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Fall Semester Final Review Cancelled

Registration To Begin February 1 For Students Who Have No Failing Grades

Registration schedules for the coming semester were released by the Registrar's office today. The class arrangement schedule is published on the back page of this issue of the Battalion.

According to the Official Directions for Registration, as published by the Registrar's office, all students who have no failing grades on their records and are not on any type of probation will be allowed to register during their off periods on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the last three days of the semester. All old students who do not register at this time must register on February 5. Men whose names begin with letters from M to Z will sign up at 8 a. m., those from A to L at 9 a. m., and all who could not register at their appointed times at 10 a. m. All new students will register from 8 to 5 on that day.

Students who are on probation either from a former record or from the mid-semester report will not be permitted to register without reporting to their deans. Any one who does not turn in his assignment card by 5 p. m. on February 5 will be charged an extra \$2.00 on their fees. Students registering for less than 12 credit hours must report to the Registrar's Office before beginning registration. Juniors and seniors in the School of Arts and Sciences must have their assignment cards initiated by the heads of their major departments before presenting them to their deans.

Examination schedules are printed in the bulletin released today. Each course section number is followed by a letter which denotes the time and day of his examination in that course.

Excess hours, not exceeding four may be taken by students who made more than 28 grade points (See REGISTRATION, Page 3)

Marine Ex Graduates From Artillery Camp

Marine Second Lieutenant Robert G. Martin, son of Ray C. Martin of Wharton, Texas, has been graduated from the Artillery course, Marine Corps School here, and has been assigned to duty with a combat organization.

Lieutenant Martin attended Texas A. & M. College, where he majored in Dairy Husbandry before enlisting in the Marine Corps.

Texas Forest Patrol, Civil Air Patrol Are A-1 Fire Fighters

By D. L. Mitchell

Lt. J. B. Clark, intelligence officer of the Civil Air Patrol and the Texas Forest Patrol returned Wednesday night from Randolph Field with Miss Laura Lane of the Extension Service after consulting with Lt. Col. T. T. Brown, director of the film strip unit at Randolph Field, on ideas concerning the photographic setups used for the training of pilots and ground observers of the Civil Air Patrol and Texas Forest Patrol.

There are training schools for the Texas Forest Patrol in Bryan, Palestine, Lufkin, Beaumont, Marshall, and Jacksonville where pilots are trained for aerial observation of vital forest areas and where ground crews are trained for observation, ordnance, and radio operation. Film strips are used in the training as they more adequately teach them by observation. It is the responsibility of Lt. Clark to furnish these films for the training schools over the forest areas of Texas.

Seventy-four Texas Forest Service towers and a fleet of airplanes guard a vitally important timber

Shepardson Will Attend Conference

Dean Chas. N. Shepardson and Dr. G. W. Adriance of the Horticulture Department will leave Friday night for a series of conferences with leaders of the citrus fruit industry in the Rio Grande Valley.

Leaders of the industry and the college have recognized, for some time, the need of a more extensive research program in the field of citrus culture and for the extensive and specialized training of men for that field.

Among the leaders in that field is the Rio Farms, Inc., headed by Mr. Sam D. Tayloe, a former student of A. & M. This organization is considering a plan through which they and other interests in the valley might foster and assist with the development of such a research and instruction program.

Dean Shepardson feels that the recently chartered Texas A. & M. Research Foundation affords an excellent opportunity for the college to join with the valley interests and the Texas College of Arts and Industries in developing an outstanding project in the field of citrus culture and in the processing and marketing of valley fruits and vegetables. Conferences will be held with Mr. R. B. McLeaish, general manager of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Planning Board, Mr. Tayloe and other interested men in the valley and with President Jones of the College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville.

Biology Prof To Speak In Iowa

Dr. R. G. Reeves, professor of Biology at Texas A. & M. College, has accepted an invitation to deliver a series of lectures before the staffs of the biology, agronomy and horticulture departments of Iowa State College on work he has been doing in corn breeding.

He will leave College Station Jan. 21 and spend all that week at Ames.

Report will be made by Dr. Reeves on crossing studies carried on over eight years with corn and related species of grasses.

Casey's Pen Taken

If you have ever been to Casey's Confectionery to write a check and reached for your pen only to find you'd left it at home, you were in the same fix that many other Aggies are in now since the desk pen on the counter has been appropriated by some thoughtless member of the corps. The pen is gone, and if you didn't bring yours, you can't get that money you need.

This type of desk pen cannot be replaced at present, and since it was put there for the convenience of the corps, the man who unscrewed it will be doing the corps a favor to bring it back.

Orchestra, Cadets To Go To Swift

Saturday afternoon, the Singing Cadets will leave for Austin, on their second trip of the semester in cooperation with the Aggieband Orchestra.

They will entertain Saturday evening at the U. S. O. in Austin. Sunday at 2:45 p. m., they will perform for convalescing veterans at Camp Swift. The Cadets and the Orchestra are putting on their show in response to numerous requests from Camp Swift for some type of entertainment for the veterans there.

Turner announced that the program would include school songs, spirituals, and both popular and sacred numbers; Burl Ervin, president of the club, will sing two solos, the first being "The Holy City", and the second "Forgotten."

About 55 students will make the trip.

Press Club Banquet To Be Wednesday

Wednesday, January 24, the Press Club will hold its banquet in the Aggieband Inn at 6:45 p. m. for the purpose of presenting awards to the various members of the staff. As yet no speaker has been announced, but it is likely that this is immediately forthcoming.

All members of the Battalion staff as well as the members of the Longhorn staff are urged to be present by Dick Goad, president of the Press Club.

Cadet Officers Reverse Position, Decide to Retain Discipline Duty

Religious Week To Be Feb. 19 to 23

Religious Emphasis Week will be observed at Texas A. & M. College February 19-23 with Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church of Dallas as the speaker.

This will be the third observation of Religious Emphasis Week since it was instituted in 1942 with the late Dr. George W. Truett as the first speaker. The next one had Dr. Paul Quillian as speaker. The observance is under auspices on the campus.

The plan is to invite a speaker for the public service each day in Guion Hall to address the students, faculty members and civilians. Each denomination has a visiting minister to hold evening services in the various churches. These visiting ministers eat with the students and visit with them in the dormitories, holding "refined bull sessions."

The Y. M. C. A. and each of the churches appoint two students as members of the Inter-Church Council to work with the ministers and the Y. M. C. A. in making and carrying out plans for the meeting. There has been an unusually fine cooperation from this group of students which embraces all of the Protestant denominations as well as the Jewish and Catholic faiths.

Further announcements about this service will follow.

Blackout Slows Things Down In Ad Building

Eyestrain is one thing, but working in the dark is another. The Battalion staff was certainly "in the dark" yesterday afternoon about the cause of the lighting situation in the Administration building until it was discovered by contact with the Building and College Utilities Office that a transformer had burned out and caused a blackout.

The tragic act, which no doubt caused many headaches, occurred at exactly 11 minutes to 9 a. m., according to the still clocks, and service was restored this morning. "When the lights went on again" everyone in the Administration building was certainly thankful.

John W. Mitchell, Math Professor Dies In Houston

After a long illness, Dr. John W. Mitchell, Professor of Mathematics, passed away in Houston last Tuesday night.

Dr. Mitchell was born in Green County, Tennessee, on September 25, 1876. He graduated from Maryville College at Maryville, Tennessee, in 1904 with an A. B. degree. He was a graduate student of Math at the University of Chicago, entered A. and M. in 1907 as an instructor of Mathematics, and received a full professorship in 1925.

He had always been an outstanding citizen of the community, and always worked for the good of College Station and the A. & M. College. He was the chief sponsor and director of prizes offered for Math students. As chief promoter and collector of money from Exes for the Robert F. Smith Memorial Fund, Dr. Mitchell won many friends.

His influence over students on the campus gained for him the everlasting support of everyone who knew him. One of the most competent Math professors the College has had, he helped many students both financially and morally.

Seniors Still Not Satisfied With Rules Governing Discipline

Cool judgment prevailed and the threatened mass resignation of the cadet officers of A. & M. was cancelled in a meeting of the senior class Thursday night. After an hour of discussion and orderly debate the senior class voted unanimously to withhold their resignations and continue as cadet officers.

This reversed an earlier action taken by the cadet officers in a meeting in the band room of Dormitory 16 Wednesday night. In this meeting they agreed to hand in letters of resignation to the military department beginning early Thursday morning and continuing throughout the day until all cadet officers and non-commissioned officers had turned in letters of resignation.

Seniors gave an explanation of their proposed action mass indignation and dissatisfaction with the A. & M. rules and interpretation of the rules concerning the disciplining of underclassmen.

In the meeting Thursday night the cadet officers decided to retain their commissions and seek action through regular channels. Members of the class expressed the wish to have an audience with President Gibb Gilchrist as soon as he returns from his tour of the branch colleges of A. & M.

Airman, Chinese Agriculture Head Speak To Exes

Discusses Shipping Problems Of Air Transport - Command

Captain Monte Carmichael, just returned from two years duty at the Air Transport Command base at Natal, Brazil discussed details of the movement of material back and forth across the Atlantic before about 50 members of the Brazos County A. & M. Club Monday night at the Bryan Country Club.

He told of the squawks of high officers because their bales and boxes were not delivered day before yesterday instead of the day after tomorrow, and what a problem other high officers were when given trip ratings below badly needed freight. Captain Carmichael gave details, so far as he was allowed, on functions of the Air Transport Command and how it operates in supplying fighting fronts with stuff needed in a hurry.

J. D. Martin, Jr., and John M. Lawrence, Jr. were added to the Goad Samaritan Committee along with P. L. Downs, Jr. and S. A. Lipscomb.

Congratulations were voted Homer H. Norton on renewal of his athletic directorate contract, and Dean Emeritus E. J. Kyle on his faithful service to the Texas A. & M. College. Another resolution favored a well-rounded athletic program at the College with equal emphasis on all sports events.

C. L. Hu, director of China's Bureau of Agricultural Research and recipient of M. S. degree from Texas A. & M. College in 1936, was introduced and told of China's 15-year struggle for existence against Japanese aggression.

P. L. Downs, Jr. gave a report on presenting Texas Aggie robes to 18 former A. & M. students now patients in McCloskey General Hospital, which were Christmas gifts from the local club, and similar presentation of wool lined leather slippers by the Brazos County American Legion Auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. V. Rau.

Seniors Will Be Awarded Commissions At Retreat

Engraved Commissions Awaiting President Gilchrist's Signature; Given Next Week

Engraved commissions signed by Col M. D. Welty and President Gibb Gilchrist will be given next week to those seniors who were cadet officers before the present group assumed duties early last November.

There will be no final review this semester for the graduating seniors because the College Calendar does not

Slipstick Contest Winners Announced

Last night, the upper 15% of the students of the Engineering Departments met in the Lecture Room of the Mechanical Engineering Building for the announcement of the winners of the Slide Rule Contest.

The winner of the contest was John M. Sellen, Jr., who received the slide rule and bronze plaque of the A.S.M.E. Department. The bronze plaque was presented to the highest man in his department and an aluminum plaque to the second highest. The highest in their respective departments were: Fred R. Holste, Ch. E.; H. J. Auvermann, E. E.; J. J. Putegnat, M. E.; A. D. Albert, Te. E.; Bill T. Elkin, Pet. E.; W. E. Cory, A. E. The second highest man in their departments were: J. E. Wirsching, C. E.; Robert L. Cleland, Ch. E.; H. E. McDowell, Jr., E. E.; Charles H. Hardie, M. E.; J. E. Fox, Ag. E.; C. K. Wampler, Pet. E.

After the presentation of the plaques, Dr. Crawford, head of the M. E. Department, presented the heads of the other Engineering Departments. These departmental heads presented honorary memberships in their respective societies to the winners in the contest.

The Slide Rule Contest is about 10 years old, but it was only last semester that Mr. Fleming suggested the presentation of plaques to the winners in each department.

Aggie Pilot Brought Plane Home Against German Odds 15 to 1

AT A 12TH AAF B-25 BASE—A bomber that didn't know when it was dead and a pilot who would not let it lie down teamed up to bring a combat crew home to their Corsican base after a running battle with fighters over the Po valley recently.

The plane, a B-25 Mitchell from the Mediterranean's oldest medium bomb group, and the pilot, Second Lieutenant Charles H. Wolf (mother, 406 E. 17th St., Hutchinson, Kans., and father, 5200 Milan St., Dallas, Tex.) maneuvered safely through a one-sided tussle with the Luftwaffe with the odds against them 15 to 1.

"We were jumped just before our bomb run while we were going into attack formation," says the 21-year old pilot, a former Texas A. & M. student, who flew as a ball turret gunner with the 19th Bombardment Group against the Japs in New Guinea and the Solomons early in the war.

"The first pass the fighters made got us. We were flying tail end Charlie, and all 15 of the Messerschmitts let us have it right away. The first thing I knew about fighters was seeing the tracers going by my cockpit window."

Bullets and cannon shells hit the Mitchell's right engine, tore out the carburetor airscreen and hydraulic line and blasted the oil filter. One blade of the right propeller was hit and the right aileron was chewed up badly. More than 100 holes were counted later.

"We were knocked right out of formation," says Lieutenant Wolf. "I could hardly keep the plane level because of the damage to the aileron, and oil was leaking out of

provided for one on the schedule. Major Joe E. Davis, assistant commandant, explained that if a final review were held at the end of this semester it would have to take place on Saturday afternoon, February 3 and that to do so it would cut the returning Aggie holiday short because they have to be back at A. & M. to register for the spring semester on Monday, February 5.

The engraved commissions will probably be presented at a retreat ceremony next week Major Davis said. In normal times the commissions are given at final review or at the Mother's Day ceremony but since A. & M. went on the speedup program they have been given out at different times. Last spring they were presented at a ceremonial parade. The exact date of presentation cannot be set because the commissions are awaiting the signature of President Gilchrist. He is expected to return from a business trip around the circuit of branch colleges of A. & M. sometime Saturday.

Major Davis also stated that as yet there have been no engraved commissions prepared for those cadet officers now holding positions.

Neither will be a final ball this semester. Taps for seniors was played last Saturday night after the corps ball for the seniors who will not return next semester.

Chemical Society To Meet Thursday

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Texas A. & M. section of the American Chemical Society will be held in the lecture room of the Chemistry building Thursday evening, January 25, at 8 p. m.

Dr. G. Frederick Smith of the Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, will address the section on the topic, "Problems in the Small Scale Manufacture of Reagent and Process Chemicals". Visitors are welcome to hear this talk.

The usual dinner for section members in honor of the speaker will be at 6:30 p. m. at the Aggieband Inn. Members who are planning to attend the dinner are requested to inform Dr. W. M. Potts, Dr. P. B. Pearson, or Dr. J. D. Lindsay of the Program Committee.

Final Hillel Meet Next Sunday Night

Next Sunday night the final meeting of the Hillel Club for this semester will be held in the lounge of Shisa Hall, it was announced by Harold Borofsky, club president. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 p. m.

An interesting and varied program has been planned, and refreshments will be served.

Monday Set for A&M Credit Union Meeting

Stockholders in the A. & M. College Federal Credit Union will hold their annual meeting Monday, January 22 in room 313 Agricultural Building.

This organization, made up of employees of the A. & M. system was organized in 1939 for the purpose of extending credit on a cooperative basis among its members. It is operated on a national scale. An invitation is extended to anyone interested in attending.

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