

Faculty Adopts New Grading System To Be Effective Next Fall

Grade Point For Every Hour* Required With An Examination Over Term's Work Will Revise Educational Standard Of College.

A new grading system providing for term examinations and requiring a grade point for every semester hour in the course was adopted at a recent faculty meeting and becomes effective next September as announced by Dean Charles E. Friley. The adopted plan will revise the present one in many respects, but is of such nature that all students will be able to continue with out any effect upon work done in previous terms.

Known as the four passing grades system, grades will be based upon class recitation, written exercises and tests, laboratory work, and a final examination, the latter counting a third of the total grade. The head of each department will place the value of the other work in making up the rest of the grade.

Three Hour Tests

Three hour periods will be allowed for the examinations which will be held during the final week of each semester. Examinations for Seniors will be held the week before commencement. Under the four passing grades system, grades "A," "B," "C," and "D," will be passing. "E" will be the conditional grade, holding a position similar to that the grade "D" does under the present system. "F" will be failing.

Numerical values of the grades will be as follows: "A"—Excellent (94-100), three grade points per semester hour; "B"—Good (85-93), two grade points per semester hour; "C"—Fair (76-84), one grade point per hour; "D"—Pass (70-75), no grade points; "E"—Condition (60-69); "F"—Failure (below 60).

Test For Grade E

The grade "E" may be removed by re-examination upon petition within one semester, and if not so removed becomes a failure. There will also be a temporary grade, Inc. (Incomplete) to indicate that the work has been completed with the exception of a small amount of practice work. This grade is to be given only when the work which has been completed is satisfactory, and the privilege of completing the work is to be limited to the end of the succeeding semester.

System Raises Standard

Value of the introduction of final examinations is expected to be two-fold, according to Dean Friley, since those students who have comparatively low daily averages will be given an opportunity to bring their grades to passing and at the same time all students will be enabled to integrate the entire semester's work. The new grading system will also raise the value of a degree from this college as the lowest value of "C" has been raised from 70 to 76 and the new ruling will require one grade point per semester hour.

Use of the system will place the college in the classification of most senior colleges of the state and country, according to a report of grading systems given by Dean Friley and E. J. Howell, assistant registrar.

Aggies Fall To Bears In Close Game 29 To 23

Baylor's Golden Bears strengthened their hold on top of the conference basketball heap when they sent the Aggie cage five to a 29-23 defeat in the A and M Memorial gymnasium, Saturday night.

From the opening whistle both teams began a "fast-breaking" passing attack which brought almost immediate results for the Aggies as Squawk Veltman, Aggie guard, looped a one hand shot from the side of the basket to give A and M an early lead.

But the lead was short-lived when the lanky James and the "Mighty" Alford, star Baylor forwards, passed their way through the Aggie defense to score three

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Costume Dance To Feature Holidays

Confetti, serpentine, gala costumes that will mask anyone's identity, covering any era, period, or type of humanity will be featured at the Annual Costume dance which will be held at the Mess Hall Annex Friday night, January 29.

Due to a misunderstanding, there was a rumor circulated that the affair will be a deviation from the Barnyard frolic that is held each year during the mid-term holidays. "It will be the same dance only with the name change," Tom Bagley, social secretary said.

There will be three prizes awarded for the most originally dressed couple, the most uniquely dressed boy, and the best costumed girl. Music will be furnished by the Aggie band who won new laurels as one of the South's leading collegiate orchestras over the Christmas holidays, and the time is set from nine 'til two.

Shortage Of Loan Funds Cuts Number Second Term Notes

Available Money Soon Exhausted By Students Before Christmas.

Shortage of available funds was given by the Association of Former Students as the cause for the decrease in the number of loans made to students for the spring term. Tardiness in payment of notes was the cause for this shortage, according to Mr. E. E. McQuillen, Secretary of the Association. Applications for loans were accepted on December 15, 1932, and within several days all available money had been promised.

The loan fund to be used for the coming term amounts to \$25,000; the aggregate loan fund of the Association is \$65,000. There will be approximately two hundred loans made to students at mid-term for the spring session, these loans are in addition to those made last September. The Former Students' Association prefers to make loans to seniors, however, in all cases available.

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Grid Coaches Get Compliments Of Players At Party

Bell, Holmes, Hunt, and Sprague Presented Testimonials by Captain and Team.

Lettermen of the 1931 Aggie football team were honored at a banquet last week, at which they presented testimonials to Coaches Matty Bell, Klepto Holmes, and Joel Hunt, reassuring the latter of their faith in them. This ceremony was followed by presentation of a silver mounted comb and brush set to each of the lettermen, the coaches and Carl "Doc" Sprague, trainer.

The testimonial presented to Coach Bell, by captain Carl Moulden, read as follows: "We, the undersigned members of the Texas Aggie football team, wish to express our sincere appreciation to Coach Madison Bell, and we further desire to state that in our opinion he is America's finest coach, a great sportsman, and a coach who is fair and square in all his dealings, and last, but not least, a great teacher and a gentleman."

Jack Christian made the presentation to Coach Holmes, which read: "We, the undersigned members of the Texas Aggie football team, wish to express our sincere appreciation to Coach J. G. (Klepto) Holmes and would like to state that he has kept faith with us. We consider it an esteemed privilege to have had the honor of playing under his able direction and

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STUDENT HURT BY GUN SHOT RESTING WELL

Delicacy of Operation May Prevent Bullet Removal Unless Necessary for Recovery

Glenn G. Commons, 19, junior in mechanical engineering from Mercedes, was critically wounded in the head while examining a .22 calibre pistol in his room in Walton Hall Monday shortly before noon. The bullet entered the center of his forehead just above the bridge of his nose, penetrating a considerable distance and lodging just at the base of the brain.

The condition of Commons was reported as encouraging at the hospital, where he was removed immediately following discovery of his injury. The bullet remained in his head and due to the delicacy of such an operation, the question of attempting its removal will depend on developments in his case, it was announced.

Parents Here

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Commons, parents of the injured student, are here with him, having arrived in the early hours Tuesday morning by automobile from Mercedes. They were notified of the injury to their son immediately following its discovery and made the drive to College Station in fifteen hours.

Commons' inert body, stretched on his room floor by an open trunk was found by E. C. Buie, Commons' room mate, when Buie returned to their room after class Monday about 11:30 o'clock. Commons had gone to his room about an hour before. A pool of blood had collected by the body when Buie arrived. He reported the matter and Commons was rushed to the college hospital where he remained in a state of semi-consciousness until about 3 o'clock that afternoon.

Tells Of Shot

Commons told Buie Monday afternoon and later repeated from his

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Expensive Books Added To Library Of Architecture

Making the finest addition to the library in several years, the Department of Architecture received about thirty expensive books recently, some of which are elaborately hand painted and illustrated. Possibly the most outstanding book of the group is the Collection of Byzantine, Georgian, and Old Russian Ornament, entitled "Les Mosques De Samarcande," which is hand painted in the most intricate detail. The book is written in Russian and French paralleled and the principal Mosque is analyzed graphically for stability.

Many other valuable books including a signed copy of "Kiowa Indian Art" (Oklahoma), which is drawn and hand painted by the Indians themselves and is written in French and English paralleled, the "Empire Style" in five volumes, and two volumes of "L'Acropole" were also received. These books represent probably the most expensive books bought in recent years.

Longhorn Announces Completion of Staff

Announcement of staff members for the Longhorn was recently made by Al Saenger of Beaumont, editor of this year's annual. Offices include: J. H. Perkins, Bastrop, advertising manager; B. J. Gottlieb, Corsicana, assistant editor; G. E. Carpenter, San Antonio, circulation manager; A. C. Moser, Dallas, military; A. Weil, Corpus Christi, The Greenhorn; C. W. Herring, Taylor, classes; H. P. Wofford, San Antonio, activities; I. M. Baker, Houston, associate editor; J. D. Edgar, Cuero, organizations; J. P. Christian, Abilene, athletics; J. L. Keith, Beaumont, art editor; and C. W. Fichtner, San Antonio, features.

Beginning next year the business manager of each student publication will be selected by J. E. Angell, Manager of Student Publications Board. This year the advertising manager will assist as business manager.

New Grid Schedule Carries Six Games On Foreign Fields

Tulane and Texas Tech Only Large Non-Conference Games on List.

For the first time in three years the Aggie football schedule calls for less than three inter-sectional games, with only Centenary College and Tulane University on the list for the 1932 season.

The schedule as arranged, calls for ten games, five with conference teams, two inter-sectional, and three with minor colleges. Arkansas is the only conference team absent from the Aggie schedule, and it so happens that A. and M. and Arkansas will be the only members in the race to play less than six games.

On the opening date, September 24 the Aggie "regulars" will meet the Texas Tech "Matadors" in Amarillo, while the reserves play hosts to Southwestern University's Pirates on Kyle field.

Tulane University fills the bill for the second week-end and they will be followed by the Texas A and I Javelinas, as the Aggies last opponents, before they open the conference with Texas Christian University on Kyle field, October 15.

Three games on foreign fields with Baylor University, Centenary College, and Southern Methodist University, in the order named will give the Aggies sufficient competition until they return to Kyle field with the Rice Owls to furnish opposition on November 12.

A lay-off of nearly two weeks will follow the scrap with the Owls before the season is brought to a close with the Texas Longhorns as their opponents in the annual gridiron classic of the Southwest, Thanksgiving day, in Austin.

The complete 1932 schedule is as follows:

Sept. 24—First team vs. Texas Tech at Amarillo and reserves vs. Southwestern at College Station.

Oct. 1—Tulane University at New Orleans.

Oct. 8—Texas A. and I. at College Station.

Oct. 15—Texas Christian University at College Station.

Oct. 22—Baylor University at Waco.

Oct. 29—Centenary College at Shreveport.

Nov. 5—Southern Methodist U. at Dallas.

Nov. 12—Rice Institute at College Station.

Nov. 24—Texas University at Austin.

Bowling Arouses Local Interest

The ancient sport of bowling is holding considerable interest among students and faculty members at A and M since the recent installation of a bowling alley in Bryan. Two of eight teams in a Bryan bowling league are composed of college students and campus residents.

Although the sport is comparatively new to many of the students, it has taken such a hold on them that there is talk of getting up a team to play student teams from other colleges in this region. H. T. Mast, joint owner of the Bryan Alley with B. C. Allen, and F. E. Vance, manager of the main bowling alleys at Houston, are reported to be trying to arrange a home-and-home tournament between teams composed of A and M and Rice Institute students.

Nelson on Team

Colonel Charles J. Nelson, commandant, is leader of one of the teams in the Bryan league. Other members of the team, which is limited to four men, are J. U. Parker, Sherman, chief yell leader; F. B. Ellis Jr., Waxahachie; and J. W. Roberson, Devine, all students. Another team from the campus is composed of John Mitchell, assistant commandant, W. L. Pemberthy, director of intramural athletics; Captain Earl Lyons, freshman baseball coach, and Sergeant Walker Holden, campus day sergeant.

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SCHILLINGBURG WINNER FISH STOCK CONTEST

Contestants Finish With All Scores Comparatively Close, Winners to Receive Medal Given by Bryan Merchants.

F. C. Schillingburg, of Dublin, won first place in the Annual Freshman Livestock Judging Contest held at A. and M. Saturday, January 23rd. Schillingburg, whose score was 683 of a possible 800, was a member of the state winning Vocational Livestock Judging Team in 1931, and also was a member of the state team that won first place in the National Contest held in Kansas City in November, 1931. As high point man, his name will be inscribed as winner of the 1932 Freshman Livestock Judging Contest on the Charles Nitch Trophy.

Second place was won by J. W. Holmes, of Ralls, whose score was 673 of a possible 800. He also won first place in the horse judging and his name will be recorded on the Purina Mills Trophy. Holmes was a member of the Vocational Dairy Judging Team of Ralls, which won the state championship in 1930.

Honor for third place was won by T. E. Voss of Post, whose score was 670. Robert Cross, Spur, and C. C. Williams, Dexter, tied for fourth and fifth places with a score of 657. Sixth place was won by F. Jednarek, Schulenburg, whose score was 655.

All six winners will receive Livestock Judging Medals which have been donated by Merchants of College Station and Bryan.

High honor winners in the individual contests were: sheep judging, F. E. Schillingburg; beef cattle, L. M. Lane; hogs, F. Bednarek; and horses, J. W. Holmes.

Judges of the contests were: D. W. Williams, Head of the Animal Husbandry Department; J. R. Couch, Experiment Station; C. Lucker, Vocational Agriculturist of Bryan; and W. R. Horlacher, Professor of Genetics.

Progress On Tennis Court Held Up By Inclement Weather

Due to the recent rains, work is progressing slowly on the new tennis courts. The beds of these new courts have to be set in such a way that unless the right amount of moisture is present they will not be satisfactory. The courts are completed with the exception of the laying of these beds and when the weather permits, work will be rushed in order to complete them in time for intramural tennis contests.

Intramural Handball Games To Be Resumed

Intramural handball tournaments will be resumed the second week after the start of the second term if work on the auxiliary gymnasium is completed. Although these tournaments were delayed while the stiffest competition was on, the games when renewed are expected to be equally as fast as before.

The standings of the different leagues now are: C Engineers leading in A league; B Artillery, B league; E Artillery, C league; F Artillery and B Infantry tied for D league; and the Band tied with D Artillery in the E league. Since none of the leaders in these leagues are very much ahead of the other, teams still have a good chance to capture the title.

High Rating Given Architecture Student

The Department of Architecture received one of the highest honors given by the Beaux Arts Institute of Design recently, when the Official Publication of the Institute carried a miniature reproduction of one of the problems submitted from A and M. The problem, "A Bus and Street Car Terminal," was drawn by R. O. Travis, Mexia, and was among the eight mentioned of a group of one hundred and eighty-eight drawings submitted to the Beaux Arts Institute from various colleges of the nation.

Concrete Work For Chemistry Building Nearing Completion Stone Work To Follow At Once

Texas Art Exhibit Shown In Library Through This Week

The fourth annual circuit exhibition of the work of Texas Artists, will be displayed by the Department of Architecture January 28th to February 7th on the third floor of the main library during library hours.

This exhibition, which includes thirty-six paintings, water colorings, and etchings, is sponsored by the Texas Fine Arts Association, and is representative of the work of many of Texas' well known artists, among whom is E. M. Schwetz, a graduate of the A. and M. Department of Architecture. Much of the work in the exhibition was done by professional artists, and the exhibition as a whole is considered very good.

Farmers Hear Kyle Speak On Program For Agriculturist

At the invitation of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, Dean E. J. Kyle of the school of Agriculture, spoke to a large group of farmers and business men at Corpus Christi on "A Permanent Agricultural Program for the Gulf Coast Country."

In February, Dean Kyle will appear before the First Citrus School offered in the Rio Grande Valley at Edinburg, where he will talk on the "Importance of Improving the Quality of Citrus Fruits." Then on February 18, he will offer a Permanent Agricultural Program for Central Texas before the fourth district Texas Bankers Association in Waco.

In the lectures Dean Kyle is stressing the importance of the farmers changing from a cotton farming to a general livestock farming basis, and also the advisability of raising and consuming their own vegetables and living at home.

Aggies Working For Next Bear Game In Waco Monday Night

Merka's Eligibility for Game Next Week Strengthens Hopes for a Victory.

Hoping to avenge themselves of the 29 to 23 setback handed them on their home floor Saturday night, Coach Reid's Aggie cage hopefuls will make a second attempt to stop Baylor's title-bound Bears when the two teams meet in a return engagement in Waco, Monday night.

Although odds will favor the Baylor quintet even more than in the first battle, the Aggies may present a still better team than that which held the Bruins to a six point margin at Aggie land, should Joe Merka, elongated sophomore center from Bryan, break into the line-up.

Merka and Malone

With Merka and Charlie Malone, who made his initial bow as a basketball player in the game Saturday night, alternating at center it is likely that Dooley Dawson will remain at the guard post for the rest of the season. Captain Charlie Beard, formerly a guard shifted to forward last week, will in all likelihood start the game at that position Monday night. Lester Veltman seems the probable choice for one guard post, Joe Moody or "Pete" Robertson will assist Beard at the other forward post.

Following the game at Waco the Aggies will make an extended road trip which will include games with T C U, S M U, and Texas University, before they return to their home floor to entertain the Rice

*Class Rooms and Lecture Room Will Be Well Equipped for Laboratory Demonstrations.

With the finishing of the concrete skeleton work, the second unit of the New Chemistry Building is rapidly taking form. Work on the east stone exterior will go forward immediately, according to Mr. W. A. Orth, Superintendent of Construction, and the building will be ready in plenty of time for occupancy at the opening of school next fall.

The building will be the best equipped and most modern building on the campus. There are eighteen private offices for the professors of the department, and one general office for the head of the department and his staff. Nine private laboratories will be at the disposal of the professors that wish to carry on any experimental work, ten research laboratories for students doing graduate work, and six other laboratories for advanced work will be provided.

Good Class Rooms

The class rooms will seat between thirty and thirty-five students and each room will have a demonstration desk where the instructor may do experiments for the observation of the class.

The lecture room will be modernly equipped and have a seating capacity of three hundred students. Electric fans will ventilate the room in warm weather, and concealed heating devices will warm the room in cold weather. A projection booth in the rear of the room will make possible projection of slides and motion pictures. The windows will have darkening appliances in order that the projection machine may be used in the day time.

The wood trimmings of the building will be natural finished oak, while the paint and electric fixtures will be acid resisting. All windows will be steel, and all outside doors will be metal, probably aluminum. The laboratory floors will be cement; the floors in the offices will be linoleum, and those in the class rooms will be made of an asphalt composition.

Stone used on the exterior will be manufactured in the College Stone Plant. The front of the building will have chemical symbols inscribed between the windows. The entrance will be built of Mexican Mosaic, tile, and marble. The estimated cost of the completed building is \$450,000.

Engineer Rifle Trophy Awarded To A & M Unit

In competition for the Society of American Military Engineer's rifle trophy in the tenth annual contest, the Engineer unit at A and M was awarded first place with a score of 3,703. This competition is among the R.O.T.C. Engineer units in the colleges having this branch.

The trophy must be won three consecutive times to be possessed permanently, and is now on display in the library, where it will remain until the local unit loses a match.

High individual score in the contest was shot by F. W. Bechert of Carnegie Institute of Technology. L. M. Cook and E. O. McKay of A and M were second and third in individual scores, respectively.

The first trophy was won permanently by Carnegie Tech, and the second trophy is now in possession of A and M, with one win. Scores of the four highest teams were as follows: A and M 3073, Carnegie Tech 3591, Rose Polytech 3554, and Oregon State Agricultural 3554.

Father Sage Says

At dangerous railroad crossings it is a good idea to check and double check, and also to watch and pray.

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