

# Civilians, cadets are closer than most people realize

The tendency to view Texas A&M's military and civilian student elements as dissimilar, with no common meeting grounds, may not be as logical as it seems.

Selected incidents can be made to show a rift between civilians and Corps of Cadets members.

Other situations, such as civilian backing of cadets during a 1968 NBC-TV news filming of ROTC status here, depreciate such a division.

Officials of Dean of Students James P. Hannigan's office revealed today, new information

that tends to close the alleged gap.

Associate Dean Don R. Stafford said civilian students were housed last fall with cadets in the 12-dorm corps area. It was the first "mixing" since the fall semester of 1966.

The 100 students quartered on the top two floors of Utay Hall (Dorm 12). Company G-2, commanded by John E. Richardson, part of Company F-2, commanded by Richard T. Miller and the 4th Battalion staff, under Robert A. Harms, lived on the first two floors.

Since A&M enrollment traditionally drops about eight percent from fall to spring semesters, plans for closing Utay and moving civilians to the west side of the campus with other civilian students were announced in late fall.

Utay residents indicated they liked things the way things were. "One civilian said he and several others would rather move off-campus than to the west area," commented J. Malon Sutherland, civilian advisor in the commandant's office.

"Agreement has been reached

to leave the situation as it was last fall," Stafford said, "so they can have more interaction and learn to get along better."

Stafford noted that civilians and cadets cooperate in student government, Memorial Student Center activities and student publications, but none provide the same contact as residing in the same building.

Unless corps strength requires the space, the mixing probably will remain in effect indefinitely, Stafford said.

"Corps size probably will increase, but with the draft lot-

tery ball rolling the way it is, nobody knows for sure," he observed.

Sutherland said another corps dorm, possibly Spence (1) or Briggs (3), can just as easily be closed. Construction of the new 1,000-resident hall near those dorms makes one of them a more appropriate choice.

Civilian students outnumbered cadets three to one at Texas A&M last fall. Even discounting married and graduate students, coeds (for whom no on-campus housing exists) and international students, unmarried male students

residing on campus make the corps a minority group.

Stafford, Sutherland, Housing Manager Allan Madeley and Robert L. Melcher of the dean of students' administrative office said a number of factors contribute to the civilian-cadet affability.

"Most of the civilians in the corps area are transfer students," Madeley said. "They are older, more mature and have no preconceived opinions about corps-civilians relations."

Family-style dining in Duncan Hall is another plus, Melcher

said. Utay civilians have indicated corps call-to-quarters policy on weekday evenings is more conducive to study than probably any other place they could find.

Cadets also like the arrangement. They shared intramural athletic fields, ate in separate areas of Duncan and ironed out minor problems with car parking.

"On one occasion, civilian waiters didn't show," Stafford related. "The civilians just grinned, moved over and ate with the corps—without any problems."

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Cloudy,  
cooler,  
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Thursday — Cloudy, intermediate drizzle. Winds southerly 10-15 becoming northerly 15-20 in the late afternoon. 66°-70°.

Friday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Northerly winds 15-20. 33°-39°.

Saturday — Clear to partly cloudy, northerly winds 5-10. 24°-42°.

## Texas A&M's board gets new members

Two new members of the Texas A&M University Board of Directors were sworn in Monday by the Secretary of State in Austin.

Appointed by Gov. Preston Smith Friday were William H. (Skip) Lewie Jr. of Waco and H. C. (Dulie) Bell Jr. of Austin, both A&M graduates. The governor also reappointed S. B. Whittenburg of Amarillo.

Smith's appointments were effective Sunday and expire Jan. 10, 1977.

Swearing-in ceremonies were held Monday in the office of Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr.

Lewie replaced R. Wofford Cain of Dallas and Bell succeeds Sterling Evans of Houston.

The nine-member A&M board has three appointments every two years.

Lewie, 42, is president of Waco Ready Mix Concrete Co., Inc., and Neeley Sand-Gravel, Inc., of Waco.

The 1950 civil engineering

graduate is a native of Gainesville. He was commissioned in the U. S. Air Force at Texas A&M, serving in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953.

He is director of the National City Bank of Waco and the Ro-

tary Club. He is a member of the City Planning Commission and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

Lewie and his wife, Jackie, have two children: Kyle, 11, and Patricia, 14.

Bell, 53, has been president of Central Texas Equipment Co. since the company was founded in 1946. He also is president of and a member of the Austin National Bank Board of Directors. (See Texas A&M Board, page 6)



S. B. Whittenburg



H. C. Bell



William H. Lewie



Bundled up and ready to go, trees south of the MSC await transplanting crews. They were moved last week to allow MSC expansion work to continue.

## Trees transplanted as part of MSC expansion work

Trees in the way of proposed Memorial Student Center expansion at Texas A&M were transplanted last week.

In all, 13 trees on the south side of the MSC and near Guion Hall were removed and relocated, said Robert H. Rucker, physical plant landscape architect.

He said the transplants were worked out with members of the Environmental Awareness Committee of the Student Senate. Robert I. (Bob) Thompson, junior landscape architecture major of Houston, heads the committee.

Reduced traffic loads during the A&M intercession and pending razing of Guion Hall dictated timing Rucker said, adding this is the time of year to transplant.

Involved in the shift were six Shumard oaks, three cedar elm and four Deodar cedar. Seven trees on the MSC plot were simply moved from the south to the north side of the building. Rucker said four or five trees around Guion were moved.

"We felt we could salvage these trees and have a better than 50-50 chance of saving them," the soil and crop sciences professor said. "Actually they are

quite valuable. The lowest valued tree would cost \$1,000 if we had to buy it, and could find it."

Trees were replanted at the All Faiths Chapel, YMCA and Sbis Hall. Two will be placed east of the System Building.

Rucker said the very symmetrical Deodar cedar next to Joe Routt Boulevard at the MSC south entrance was transplanted to a spot on the terrace near the north side main entrance. He said the tree's shape will lend itself to decoration for Christmas.

Other trees transplanted to the north side of the Center will be randomly spaced.

"It's like threading a needle," Rucker said. "The plants must be located out of the way of a service tunnel to be installed in April and also miss other utilities lines and the MSC lawn underground irrigation system."

"It couldn't have been done with the regular vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns around the MSC," Rucker said.

Low bid contractor for the work was Charles W. Scott and Son of San Antonio. The firm moved in 300 trees for HemisFair.

## Red Cross after student protest

WASHINGTON — Students at 1,700 U.S. colleges and universities are being asked to support the widespread "Letter to Hanoi" protest campaign of the American Red Cross.

The campaign's goal, according to ARC President George M. Eelsey, is to convince the government of North Vietnam that it should adhere to its Geneva Convention pledge in the treatment of U.S. war prisoners, some of whom have been held in captivity for as long as six years.

Since the campaign's beginning in November 1969, hundreds of thousands of letters have poured into Hanoi asking that the North Vietnamese president promptly identify all prisoners, allow pris-

oner camp inspection by teams from the all-Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross, and the release of the seriously sick and wounded, Eelsey said.

There has been a noticeable change in the North Vietnamese stand on the prisoner issue since the letter-writing campaign got under way, he claimed. The number of U.S. prisoners identified by North Vietnam more than tripled, there has been an increase in the number of captives allowed to communicate with their families, and identified prisoners now are allowed to receive comfort parcels every other month, Eelsey explained.

While college students have participated in past "Write Ha-

noi" campaigns, Eelsey said, the current effort marks the first time that the "protest" has focused primarily on the campus.

A specially designed public service advertisement has gone to daily and weekly publications at each of the 1,700 schools. The Red Cross also has provided campus radio and television stations with spot announcements concerning the "Write Hanoi" effort. In addition, special exhibits have gone to some 500 colleges and universities for display in campus buildings.

The campus campaign got under at the season-end football bowl classics where over one-half million "Write Hanoi" leaflets were distributed to fans urging their participation in the protest.

The Red Cross, which has vowed to "pursue without interruption" its effort to gain humane treatment for war prisoners, sees the issue as one on which hinges the the "continued confidence of the world in the integrity and solidarity of the Red Cross as an instrument committed to the cause of humanity."

"Hanoi has repeatedly shown its awareness of public opinion in this country," Eelsey said. "The 'Write Hanoi' campaign is one more means of mustering world public opinion and thus convincing the North Vietnamese they have more to gain by honoring their Geneva Convention pledge than by continuing their intransigent attitude."

## Pollution a social ailment, presidential adviser says

One of President Nixon's advisers on environment said here Tuesday that pollution in this country involves much more than just a people problem.

Dr. Gordon MacDonald, a member of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, said pollution is a symptom of an overall social and economic ailment—of how a society has failed to consider the cost of its progress and growth.

MacDonald spoke to about 400 persons attending the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Annual Conference.

He said the pollution puzzle won't be helped by the current U. S. population growth rate of 5,600 per day, or an annual rate of one percent.

However, MacDonald said, the

high growth of population will not hold up in the next 70 years because of such influences as more education and family planning services, population control promotion by organizations and institutions, and the effect of the women's liberation movement.

One of the major problems associated with population, MacDonald said, is that nearly half the overall populace will be living in the suburbs and one-fourth in the cities in the near future. The trend already is evident in such cities as Washington, D. C.

MacDonald said the time has come when the nation's population must soften its fascination with material goods and consider the fact that air, water and land no longer can be freely exploited.

The idea that the cost of pollution should go into the cost of the product should be built into the economy.

The cost of pollution in the cost of product philosophy also was echoed by another speaker, W. Leslie Glasgow of Louisiana State University, who discussed positive environmental approaches.

He suggested environmental development should be institutional, industrial, private and governmental.

From the institutions, such as universities and foundations, should come more education programs aimed at environment, he said.

Industry, especially new industry, should strive to produce free of pollution Glasgow said. All established industries should be given deadlines to stop pollution practices, and leaders should move to include pollution costs with production costs, he added.

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SHORELINE WALK is a hobby of the Carl Gormley family of Los Angeles, Calif. They plan to walk the length of the California coast by the year 2008. The Gormleys walk a day or two when they get the urge, starting where

they left off last time. So far they've logged 161 miles of the 1,200-mile coast. They've been at it since 1964. (AP Wirephoto)

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