

# The Summer BATTALION

CHANGES IN CORPS  
ORGANIZATION

NEW RULING ON  
ABSENCES

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## Corps Organization Changes Made

### Grade Points To Be Cut For Excess Cuts

#### New Ruling Just Passed By Faculty

##### Effective Next Term One Grade Point Off For Two Excess Cuts

The number of grade points earned by a student in any semester shall be reduced by one grade point for each two unexcused absences in excess of the credit value of the course, effective with the 1939-40 session, according to changes in the college regulations just enacted by the general faculty and announced by the Registrar.

The new ruling reads as follows: "Each instructor in charge of a class or section shall keep a record of the work and attendance of its members and shall report the number of unexcused absences when he reports the grade in the subject."

"The Registrar shall reduce the number of grade points earned by a student in any semester by one grade point for each two unexcused absences in excess of the credit value of the course."

Paragraph 18 (5) of the college regulations has been omitted. This paragraph provided that "a student who in any course except military science accumulates a number of absences exceeding the credit value of the course shall have his daily grade reduced five points, with an additional five points reduction for each additional week of absences." Similar provisions were also made in that paragraph for military science students.

"Absences in excess of the credit value of the course" means a greater number than that equal to the number of hours assigned the course. For instance, in a three-hour course a student is allowed three absences, in a two-hour course two absences. This number is still allowed under the terms of the new ruling.

The above changes in college regulations become effective with the next regular session beginning in September.

DEAN E. N. JONES OF Baylor University today pointed to the institution's fiftieth annual summer school enrollment of 675 as the highest summer registration since the pre-depression years of 1929 and 1930. The highest mark was set in 1929 with 728 students.

The dean cited lower expenses and increased curriculum offerings, in observance of the golden anniversary, as reasons for the increase.

#### First Summer Semester Witnesses Occurrence of Many Events and Activities--Varied, Unusual, Important

The 31st session of A. & M.'s summer school began Tuesday, June 6, under the direction of Dr. C. H. Winkler. Enrollment totalled 1,368 students, including 89 girls.

The first issue in the college's history of The Summer Battalion dealt a smashing blow to tradition by announcing the addition of three girls to the staff, with later additions increasing the number. It also announced the beginning of the Twilight Softball League, with eight teams participating; and a new column, "Backwash", appeared in the paper.

New rules were announced by the Executive Committee of A. & M. providing for senior exemptions and for week-early graduation exercises and Final Review. The college was saddened by the news of the death of Lal Wadh-

#### 1,138 Signed Up Monday for Second Summer Semester

##### This Is an Increase Of 11% Over Second Term of Last Summer

Registration on the first day of this second semester of this summer semester showed an increase of 11 per cent over that of the second term of last year's summer school. Monday's total was 1,138, and a few more are expected to enroll late and increase that number. The reason for this increase, according to summer-session director Dr. C. H. Winkler, is the return of many old students, including particularly a large number of boys who have just finished their summer R. O. T. C. camp.

The total registration for the first term, just past, was somewhat less than that of last year, being 1,368. This decrease is partly explained by the fact that there were fewer transfer students than there had been in past years. The first-day registration for the first semester was 1,236, larger by 198 students than that for the second.

Four halls are open to students this semester. Walton is occupied by girls and married students, and Mitchell, Milner, and Ross halls have been assigned to boys. Many students are living in the project houses in College Park, and there are about 25 commuters from neighboring counties.

#### Program Series Ends with Three Popular Features

Phil Clark and his uniformed Marching Men of Song appeared as the second number of the Summer Entertainment Series Tuesday morning in the Assembly Hall. This group of seven presented a program of semi-classical and popular selections that received enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Wednesday night the program series presented the historical moving picture "Man of Conquest", dealing with the life of Texas General Sam Houston, for the visiting firemen attending their annual short course as well as for the student body.

And Thursday Loring Campbell, magician of note, presented a program of magic which was very well received. This was the last program booked for the Summer Entertainment Series.

#### Firefighters Kept Busy In 5-Day Session

##### Firemen of State Get Instruction, Recreation Galore

About 550 firemen from 280 towns and cities all over the state of Texas have been on the A. & M. campus since Monday, for the tenth annual meeting of the Firemen's Training School.

Purpose of this session, which is organized and sponsored by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association and conducted by the A. & M. Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, is to give Texas firemen an opportunity to learn new developments in fire-fighting technique and equipment.

H. E. Brayton of the Chemistry Department, director of the Firemen's Training School, planned a program which enabled the firemen to see the safest methods of handling fire equipment, to exchange experiences with fellow firemen, and to get help from leaders in the field on problems of administration, fire prevention and fire-fighting. One hour each morning and afternoon has been devoted to assembly sessions used for exchange of ideas and general discussion of fire department problems. Three hours each morning and afternoon have been spent in drills and practical work at which experienced firemen have acted as instructors.

Several speakers of national importance have appeared on the program, among whom were Richard E. Vernor of Chicago, manager of the Fire Prevention Department of the Western Actuarial Bureau, director of the Greater Chicago safety Council, and originator of the Fire Department Instructors' Conference which meets annually at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Vernor spoke on "What John Q. Public Thinks of Us".

The Fire Marshal's Course was offered again this year. It outlined the best methods of inspection and investigation, and of putting on local fire prevention programs. The Standard First Aid course was given by Red Cross instructors. The Lay-Instructor's First Aid Course, for men who had completed the Standard course or the Bureau of Mines course, was taught by Dr. R. M. Muirhead, of the Midwestern

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#### Part of 550 'Smoke-Eaters' Here



Chief Frank Williams, of the Texas A. & M. Fireman's Training School, shows Assistant Chief H. C. Miller of Luling how to make a "Y" coupling out of a Siamese coupling by the use of a double male coupling.



District Chief H. E. Prater of the Dallas fire department conducts a class in salvage. Chief Prater, resembling Tony Galento, is shown on right, while Chief Eugene Cook of Denton, holds the other end of the big canvas cover which prevents damage by water.

Clay Garrison, and H. C. Skags, both of the Fort Worth fire department, show their class how two ladders may be spliced to reach a higher place on a building when a long ladder is not available. Garrison hooks his legs to the lower ladder and his arms to the top ladder to form the splice.

#### General Faculty Expresses Complete Approval of Placement Bureau Plans

Full approval of the Placement and Personnel Service, now under consideration by the officers and directors of the Association of Former Students, was voiced by the general faculty of the College at its meeting shortly after Commencement. The approval followed a presentation of the matter before the faculty by Association Secretary E. E. McQuillen.

In addition to the full approval of the suggested program, the faculty further expressed the hope that the Association might see its way clear to initiate the program. Additional discussion of the matter will be held by the Board of Directors of the Association at its business meeting this summer. It is probable that a definite decision will be made at this session. The Board has been studying this matter since last winter.

A local committee composed of faculty members and members of the Association drew up last spring an outline of the primary functions and objectives of the Placement and Personnel Service. The committee was composed of the following men: Ike Ashburn; R. L. Elkins, '33; C. C. Hedges; F. P. Jaggi, '24; L. G. Jones, '21; Tom Leland; R. P. Ludlum; Harold Vance; and E. E. McQuillen.

Listed by the committee were the following primary functions and objectives of the Placement and Personnel Service:

1. The establishment of a campus office with a full time Director, adequate stenographic help, and

necessary records and equipment to be of every possible assistance to faculty members in the placement efforts, to students seeking employment or counsel, and to ex-students. This office is to be a part of the organization of the Ex-Student Association, but under the direction and supervision of a joint Faculty-Former Student Advisory Committee.

2. Cooperation with the College staff in its present placement and personnel activities—rendering all possible support and assistance to these activities.

3. The promotion and study of additional placement opportunities and outlets.

4. The promotion, in cooperation with the Faculty, of a program of student education along employment and vocational lines.

5. Employment and placement efforts for ex-students.

6. The development of a publicity program to acquaint old and new employers with what A. & M. College has to offer. The establishment of active placement committees as a part of the program to every A. & M. club.

7. A study of the trends of employment with relation to education.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE** Summer Battalion for the remaining six weeks of the summer session may be obtained for 25 cents in room 126 of the Administration Building.

#### Country Club Will Hold Annual Golf Tournament July 23

The Bryan Country Club will hold its annual invitation open golf tournament Sunday, July 23, on the Country Club golf course. It will be under the direction of O. C. Copeland of College Station, and will begin at 8 a. m. and run throughout the day.

Prizes will be Spalding dot golf balls. For the championship flight, and the first, second, and third flights, the first prizes in each event will be nine balls, the second prize six balls, and the third prize three balls. In the driving and pitching contest the first prize in each event will be three balls, the second prize two balls, and third prize one.

For the driving contest, each player will drive three balls from the tee, the one driving farthest on the fairway being the winner. In the pitching contest, each player will hit the ball to the green from a distance of 50 yards, and the winner will be the one landing closest to the cup.

Par score for the course is 72, and the total distance for 18 holes is 6,318 yards. The entrance fee for all contestants will be \$1, which will include a free lunch and refreshments. More than 100 persons are expected to participate.

#### Day Student Outfits Are Broken Up

##### To Be 520 Military Seniors; Staffs To Live Separately

Number of Officers Per Co. Regulated; Day Students Few

By George Fuermann

With the announcement that there will be no more day student organizations, the Commandant's office revealed many changes in military and administrative policies which have become necessary with the addition of 12 new dormitories and a new mess hall to A. & M.'s physical plant.

Organizations will be composed of both dormitory and day students, with each organization having a total strength of not more than 100 men. Of this number, those living in dormitories will number approximately 74 men per organization: 34 freshmen, 20 sophomores, 12 juniors, and eight seniors. The remainder of the organization will be made up of day students.

According to a regulation recently passed by the Board of Directors all students will be required to live in the dormitories unless they are permitted to live on the outside for adequate reasons. It is believed that the Executive Committee will be the deciding agency as to what constitutes adequate reasons for not living in the dormitories. However, officials in the Commandant's office pointed out that lack of sufficient finances will probably constitute one of the acceptable reasons for living in project houses.

The eight seniors in each organization will consist of one captain who will serve as organization commander, one first lieutenant who will be second-in-command, four other first lieutenants, and two second lieutenants. This, then, will leave no room for non-military seniors to live with their organization. A place will be provided for these men in another dormitory. However, in the event that an organization (Continued on page 4)

#### Fifteen Students Made Straight A's In Second Semester

A total of 314 students of A. & M. were classified as "Distinguished Students" during the second semester of the regular term, according to a list released by Registrar E. J. Howell.

Students whose names appeared on the list made no grade below "C" and had a grade point average of 2.25 out of a possible 3.00.

Of the 314 so honored, a total of 15 were able to keep their records clear and made "A" grades in all their subjects. The remarkable part about the records made by this select group is that most of them are enrolled in engineering or veterinary medicine courses which are acknowledged to be the hardest in school.

The 15 straight "A" students included: W. N. Brown, Fort Worth; B. D. Brundridge, Dallas; W. R. Cowley, Chico; H. F. Goodloe, Dallas; R. L. Gulley, San Antonio; Bradford Hardie III, Dallas; T. D. Harris, Dallas; Max Helfand, Bryan; V. C. Isaac, Port Arthur; H. A. Jones, Waco; R. E. Morse, Houston; J. R. Motheral, Bryan; M. A. Price, Oakwood; A. P. Rollins, Jr., Dallas; and A. J. Sherrod, Stephenville.

Gulley, Hardie, Harris and Helfand all achieved the same honor during the first semester of the 1938-39 year.