young, beautiful island girl, Liat (Lavada Barbee).

Billis (Dr. Bill Andrew) and Bloody Mary (Barbara Carson) are cast in comic roles. Billis is a hardy Seabee who hasn't seen liberty with women for sometime. Bloody Mary is the shrewd and anxious mother of Liat.

Hard work by the cast and co-directors is enabling the group to complete and stage the play in four

weeks. Boone says that usually, plays of this type by amateurs require at least six weeks' preparation.

According to Boone, "this year's group is one of the most outstanding I have ever worked with, from stage crew through orchestra, and entire cast." Many have had considerable experience in theatrical productions and related entertainment fields.

MRS. HARRISON, as an example, who plays a leading role, holds a music degree from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. She has had several years of professional experience at Houston's KPRC-TV and is familiar to local audiences as a performer of first rank at many civic and church programs.

Blood Needed At St. Joseph's For Area Man

Frank Gainey of Bryan appealed Wednesday for blood donations from area residents and A&M students to reimburse a Houston bank for blood given to Philip H. Tremont, who is in very serious condition in Galveston's John Sealy Hospital.

At least 18 pints of any type blood are needed. Donations will be accepted at Bryan's St. Joseph's Hospital, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tremont was injured late Sunday afternoon when he fell into the blades of a rotary-type mower on his farm six miles northeast of Bryan. He lay bleeding four hours before help came.

Housing Office Posts Note On Reservations

The Housing Office announced Wednesday that all students now in school but who will not register for the second session should turn in fall room reservation cards before leaving the campus.

The notice said that students who entered as freshmen in June should fill out the white cards available at the Registrar's office; upperclassmen should fill out red ones.

The reminder said that students who already have a \$20 room deposit on file will not have to pay any additional fees to reserve rooms for the fall.

Students who signed up for a civilian dormitory for September at the end of the spring semester and Cadets who wish to be assigned space in their old organization for the fall were reminded that July 31 is the deadline for having room reservations into the Housing Office confirming their requests. Summer school students are included.

Any cancellations of room reservations must be made by Aug. 15 or the students will forfeit the \$20 deposit.

The notice said that students who will not register for the second summer session but will return in September should retain their room keys and trade them for keys to their new rooms in the fall.

Students were reminded that they should turn in mattress covers to the Warehouse during the last week of summer school to avoid being charged for them.

A&M Scientist Seeks Method To Improve Fish-Processing

Research at A&M to chemically clean fish may provide an economical and nutritional diet for undernourished people of the world.

A grant of \$39,832 from the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, an agency of the Department of the Interior, will support the food processing research.

Dr. W. W. Meinke, head of A&M's Chemurgic Research Lab-

Aggie Catches Up After Visit To UN

Senior Dan R. Davis, Jr., of 202 South Montclair, College Station, is busy these days catching up with summer school classwork.

He was the A&M representative at the eighteenth annual National Institute of the Collegiate Council for the United Nations.

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Dorm Cooling Work To Start Next Month

Construction is expected to begin in July on the first phase of a \$4,700,000 student housing program at A&M to provide air-conditioned quarters for 2,120 students.

The basic construction contracts totaling more than \$4,000,000 were awarded by the Board of Directors Saturday.

Plans call for completion of two new dormitories and complete renovation and air conditioning of four existing dormitories by September, 1964, Tom D. Cherry, director of business affairs for the College, said. Completion of the third new dormitory is expected by the end of 1964. Five student lounges will be built at the same time.

Construction to begin as soon as possible on the new dormitories. Renovation of the existing buildings will be started in February, 1964.

Student housing at A&M is financed by rental fees from student. No state appropriations are involved. The new student housing program is being financed under a \$4,743,000 loan.

"THESE IMPROVEMENTS are expected to attract a larger summer school enrollment," Cherry said. "A year from September we'll have essentially an air-conditioned campus."

The A&M campus has 18 classroom and laboratory buildings already air-conditioned. Work has started to air-condition another building.

A&M students of veterinary medicine have just begun studies on the trimester program in newly air-conditioned buildings which involves regular class offerings throughout the year.

The student housing program involves the northwest corner of the campus. The three new dormitories and student lounges will be built in the vicinity of the existing Dormitories 14 through 17, Walton Hall and the Hospital.

THE NEW DORMS will be four stories each. Their red brick will match Dormitories 14 through 17, which will be renovated.

"The students in the new or renovated dormitories assuredly will have quieter, more comfortable living accommodations that will be conducive to study," Cherry said.

Features of the new dormitories will include exterior hallways, a

Student Loans Will Be Stopped Friday

J. B. Hervey, executive secretary of the Association of Former Students announced Wednesday that his office will discontinue making student loans Friday.

He explained that a Central Student Air Office is being created, through which all student loans, scholarship administration, and student employment will be handled, and that the Association will transfer its funds to the new office Sept. 1.

Physicist Talks On Swedish Schools Tonite

A Swedish physicist from the University of Uppsala will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday on "The Swedish School System." The public is invited to hear Dr. Torsten Lindqvist's lecture in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building.

Lindqvist has been director of the International Seminar for Research and Education in Physics since 1960 in addition to his service at the University of Uppsala.

His special research interests are in nuclear physics and in particular beta-and-gamma-ray spectroscopy.

Lindqvist studied at the University of Indiana, Columbia University and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in addition to his studies in Sweden.

He is a member of the American Physical Society and was a UNESCO expert in nuclear physics for Argentina in 1959-60.

Foreign Enrollees Hit Record: 187 From 37 Nations

An A&M summer session record of 187 foreign students from 37 nations was reported Tuesday by Robert L. Melcher, foreign student advisor.

The record continues the trend of increased enrollment of foreign students and A&M's general pattern of growth, he said.

A total of 3,358 students, more than any year since the 1947 post war boom, has enrolled for the first term at A&M.

Melcher said his correspondence indicates "A&M is just getting better known, especially in the graduate study areas."

The number of foreign students here for graduate study is three times the figure for 1961. The current figure also is 50 students higher than last year.

Foreign student enrollment at A&M set a record over the world. Fifty-five are citizens of other countries of the Americas.

Nations represented by six or more students at A&M include Argentina, 6; China, 8; India, 26; Mexico, 19; Pakistan, 40; Tunisia, 9; and the United Arab Republic, 10.



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