

Registration Figure Reaches 6,459

New Activities Board Formed Freshman Enrollment Above 2300

Two Student Boards Combined In New Committee

A new system designed to coordinate the activities of student organizations has brought about the formation of a new Student Activities Committee from the Student Publications Board and the former Student Activities Committee.

The combination was made because of the overlapping of work being accomplished by the two committees, and the need for organization of the burden of work being done by them. An increase in efficiency and in enabling the students to participate in student activities is the objective of the new system.

The new committee will be made up of members of both the former boards and will combine the work that has heretofore been done by each separately. The new committee will consist of four members of the faculty and eight students.

Student Members of the new committee will be Don Gabriel, editor-in-chief of The Battalion; R. L. "Rusty" Heitkamp, editor of the Longhorn; Billy Davis, editor of the Engineer; Roland Bing, editor of Agriculturist; Tom S. Gillis, Senior Publications Representative and Charles Babcock, Junior Publications Representative; Alden Cathey, social secretary to senior class and Fred A. Smitham, Town Hall manager.

Under this new arrangement the social secretary of the senior class and the Town Hall manager will be added to the committee in order to include two more important phases of student activity. After this year the offices of publications representatives from the junior and senior classes will be abolished and only six students will be members of the board.

Dean F. C. Bolton, member of the old Student Publications board and member of the new committee as one of the four faculty representatives gave as the reason for abolishing the publications representatives offices the fact the two new student representatives were holding elective offices and would be sufficient to represent the student body.

Dean Bolton also said he believed the new Student Activities Committee would be able to serve the students in a greater capacity since it would facilitate the guidance of student organizations by placing them all under one committee and one office.

Former faculty members of the (See ACTIVITIES, page 4)

Aggie Engineer Will Be Issued Once Each Month

Eight Issues Will Concern All Depts. Engineering School

The new Engineer staff will publish eight editions of the Texas A. & M. Engineer, official publication of the Engineering school, announced Billy Davis, editor of the publication in a statement of his plans for the coming year. The magazine is to be issued about the middle of each month if the present objectives of the staff can be accomplished.

In the preceding school years, the magazine had been issued bi-monthly but this year heralds a monthly magazine with issues appearing from October to May.

The magazine is expressly devoted to the engineering field. Articles contained in the Engineer include material which is of detailed technical nature and of special interest to students of those fields as well as articles which deal with the general field of Engineering.

Sponsored by the Student Engineering Council through the Student Publications Office, the Engineer is the voice for all engineering departments of A. & M. Included in this group are the departments of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Petroleum Engineering, Geology, and Aeronautical Engineering.

The nominal price for the entire eight issues of the magazine is 50¢.

A. & M. Dames Club Plans First Meeting

The A. & M. Dames Club will hold its first meeting of the current school semester Tuesday night at eight o'clock in the old Y. M. C. A.

The purpose of the meeting is for the old members to reacquaint themselves and introduce new members. It was originated expressly for students' wives who are strangers on the campus.

Meeting Called For Agriculturist Staff

A meeting of the Agriculturist staff has been announced by Roland Bing, editor, for next Tuesday night. Staff members are requested to report at The Battalion office at seven o'clock on this date.

It is imperative that staff members be present.

Registration Day Over For 6500 Old And New Students

It's all over but the shouting! That means that once again registration is over.

The Administrative building was crowded to capacity for the past few days as a record enrollment in its halls. Toughest job of all probably went to the janitor force who had to do double duty in order to clear the debris out of the halls every night.

Registration lines are gone—gone until mid-term and no one is sorry.

First impressions are usually lasting ones. That must be right too, because no Aggie ever forgets the endless lines on registration day.

Three Students To Room Living In Old Dorm Area

Housing 2772 students, the rooms in the old area dormitories are full, with the exception of a few reserved rooms. All the rooms in the old area are now accommodating three cadets; this includes the corner rooms of Walton and Hart, which formerly had only two to the room.

Every effort is being made by the commandant's office to see that all boys are placed in their proper military organizations, and the office realizes that many changes will be made during the next few days. The plan is to accommodate as many cadets as possible who wish to make any room changes.

Revival Planned By Baptist Church

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, will lead a revival at the First Baptist Church in Bryan next week. The meeting begins Sunday, September 14, and continues throughout the week.

The programs will feature musical numbers by a twelve member orchestra, two pianos, and an organ. Choir director Euell Porter will be song leader.

College students have been extended a special invitation to attend these meetings by Dr. Wm. H. Andrew, pastor of the church. Sunday services begin at 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Weekday services are at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

New Agriculturist Will Be Issued At Monthly Intervals

Contests For Magazine Will Be Taken From All Non-Engineering Schools

Eight new issues of the Agriculturist are scheduled to roll off the presses and into the hands of the student body during the current school year. This is the first instance in the history of student publications that plans were definitely settled to print more than four issues.

Changing from a bi-monthly publication to a monthly issue the first edition of the magazine will be available to subscribers in October. A new issue will be printed during each of the following months through May.

Roland Bing, editor of the Agriculturist, announced recently that first hand information for the magazine will be obtained from the Experiment Station. Each issue will contain information beneficial to every student enrolled in the school of Agriculture here at A. & M., he said.

The Agriculturist will contain information pertaining to every branch of study here at A. & M. with the one exception of the school of engineering.

Fifty cents is the total cost for each subscription which entitles each subscriber to all eight issues. They are distributed in the dormitories by first sergeants.

Welcome Given This Morning By President Walton

As the opening meeting of the year President Walton will speak to members of the Junior and Senior classes in Guion Hall at ten o'clock today. At eleven there will be an assembly of all sophomores in the same building. All students are required to attend.

In order to facilitate students meeting Saturday morning classes, and also the required assemblies, there will be an abbreviated schedule for the mornings classes; the classes will each last 20 minutes.

This will be the opening meeting of the year. President Walton will speak to both meetings. The necessity for the separate meetings is due to the large classes and the limited meeting space. There will be a short program and announcements for the coming session.

Decrease Shown In Old Students '41 Registration

The registration for the first semester of 1941-42 reached a total of 6,459, unofficial reports from the Registrar's office announced as the third day of registration closed Thursday night when the long lines of old students finally turned in their assignment cards. Old student registration is under that of last year.

At the close of the freshmen registration, an unofficial count from the registrar's office showed that 2327 new students had completed the ordeal of the semi-annual registration procedure.

As compared with last years freshmen enrollment figures at this date a slight increase of 164 students is shown. At that time 2,163 freshmen had enrolled.

Three Long Days

For three better than average days registration has continued. Getting the registration ball to rolling classified Seniors began the procedure Tuesday morning after a meeting in the Assembly Hall. Wednesday was "Fish Day" at the Administration building as a merciless mob of prospective Aggies poured endlessly through the portals of A. & M. Juniors and sophomores came close on the heels of the ambitious "Fish" Thursday to complete the third day of the tiresome grind.

Exhausted minds, tired legs and aching feet were only a few of the after effects of registration day.

Tuesday's early registration was taken advantage of by 555 classified seniors. This was the first year that this group has been allowed to register ahead of the rest.

Old Students Under

An unofficial report from the registrar's office, Friday, showed that Thursday night the enrollment figures for old students had fallen slightly under last years record at this date. The total enrollment at this time last year was 3,894 as compared with an unofficial count for this year of 3879.

However, eligible students who still wish to enroll have until a week from next Thursday to do so.

The unofficial total figures of both old and new students at the close of the day Thursday show that 6,459 have enrolled. This represents a total increase of 96 students over last year's 6,363 at this time.



The O.D. missed an opportunity here as two members of the class of '42 showed up on registration day all decked out in new boots, but wearing non-reg belts. Boots are back again as this picture shows. Pictured left to right are D. C. Thurman, Skeen Staley, Jack Lamberson, Ralph Criswell, and A. C. Anderson.

—Photo by Howard Berry

Largest Freshman Class Tastes First Aggie Spirit

A freshman class which boosted enrollment to an all-time high got its first taste of Aggie Spirit in front of the "Y" Thursday night as Skeen Staley and J. O. Alexander took over the jobs of senior yell leaders for 1941-42.

Following the customary tradition of quieting the fish the Aggie Band circled the block and took its place on the steps to begin the first yell practice for the sixty-fifth session of school. Chuck Chalmers and Jack Nagle, both of Houston, made their first appearance before the cadet corps as junior yell leaders for the current year.

President T. O. Walton was presented to the corps and made a short talk urging the students work wholeheartedly in the face of the present situation and to uphold their obligations as Aggies and students.

Lieut. Joe Davis, acting commandant, congratulated the corps on its conduct and spoke in behalf of the military department in cooperating with the students at all times.

Other speakers were D. W. Williams who is acting, during the absence of Dean E. J. Kyle, as head of the Athletic Council and E. L. Angell, who replaced Col. Ike Ashburn as Executive and Assistant to the President.

Also presented was Richard Jenkins who comes to A. & M. to fill the new position of leader of the Singing Cadets. Jenkins comes here from Houston where he was connected with the Humble Oil and Refining Company and served as director of the First Methodist Choir.

Coming as a climax of the initial yell practice was the presentation of Coach Homer Norton, his staff and the Aggie football squad. Norton reported the players as being in the best physical condition that he had ever seen and asked the corps to remember that the squad will be composed of almost entirely new players and to take each game as it comes.

The entire coaching staff and team expressed a determination to play and win each game, but at the same time none of them had forgotten the disappointing defeat of last Thanksgiving.

With the accompaniment of the band the corps took the rust off some of the Aggie yells and gave the freshmen an idea of the volume that can be obtained from the throats of several thousand Aggies.

Engineer Staff To Meet Monday Night

The staff of the Engineer will hold a meeting next Monday night, Billy Davis, editor, announced. The meeting is to be at seven o'clock at The Battalion offices.

Organization and plans for this school year will be completed and discussed at this meeting.

SENIOR PICTURE DEADLINES

- Sept. 16 through 22—Field Artillery.
- Sept. 23 through 29—Infantry.
- Sept. 30 through Oct. 5—Composite Regiment.
- Oct. 6 through Oct. 8—Cavalry.
- Oct. 9 through Oct. 13—Engineers.
- Oct. 14 through Oct. 17—Coast Artillery.

Fish Wishfully Wait . . . Studiously Sign Up . . . And Happily Near End



The largest freshman class in the history of A. & M., totaling exactly 2,327 at the end of the first day's registration, slowly milled through what to them seemed like hundreds of lines Wednesday. One hundred sixty four more students passed through those line than passed through similar lines last year. However, the class of '45 has not yet reached its greatest size for some freshmen are expected to be still signing up during the next few weeks. Above some of the many



fish are seen at strategic spots which marked definite advancement along their weary trail. At the left part of the class is seen waiting for assignment cards so the students of '45 can start this new thing of registration. Expectancy of what would happen in the Administration building is almost entirely satisfied for the seven freshmen in the center picture as they progress to the "county card"



table. Not many more lines for them. The picture on the left graphically indicates the feeling of the first year cadets as they neared the end of the line—relief and amazement. Jack Nagle, W. H. "Chuck" Chalmers, Shorty Glenn, and J. O. Alexander are the seated upperclassmen issuing the athletic coupon books and Battalion cards.

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