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Four-Point Grade Change Announced By Registrar

Set For Revision By Next Summer

Corps Of Cadets Receives Revisions For 'Standard'

A revised edition of the "Standard," Bible of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, will be distributed to dormitory rooms during the first week of August.

Updating, condensation and addition of a third section to the publication were announced by Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

One copy of the second edition of the Standard will be part of the equipment in each cadet dormitory room.

The manual contains the Cadence, Articles of the Corps of Cadets and, in the new third section, procedures for disciplinary actions. The first edition, published in 1964, consolidated under one cover several original documents, including the Cadence, Code of Honor, Social Customs, Cadet Code of Conduct, Articles of the Corps, freshman handbook and facts about A&M.

Revisions were incorporated by

a commandant-appointed committee upon recommendations submitted by the Corps and military advisors-instructors. The commandant's office reviewed suggested changes, added others and passed the revision to the committee.

Frank K. Nicolas, assistant to the commandant, said the final draft was approved by Dean of Students James P. Hannigan and is in printing at the A&M Press. "There have been no major changes, except addition of the third section," Nicolas noted.

"New structure of the university, the addition of colleges and the changing of air science to aerospace studies are typical of updating changes made to correlate the Standard to A&M today," he added.

Nicolas pointed out due to university growth, civilian students number three to one cadet in the

Corps, though the Corps is "about the same size as it was five to seven years ago."

"The second edition has been oriented to the Corps, rather than the entire student body," he added. The Standard will parallel a civilian student document in preparation by Ed Cooper, civilian student activities director.

Colonel McCoy's assistant indicated the new Standard will be about 25 per cent larger, with addition of the third section, which will include outlines of disciplinary procedures, the demerit system, appeals and the Cadet Court manual.

He said the format will be the same except that charts describing uniform regulations and precedence will be added.

"Consolidation of information will make the Standard easier to use," Nicolas said.

An updating of the grading system is in the offering for students of Texas A&M, Registrar H. L. Heaton has announced.

A change from the three-point system to a four-point system is foreseen by June 1, 1969, coupled with a change in grading procedures, Heaton said.

The university will now give four grade points for an "A", three for a "B", two for a "C", one for a "D" and none for an "F".

"This will take into consideration the "D" grade and reflect more accurately a student's academic record," Heaton said.

In the past a "D" was given no grade points and was considered the same as an "F" in computing a student's grade point ratio.

When the change takes place there will also be a revision of the value given a student's numerical grade. An "A" will be any

grade between 90 and 100, a "B" will take in grades between 80 and 89, a "C" will be given for any grade between 70 and 79. Grades between 60 and 69 will be awarded a "D" and grades which fall below 60 will be called failing.

Already many of the state's colleges and universities have converted to the four-point system.

A&M is making the change also in order to have a more uniform basis for determining a student's grades compared to other institutions, Heaton noted.

"There will have to be a period of adjustment in order to determine exactly how the four-point system will be put into effect," he said. "There are 1,001 things to be converted."

"With the change I don't see how any student will be penalized or particularly benefited," Heaton stated.

A&M began the three-point system of grading in the early 1930's. Prior to that, it was on the "two-point" plan.



'OH SAY CAN YOU SEE?'

That is not the United States flag flying at half-mast, but a workman rejuvenating the flagpole in front of the Academic Building. The pole was erected in 1913 - - a new tip, cable, pulley and paint job helped put it in top condition Wednesday.

Student Parking Facilities Receive Boost From New Lots

Day student parking on the Texas A&M campus is due a "shot in the arm" with addition of a new lot on the north side of the campus.

Campus Security Chief Ed Powell said two rectangular parking areas holding 300 cars will be constructed south and west of the Cyclotron Institute.

The lot will connect popular Parking Area 8 (referred to by students as the petroleum engineering lot) and 5, which parallels University Drive.

Powell said the combined total spaces available in the three lots will be 811 and will "give us a real boost." He noted that staff parking in the petroleum engineering lot considerably curtailed day students use of Area 8.

"Lots 5 and 8 will be connected by a driveway through the new area, which will provide another advantage," Powell went on. He said students driving into Area 8 will be able to turn right behind the cyclotron if spaces are filled.

"It should make lot 5 more popular," the chief commented.

Workmen are laying storm sewer for the new parking area. Ground contouring and topping will begin when work to enlarge the day student lot east of Kyle Field is completed.

"We're also planning to use half of Lot 9 (for 400 cars, west of Law Hall) for day students," Powell said.

\$2.9 Million Research Lab Bid Okayed

Rep. Olin E. Teague of College Station announced Wednesday that a \$2,911,507 bid by R. B. Butler, Inc., of Bryan has been authorized for construction of the Southwestern Veterinary Toxicology and Livestock Insect Research Laboratory at Texas A&M.

He said the authorization came from the General Services Administration, the federal agency in charge of federal buildings and their construction.

A. G. Nixon of R. B. Butler, Inc., made a "rough guess" that construction will start in late July.

Teague said the toxicology lab will be the largest of its kind in the United States. Most of the research will focus on toxicity of agricultural chemicals (including pesticides) that affect livestock. Other activities will be development of chemical and non-chemical methods of livestock insect control.

Dr. R. D. Radeleff, director designate of the toxicology lab, said the facility will consist of one main building and eight smaller buildings on 20 acres of a 60-acre site. The acreage is across the road and south of the A&M Dairy Center and north of the College of Veterinary Medicine complex.

About 150 persons will be employed by the laboratory, he said.

Matthew and Associates Architects and Engineers of Bryan designed the structure.



FIRST 'HAPPENING'

Approximately 300 students and dates attended the first dance of the summer Tuesday, sponsored by the Memorial Student Center's Student Directorate. The theme "Love

Street" was carried out very effectively by the decorations and the band, "The Sound Investment", Denny Kniery, chairman of the dance committee, said.

July 4th Holiday Longer This Year

Texas A&M students and employees will have an extended July 4th observance this year.

The University's Executive Committee has declared Friday, July 5, a holiday, giving all personnel a four-day weekend.

Registrar H. L. Heaton, who serves as the committee's secretary, said the group took the action since July 4th, a normal holiday, falls on Thursday this year.

"The committee decided it would be advantageous to declare Friday a holiday also, rather than require personnel to return to their classes and offices for a single day," Heaton noted.

He said only certain security and maintenance personnel will be on duty during the four-day period.

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High School Seniors Given Presidential Scholarships

Determination means a lot to Texas A&M's Faculty Scholarship Committee when its members weigh merits of Presidential Scholar candidates.

"There are other considerations, such as scholarship and family income," said Robert M. Logan, faculty scholarship committee secretary, "but evidence of determination in the student's background is a major consideration."

Presidential Scholarships, initiated two years ago at Aggieland, are awarded in the fall to outstanding high school seniors in Texas.

That's right — high school seniors.

The committee accepts scholarship applications from outstanding juniors recommended by their school principals.

"Most are leading their classes through their junior year," Logan said.

"Aim of the scholarship is to give them a goal to set sights on — to relieve them of pressure often caused by indecision as to where they are going to college. Then, we feel, they can concentrate on studies and other school activities in the final year."

Logan guardedly admits A&M officials have some selfish motives, if you prefer to call them that, in awarding ten \$1,000 per year scholarships subject to renewal for four to five years, depending on the course of study.

"A&M wants to attract more top students," the Student Aid director pointed out. "Having these students come here means giant steps in improving excellence in all phases of the student body."

"The people of Texas will eventually benefit," he added. "If we land more outstanding stu-

dents, the probability is strong they will stay in Texas after graduation and help others pursue goals."

An A&M graduate, Logan recognizes the value of determination and intellect.

"The selection committee gives credit to students who have overcome physical or financial handicaps and come to the top of their class," he said. "Scholastic achievement, leadership in school and church activities are taken into consideration."

Nomination forms were sent to every Texas high school, Logan disclosed. Principals were asked to nominate the outstanding male student.

Plans call for the committee to meet in July and choose President's Scholars.

Maximum awards will be \$5,000 for five-year study programs such as architecture.

Services Set Today For R. H. Rogers

Funeral services for Ralph H. Rogers, retired Texas A&M agricultural economist who died Monday in a Houston hospital, were held today in Memorial Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Rogers was 70, retired April 30 after serving 21 years as a member of A&M Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department.

Mr. Rogers was research economist and farm management specialist with the South Dakota Experiment Station and Extension Service from 1924-29; research economist with the North Carolina Experiment Station, 1929-34; and joined the USDA as an agricultural economist in 1934.

His USDA years were spent in Washington, D. C., and Arkansas before coming to Texas A&M.

At A&M, Mr. Rogers was an agricultural economist with the USDA Economic Research Service and worked cooperatively with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station personnel on production economics research projects.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elie Rogers of College Station; one son, Ralph H. Rogers, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Wood of Seminole, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. M. E. Hill of Richmond, Ind., his mother, Mrs. Harry Rogers of Richmond, Ind., and three grandchildren.

Burial was in College Station Cemetery.

OCS Testing Team Visits Campus

A U. S. Army Officer Selection Team will be at Texas A&M Thursday and Friday, to give officer candidate school college option program qualification tests.

The team headed by 1st Lt. David A. Johnson will be located in the Memorial Student Center.

"The team can administer qualification tests to any senior interested in the OCS college program," Johnson said. "The tests in no way obligate an individual to enter the service."

Other information on military obligation and executive training offered commissioned Army officers will be available.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M."

Engineers Given Mobil Oil Grants

Unrestricted Mobil Oil grants of \$500 each have been awarded to Mechanical and Chemical Engineering Departments at Texas A&M.

Bill Claybourne of Mobil's Corpus Christi offices made the presentations to Dr. C. M. Simmang, mechanical engineering head, and C. D. Holland, chemical engineering head.

Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson noted that the Mobile Foundation grants will be of significant value for departmental programs during the 1968-69 school year.

Claybourne pointed out that the money may be used in any fashion deemed appropriate to support the work of A&M faculty members and students.