



Brass, Patches, Insignia Of Rank To Be Changed

"Beginning next semester, the uniform of the Corps of Cadets will undergo a number of changes," announced Col. D. L. Baker at a meeting of cadet representative held recently.

Baker went on to explain that after much research and consideration, the Department of Military Science had decided that the present uniform worn by the cadets was not the best that could be offered. Not only is it sub-standard, but it is also in conflict with directives given ROTC units by the regular Army.

Khaki is not as suitable as the new polyester material that was issued in limited amounts last fall. The new uniforms look better, wear better, and are cheaper in the long run as far as maintenance and cleaning are concerned, Baker said.

Because of this, additional sets of the uniform will be issued at the beginning of the fall semester. This new issue will be limited at first, but it is hoped that it will eventually replace the khaki.

First to be turned over to the cadets will be a new short-sleeve shirt and another pair of trousers. Changes will also be made in the brass, rank insignia, and the shoulder patches.

The familiar AMC worn on the collar of the shirt will no longer be worn by cadets having rank. In the future, all insignia of rank will be worn on the collar. For those cadets without rank, a new piece of brass will be added, namely AMU. Baker said that the "C" no longer represented anything. "The official title of the school is Texas A&M University. The change from "C" to "U" has been only a matter of time," said Baker. The same change will be made on the TAMC shoulder patch.

Cadets having the rank of non-commissioned officers will wear that rank on their collars where they used to wear the AMC. An insignia firm is now fashioning metal chevrons similar to those now worn on the helmet liners. These will eliminate stripes on the sleeve entirely.

It was brought to the attention of the Commandant's office during the last federal inspection that regular army directives state the cadets will not wear rank insignia similar to that of worn by regular Army personnel.

This rank will also be worn on the shoulder epaulets of the field new AG-44 field jacket. It had been noticed that when a cadet, other than an officer wore this jacket, there was no visible sign of his rank. Officers already wear their insignia here.

Cadets officers will also wear their rank on the collar of their shirts, instead of on their shoulders as they do now.

Directors Request Study Of Coed, Corps Changes

Former Students' Plans, Voting, Speakers Checked

The Board of Directors requested Saturday a detailed study by administration officials regarding a possible switch to full coeducation and a non-compulsory Corps of Cadets, possibly by September.

Following closely on the heels of Thursday's student opinion poll which sanctioned full coeducation and non-compulsory Corps, the Board instructed the study be presented at a later meeting, either the next regularly scheduled meeting in June or an earlier called meeting.

The Board issued the following statement after their meeting: "The board of directors discussed the recommendations of the Former Students Association and heard representatives of the student body regarding the campus voting on Thursday in regard to the question of co-education and the cadet corps and instructed the administrative officers of the university to study the matter and report back to the board at a later meeting."

The Association of Former Students raised both questions three weeks ago when it adopted a resolution asking the Board to look into possible changes in the current setup, possibly including a change to complete coeducation and non-compulsory Corps.

Student voting Thursday approved both issues by closer margins than expected. With approximately 25 per cent of the student body balloting, non-compulsory Corps was favored by a 1,216-961 count. Full coeducation passed over no coeducation by 1,029-993, but including ballots cast for limited coeducation, complete coeducation was defeated, 1,235-1,029.

In other action the Board approved a proposed split of the College of Arts and Sciences into two distinct units, a College of Liberal Arts and a College of Sciences. Both units are to be operational by September. The Academic Council endorsed the separation by a 37-12 margin last week.

The College of Liberal Arts would contain the School of Business Administration and the Departments of Economics, Education and Psychology, English, History and Government, Journalism, Modern Languages and Physical Education. The College of Sciences would contain the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.

The Board also awarded contracts totaling \$499,955 and appropriated \$357,500 for various projects, including air conditioning of Sbis Dining Hall and additions to the Memorial Student Center. In addition, \$6,000 was allotted for preliminary plans for the air-conditioning of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Other appropriations included \$25,000 for preliminary expenses of the Space Research Center; \$95,000 for parking area improvements, and \$30,500 for landscape improvements of the north dormitory area.

The Board also accepted scholarships, fellowships and awards totaling \$30,922 and accepted \$114,700 in grants, including \$100,000 from the Moody Foundation.

College Heads Nix Connally's 3-System Plan

AUSTIN (AP)—The Council of College and University Presidents has gone on record against Gov. John Connally's plan to regroup the 22 state-supported colleges into three systems.

The organization, composed of presidents of the tax-supported institutions of higher learning, adopted a resolution Sunday night opposing any proposal for new systems at this time.

In a statement Monday the council said the resolution was adopted without dissent.

Connally has said a bill implementing his plan would be introduced soon. Another bill, already introduced in both houses, would set up four systems. The governor's plan calls for a University of Texas System, a Texas State University System and a State Senior College System.

"The question of grouping or not grouping the 22 public colleges and universities of a major state into systems is not something that can be determined overnight," the resolution said. "It is instead a complex and fundamental problem requiring study both by professional educators and by knowledgeable laymen over an extended period of time."

"Otherwise, instead of accelerated progress toward excellence there could well be costly errors and the loss of gains made with difficulty over the years."

Underwater Diving Course Now Offered

A SCUBA diving short course will be offered this semester at A&M.

Gene Cantrell, physics teacher and SCUBA instructor, said the course is sponsored by the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology and will start at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Room 146 of the Physics Building.

Cantrell said that SCUBA stands for self-contained underwater breathing apparatus.

The course is restricted to university students, staff, and their families, male or female, with a minimum age of 16.

A fee of \$15 will be charged for registration.

He added that the student will furnish swim mask, swim fins, and snorkel, but the SCUBA tanks will be made available.

Instruction will consist of 12 hours in the classroom and eight hours of practical swimming in the P. L. Downs Jr., Natatorium.



Suggestion Box Gets Trial Run
The Student Senate has placed a suggestion box in the Memorial Student Center for the use of any student who has a "gripe." Bunny Balmer of the Student Programs Office fills out one of the blanks supplied by the Senate.

House Accepts Ground Rule To Postpone All Pay Raises

By The Associated Press
AUSTIN — The House quietly accepted Monday the senate version of a new legislative ground rule that roused senators to spirited debate.

The rule change provides that no special appropriation bill — such as teacher and judicial pay raises — can be considered during the first 120 days of a legislative session unless the general appropriation bill is passed first.

Senate critics of the change said it was designed to strengthen

Gov. John Connally's position in the teacher pay dispute by giving extra time to drum up support for his 10-year graduated pay raise bill.

The 120-day provision wasn't in the House version adopted Feb. 11. It stated simply that no one-shot appropriations bill could be considered at all until the general spending bill was passed. The old rules had a 75-day ban on special appropriations bills.

The only ripple in the House over the rules change — which had

less impact there than in the Senate — was stirred by Mineola Rep. George Hinson, sponsor of the Texas State Teachers Association bill for a \$405-a-year pay raise.

"As interpreted in the past, there have been times when bills requiring other appropriations were given public hearings although there was no action at the time," Hinson said. The usual interpretation in the House had been that the ban on consideration of special appropriation bills extends to hearings.

At a news conference, Speaker Ben Barnes said, "It is just a misinterpretation when they say the teachers are better off under the old rule."

There will be 50 to 60 days for a conference committee to produce a final appropriations bill.

Overhead Screen, Projector To Aid Chemistry Class

An overhead projector flashing instructional materials upon a large screen is helping A&M freshmen better understand chemistry. And some of the same freshmen also are learning composition and rhetoric in a section taught with use of a projector and screen.

Satisfaction with the results is expressed by faculty and students. "The principal advantage of the overhead projector is its versatility," said Dr. R. B. Alexander, head of the freshmen chemistry program.

Dr. Lee J. Martin said a questionnaire completed by more than 300 students in the special large sections of freshman English showed use of the projector helped the students during the Fall Semester.

The English class sees materials prepared from varied sources while the chemistry students mainly view materials taken from their textbook, notably charts, diagrams and tables.

"The use of these illustrations from the text allows us to quickly place a large amount of material before the class for discussion and interpretation," Alexander said. He noted special slides can be prepared using cellulose-acetate film and special inks.

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press
International

MONTREAL—A mighty, roof-lifting explosion and fire destroyed a sprawling suburban apartment house Monday, killing 22 or more persons and leaving as many as 50 injured.

Most of the victims were children.

LONDON—Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart said today he will consider a special conference of the world's atomic powers—including Red China—to seek an end of the arms race.

WASHINGTON—Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana commended President Johnson today for "trying to keep the lid on a highly dangerous volcano" in Southeast Asia.

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court ruled Monday that movies may be censored before public showing only if provision is made for speedy court review of bans imposed by the censors.

OXFORD, Mich.—Brace Beemer, whose hearty "Hi Ho Silver" thrilled a generation of Lone Ranger radio fans, died of a heart attack early today.

SELMA, Ala.—Negroes by the hundreds answered a new right-to-vote call from Dr. Martin

Luther King Monday in Selma and five neighboring Alabama counties. There was no disorder.

NEWELL, S. D.—An unarmed Minuteman missile—the kind destined to travel over 6,000 miles in case of war—was fired successfully today under operational conditions.

WASHINGTON—President Johnson and Him, the White House beagle, both showered attention today on 10-year-old Barbara Staten.

Barbara, from Owensville, Ind., called on the President in her capacity as Easter Seal Child of the Year—and delivered to the President the first sheet of Easter Seals.

DALLAS—Lawyers picked a jury of five women and seven men today in a swift-paced start to the third trial of bankrupt promoter Billie Sol Estes.

This contrasted sharply with his previous two trials which took several days to complete a jury.

AUSTIN—The House tentatively approved today a bill aimed at reducing high school drop-outs by raising the compulsory school attendance age to 17 from 16.

GALVESTON—The top West Gulf district longshoremen's union official said today he would not order a vote on the district's new contract "until everything in the South Atlantic is settled."

HOUSTON—Construction of a dam on the Trinity River above Wallisville will start during the fiscal year that begins July 1, Mayor Louis Welch said today.

Aggie Tells Of Hospital Treatment

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