

How Does Draft Deferment Qualification Test Affect You?

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What does the Selective Service College Qualification Test mean to you? Must you take the test? Will it be the sole basis on which your eligibility for deferment is based? What connection does it have with deferment for ROTC training?

These questions have been floating around the campus since the first announcement of the test was made a month ago. Answers to them have been rather slow in coming. Some of the answers, however, are now available.

This article, based on information from Selective Service headquarters in Texas, the Selective Service Bulletin of Information and a report from the Executive Committee, attempts to supply many of the answers. Additional questions should be asked of the local draft board, qualified personnel in Ross Hall or deans of the various schools. If they cannot answer the questions, they will tell you where you may find the answer.

The Selective Service College Qualification Test will be given over the nation on May 26, June 16 and June 30 in 1,200 testing centers. Probably the most pressing question regarding that test is "Who must take it."

Who Takes It

Strictly speaking, no one MUST take the test. However certain people are eligible to take the test. And it would be very much to their advantage to do so.

The Selective Service Bulletin of Information lists the

following determinants of eligibility to take the test:

- the applicant must be a registrant under the Selective Service Act who intends to request occupational deferment as a student;

- must be under 26 years of age at the time of taking the test;

- must be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time college course leading to a degree (the applicant need not be in a four-year college but his entire course of study must be satisfactory for transfer of credits to a degree-granting institution);

- must not previously have taken the test.

Briefly stated, that means that every presently enrolled student under 26 years of age is eligible to take the test.

At A&M, of course, the vast majority of students are enrolled in ROTC training. Most of these students already have a deferment on this basis. In this respect the Academic Council clarifies the question a bit.

"Advisory Comments"

In a letter to The Battalion concerning an Executive Committee discussion of the test, C. Clement French, Dean of the College, passes on certain "advisory comments" of that body. The letter says:

"Nothing in the new regulations modifies the existing procedure with regard to ROTC students. Two suggestions which have come from Washington seem important—first, a suggestion that ROTC students take the test even though they have ROTC deferments.

"While this is not important for advanced course ROTC students, it might prove to be highly important for present basic course students, because deferment quotas in Army ROTC for the advanced course are substantially smaller than those for second year basic; in other words, the basic ROTC student has nothing to lose by taking the test and might benefit from it.

Second Point

"The second point is advice that a student take the qualification test even though at the present time his standing in class would meet the deferment figure (assuming ROTC were not being used as a deferment basis).

"This is based on the possibility that the present alternative method of deferment—viz. score on the test or standing in class, may be changed if manpower needs become greater with the necessity of having both the required score and the standing in class.

"In such a case a student who has not taken the test

might lose his deferment even though his standing in his class were high."

With reference to A&M, therefore, advanced course ROTC students could feel reasonably safe in not taking the tests. Basic course students, however, would do well to have the additional security of a test-score in their favor.

Non-military students should probably take the test even though they now stand high in their class work.

Test Strictly Optional

The use of the test in determining deferment eligibility is going to be strictly optional with each draft board. In allotting draft deferment for college students, your board may use the results of the test, your present standing in your class-work and additional factors. It is not required to use all or any of these in determining whether or not you should be deferred. It is probably safe to assume, though, that most boards will consider both the results of the test and the present standing of the student.

Once you have determined that you should take the test, you are required to act immediately to obtain a post card application from the local Selective Service Board. The local board for this area is located in the Varisco Building in Bryan.

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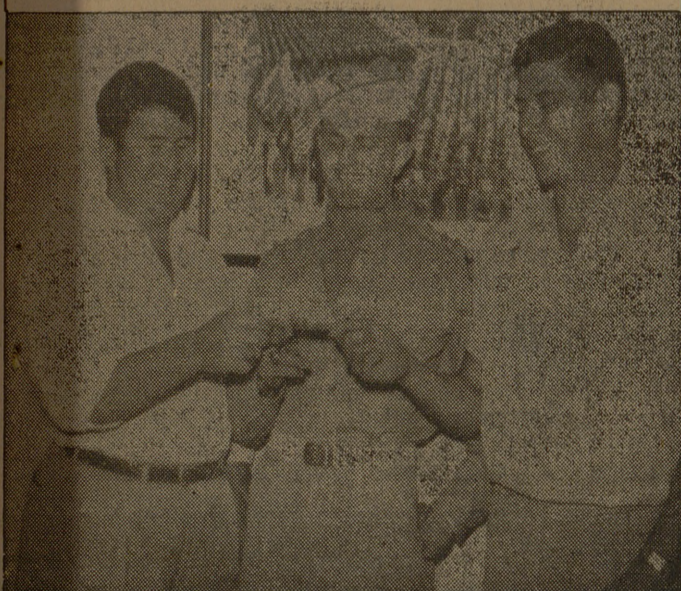
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First . . .



"Well, here's the first dollar," says Monty Montgomery, left, co-chairman of the Campus Chest drive as he accepts a dollar from Student Senator Bill Moss, center, Co-Chairman of the drive, Allan Eubank looks over the first contribution.

State Solons Pass Bill To Push Highway Safety

Austin, April 19—(AP)—The Senate and House passed bills today to promote highway and street safety.

The Senate passed a House-approved compulsory annual motor inspection measure. It would require inspection of automobile brakes, lights, horns and steering apparatus. An automobile owner would have to have a certificate of safety before he could register or sell his car.

The bill now goes back to the House for consideration of Senate changes.

The House passed and sent to the governor a Senate bill requiring cars to stop at any intersection when a blind person on the curb raises a white cane in a signal that he wants to cross the street.

Senate Starts Debate

The Senate starts its big debate on the tax question Monday at 2:30 p. m.

The State Affairs Committee of the upper House set public hearings then for the omnibus and natural gas tax bills approved by the House.

Senator R. A. Weinert of Seguin suggested the committee lay both bills out at the same time "and let them have at it." There was no dissent to the plan.

Both the House and Senate adopted a committee report on a measure giving the Texas Citrus Commission better enforcement

Concession Blanks Due by May 1

No more applications for concessions on Open House Day will be accepted after May 1, according to John Hudnall, a member of the Inter-Council Committee planning the event of this year.

Until that time, Hudnall said, applications will be accepted by the concessions secretary in the Student Activities Office.

Any campus organization may apply, and all profits that the organization makes that day will be retained by the organization. The usual ten percent tax for the councils will not apply this year, Hudnall announced.

Among items that may be sold by the groups are assortments of candies or soft drinks. The selling stand is the organization's own responsibility. Also the group will be accountable for any trash or garbage left near the stand after Open House Day.

German Shepherd Draws Large 'Yes' As A&M Mascot

A new and honored member will join the ranks of A&M soon—the first official mascot since the death of Reveille in 1944.

And, like his only successor, the newcomer will be a canine. In an unprecedented vote the student body last night gave the go-ahead for the purchase of a German shepherd to hold the honored position.

Official returns showed 4,054 students favoring a mascot against a

negative vote of only 280. Those voting favored a dog by a vote of 1,976 to 192. The more specific selection of a German shepherd won 1,455 to 678.

Contenders in the vastly one-sided race included a monkey, a parrot, an eater of various extractions, a musk ox, a donkey, a gun, a kangaroo, a duck-billed platypus, a Battalion co-editor with collar, an elephant ("because he's too big to be stolen") and a St. Bernard complete with traditional keg about the neck.

About the only serious competition came from students preferring a woman.

Under present plans a full-bred German shepherd will be secured soon from some agency used by the Army K-9 Corps in its purchase of dogs. The price of the mascot will include American Kennel Club Registration.

One Student

The Student Senate Mascot Committee, charged with all arrangements for the mascot, has proposed that one student be put in general charge of the dog each year. The first year, this student would work with a professional trainer if one could be gotten.

Each unit would be responsible, under the proposed plan, for the upkeep of the dog for one week during the year.

Also under consideration is a "sentry house" for the dog to be located near the center of the New Area.

Senior Tactics Problem Cancelled

The special course in minor tactics, similar to that held last January, scheduled for this Spring, has been cancelled. Col. H. L. Boatner, Commandant and PMS&T, has announced.

"The course has been cancelled," says Col. Boatner, "because of a new 90 day training program set up for reserve officers called into service."

This training program applies to all ROTC graduates and men who have served less than two years prior federal service.

According to Col. Boatner, the military at A&M feels that with the new program a field course held here would be a waste of time and effort. The men can receive the training much more thoroughly and efficiently after induction.

The course held last January consisted of a demonstration put on by Officers and Non-commissioned officers here of an infantry platoon in combat, which all of the graduating seniors attended.

Death in Sleep Closes Career Of Vandenberg

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 19—(AP)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, one of the United States' most respected statesmen, is dead at 67.

The Michigan Republican, a foreign policy expert whose advice and leadership were sought by the heads of both major parties, died last night in his sleep after several years of illness. He had undergone several major operations in the last two years.

Vandenberg's death at his home here meant the loss of one of the founders of the United Nations

and one of Congress' foremost advocates of a bi-partisan, unified foreign policy in the cold war with Russia.

It also undoubtedly meant a gain for the Democrats in the Senate. It falls to Michigan's Democratic governor, G. Mennen Williams, to name a successor to Vandenberg, whose distinguished career spanned 23 years in Congress.

Williams reportedly has four possibilities in mind—former U. S. Sen. Prentiss M. Brown, University of Michigan law professor John Dawson, former Michigan attorney general Stephen J. Roth, and Noel P. Fox, head of the Michigan labor relations board.

With Vandenberg's death the Democratic majority in the Senate became 49 to 46. The expected Democratic appointment will make it 50 to 46.

Fountain to be Dedicated Friday Afternoon in Grove

Tomorrow afternoon a memorial will be dedicated to the memory of a former student who made intramural athletics a way of life.

This man was Kyle Drake, Jr., '43, who was killed by a Japanese sniper on Iwo Jima March 6, 1945. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Drake Sr. will be on hand to formally hand the fountain over to the college. They decided to give the College a memorial water fountain—and have it placed where students engaged in intramurals could stop for a drink.

The logical location was decided to be at the southwest corner of the Grove.

While a student here Drake studied Agriculture engineering, but he still found time for athletics. He was the athletic officer of four units that came out champions during his stay at A&M.

On the side he was a part time coach at A&M Consolidated High School. Varsity football was also one of his accomplishments.

But after he was graduated the war was going on so the Marines seemed to be the best unit to join.

He received his commission and at the time of his death he was a lieutenant.

During his time here he also received the honor of winning the original Ugly Man contest. This award was a type of popularity contest.

Formal Dedication

Dean of Men, W. L. Penberthy, will start the Friday afternoon program off by giving the formal dedication and presentation of the fountain.

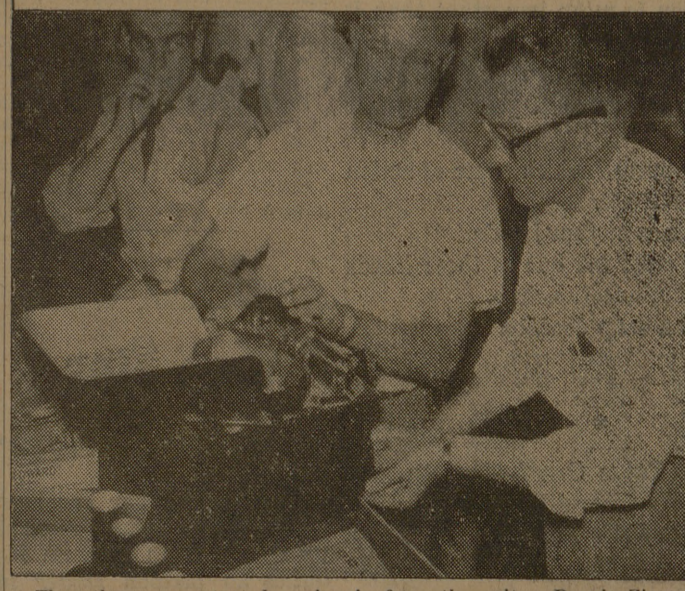
His mother and father will unveil the fountain during the brief ceremony in the Grove.

For the college, Dr. M. T. Harrington, president, will accept the fountain.

Guest for the presentation will include Mr. and Mrs. Drake; President and Mrs. Harrington, Dean and Mrs. Penberthy; Dean and Mrs. E. J. Kyle.

Also Coach and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. "Spike" White, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berry and Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Rode.

. . . Of Many



Then the money started coming in from the units. Bennie Zinn, center, assistant dean of men, and Pete Hardisty, business manager of Student Activities, right, count and wrap the coins. Senate Sitter Bobby Dunn, left, sorts out the money.

Don't Let It Fall An Editorial

Unless the student body of A&M expresses its tradition of friendliness in tangible, monetary ways tonight, the 1951 Campus Chest drive may fall far short.

The Chest committee has set its goal at \$2,500—quite a bit less than last year's. Yet only slightly over \$800 was collected last night.

Last year's Twelfth Man Scholarship winner received a \$1,600 award. This year he may receive one of less value unless you contribute generously to YOUR Campus Chest.

By generously, we mean any amount you feel able to give—from a few pennies to dollars. Several penny-banks were smashed last night to aid the Campus Chest.

Try to be in your dorm tonight when your senator or his assistant drops by—and support your Campus Chest.

Journalism Head To Be Press Judge

Donald D. Burchard, head of the Journalism Department, will attend the annual meeting of the South Texas Press Association to be held in San Antonio Thursday through Saturday.

Burchard will serve on a three man committee to judge a professional news contest for member papers.

Dr. F. L. McDonald, director of the Journalism Department of TSCW, and Olin Hinkle of the TU Journalism Department will act as the other judges.

Marine Officer Says War Still Belongs to Infantry

An Aggie leader of the past, now a military leader of the present, settled back in his chair and said, "Don't believe this stuff about having 'thrown the book away' in warfare. It's still basically a job for the foot-soldier."

And he had seven months of fighting in Korea on which to base his statement. The leader, Col. Ray L. Murray, USMC, returned last month from the war-front. He was passing through College Station on his way to Marine Corps Headquarters for temporary assignment before he enters National War College next fall.

"The few months seemed like years," said the veteran of two wars. In Korea he commanded the 5th Marine Regiment, the outfit that made the famous Inchon landing and captured Red-held Seoul.

Speaking of the enemy's effectiveness, Colonel Murray called them "vicious fighters," but he added that they were not particularly skillful. "They're more mobile than us because they have less supply problems," he said.

As for our own troops, the full-colonel was quick to say that all the services were doing a fine job. The majority of our troops are now fully seasoned, he said.

Of course, he went on, the extremely mountainous terrain of Korea reduced the effectiveness of our Air Force and of field artillery units, thus tending to equalize

Campus Chest Drive Lagging

Less than one-third the goal of the Campus Chest was reached last night when only \$810.94 was collected to support the Twelfth Man Scholarship, the foreign student study award, and a contribution to the College Station Community Chest.

"We are disappointed, but not at all pessimistic over the eventual success of the drive," Chest Co-Chairmen Allan Eubank and Monty Montgomery said today.

Tonight dormitory and area student senators and their assistants will return to the students' rooms and homes which they missed last night, seeking to boost the total contributions above the \$2500 goal.

Bomber Crash At Take Off Kills Crewman

El Paso, April 19—(AP)—A 60-ton bomber crashed on the take-off and flattered killing one of its 15-man crew and injuring a schoolboy.

The four-engine B-50 bomber, based at Biggs Field here, burned after the crash.

As it settled to the ground because of engine trouble, the 141-foot wings narrowly missed a building used for a school for 240 Army children. One wing upset a school bus which the children were getting ready to board.

Another, fully loaded, stood a few feet away.

William Michael Cardamon, 7, son of a Fort Bliss dental officer, was playing in a field beyond the school. He was struck by the craft or a piece of it and his left leg broken.

"I saw the plane coming and then I couldn't move my leg," he said.

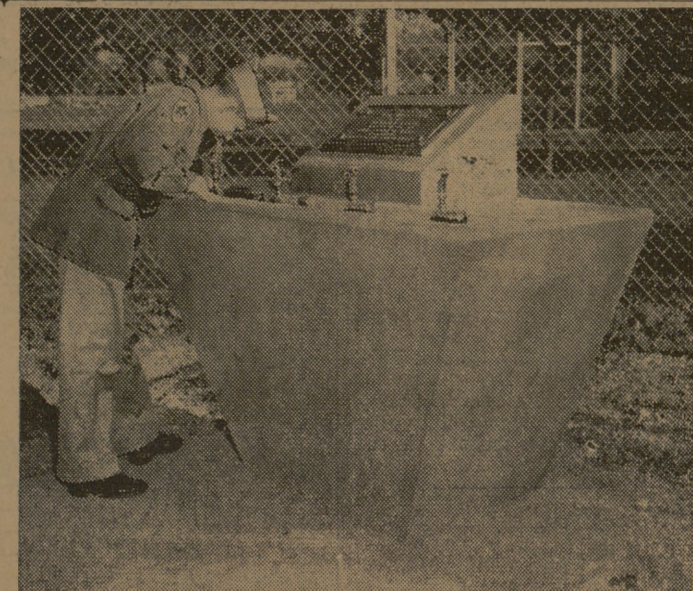
Then Friday night a Campus Chest Benefit Show will be held in Guion Hall, featuring the Singing Cadets, Hockaday Girls Choir, plus the regular motion picture. All proceeds will be given to the Chest drive.

College View came through with \$70.30 last night to lead the field as largest area contributor. Freshman companies and squadrons led cadet offerings, while Milner Hall topped the civilian dormitory field with \$28.84.

Here is a complete list of housing areas, corps units, and civilian dormitories with the amounts contributed by each group last night.

College View	\$70.30
Milner	28.84
Vet Village	24.16
Purveyer	20.27
Leggett	17.97
Law	17.64
Trailer Area	5.35
Bizzell	4.51
Company 9	33.50
Squadron 6	33.12
Band (two units)	28.54
B Coast	27.78
Co. 10	27.15
Co. 2	23.49
*E Field	21.87
Co. 3	21.64
*A Ord.	16.98
D Vet	15.40
B Eng.	15.24
A ASA	14.45
A Armor	14.10

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Kyle Drake, Jr. Memorial Fountain