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Record Enrollment Set in A. & M.'s 74th School Year

Unofficial Results Show Student Body of 9200

Veterans Outnumber Cadet Corps Three to One in Fall Semester

Unofficial tabulation of the registration of students for this semester shows that the total number of men enrolled is about 9,200. This number far outstrips any previous registration.

The previous all-time high was set in the fall semester of 1942 when a total of 7,000 students registered for courses at A. & M. There was a difference, however, between that student body and the present one. At that time practically all of the members of the student body were in the Cadet Corps.

This term it has been estimated that the Cadet Corps has been outnumbered more than three to one. The unofficial count of the enrollees is divided between some 2,200 Cadets and about 7,000 veterans.

As may be seen anywhere, this large enrollment has crowded the campus considerably. Three persons are being placed in each room in all dormitories and doubling up in mail boxes has resulted at the College Post Office. These inconveniences are taken in a friendly manner, however.

The end of the war and return to school of so many former students has brought together numerous old friends. "Haven't seen you since Anzio!" was the cry of the week.

Summer Survey Site Options Held By Junction Citizens for Donation to A&M

Pity the poor civil engineering students who each summer sweat through required survey courses in the Brazos bottoms. Perhaps by next heat season steam will no longer rise from the CE's back as he toils over chain and transit.

If plans now in formulation are pushed through, a cool 400-acre tract in the hills near Junction, bordering on the South Llano River, will be used for a summer camp for surveyors.

Possession of the tract has not yet been assured the college, as options on the land are held by Junction citizens. The preliminary plans now in preparation by the college architect will have to be approved to these citizens for their approval. If accepted, they will turn over the deeds to the land, valued at \$55,000, to A. & M. free.

As the site is only 1 mile from Junction, it would undoubtedly add to revenues of the Junction merchants.

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A valuable pecan orchard is located on the tract, and will probably be used for horticulture experimentation. Seventy-five acres of good farm land should be able to provide essential vegetables for the dining hall.

Long range plans include the use of the tract for preparatory courses for academically substandard freshmen who plan to enter the college in the fall. There they could take refreshers in math, English or any other courses in which high school grades show them deficient.

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President's Message to All Aggies



A sincere welcome to all Aggies who have returned to school and to those who have entered for the first time!

Our student body, unprecedented in size, starting this term with a new purpose, includes returning cadets, new cadets, former-student veterans, and veterans entering college for the first time. May all of you have a pleasant and profitable year, and in so far as it is within our power, it will be the purpose of all of us to see that you do.

Since the cessation of hostilities, the College has been compelled to make many decisions. We have created housing; we have and are moving other housing facilities to the campus; and still there is not enough. We have secured the use of Bryan Field, and at this writing it looks as though A. and M. will have at least 2000 more students than ever before in its history.

Early in the year we anticipated this enrollment which necessitated decisions to keep it within bounds. First, we suspended the acceptance of out-of-state applications for new students; next, we suspended acceptance of transfer students from other colleges. As a consequence, it is a matter of pride to us that while many colleges are turning down applications we have been able thus far to take care of all applications from new students just graduating from accredited Texas high schools, all students who have attended A. and M. previously, and all Texas veterans, other than transfers, who desire to come here. We may have to call a halt, but not yet, and we hope never!

With the new housing now under contract, by February we should be able to return Hart and Walton to the use of single students. This move, with the continued use of Bryan Field for housing and instructing the overflow freshmen students and the housing of some families, should alleviate the crowded living conditions to some extent.

We are crowded, not only in living accommodations but in classrooms as well, but every person on the College staff is dedicated to do a better job even under these adverse conditions. If everyone will retain his good sense of humor and remember that the other fellow has rights, this semester bids fair to be one of the best.

The veteran students who have attended A. and M. previously have set a scholastic pace that will be continued. We are proud of the work they have done and are sure that not only will they maintain their scholastic achievement for this semester but that the record of the whole student body will set a new high.

So, again, a hearty welcome, and let's get on to a great year!

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Promotions Out; Ed Brandt Cadet Colonel; Self Exec.

Corps commander for 1946-47 is Cadet Colonel Edward L. Brandt, Jr., Houston. Second in command and Corps Executive Officer is Cadet Lt. Col. Allen Self, San Antonio.

These two promotions, with that of Joe Coddou to Corps Adjutant and Phil Kosub to Commander of the Combined Band, were announced last week by Col. Guy S. Meloy, PMS&T, with the approval of the President of the College and the Dean of Men.

Lieutenant Colonel of the Infantry Regiment is Joe Putegnat. Artillery Regimental Staff is commanded by Lt. Col. Charles R. Heath. Donald Nelson will head the Composite Regiment with the cadet rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Other appointments announced and approved were the battalion organization commanders together with the first sergeants. A complete promotion list is expected to be announced by Friday of this week.

Corps Staff
Colonel Edward L. Brandt, Jr., Corps Commander.

Lieutenant Colonel, Allen Self, Corps Executive Officer.

Major, Joseph W. Coddou, Adjutant.

Major, Phillip B. Kosub, Commander, Combined Band.

Infantry Band
Captain, Larry R. Mangold.

First Sergeant, Robert W. Barzak.

Field Artillery Band
Captain, William S. Dixon.

First Sergeant, William E. LaRoche.

Inf. Reg. Headquarters Staff
Lieutenant Colonel, Joseph J. Putegnat, Jr., Regimental Commander.

1st Bn. Inf. Headquarters Staff
Major, Howard C. Hoesch, Jr., Battalion Commander.

"A" Company Infantry
Captain, Richard F. Reed.

First Sergeant, Sam C. McKenzie.

"B" Company Infantry
Captain, Sam B. Kelsey.

First Sergeant, Henry A. Pate.

"C" Company Infantry
Captain, Oliver W. Potter.

First Sergeant, John C. Eckert.

"D" Company Infantry
Captain, Herschel C. Wood.

2nd Bn. Inf. Headquarters Staff
Major, Edwin R. Daniels, Battalion Commander.

"E" Company Infantry
Captain, Walter N. Higgins.

First Sergeant, Edward A. Hinkle.

"F" Company Infantry
Captain, Henry T. John.

First Sergeant, Gus G. Vletas.

"G" Company Infantry
Captain, Donald B. Hudman.

First Sergeant, Joe G. Mears.

Artillery Regimental Staff
Lieutenant Colonel, Charles R. Heath, Regimental Commander.

Major, Donald V. Shuhart, Executive Officer.

(See PROMOTIONS, Page 6)

Nine New Officers Added to Military Staff of PMS&T

Veterans of Overseas Service to Instruct Advanced Military

Nine new officers have been stationed here at A. & M. College as assistants to the P. M. S. & T. The increase in the number of cadets and number of Veteran students taking advanced Military Science warranted these transfers. The new assistants range in rank from Captain to Colonel.

Lt. Col. Suoger is from Pennsylvania and was O. R. C. commissioned 2nd Lt. in 1929. He rose to captain in the Reserve and ordered to active duty in 1940. In 1941 was promoted to major and in 1942 to lieutenant colonel. He spent 38 months overseas and in 1945 returned to the states.

Lt. Col. McElhenny entered the service in 1940. He was overseas from 1940 until 1943 in Ireland, England and Africa. He returned to the states in 1943. In 1944 he went back overseas and stayed until 1946. He holds nine medals and ribbons including the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Major Wiken, Wisconsin raised, was commissioned in 1932 as a Reserve 2nd Lt., Infantry. He was ordered to active duty in 1941. From November of 1945, to April, 1946 he was with the 8th Army.

Capt. Dares who is from Pennsylvania was commissioned in 1941. He was overseas from 1942 to 1943, and was released from active service December, 1945. He was recalled to duty July, 1946.

Capt. Simon entered active duty as 2nd Lt. F. A. in March, 1941 and was commissioned 2nd Lt. R. A. July, 1945. He was overseas from May, 1942 to November, 1944, and holds the Silver Star for service in Africa.

The other new officers are veterans of many years service. They are Col. Adcock, Maj. McGruder, Maj. Parsons and Capt. Smith.

Dunn Made Acting Dean of Vet Med

Appointment of Dr. R. C. Dunn, head of the department of veterinary pathology, as acting dean of the school of veterinary medicine was announced today by F. C. Bolton, dean of the college.

Dr. Dunn has been head of the department of veterinary pathology since 1937 and was employed by the college in 1911 following his graduation from Ohio State University. His special field is that of veterinary pathology and bacteriology.

Dr. R. P. Marsteller was recently retired at his own request as head of the school of veterinary medicine and will continue as dean emeritus and will teach a few courses.

Additions to staff in the school include Dr. Geo. Burch, a 1938 graduate of A. & M. who has been practicing in Wichita Falls, and Dr. Horace Barron of Bryan, a 1941 graduate, as associate professors in the department of veterinary medicine and surgery; and Dr. Roy B. England, a 1946 graduate of Kansas State, as instructor in veterinary physiology and pharmacology.

Two Aggie Groups Plan Auditions for Singers, Musicians

Bill Turner, director of the Singing Cadets, has announced that the Singing Cadets will hold auditions in the assembly hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 16, 17, 18 and 19, beginning at 5:00 P.M.

The Aggieband Orchestra will meet in the Assembly hall at 7:00 P. M. on Wednesday, September 18. The purpose is to begin practicing and also to hold auditions for anyone who wishes to join. All interested in a tryout are requested to see Bill Turner in his office, room 5, Administration building.

Andersons Are Busy at College Station; Beat the Joneses

During a Social Security Administration Record keeping, it was stated that there was not a single Anderson, to speak of, on the Social Security files for free housing and free food. However, in the Army the Andersons ranked seventh. This seems to indicate, according to one of the Andersons at College Station, R. H. Anderson of Brookston, that the Andersons were not doing too much work before the last World's War.

Along that line it might be stated that R. H. Anderson is major in Agronomy, Olin E. Anderson, secretary of the Agronomy Society, Jack Anderson holds a graduate assistantship in Agronomy. Then Frank Anderson is the track coach and Norman Anderson is a preacher in a church here and Andy Anderson, III, is Research Specialist in the Forest Service, which indicates that the Andersons are doing their "stuff".

G. I. Insurance Policies Are Now Handled by Dallas Office

A three billion dollar insurance business, which covers practically all ex-servicemen at Texas A. & M., was moved from New York to Dallas at the beginning of this month. From now on, at the first of each month, the ex-G.I.'s will mail their National Service Life Insurance premiums to Veterans Administration, Dallas 10, instead of to 9, New York.

Transfer of the records means that 1,200,000 veterans living in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi will not be given insurance service by the Dallas VA office instead of New York.

A few days were required to organize the mass of files into operating sections following which the Dallas insurance service activated, D. C. Pray, insurance director, said.

Effective immediately all correspondence from Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi veterans concerning GI insurance would be sent to Dallas instead of New

York or Washington, Pray said. VA's new address for insurance business in the tri-state area is: Insurance Service; Veterans Administration; Branch Office No. 10; 1114 Commerce Street; Dallas, Texas.

"This decentralization of insurance is part of General Bradley's order to break VA's activity down to thirteen Branch Offices in the United States and speed service to veterans," Pray said.

The VA insurance director stated that a large volume of unanswered mail and unposted premium payments are being "inherited" by the Dallas office from New York.

"This back-log will have to be processed by the Dallas office along with current business," Pray said. "But we knew it was coming and have been preparing for it."

Pray and the Assistant Insurance Director L. H. Graves, Jr., have assembled and trained a staff of more than 700 insurance workers in the Dallas VA office.

Tables May Lack Glasses, Spoons If "Lifting" Goes On

Unless students refrain from taking dining hall equipment from Duncan Hall, it may be necessary to set tables lacking the proper table service, warned Jay Peniston, supervisor of subsistence.

"Shortages of all kinds still plague us, despite the fact that the war is long over," Peniston stated. "Knives, forks, spoons, and glasses are especially difficult to obtain. Right now we are serving the most number of students family style since before the war, and our depleted supplies are barely enough to go around."

Peniston explained that he was appealing to the cadet officers in the corps to attempt to correct this loss of equipment, but that all he can do is personally request that veterans living on the east side of the new area refrain from "lifting" table equipment.

Four Instructors Added to Staff of Physics Dept.

Assistant Professor J. M. Chilton transferred from E. E. Department

Addition of four instructors and an assistant professor to the Physics department staff was announced recently by Dr. J. G. Potter, head of the department. John Chilton, assistant professor in the electrical engineering department, has been transferred to the Physics department; the new staff members are: F. L. Brooks, Roy E. Troell, Keith R. Russell, and David F. Cope.

Brooks, formerly a major in the Air Forces meteorology branch, is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology and Trinity University. His home is in Waxahachie, Texas.

Cope, a native of West Virginia, holds degrees from the University of West Virginia, and has almost completed work for his Ph.D. He taught mathematics here in 1937-38, and formerly taught mathematics and was a military instructor at the University of West Virginia. He was a Lieut. Col. in the Army during the war.

Russell had the unique experience of serving as an officer both in the Army and in the Navy during the war. Graduate of Nebraska State Teachers College, he served as an Air Forces radio officer until 1943, at which time he was discharged from the Army to accept a commission in the Navy, where he did anti-submarine work using Sonar the Navy's underwater radar.

Troell, graduate of Texas University and formerly a research engineer for General Electric, will be full-time research physicist, working on radar projects for the Army Air Technical Service Command. During the war he did secret underwater sound research at the Naval Ordnance Research Laboratory at Fort Laudal, Florida.

Anyway, the bachelor has one advantage. He gets to use his own telephone once in a while . . . providing he can get a telephone.

Uniform Standards Set for ROTC Cadets

Regulations governing the wearing of the uniform have been announced in brief for the benefit of the ROTC cadets. More complete uniform schedules will be published in the next issue of The Battalion.

1. The designated uniform will be worn at all times by all members of the Cadet Corps living with the Corps.

2. Veterans taking Military Science, not living with the Cadet Corps but living in quarters on the campus, will wear the designated uniform at all times on the campus between Reveille and Retreat.

3. Veterans taking Military Science and living off the campus proper will wear the designated uniform at all time between Reveille and Retreat while they are on the campus.

4. All personnel taking Military Science, veterans or non-veterans, will wear the designated uniform to official, sport, and social functions on the campus.