

Regulation Handbook Ready

Academic Council Approves Changes In Student Elections, Examinations

The Academic Council approved in August major revisions in the University Regulations, with emphasis placed on student elections and final examination schedules.

Edwin H. Cooper, director of civilian student activities until his resignation effective Sept. 1, was also chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee. He said that most of the changes were proposed last year by the Student Senate and had earlier

been approved by his committee and the Executive Committee. The Academic Council is composed of administrative officers, deans and department heads. All the new and revised regulations, plus items approved earlier, editorial changes and conversion to the four point grade system, will be published and available by the start of the fall term, Cooper said.

Cooper explained that one reason for the change was the fall semester ending prior to Christmas in 1970. It requires a shorter semester. Methods for conducting elections were completely revised, Cooper noted. Also, a new section was added to clarify filing procedures and eligibility to hold student offices.

The changes include: —Grade point ratios will be figured to the third decimal place in determining the academic eligibility of students for elected office. If a candidate's grade point ratio is anything less than that required as minimum for the office, he is ineligible to complete filing.

—The term "over-all grade point ratio" is synonymous with the term "grade point ratio." Only the record made in course work for which the student was registered at Texas A&M shall be used in determining his grade point ratio.

—The Election Commission will be responsible at filing time for each student election for obtaining signed certification from the registrar indicating the candidate's official GPR, scholastic probation and official academic classification. This certification can be made only by the registrar.

—The Election Commission will hold secret ballot election in centrally located polling places. —The Election Commission membership is reduced. A new representation pattern was approved and the Polls Committee has new and outlined duties.

—The maximum campaign expenditures is raised from \$25 to \$50.

Membership on the Civilian Student Council was increased by two—including a woman member—under the revised regulations. A second vice president and a representative of the University Women's Association will be added.

Cooper noted that the The Aggie Code of Honor, which was a separate published booklet, will be included in the University Regulations. Corrective measures under the code were revised.

Civilian Hall Plan Increased by Four

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A&M's civilian-cadet student ratio is now approximately three to one in favor of civilians. Howard Perry said the increase in the hall program leaves only 10 dorms not participating. Perry is director of civilian student activities.

As the students want it, and funds become available, we'll move others into the program," he said. "We feel the program initiated last year was developed pretty good," he continued. "There is a good sense of unity among the civilian students. And, we feel the civilian students have found their niche," he said.

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Earlier in the year A&M's Civilian Student Council voted to affiliate with the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. The action followed a trip to California State College at Long Beach by three Aggies who observed NACURH's annual conference.

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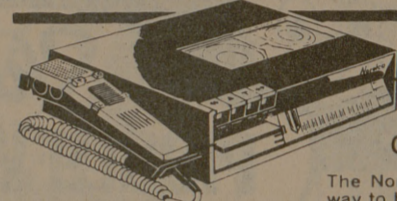
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