

# Students Would Know Truth About Venereal Disease

## U. S. Collegians Overwhelmingly In Favor of Pre-marital Blood Tests

By STUDENT OPINION SURVEYS OF AMERICA

Austin, March 14.—A blood test to detect venereal disease should be required by law. By an emphatic majority of 93.1 per cent, the nearly one million and a half college students of the nation believe in this, according to a poll taken by the Student Opinion Surveys of America.

The significance of the survey is seen in bold relief when it is considered that college youth forms a group on the eve of marriage, an important part of the population that is vitally concerned with its own immediate future.

On a subject that up to recent times has been taboo in "respectable" conversation, the menace of

### Popeye, Olive Oyl



Ready for work at the studio in New York are Jack Mercer and Margie Hines, after a Florida honeymoon. You probably know both by the sound of their voices, but not by sight. Margie is the film voice of Olive Oyl and Mercer is the voice of Popeye, in the animated cartoons.

syphilis, Survey interviewers for The Battalion and other cooperating campus newspapers, found students quite ready to express their opinions. Collegians of all geographical sections, economic standings, ages, and sexes were asked, "Do you believe a blood test before marriage to detect venereal disease should be required by law?"

The results:

YES ..... 93.1%  
NO ..... 6.9%

Student opinion is almost in complete agreement with national opinion, for other polls of the general citizenry have shown similar numbers approving. And students in all sections of the country believe by almost identical majorities that blood tests should be compulsory to aid in eliminating as far as possible this hazard to health and marriage. Men and co-eds showed no appreciable differences in their responses.

New Hampshire legislators have been the first to vote for compulsory Wassermann tests for all seeking marriage licenses. The question has been brought into front-page focus under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the United States, whose campaign against venereal ailments points out that the syphilis organism, *Spirochaeta pallida*, attacks 796 out of each 100,000 Americans every year. Of the schools where sample interviews were conducted, representing a true cross-section of American colleges and universities, nearly half of them make blood tests available. In only a few are they compulsory.

In 22 years, Oklahoma A. & M.'s wrestling teams have won 125 of 130 wrestling meets.

## Official Notices

March 14—Corps Dance—Mess Hall—8 to 11:30 p. m.  
March 17—A. & M. Radio Club Benefit show, Assembly Hall, 6:30.  
March 17—Infantry Ball, Mess Hall, 9 p. m. till 1 a. m.  
March 24—Pistol Team Benefit Picture Show, Assembly Hall, 6:45  
March 24—Engineers Ball, Mess Hall, 9 p. m. till 1 a. m.  
March 25—Water Carnival, swimming pool, 7 p. m.  
March 31—Pre-Med. Society Benefit show, Assembly Hall, 6:30  
March 31—Sophomore Dance, Mess Hall.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING of the editorial staff of The Battalion in The Battalion office tonight immediately after supper. All staff members, particularly those taking English 329, are expected to be present.

E. L. ANGELL

INTRAMURAL MANAGERS are reminded that entry cards for class A & B softball must be turned in by 6 p. m. Wednesday, March 15.

W. L. PENBERTHY

STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED in the Amsel Menorah Essay Prize contest, which closes on May 15, are invited to read the notice of the contest, posted on bulletin board 19 near the English office. This contest is open to all students in this college.

GEO. SUMMEY, JR.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Texas Section of the S.P.E.E. will be held in Austin on April 7 and 8. Tentative programs have been sent out to members whose names were in the 1938 year book. Because this list of names may be incomplete and because other interested teachers are invited, you are requested to send your name to me, Mechanical Engineering Department, if you plan on attending this meeting.

V. M. FAIRES

THE RT. REV. E. CECIL SEAMAN, Bishop of North Texas, will be the preacher of the Lenten Services at St. Thomas' Chapel, Thursday night at 7:30 p. m.

THE SPANISH CLUB WILL meet Wednesday at 4 p. m. in room 104 Petroleum building. A short simple play will be given in Spanish with an explanation in English. Any students are invited who are taking Spanish or are interested in getting experience in speaking or hearing Spanish spoken.

E. O. CARTWRIGHT OF Dallas, manager of Fenner and Beane Co., will speak Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the chemistry lecture room to the Economics Club. The public is invited.

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Pre-Law Club will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the Petroleum and Geology Lecture Room. All members are urged to attend and guests are invited.

### LOST

LOST: A Brown vest on campus. Please return to Wendler, I-5 Hart, for double usual reward.

conducted by the Oil Weekly and published in that magazine's March 6 issue.

A. & M.'s enrollment of 808 petroleum engineering students and graduating class of 74 is considerably larger than the nation's second largest petroleum engineering school—Oklahoma University with 663 petroleum students and 45 graduates.

## BILL INTRODUCED IN HOUSE FOR RESEARCH LAB

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the Texas Legislature for appropriating \$200,000 for research laboratories, one to be established at A. & M. and one at Texas University, to inquire into the use of cotton, sweet potatoes, and certain other products. The bill is now before the Appropriations Committee.

At the same time, the appropriation of \$250,000 for the establishment of a cotton research laboratory in Texas was asked. This bill would have the Legislature declare that the policy of the various Texas agricultural agencies be stressed as much as the production of those products. The heads of the various State agricultural agencies, schools, and colleges would be directed to take consideration of the policy established.

The bill would have the laboratory constructed under the supervision of the Texas Board of Control, and to be located as directed by the Board.

## Scholarship Honor Society Awards Made Harris and Giles

Awards were made last week to Tom Harris and J. P. Giles by the scholarship honor society for their outstanding scholastic record reached last year. The awards were made by Andy Rollins, president of the society.

Harris won his award as the sophomore last year attaining the highest grade point average. He is a veterinary medicine student from Dallas and attained a grade point average of 3.00 for the entire year, the highest possible score, a straight A in every course.

Giles during his freshman year made A in every course undertaken except one semester in Military Science in which he made a B. His grade point average is 2.97. Giles is a sophomore Chemical Engineering student.

Each year the medals will be awarded by the society in a similar manner to the freshman and sophomore attaining the highest scholastic average.

## Mary Hardin-Baylor Girls Will Sing At Baptist Program

The Chapel Choir of Mary-Hardin-Baylor college will give a musical program at the First Baptist Church here next Sunday evening, according to the Rev. R. L. Brown, pastor. Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, president of the college, will make a brief talk.

The program follows: The Heavens Are Telling, by Haydn, sung by the choir. Violin solo by Miss Marcelle McRae.

Cherubim Song, By Tschaiowsky, sung by the choir.

A duet by Miss Erma Rose Wilson and Miss Frances Townsend.

O Divine Redeemer, by Gounod-Parks, sung by the choir with Miss Townsend as soloist.

## Oil Weekly Gives A. & M.'s Petroleum Department as Largest

The A. & M. Petroleum Engineering Department leads the nation's colleges and universities in total enrollment and number of 1939 graduates, according to a survey

## STUDENTS STILL HAVE CHANCE WITH CANDID SHOTS

The announcement was issued today from the office of the Scientific Review that the postponement of the deadline on entries for the best snapshots of campus scenes has not achieved the results hoped for. The editors of the contest declare that interest in the contest has been sorely lacking and that there is still plenty of time for contestants to get some prize-winning shots before the close of the contest on April 12.

The postponement of the deadline should allow contestants plenty of time and opportunity to get some excellent shots, and it is hoped that student camera fans will not let this chance to make some "easy" money slip through their fingers.

There are four prizes offered, a first prize of \$5.00 in the agricultural division, a second prize of \$2.00 in the same division; and similar prizes in the engineering division. Contestants are urged to get busy. Entries should be turned in to Charles Jennings, J-13 Hart; Ernie Meynard, J-12 Hart; or the Student Publications Office in the Administration Building.

The new two-and-a-half ton lens of the University of Texas observatory is accurate to one-millionth of an inch. It is a foot thick.

Approximately one-fourth of the University of Vermont freshmen are scholarship holders.

### ELECTION—

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of candidates for the editorship and rules for conducting the election.

The election of a senior Publications Board member is not a regular procedure, but was made necessary by the death of Jack Puckett, who was junior representative this year.

With the primary election set for April 17, the run-off if one is necessary, will be held April 24. All candidates must file for offices by April 10. Candidates for the editorship, according to the new rule, must file a \$2 fee. A rule repealed by the Board this year required candidates for editorship and membership on the Board to present petitions carrying 30 names.

"The election will be held under the supervision of the editor of The Battalion, with any student in A. & M. allowed to vote. At the time of his voting, he must present his Fiscal Office receipt showing the payment of fees for the second semester. Any protest of the election is to be heard and judged by the Student Election Committee," the rules read.

The Student Election Committee, an innovation here, is to be appointed in the near future by Dean Bolton.

Rules for making the race for editorship follow:

"He must have one year's experience on the newspaper in a capacity that will fit him for the editorship. He must be a junior with a general scholastic record above the minimum required for graduation, and his general academic standing be such that with a normal load, he can graduate with his class the following year."

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