

On The Campus

With Jack Decker

During the last several years, as the A. & M. student body was increasing in size, a decided need was left for some means of helping the students in the old and new areas to become better acquainted with one another and learn more about the campus as a whole instead of just one certain section of it. This column will be written for the sole purpose of trying in a small way to remedy this situation. Each column will deal with one campus personality—someone on the campus who may or may not be well known, but someone who is connected with the college or who lives in direct contact with the Aggies.

Perhaps one of the busiest and most often thought of men on the campus during registration and for a short time following registration is H. L. Boyer, more familiarly known as "Mr. Harry." "Mr. Harry," A. & M. graduate of 1931, first came to A. & M. in 1929 after having gone to John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville where he took his two years of basic military training. His first year here he lived in Alpha Hall, where the Aggie Inn parking lot now stands, and he claims he carried more trunks than other freshmen in school. His senior year was spent in the Bachelor's Club.

Upon receiving a degree in entomology in 1931, he spent the next two years doing graduate work and working first in the registrar's office and then transferring to the Commandant's office where he has served under six commandants.

The Commandant's office originally had only seven people working it—a commandant, an assistant commandant, two men working in the office, and three watchmen—but its personnel now consists of 5 men, three women, eight watchmen, and 17 students to cope with the expansion of 2,612 students in 1929 to approximately 7,000 in 1941.

"Mr. Harry" is in charge of room reservations for everyone living in the dormitories and project houses. About 12,000 reservations per year, counting the long session, summer school, short courses, and national defense courses go through his hands.

Contrary to the idea a few have, "Mr. Harry" is not responsible for the placing of students, but puts students in the dormitories allotted by the Commandant's office proper.

Aggie Meets War Department Head



The above was a proud moment for First Lieutenant James A. Powers, '37, of Company F, 66th Armored Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia, when he shook hands with Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who had been an interested observer of the recent middle Tennessee War Games. With more than a score of high ranking

officers nearby, Secretary Stimson stopped to greet this young officer as an outstanding representative of Uncle Sam's new army officer personnel. As a student at A. & M. "Jimmy" Power was captain of A Troop, Cavalry, a distinguished student and active in other student affairs.

School of Engineering Again Offers Defense Courses Open to the Public

Once again the school of engineering at A. & M. in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education will offer a series of intensive training courses in engineering, science, and management defense, Gibb Gilchrist announced this week. All of the courses proposed are to train men for needed positions in national defense industries.

A total of 15 of the 19 courses proposed will cover engineering subjects, two will be in science and the remaining two in business administration. Of the engineering courses, three will be given at Fort Worth, two at Houston and one at Kilgore. Both of the business administration courses will be offered at Houston.

The Federal Government pays all the cost of instruction including laboratory fees. Incidental expenses, costs of textbooks, board, room and laundry are all paid by the students. Most of the trainees under the courses offered at the college will live with private families near the campus but it is estimated that such costs will not exceed \$125 for the twelve-week periods the courses last. It is planned that all of the proposed courses will start in September about the same time the regular college year open on Sept. 10, but it will be necessary to have sufficient enrollment before any course is given.

While the college does not guarantee a position for all who complete the courses under the program, no course will be offered where there is not a shortage of trained men in that field. It may be of interest to know that all men who enrolled in past courses have been placed in employment and in many cases they have accepted fine positions before they completed the work they were taking. During the past Summer Sessions one course was unable to graduate any of their students simply because manufacturers having defense contracts took them as soon as they showed signs of proficiency, preferring to complete the training in the individual factory.

Some of the courses have prerequisite training but others may be taken on the basis of ability to do college work as shown by the applicant's high school record. The courses and the prerequisites are as follows: Design of structural elements (to be given at Fort Worth), three years training at an engineering college; Advanced Structures (to be given at Fort Worth), graduate in civil engineering or architectural engineering with experience in the field of structural design; Camp Sanitation, ability to do college work as shown by high school or sanitary work record; Chemistry of powder and explosives, three years of college chemistry including one year of organic chemistry.

Principles of chemical engineering (to be given at Houston), four year of technical college work; Petroleum refining (to be given at Houston), four years of technical college work; Materials testing and inspection, two years of an engineering school course or its

equivalent in training and experience; Surveying and mapping, high school education with one year of trigonometry; Aircraft inspection (to be given at Fort Worth), two years of college in engineering, including chemistry and shop practice.

Architectural drafting, two years of experience in high school architectural or mechanical drawing, or the equivalent in experience; Structural drafting, one year of an engineering school course including engineering drawing.

Radio communications, high school graduate or working knowledge of high school algebra and physics. Amateur radio experience highly desirable; Power and electric circuits, high school graduate with good understanding of algebra; Fuel and lubricant testing (to be given at Kilgore), two years of college engineering including chemistry and physics; Advanced engineering drawing, high school graduate with at least two years of mathematics and one semester of mechanical drawing.

The business administration courses to be offered at Houston and their prerequisites include: Budgeting, high school graduate and college courses in principals of accounting or acceptable practical experience in accounting or budgeting work; Cost accounting, high school graduate with credit in bookkeeping or the equivalent in office or clerical experience.

Application for any of the courses, regardless of where they are scheduled to be held, should be addressed to E. S. M. Defense Training at College Station, Texas.

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Dairymen's Short Course Scheduled For November 17-19

A. L. Darnell of the department of dairy husbandry has announced dates for the annual Dairymen's Short Course, to be held here November 17, 18, 19. The annual dairy herd classification for both Jerseys and Holsteins also will be held during the short course, which annually attracts more than 250 of the leading dairymen of the state and nation.

Ten Points Maximum Student May Garner at One Time in Campus Affairs

Student executive positions in the corps are limited now as a result of the point system which has been adopted by the Student Activities Committee.

The maximum number of points to be allowed a single student would be ten. The original recommendations of the students activities committee provided that the various student jobs be distributed among as many students as possible, and, at the same time, prevent any one student from being engaged in more activities than time would permit.

The basis for this limitation, as recommended by the committee, would be a point system whereby each job would be judged by the importance it carries and weighed accordingly.

Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis was the student who was most vitally effected by this system. He had to resign the position of editor of The Battalion in order to become

Cadet Colonel. Both the position of Battalion editor and Cadet Colonel have maximum ratings of ten points.

- Student jobs on the campus carry the following weights:
- Cadet Colonel10
- Editor Battalion10
- Editor Longhorn10
- Advertising Manager Battalion 8
- Advertising Manager Longhorn 8
- President Senior Class 8
- Associate Editor Battalion 6
- Associate Editor Longhorn 6
- President Junior Class 6
- President Sophomore Class 6
- President Freshman Class 6
- Town Hall Manager 6
- Senior Yell Leaders 6
- President of student clubs 4
- Managing Editor Battalion 4
- Junior Yell Leaders 4
- Vice-president student clubs 2
- Secretary-treasurer student clubs 2

The famous Aggie band was formed in 1894.

Colleges Must Redouble Efforts During Crisis—FDR

Post-War World Rehabilitation Falls On Backs of Trained Leaders

President Franklin D. Roosevelt expressed his sentiments concerning higher education for American youth in a letter to the American College Publicity Association at their annual convention. The president said that our country will always need men and women with college training and that efforts should be redoubled to make the colleges give more efficient service.

The letter read as follows:

The White House
Washington

Dear Mr. Reck:

To the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American College Publicity Association, my hearty greetings.

The message I would emphasize to you this year is that America will always need men and women with college training. Government and industry alike need men and women of broad understanding and special aptitudes to serve as leaders of the generation which must manage the post-war world. We must, therefore, redouble our efforts during these critical times to make our schools and colleges render ever more efficient service in support of our cherished democratic institutions.

Very sincerely yours,
Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. W. Emerson Reck,
President,
American College Publicity Assn.,
Route 1,
Iowa City, Iowa.

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