

Christmas Holidays Begin Thursday Is Faculty Ruling

Advanced ROTC Men May Get Tickets For Cotton Bowl Without Cash Outlay

Watson Pushes Unprecedented Plan for Corps

Advanced students enrolled in the R.O.T.C. under contract may purchase as many as five tickets for the Cotton Bowl game between Texas A. & M. and Fordham in Dallas January 1 without any cash outlay by signing a deduction slip against their regular commutation checks due shortly after New Year's, it was announced today by Colonel James A. Watson, Commandant.

In arranging for the R.O.T.C. contract group to obtain their tickets by signing for them, Colonel Watson and college authorities set a limit of \$11.00 for the advance possible to any one student. The student with a coupon book will receive his ticket for \$1.65, and the \$11.00 limit will enable him to buy four additional \$2.20 tickets for his date, parents or friends. An R.O.T.C. contract student who does not have a coupon book may purchase a limit of five of the \$2.20 tickets.

Students and their dates will occupy Sections 14 and 15; while additional tickets for parents and friends will be in sections 11 and 12, Colonel Watson announced.

Major J. B. Wise, adjutant, will be in charge of issuing the tickets to R.O.T.C. contract holders, and the northeast corner of the Y.M.C.A. chapel will be used, he announced. It will be absolutely necessary for each student to appear in person to obtain tickets under this arrangement, because each receipt must bear the student's signature exactly as it appears on the rolls at the Commandant's office.

The tickets will be available at the Y.M.C.A. from 8 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. daily, beginning Monday, December 16, Major Wise announced, and all R.O.T.C. students with advanced contracts are urged to get their tickets as soon as possible. Since there are about 950 advanced contract students, it is expected that the entire group can be handled in three or four days, and it is likely that the office will be closed by Thursday, December 19. This offer cannot be kept open after the holidays begin, and all R.O.T.C. contract holders are urged to get their tickets as soon as possible.

Dec. 16 Is Deadline For Degree Applicants

In order to be on the list of graduating students at the end of the first semester, all applicants must have their applications for degrees at the Registrar's Office by December 16, Registrar E. J. Howell said today. Those intending to obtain either masters or bachelors degrees should fill out these forms at the registrar's office immediately.

In regard to taking examinations those undergraduates seeking degrees will be exempt from examinations unless they wish to take the test in a hope of raising low grades. This does not apply to graduate students seeking masters' degrees.

Horning Will Address AVMA Friday Night

Dr. J. Gilbert Horning, Houston veterinary practitioner will lecture at the regular meeting of the Jr. A. V. M. A. Friday, December 13, at 7:00 p. m. in the veterinary hospital lecture room. The subject of the lecture is "Veterinary Education and Veterinary Schools in Europe."

This is to be the final regular meeting of 1940 and will conclude the clubs activities until 1941.

A. & M. Board Of Directors to Meet December 18

The board of directors of A. & M. college will hold their next regular meeting on December 18 to hear a report from a committee headed by Dean E. J. Kyle, appointed to investigate agricultural practices of the state penitentiary and other state institutions. The committee consists of Dean Kyle; J. Wheeler Barger, head of the agricultural economics department; Jack Shelton, vice-director of the Extension Service; and L. P. Gabbard, also of the Extension Service.

The committee's purpose is to suggest methods for placing the agricultural practices of these institutions on a self-sustaining basis, as well as to report on existing conditions.

Judson Neff, head of the recently established industrial engineering department, was appointed to prepare a similar report on the industrial phases of state institutions.

On December 19 the reports will be turned over to Governor W. Lee O'Daniel for further action.

Davis, Cadena Make Preliminary Trip to Mexico City

Dr. William B. Davis, professor and acting head of the Fish and Game department, accompanied by Porfirio Cadena, A. & M. sophomore and a native of Mexico, will journey to Mexico City during the Christmas holidays to make arrangements for a six-week field trip for those students taking the Fish and Game Field Course 300s being offered the first semester of the summer session of 1941.

Main purpose of the field trip is to make a study of the wild life of Mexico (plants, birds and mammals) and if possible obtain a specimen of each kind so that a comparison can be made and the relationship can be determined between them and the plants, birds and mammals of this state.

Dr. Davis will leave College Station on Dec. 21 and if the Fish and Game Commission will grant him permission to conduct the field trip, he will spend the entire holiday period in Mexico, interviewing the large ranch owners of the states Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Coahuila, San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas. These states have been selected by Dr. Davis since they offer the most suitable conditions for the study of wildlife in Mexico.

College Hospital Taxed to Capacity as Bad Weather Causes Hundreds of Flu Cases; "Epidemic Is Not Unusual," Marsh Says

With every available space utilized for emergency beds, the hospital today enters its fifth consecutive day with more than two hundred patients on the rolls of the sick list. Rain and wet weather indicate the possibility of increases in the number of cases of influenza that are now filling the hospital beyond normal capacity and beyond the maximum.

Using waiting rooms, halls and aisles the hospital is taking care of all patients and at the last count still had some spare room for others who might appear. Plans are being made, however, to utilize Post Graduate hall in case the number of cases increases abnormally.

Tuesday night there was recorded on the hospital rolls 233 cadets, and with as many entering the

Local AAUP Meet Filled With Activity

LaMotte Appoints Committee to Work With Texas School

The local chapter of The American Association of University Professors met Monday night in the reception room of Sbis Hall. The president, Dr. Charles LaMotte, was authorized by the chapter to appoint a committee of five to confer with a similar committee from the University of Texas to consider the problem of securing Sabbatical leaves for members of the staffs of Texas A. & M. college and the University of Texas. The committees will have a dinner meeting in Austin Saturday evening, December 14, 1940.

Dr. S. H. Hopkins, chairman of the committee appointed by the local chapter to study teaching loads at A. & M. reported the information secured by the committee. This committee, working in collaboration with a committee of the Arts and Science minor faculty, found that the average total teaching load in terms of hours spent in class and in preparation for classes, grading papers, etc., was approximately the same for those departments having laboratory and theory courses. The average teaching load for each of the various departments within these two groups varied considerably. The total time per week per instructor spent in teaching and duties connected with actual classroom teaching was approximately 47 hours, exclusive of library reading and professional improvement. The report included returns from 27 departments of instruction.

Professor E. H. Gibbons reported as a committee of one on his findings as to why military drill is scheduled from 1 to 3 o'clock. To enable boys who are working to arrange their work schedules more conveniently and to avoid conflict with the athletic programs were the chief reasons cited.

Mr. Roy C. Green reported the bases on which student cadet officers are appointed and Dr. G. J. Samuelson reported on local facilities for faculty recreation.

The aims of the American Association of University Professors are "To bring about more effective cooperation among members of the profession in the discharge of their special responsibilities as custodians of the interests of higher education and research in America; to promote a more general and methodical discussion of problems relating to education in higher institutions of learning; to create

have no fever and who are not definitely known to have the flu are not allowed to stay in the hospital and run the risk of catching it. For those men who are just getting out of the hospital to make room for others sicker than themselves and for those men on the campus who are not feeling well but are not sick enough to warrant hospital care, Dr. Marsh has issued the following precautions: Take part in no exercise and keep from getting hot. Keep feet and head dry by wearing hat and shoes at all times when exposed to the rain. Do not sit around in wet clothes. Do not wash head at night or go to bed with the head wet. Avoid eating heavy indigestible foods such as hamburgers, chili,

Horticulture Seniors Leave On Annual Inspection Trip to Florida

Nine graduating seniors of the Horticulture department will leave early Saturday morning for Florida on their annual departmental inspection trip. G. W. Adriance, head of the department has announced. This will be the first group of seniors this year to leave on their annual inspection tour.

S. B. Apple, professor of horticulture, will supervise the trip which will be made by the following seniors: Carroll Counts, L. C. Walker, Lloyd Garner, C. B. Williams, E. L. Pewitt, Herman Jenkins, G. J. Motz, Ty Kobayshi, and James (Monk) Vance.

In Florida the students will inspect tropical and subtropical fruits, vegetables, tung oil orchards, state and federal experiment stations, and citrus groves in the central part of the state. Pecan orchards and nurseries will be visited in the coast states along the route. While in Florida their route will take them through the cities of Gainesville, Pensacola, Tampa, Lakeland, and Miami.

On their return trip the students will stop over for a day in New Orleans and return to College Station December 23. The trip will be made in two automobiles. The tour is being made at the present time because this is the height of the citrus growing season in that region. Oranges, grapefruits, and other winter vegetables are ripening and will provide material for the seniors to study. In former years the inspection trip of the

Benson, Crawford Attend AIME Meet

Walter R. Benson, senior mechanical engineering student and a member of the A. & M. chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, has returned from New York City where he attended the organization's annual national meeting. Benson attended the meeting as a representative of the local chapter.

Accompanying Benson was professor C. W. Crawford, head of the mechanical engineering department, who was the group delegate for this area.

Many of the nation's outstanding mechanical engineers were present at the four-day meeting at which time they lectured on various phases of the field.

Flood Lights Atop Mess Halls Will Be Installed In 2 Weeks

Because of an unannounced delay in securing the lights to be installed on top of the two college mess halls, work has been prolonged on this project, Colonel Watson said yesterday. However, the lights will be installed within the next two weeks.

The lights are to enable the band to play during the early twilight hours at retreat every afternoon.

When the lights are installed the band will split into two sections and one section will play for mess formation at the evening meal every week day, while the other section plays at the other mess hall.

Weekend of Deer And Bird Hunting Precedes Practice

The Texas Aggie seniors will take the weekend to do a bit of deer and bird hunting near Kerrville before returning to their football labors Monday, Dec. 16, when Coach Homer Norton has issued the call for them to report for practice to start preparation for the Cotton Bowl game with Fordham in Dallas Jan. 1. All of the players are in good physical shape, including Marion Pugh, and Norton figures it will not take long to get them in prime condition.

Not too much is known here about the Fordham team except that it has a very impressive record and consistently has fine teams. This year it dropped its traditional game to St. Mary's of California 9-6, just as the Aggies dropped their feud game to the Longhorns.

Some idea of the strength of team may be gathered from the fact that the Rams defeated the Arkansas Razorbacks 27-7 and that is the same team which out-gained the Aggies on Kyle Field.

Ruling Contradicts Request of Senior Class

Cotton Bowl Tickets On Sale Monday

10,000 Seats Set Aside for A. & M. Corps and Dates

Tickets for the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl game in Dallas between the Texas Aggies and Fordham will go on sale Monday at the desk of the old YMCA, E. W. Hooker, athletic secretary, announced today. Ten thousand seats have been set aside for the Aggie section in the bowl.

Student tickets for this game may be obtained beginning Monday for \$1.65 and student activities coupon No. 32. Non-student tickets for Aggie dates and friends may be obtained at the same time for \$2.20. This convenience of having the tickets available here eliminates the additional expense and trouble for a non-student one. The Aggie band will have its section reserved within the Aggie sections.

The block of seats reserved for the corps is in the north end zone of the Cotton Bowl. This selection was chosen after considering the price range of the tickets to the game and the visibility of the field from parts of the stadium. The prices for the game range from \$2.20 to \$5.50 and this selection will permit the maximum number of students to attend. The size and construction of the bowl offers a better view of the field from this position than do smaller stadiums.

A & M Men Attending Anniversary Meeting of Sheep and Goat Association

Dr. J. C. Miller, professor of animal husbandry specializing in sheep and goat production, and J. A. Gray, professor of animal husbandry specializing in wool and mohair, left for San Angelo yesterday to represent the college at the silver anniversary convention meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association on Dec. 12 and 13.

J. M. Jones, chief of sheep and goat investigations, and S. P. Davis, head of wool and mohair investigations, as representatives of the Agricultural Experiment Station, are also attending the convention.

Davis left on Monday, instead of on Wednesday with Miller, Gray and Jones, to make preparations and set up an exhibit on Texas wool and mohair. The exhibit will

Changes Made To Increase Attendance At Cotton Bowl Game

Christmas holidays have been changed by faculty ruling from the original holidays to turn out school after last classes on Thursday, December 19, to return at retreat, January 2. This decision was passed by a meeting of the Academic Council Wednesday.

Originally the holidays were scheduled to run from Saturday, December 21, through Sunday, January 5. This was a holiday of 15 days.

At a called meeting of the Senior class in Guion Hall Tuesday, it was proposed that the holidays be changed to begin Wednesday, December 18, thus allowing 15 days as was originally announced in the catalog. The change, however, would have meant losing a week day rather than a week-end day.

After discussing the issue, the faculty council decided that the school was dangerously close to the limit on teaching days, and they deemed it inadvisable to take Thursday as a holiday.

Cause for the change in the first place is the New Year's day football game against Fordham in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas. Ending the holidays on the sixth would handicap the boys from West and South Texas, requiring two long trips instead of one.

Late Wednesday afternoon it had not been decided whether the senior class would hold another meeting to consider the ruling and a re-petition.

Another decision rendered by the Academic Council at the same meeting involved the Texas Aggie football team. The Council ruled that the holidays would be extended to the football team until Monday morning.

The speakers and the order that they appear on the program:

F. R. Marshall, Secretary of the National Wool Growers Association, Salt Lake City, Utah.

F. Eugene Ackerman, Wool Promotion Counsel, New York City.

Dr. A. G. Black, Governor Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.

Fred Rennels, Range Supervisor, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, College Station.

E. C. Cushing, Senior Entomologist, Bureau of Entomology, Menard.

Dr. I. B. Boughton, Veterinarian, Ranch Experiment Station, Sonora. Col. E. N. Wentworth, Public Relations, Armour & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Jay Taylor, President, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Amarillo.

Grover Hill, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.