

Signal Corps Offers Chance for College Grads as Officers

The War Department has made arrangements to take a limited number of college graduates into the Signal Corps Reserve with second lieutenant ratings.

Other than a college education or its practical equivalent in electrical engineering or electronic physics applicant must have the following qualifications:

1. Be civilian or enlisted personnel in any component of the Army of the United States in either active or inactive status.
 2. Be unmarried without dependents between 21 and 36 years of age and be able to meet the physical standards prescribed for appointment as Reserve officers.
 3. Accept active duty outside the Continental United States if necessary.
- Personnel commissioned under this authority will be ordered to active duty at Fort Mammouth, New Jersey, for a brief course of military instruction. Their training will be continued at other locations to be designated.

Aspirant Journalists May Take New Courses

English Department Supplements Curriculum With Journalism Subjects

Two new courses in journalism are to be added to the English Department this year. During the first semester, a new course in interpretative writing will be offered. This is a course for advanced reporters. It is a continuation of straight news writing but recognizes the fact that there is growing importance to interpretation of certain types of material which has news value but is too complex for the average reader.

During the second semester, a new course in specialized forms of writing is to be offered. This course deals with interesting and proper writing of feature stories, special columns, reviews and various types of editorials. The course also teaches students how to read newspapers and magazines with maximum appreciation.

In addition to these new courses, the English Department will again offer a course in beginners news reporting and a course in news editing. The beginners news reporting course includes a study of the fundamentals of news reporting. It deals primarily with a generally accepted newspaper style book, the value of accuracy, proper evaluation of material used in news writing and the importance of conciseness, simplicity and brevity in reporting material of current interest.

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A & M Board of Directors Pass Resolution on E. J. Kiest Death

The Board of Directors of A. & M. in a recent meeting passed a resolution on the death of one of its members, Edwin J. Kiest, of Dallas. The resolution follows:

In the passing of Mr. Edwin J. Kiest Texas has lost one of her most useful and distinguished citizens. For more than a half century Mr. Kiest made notable contribution to the development of the great city in which he lived, but he was not content to stop there. In many directions his interest was State-wide, and perhaps the most striking evidence of this was the devotion with which he served long and faithfully as a Director of the A. & M. College of Texas. The college was very dear to his heart and, in his quiet way, he helped many poor boys through the institution.

Mr. Kiest was regarded by his associates on the Board as a never-failing tower of strength. During the last months of his life he was in failing health, but

regardless of doctors' orders he attended all Board Meetings of the College and performed faithfully every duty assigned to him. He was a man of strong character and convictions and always had the courage to fight for what he thought was right.

BE IT RESOLVED that this testimony regarding the character and service of Mr. Kiest be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors of the A. & M. College of Texas, that a copy be furnished to the press, and that a copy be sent to his family.

Student Laborers Make Honor Grades

A high percentage of A. & M.'s distinguished students are employed here as part of the student labor program, Wendell R. Horsley, Chairman, Student Labor Committee, announced after an analysis of student personnel records for the last year.

During both the first and second semesters 641 student were distinguished in their scholastic work. Of this number 273 of them or 42.6 per cent were student labor employees.

In order to distinguish, a student must have a grade point average of 2.25 and have no grades below C. In commenting upon the showing made by student employees, Horsley said, "I believe this is a fine record."

Moser Only Player to Have Old Number

Derace Moser is the only Aggie football player who will retain his old number (42) for the coming gridiron campaign. This year, in accordance with the National Football Association's suggestion, Coach Homer Norton has numerically arranged his players by position.

The remains of the 150 elephants and 100 mastodons on display in the A. & M. Museum will all be excavated within 20 days of the campus.

Street Takes Spencer's Position

William E. Street has been selected to head the department of engineering drawing, succeeding C. Spencer, resigned, Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the school of engineering has announced.

Street, who replaces Spencer, is a native Texan. He took his degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering and master of arts in engineering education at Texas Technological College and has been serving in the drawing department there since 1928.

Plans for a Greater A & M Designed As Former Students and Board Meet

A momentous meeting in the annals of the state's land grant college was held on the campus recently when members of the college board of directors held a joint session with the board of directors of the former students association, during which President T. O. Walton and the deans of the college staff detailed their plans and hopes for a greater A. & M.

The A. & M. Association of Former Students presented to the college directors and administrative heads a complete program which would lead to endowment of the institution, to enable it to make progress by supplementing state appropriated funds. The proposal was accepted for thorough study and later action.

Walton Tell of Experimental Needs

President Walton stressed the need for industrial and engineering experimentation. "Had the same support been given these fields as has been accorded agricultural experimentation through the years, Dr. Walton said "the nation's industries would not now be ranged along a comparatively small area of the Eastern seaboard, and the national defense emergency would not be so acute."

Dr. Walton pointed out that A. & M. was founded under provisions of the Land Grant College act of 1862 which in a manner revolutionized the educational concept of that day, in that it opened the doors of higher educational opportunity to the children of the middle class; and that it stressed military training as a requisite. "Land grant colleges in states such as Texas, where they are separate from the state universities, have adhered strictly to the provisions of the act with a higher degree of efficiency," Dr. Walton said.

A. & M. Service Institution

"By their nature, however, land grant colleges in general, and A. & M. in particular, have not had adequate financial backing, and hardships have resulted. In the very truest sense of the word, A. & M. is a service institution for all of the people of the state, and it is unfortunate that we have been so handicapped financially throughout the life of the institution that we have been a training ground for faculty and research experts for better financed educational institutions."

Largest Percent of Graduates

Dr. F. C. Bolton, dean of the college, spoke along the same line, declaring it the policy of A. & M. "not to have the largest freshman class in history, but the freshman class with the largest percentage of eventual graduates. Whereas at the present time only one student out of three who enter A. & M. graduates, we hope to reverse the ratio not by reducing standards, but by better guidance," Dean Bolton declared.

Dean Gibb Gilchrist of the school of engineering suggested revolutionary changes in the curriculum, and more intensified vocational study before high school graduates are allowed to launch upon the study of any phase of engineering.

Proposed Summer Camps

"I believe we should make it compulsory," Dean Gilchrist said, "for every high school graduate planning to take engineering to attend a two-month summer camp maintained by A. & M. out in the hill country where he would be reviewed in mathematics and science by guidance experts who at the conclusion of the 60-day observation period would be able to advise the boy whether to continue in his ambition to be an engineer. "Those who are accepted then would be given two years of preliminary training, and a certificate of completion of the basic courses. Then he would be given a six weeks intensive preparation for launching into the specialized training of whatever branch of engineering he was best equipped to follow.

Exes Back Board

All of the other deans at A. & M. and the deans of the branch colleges at Arlington and Stephenville spoke on the shortage of classroom and laboratory facilities, and on the situation which forces scientists to carry such a heavy teaching load that no time or energy is left for research work. Directors of the Forestry Service, Extension Service, and Agricultural Experiment Station also spoke on their programs.

Speaking for the former students of the college, Marion Church of search personnel; funds which might be used to keep outstanding professors when other colleges and universities offer greater remuneration; an auditorium or

armory or recreational building which will seat the entire student body expected to reach 7,000 this year; purchase of additional land adjacent to the present campus; erection of a student union building to vary the social and leisure hours of A. & M. students; and establishment of an endowment of sufficient size to supplement the state funds appropriated for the college.

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