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Board Approves No Finals, 12 Month School Year

System Will Continue For Duration of War Emergency

Registration for Second Semester Listed For January 22-23; Classes Start January 26

At a special meeting Saturday afternoon, the board of directors gave their full support and approval to the resolution passed by the Academic Council whereby the college will operate on a 12 month basis. Under the new system this year's freshmen will finish their college education in two years and eight months.

January 22 will mark the end of the present semester. Final exams will be cancelled this term and for the duration of the period of operation on the new schedule. A. & M. is the first school in the nation to adopt this new streamlined plan of education which will serve the dual purpose of producing college graduates and commissioned officers at a greatly accelerated rate.

Drill Increased

Next semester will begin on January 26 and will mark the beginning of increased drill periods and more intensive training in military science. Drill will be held four hours per week instead of two. Registration will begin Thursday afternoon, January 22, and will extend through Friday, January 23.

Special efforts are being made to increase the enrollment of the school for the first summer semester in the history of the school and college officials anticipate the largest freshman class in A. & M. annals to register on June 1.

More Reserve Officers

By keeping the \$15,000,000 institution in operation the year around, A. & M. will be able to turn out hundreds of officers in the next few years who will take their place alongside more than 4,000 officers now in the service who have graduated from A. & M. in the past.

Freshmen entering college average about seventeen years and three months of age. Under the new plan these men will finish school shortly before they reach the selective service age of twenty. It is predicted that the minimum age requirement for commissioned officers will be lowered to 20 so that these men may go into the army immediately upon graduation.

Efforts are being made to secure commissions at once for those students who will finish their college work this month but will have only seven semesters of military science. As yet no definite information has been received from the War Department.

Seniors Who Have Waivers Must Report For Physicals Today

Physical examinations for the senior military science students who have waivers will begin this morning at 8 o'clock.

Captain B. L. McCloud, Jr. and First Lieutenant Clyde Kernek will arrive from Fort Sam Houston to be in charge of the examinations.

All students that have to take the examination must see Sergeant Beck in the Military Department to obtain their appointments.

E D Department To Renew Defense Drawing Training

Course Includes Math, Drawing and Sketching In Civilian Instruction

The Department of Engineering Drawing is sponsoring a National Defense course in Advanced Engineering Drawing in cooperation with the United States Department of Education starting February 7. This course has been given three times within the last year, and draftsmen are still in demand. The course is strictly civilian training and in the interest of National Defense. Enrollment is limited and students will be selected upon their ability to profit from the training.

The minimum requirements for entrance to the course are: Graduation from high school with at least two years of mathematics and one semester of drawing, or equivalent.

The course includes 34 hours per week in class as follows: 13 hours drafting, 3 hours shop sketching, 8 hours practical descriptive geometry, 3 hours shop mathematics, 5 hours gauges and measurements, and 2 hours shop processes.

There is no tuition charge for the course. Students must pay for room and board, books, drawing instruments, paper, etc. They may live in the college dormitories or anywhere off the campus. They may eat in the mess hall or off the campus. The estimated cost for students staying on the campus is \$100.00.

Jobs are not guaranteed, but every effort will be made to place students. The Engineering Drawing Department and the Ex-Students Association Placement Bureau will both assist in this objective. The course is strictly civilian training and in the interest of National Defense. Upon completion of the course the trainee is free to accept or reject any civilian employment he may choose.

Application forms may be secured from the Engineering Science and Management Defense Training headquarters or from the Engineering Drawing Department.

Profs Wheel To Class as National Defense Rations Tires

In the words of war time parlance, it seems that the A. & M. faculty is decidedly in favor of "going all out" in interest of the United States' armed forces.

Not only are local professors contributing from their pocket-books for the numerous benefit funds, but indications are that our teachers realize the severity of the situation and are replacing their "rubber-eating" automobiles with the "not-so-hungry" bicycle.

Yes, war has already prompted a half dozen or so instructors to join the ranks of that one math prof who even rode a bicycle in peace time. And if there are to be others to follow suit, some sort of a "Two-Wheelers to Save America's Rubber Club" might be formed.

Military Walks Being Constructed At New Dormitories

The construction going on in front of Walton Hall and between the P. G. Hall and the new dormitories is the building of new streets and sidewalks to the new dorms. It includes a military sidewalk from the street beside Sbisahall to the old street in front of the new dormitories, a military sidewalk to replace the old street between the hospital and the new dormitories, and several sidewalks.

The military sidewalks are to have a gravel base and an asphalt top, with gutters and curbs. The old sidewalk in front of Walton hall will be torn up and a new sidewalk further out from the hall will be built. Other sidewalks are to be built that will connect the new dormitories.

Local Red Cross Chapter Collecting Funds to Fill Brazos County Quota

Aggies urged this week to hurry and get in their part of the \$50,000,000 which the Red Cross ate future. First sergeants and pro-campaign calls for in the immediate house captains are contacting the men in their organizations for the money which will be turned over as soon as possible to the Student Activity office.

Some of the money will be spent on the campus to equip first aid kits and stations which are being set up under the civilian defense program. Tom Gillis, cadet colonel, pointed out that since these funds are delayed through administration some of the benefits of the funds may go to students who are leaving school immediately. In other words, the student might receive benefits from the money which he contributed to the fund.

This money is to be used in behalf of American soldiers and civilians in the Philippines and other war areas and in the United States proper. Brazos county's quota is \$6,000, 15 per cent of which will be retained by the local chapter. M. L. Cashion is the chairman of the Brazos county Red Cross, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, the executive secretary, and Mrs. Edna May Erickson director of the area for Texas and southern Oklahoma. Further Red Cross activities on the campus include knitting and the preparation of clothing for service men. Mrs. G. W. Adriance, College Station production chairman, stated that the local group has received an additional quota of 325 knitted sweaters and garments. On each of these articles of clothing will be a tag saying that the garments were made by the Texas Aggie unit of the American Red Cross through arrangements made by Gillis.

Air Raid Protection

College Station Plans Blackout As Defense Envelops Aggieland

By Ken Bresnen

"Air raid!" will no longer be the mess hall cry of noisy A. & M. fish. Because A. & M. has been designated as a possible objective, and because it is in a danger zone, blackouts and air raid alarms are being planned by school authorities under the supervision of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

College Station has been divided into seven zones for policed protection and air raid warden service. Each zone will organize its own auxiliary police department which will be concerned with crime protection and sabotage during emergencies. These special police will be at large during blackouts and air raid alarms to prevent the

work of saboteurs and to prevent petty thefts and damage to property by vandals.

Howard Lee of the commandant's office has been sent to the F.B.I. school on Civilian Defense at Galveston to receive training in the technique of the blackout. Because many of the details involved in preparing a community for a blackout have not been worked out, a definite date cannot be set until Lee returns.

One police company has already been organized in the cadet corps which will assist in the police problems on the campus. All preparations on the campus proper will be handled by the cadets. The residential communities adjoining the campus will designate

their own air raid wardens and police personnel. Headquarters for all police and wardens will be the commandant's office in Ross Hall. Auxiliary headquarters will be announced later. The purpose of setting up an alternate headquarters is to provide a nerve center for the efficient operation of the alarm if the raid should come suddenly without warning or if the main office is inaccessible because of damage or seizure.

The whole blackout is to be run much on the order of a tactical problem which assumes that the college is undergoing an attack.

T. R. Spence, Vice Director of the Engineering Experiment Station has been made head of a committee (See BLACKOUT, Page 4)

Houston Symphony Orchestra



The Houston Symphony Orchestra which is now in its sixth year under the direction of Ernst Hoffman (left) appears as a Town Hall Feature tomorrow night. In recent years the orchestra has become a favorite attraction on the Town Hall program and it usually draws the largest crowd of any number on the program.

Houston Symphony Returning For Annual Aggie Appearance

The fifth Town Hall presentation of the year 1941-42 will be held in Guion Hall tomorrow night at 8 p.m. when the Houston Symphony Orchestra will give a program of musical selections under the baton of Conductor Ernest Hoffman.

The Houston Symphony is well known in this part of the country, since it has played on the campus on several previous occasions, during which each time it was well received and further boosted its popularity and renown.

Ernst Hoffman, in his sixth year as conductor, has made the Houston Symphony an orchestra that not only wins the acclaim of critics and the respect of musicians and guest artists, but one that has wide audience appeal as well. Under his leadership the orchestra has given not only entertainment but something more lasting, a better understanding and appreciation of musical masterpieces.

Kittrell Reid, director of the Rice Institute Band, has been promoted

Saddle and Sirloin Club to Initiate New Members at Meeting

Members of the Saddle and Sirloin club will take in new members at a meeting Thursday night. All two-semester men or classified sophomores majoring in Animal Husbandry are eligible and are urged to join.

Members and candidates for membership will meet in the Animal Industries lecture room at 7:00 p. m. where the candidates will be introduced and formally brought into the club by form of a ritual.

New \$17,000 Y Improvements Expected Finished in February

Work is progressing rapidly on \$17,000 worth of improvements on the old Y.M.C.A., J. Gordon Gay, associate secretary of the Y, asserted. Work is expected to be completed by the middle of February or the first of March. Windows are now being installed in the solariums on either side of the building.

Walls are going to be built along the lines established by the two existing posts on either side of the lobby in the building. Doors will replace the windows on each end of the lobby and will open into the solariums. A ladies powder room will be built in the place of the downstairs front office and the office will be moved to a position along the old stairs going to the basement of the building.

Four long distance telephones will be placed outside the powder room along with a free phone to Bryan. The mailbox will be moved to the corner formed by the back wall of the lobby and the new wall to be built on the right side of the

front door. Offices for M. L. Cashion and J. Gordon Gay will be moved from their first floor positions to the second floor.

On the second floor a hall will be built at the head of the stairs which will run north and south through the building with doors opening from it into the studios of WTAW and the offices of Cashion and Gay.

A kitchenette will be built into the walls of the powder room but will be concealed from the eye. A system of doors can be opened when the device is to be used and will make accessible a sink, cookstove, and other apparatus for the preparation of food.

The Y has borrowed the money for these improvements from the college fund and will not attempt to furnish the building. Furnishings will be bought from a fund which is being arranged under the direction of Preston Bolton. At present the fund has risen to the amount of \$1,300, but \$5,000 more must be raised before the furniture can be bought.

Fish Who Want Dates For Ball Should Make Applications by Sat

For the annual Freshman Ball, a trip is being planned which will bring 150 girls from T.S.C.W. to the college. But before the trip can be made 150 freshmen must sign for dates and so far only 20 freshmen have signed. The rest must be signed for by Saturday so the plans may be completed. There is no cost of transportation for the dates, but there is a 50 cents charge on rooms for the dates to stay in.

Marketing, Finance Club Meeting Is Thur

Tom Nelson, Vice President and General Manager of the Gulf Publishing Company of Houston, will address the Marketing and Finance club Thursday night in the Y Chapel. Mr. Nelson's address will be on "Business Papers."

New Registration Days Set; Schedule Of Classes Is Now Being Rearranged

All seniors who were classified the first semester of this term will be able to register January 22 from 1-4 p.m., H. L. Heaton, acting registrar, announced Monday afternoon. All students now enrolled who were passing in 10 or more hours on November 15 will register beginning Friday, January 23, at 7 a.m. Assignment cards will be released to graduate and undergraduate students in accordance with the schedule below, from the Assembly Hall.

New students and old students returning who were not registered for this semester will register on Saturday, January 24 beginning at 8 a.m. All students who were passing in less than 10 hours of work on the preliminary report of November 15 will be unable to register until they have received the approval of their dean. Since grades are not due in the registrar's office until Thursday, the deans will not have the student's grades until Saturday morning and will not be able to interview any deficient students until that time.

Undergraduates will register in accordance with the following schedule:

- Friday, January 23, 7-8 students whose names begin with R, 3.
- Friday, January 23, 8-9 students whose names begin with C, D, E, F.
- Friday, January 23, 9-10 students

whose names begin with M, N, O, P, Q.

Friday, January 23, 10-11, students whose names begin with G, H, I.

Friday, January 23, 11-12, all students whose names begin with J, K, L.

Friday, January 23 1-2 students whose names begin with T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

Friday, January 23, 2-3, students whose names begin with A, B.

Friday, January 23, 3-5, all students who were unable to register at their scheduled time.

Students will not be able to secure copies of schedules of classes until early next week. An announcement as to the distribution dates will be made in The Battalion.

Muntfort Leaves For Course at California U

P. T. Muntfort, research associate in the Agricultural Engineering Department, left Friday for Davis, California, where he will present two papers at the annual California Rural Electric Short Course. This Short Course is sponsored by the Agricultural Engineering Department of the University of California. One paper is on "Equipment for Freezing and Storing Food on the Farm," and the other is on "Relation of Length of Service and Equipment Investment to Electricity Used on Farms."