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2-Year ROTC Program To Commence Next Fall

A&M will offer a new two-year Air Force ROTC program next fall in addition to the traditional four-year program, according to a Department of Air Science announcement.

The new program will be run under the ROTC Vitalization Act authorized by congress last year.

"The program will definitely start in the Fall, but plans are still being outlined," Col. Raymond C. Lee said.

Students who formerly did not qualify for an advanced Air Force ROTC contract may now be eligible. This program will benefit sophomore and junior civilian students, especially transfer students from junior colleges and four-year colleges not offering ROTC.

New Computer Thinks Faster

The long wait in line to use a computer at the Data Processing Center is a thing of the past with the installation of an IBM 7094 computer during the year-end holidays.

The new machine, capable of handling 90,000 characters per second, was off and running after a crew of IBM representatives and Data Processing personnel worked around the clock for a week stringing the miles of wire necessary to make the complex machine operate.

Robert L. Smith, Jr., director, Data Processing Center, said the new machine, which sells for more than 3½ million dollars, was being rented from the IBM Corporation at a reduced rate.

"This computer is six times faster than our IBM 709 computer which had been in operation for the past two years," he said.

"Our present plans call for all applicants to be fitted into the present units now in the Corps," Lee said.

"Of course we will have to make some adjustments in order to place students who have never had ROTC," he said.

Students who have four semesters remaining before completion of their degree programs are eligible to apply. A student may be enrolled in the advanced program (either two- or four-year) while attending graduate school under another provision of the Act.

Before a student starts the four-semester advanced program, he will be required to attend a six-week Field Training Course. Two sessions of the Field Training Course will be offered next summer to prepare students for entry into the program.

The Course will be conducted at an Air Force base and will cover the material which students in the four-year program receive in the on-campus basic program.

Students who enter the two-year program will also attend the traditional 28-day Summer Training Unit between their junior and senior years.

A survey is being conducted on campus to determine several factors needed to iron out the plans for the program, Lee said.

Students who are interested in the program should contact the Professor of Aerospace studies as soon as possible to complete an application for a reservation in the Field Training Courses.

A physical examination and the Air Force Officer's Qualifying Test are required for applicants before summer attendance.

The implementation of this new program does not involve any change of policy by A&M with respect to mandatory participation in the Corps by freshmen, the announcement said. It presents additional opportunities for transfer students (who formerly were not eligible) to receive military training and enter the Corps, Lee said.

Room Reservation Plans Outlined For Spring Term

All students now enrolled who expect to live in the civilian dormitory room they now occupy will have until 5 p.m. Jan. 13 to reserve their room with the Housing Office.

Students who plan to live in Cadet dormitories will not sign or register for rooms prior to registration. Their room reservations will be made by means of rosters submitted to the Housing Office by Cadets units showing the room assignment of each Cadet who expects to return.

Civilians wishing to reserve any room other than the one they now occupy may do so until 5 p.m. Jan. 13 by presenting a room

change slip signed by both housemasters.

A student moving from a civilian dorm to a Cadet dorm will need a room change slip signed by the housemasters, organization commander and Cadet dormitory counselor.

All students who will move from a Cadet dorm to a civilian dorm may register until 5 p.m. Jan. 13. They must have a room change slip signed by their unit commander, the civilian counselor in Room 105, Military Science Building, and the housemaster of the dorm to which they are moving.

All students who move from a Cadet dorm to a civilian dorm must turn in a "Clearance for Dropping

ROTC" form to the Housing Office before Spring Registration.

Remaining rooms in civilian dorms will be available on a first come-first serve basis beginning 8 a.m. Jan. 14.

Special consideration for Dorms 22 and Ramps E and F of Walton will be given to graduate students, veterinary medicine students and foreign students not now living in that area. Housemasters of these dorms will issue room changes to incoming foreign, veterinary medicine and graduate students.

Because of room property responsibility, all students changing rooms should check out of old rooms and into new ones.

A student who reserves his room for spring must cancel his reservation at the Housing Office by Jan. 15 in order to secure a refund of the 20 dollar room deposit unless he is not allowed to register by the University.

Cadets who will not return must contact their first sergeant or forfeit their room deposit.

Day students including those living in the University owned apartments, are strongly urged to secure Day Student Permits to save time at registration. Permits must be secured from the Housing Office before fees may be paid.

Sam Houston Prexy To Be Featured At Commencement

President Arleigh B. Templeton of Sam Houston State Teachers College will be featured speaker for the A&M University Commencement Jan. 16, President Earl Rudder announced.

There are 574 candidates for bachelor and graduate degrees to be conferred during the program starting at 10 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The candidates include 414 graduating seniors, 122 persons seeking the master's degree and 38 doctoral students.

Templeton recently assumed the presidency of Sam Houston State after serving as executive director of the Governor's Committee on Education Beyond the High School. His career in education dates to 1936.

He is president-elect of the Southern Association of Schools

and Colleges, the regional accrediting group.

Templeton's career began with a high school principalship at Willow Hole High School in Madison County. He had just graduated from Sam Houston State. After serving as a principal at Willow Hole and later at League City, he worked for Pan American Refining Corp. before being commissioned a naval lieutenant for World War II service.

In 1947-48 Templeton was superintendent of the League City Schools and then went to the Clear Creek school district as assistant superintendent. At the same time he was a graduate student at the University of Houston and completed the master's degree in education in 1949.

Play Opens Tonight In Chapel

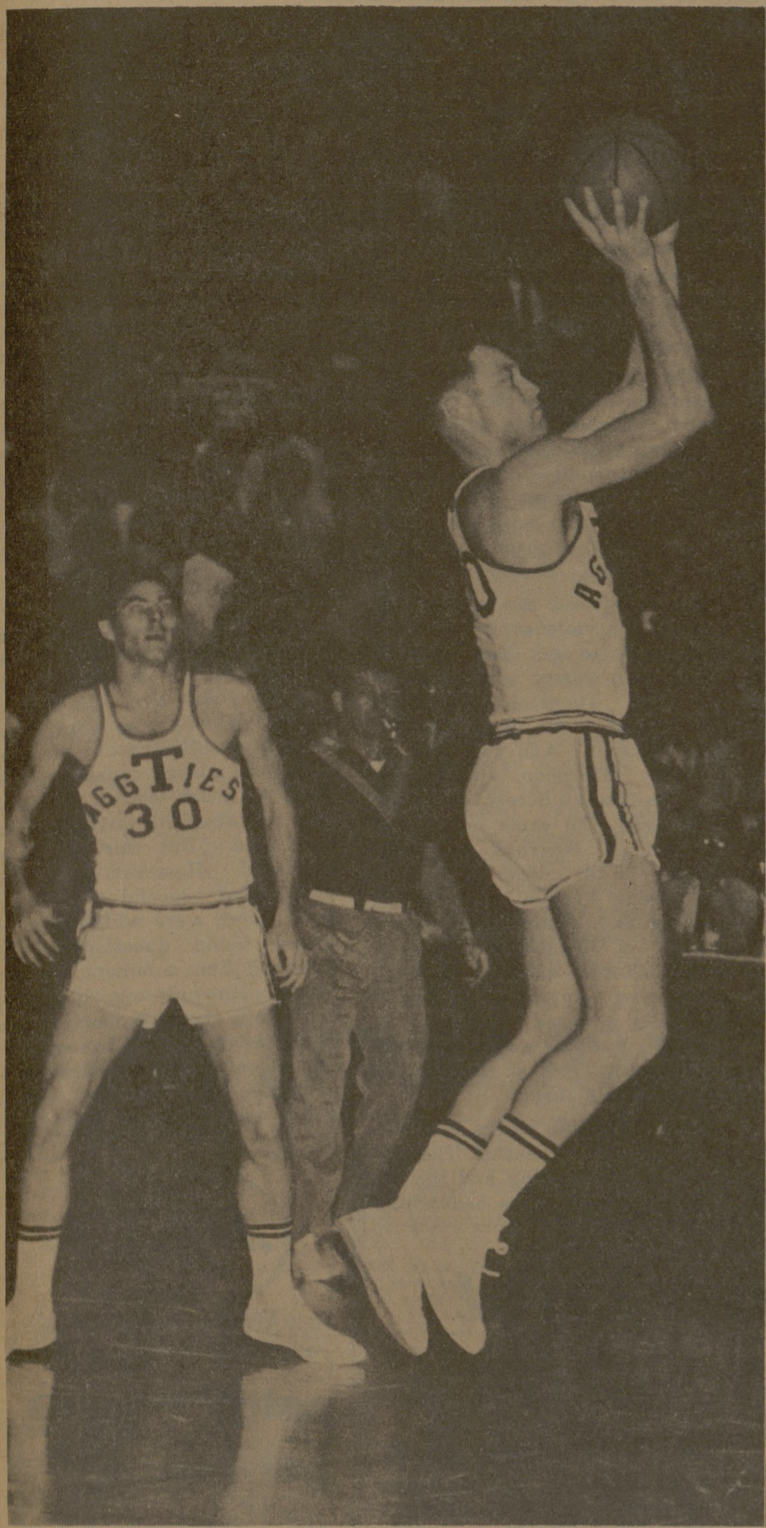
Seven local churches will present The Bishop's Company presentation of Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the All Faiths Chapel.

The Bishop's Company touring

group has presented over 6,000

productions in a 12 year period which includes 24 national tours covering over a million miles.

No admission will be charged but an offering will be taken to help defray expenses.



Stringfellow Hits Two-Pointer

Aggie guard Dickie Stringfellow hits a field goal in conference opener against Baylor here Tuesday night as teammate Ken Norman looks on. Baylor won the game 80-77. See story on page 4.

South African Scientist To Lecture Here Thursday

Dr. Louis Herman Ahrens, a South African scientist described as among the world's outstanding geochemists, will visit campus Thursday and Friday to give three lectures as a National Science Foundation Visiting Lecturer.

A Graduate College Lecture on "Fractionation in Chondritic Meteorites," separation into minerals and chemicals, will be given at 8 p.m. Thursday, Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall announced. The public has been invited to hear Ahrens speak in the Biological Sciences Lecture Room.

Ahrens also will lecture at 12:50 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday. Ahrens also will be available for individual conferences.

The Thursday noon lecture, planned especially for the junior high school science teachers who are Academic Year Institute partici-

pants, will be given in 146 Physics Building. The topic is "The Importance of the Nature of the Chemical Bond for Controlling the Geochemical Distribution of the Elements."

Graduate Study To Be Discussed

Graduate study will be the theme of this month's meeting of the History Club, scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday in Room 2A of the Memorial Student Center.

Five speakers will discuss various aspects of graduate work, with question periods following their talks.

The meeting is open to all interested persons, especially in the fields of history, government and pre-law.

Ahrens will speak Friday morning on "The Statistical Nature of Element Distribution in Rocks," in Room 101 of the Old Petroleum Engineering Building.

The visiting lecturer graduated from the University of South Africa and then attended Oxford University where he completed the MA degree. He holds the Doctor of Science degree from the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Ahrens has held an assistant professorship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a readership in mineralogy at Oxford.

At the University of Cape Town he has held professorships in geochemistry and chemistry.

The scientist is well known for his professional interests in geochemistry, spectrochemical analysis, use of ionization potentials in chemistry, and nuclear structure.

System Reorganization Plan Will Retain Uniqueness

No Common Ring, Nickname Or Diploma

By TOMMY DeFRANK

Two members of the A&M University System Board of Directors have expressed doubt that the proposed reorganization of the system would destroy the uniqueness of the individual schools concerned.

In a special telephone interview, board members John W. Newton and S. B. Whittenburg, contended that the schools, particularly Arlington State College, the only member to oppose the reorganization, would retain their separate identity and would probably not share a common senior ring, nickname or diploma title.

Whittenburg said that a great deal of confusion has clouded the proposed changes but that the board has endeavored to convince Arlington State that its individuality would not be lost.

"We have tried to make it clear that Arlington State will not lose its identity. They naturally want to keep their own identity, own ring, and own loyalty. Each will have its own identity by the same name as they presently have," he emphasized.

He also said that the changes would not retard the progress of A&M.

"It will continue to grow and expand as in the past. I can't

see anything taken away from A&M as a result of this over-all growth of the system," he expressed.

Whittenburg predicted that diplomas granted at other system schools would bear the heading "Texas A&M University System" but explained that the Board had not established such a policy as yet.

Newton, board vice-president, said that such matters as mutual rings and nicknames were minor details to the reorganization and that they would be decided upon and outlined by new System President Earl Rudder and his staff.

President Rudder was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Both board members praised the planned changes as a step upward for the system as well as the state's educational system.

"The important thing is that you must consider the over-all picture—what is best for education, the state, and the taxpayers," Newton contended. "By consolidating the entire system we will operate with more efficiency and with better coordination."

"To be competent today it's a good idea to reorganize in order to call it a Texas A&M University

with 24,000 students. It's very smart procedure to coordinate," Whittenburg added.

Under the reorganization plan the A&M University System, at present a confederation of A&M, Prairie View A&M The Texas Maritime Academy and several agricultural and engineering organizations, would be merged under direct control of an administration located on the College Station campus. The system would then be operated as a "super" university with one central campus and administration but with several campuses, possibly including a new one to be built in the San Antonio area. Names of the institutions involved would be changed to A&M University at Arlington, A&M University at Tarleton, and A&M University at Prairie View.

In addition, the presidents of the schools would be relegated to a position of "chancellor" or "provost" and would be responsible to Rudder.

Under the changes more cooperation between the member schools would be possible, and facilities of one school, such as A&M's nuclear reactor and cyclotron, would be made accessible to students of the other schools. There could even possibly be an

exchange of professors between schools.

Opposition from Arlington State supporters received a jolt Tuesday when ASC President J. R. Woolf, in a closed meeting of student leaders, declared his support for the planned reorganization. At the same time an official of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce criticized the student body for acting like "babies" in the matter.

The controversy over ASC, largest school in the system with 11,500 students, erupted Dec. 17 when the system board met on the Arlington campus and announced that a graduate school, with degrees to be granted under the title "Texas A&M University," had been approved. The board then detailed the proposed changes in organization, and overwhelming opposition sprang up from students, faculty and ex-students.

On Dec. 29 State Rep. George Richardson announced he would sponsor a bill in the Legislature divorcing Arlington State from the A&M System. The bill would allow a portion of ASC's tuition money to be used as a building fund to replace funds lost if Arlington State were to achieve separation from the system.



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