

Society open to folks with non-green thumbs

Horticulture offers plant, flower ideas

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Have there been times when you have tried to grow a plant and it just dries up and dies, no matter what you do? And when you go to a friend's house, you wonder what kind of magic has caused a jungle to grow in the living room? Well, don't give up hope, because the Horticulture Society may have the answers to all your problems.

Open to all students, the Horticulture Society provides students with an opportunity to see what can be done to beautify the house or apartment.

Gary Derickson, society's president, said that members of the society learn how to select plants, how to produce beautiful plants and once you've got them growing, how to keep them alive.

Derickson said, "I was really surprised when I found out how little people know about plants. For instance, if I were to show an orchid plant to some people, most of them won't even recognize it."

Sheila Bath, secretary of the society, said the only requirements for membership are an interest in Horticulture and one dollar per

year.

Besides learning about plants, members participate in picnics, banquets, field trips and help with various money-making projects.

The society, a member of the Collegiate Branch of the American Horticulture Society, not only provides scholarships, but enables the members to obtain a broader knowledge of agriculture.

Edna DeloSantos, senior Horticulture major, said that being a member of the society has not only exposed her to different plant varieties, but has taught her how to become a better gardener.

Dr. Bruce A. Perry, professor of Soil and Crop Sciences, said the society offers a great advantage to the students. "The stu-

dents are able to learn different techniques about planting and they also have opportunities to get first-hand experience by practical applications."

If you have any desire to learn about ornamental plants, fruits and vegetables, think about joining the Horticulture Society. Who knows? You might have a green thumb, too.

Pentagon criticizes clemency

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pentagon sources say Secretary of the Army Howard Callaway went far beyond the recommendation of a clemency board in halving Lt. William Calley's prison sentence to 10 years for the My Lai massacre.

Callaway's decision meant Calley could come up for parole within the year.

The Army said it could not make public the recommendation of the Army-Air Force Clemency and Parole Board. But sources said the board proposed only a slight reduction in Calley's 20-year sentence.

Callaway said he remitted 10 years of Calley's prison sentence because of "mitigating circumstances indicating that Lt. Calley may have sincerely believed that he was acting in accordance with the orders he had received and that he was not aware of his responsibility to refuse such an illegal order."

At the same time, the Army secretary said Tuesday "there is no reasonable doubt in my mind that he perpetrated the acts for which he stands convicted."

The case is now before President Nixon, who has said he will review it personally and make the final decision. Army lawyers said Nixon could affirm the present sentence or cut it further but could not increase it.

Calley's civilian lawyer Kenneth M. Henson, said in Columbus, Ga., that the Army secretary's ruling was disappointing. "We're still hopeful that the President of the United States exonerates Lt. Calley," Henson said.

Officials at Army headquarters said they believe Calley spent only one night in the Ft. Benning, Ga., stockade after his sentencing by a court-martial to life in prison at hard labor on March 31, 1971.

Nixon ordered Calley released from the stockade April 1, 1971, and said he should be confined to his quarters pending review of his case.

The 30-year-old Army lieutenant lived in those bachelor quarters under minimum security until a federal judge ordered him released on \$1,000 bond last Feb. 27.

Calley's life term was reduced to 20 years by Lt. Gen. Albert O. Conner, then commander of the Third Army, Aug. 20, 1971.

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