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Registration Procedure For Veterans Outlined

Receive Book Requisition Slips The
Following Day in Academic Building

Veteran students who are now in school will register for the spring semester on January 23 and 24, Taylor Wilkins, Veteran Advisor, has announced.

The procedure will be as follows: All veterans should secure their fee exemption slips from the Veterans Advisor's Office, 105 Goodwin Hall, pay their fees, and make room reservations prior to January 22. Veterans who do not get their exemption slips may get them from the Veterans Advisor in Sbis Hall on registration day; however, this will delay them in registering.

Air Force 'Spots' Fires to Aid A&M Forestry Service

Personnel of the Fort Worth Army Air Field have been called on to aid the Texas Forest Service of A. & M. in the job of locating forest fires on a 15-million-acre area in the eastern part of the state. The flight covers a major portion of the post oak belt and some sections of pine forest west of the commercial timber region that does not have the protection of the Texas Forest Service.

Crews from Fort Worth Army Air Field are flying at least two fire-spotting missions a week. Taking off from FWAAP, the crews cover an area of 15,000,000 acres bounded by Paris on the north, La Grange on the south, Kilgore on the east, and Corsicana on the west.

Aeronautical Charts

The course, which is approximately 800 miles long, is laid out on aeronautical charts on which is marked any fire that is spotted from the air. All information on the fire is noted by the airmen and on the completion of their mission is turned in to Captain Robert T. Lundin, who is Project Officer on the Base.

Captain Lundin then sends all the information taken from the various flights and forwards it to W. E. White, director of the Texas Forest Service. The forest service then compiles and maps all this much-needed data supplied by the Army Air Forces.

Fire Protection

Plans are being made to bring much of this territory under fire protection when the funds become available. In the meantime the fire information being furnished from the forest service in determining fire occurrence and the type of organization needed to efficiently handle the fire problem in the region.

With the help of the Army Air Forces, the Texas Forest Service will now be able to determine the fire occurrence much more accurately.

Veterans Are Reminded to Reinstate Lapsed Insurance Policies by Feb. 1

Veterans who have let their National Service Life Insurance lapse or become inactive, were reminded today by J. R. Varnell, Veterans Administration local Contact Representative, that they have until February 1, under existing regulations, to reinstate policies without physical examinations.

Reinstatement can be made in most cases by the veteran signing a statement that his health is as good today as it was when his insurance lapsed, Varnell said.

On and after February 1, term policies lapsed more than six months or permanent policies, such as Ordinary Life, etc., lapsed more than three months, will require a physical examination.

All or part of the policy may be renewed and back payments do not have to be paid on the term insurance. Only two monthly premiums on the amount to be reinstated must accompany the reinstatement applications, which can be obtained at Varnell's office.

Under liberalized provisions, veterans may designate any beneficiary to receive the proceeds of their policies in a lump sum, if they so desire.

Varnell will be in Ramp B, Hart Hall, Monday, January 27, and Wednesday, January 29, from 6:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. to assist veterans in reinstating their lapsed National Service Life Insurance. The Veterans Administration Contact Office in is located in the City Hall.

Schedule of Extension Courses For Students' Wives

Course	Time	Place
Rural Sociology	MWF 1	204 Ag Bldg.
Geography	MWF 2	108 Chem Bldg
Education & Psychology	MWF 3	129 Acad Bldg
English	TTTh 9	331 Acad Bldg
Modern Languages	TTTh 10	119 Acad Bldg
Landscape Art 102	MW 11	Greenhouse
	Lab Tu 1-3	Greenhouse
	TTTh 10	Greenhouse
Landscape Art 415	Lab M 9-11	Greenhouse

Registration fees (\$5 per semester hour) will be paid at the first meeting of the classes on Wednesday, January 29, or Thursday, January 30.

Playing for the 'Cherry Tree Ball'



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FRANKIE MASTERS QUARTETTE

FRANKIE MASTERS and his world-famous orchestra, with Phyllis Myles as soloist, will play for the George Washington Ball on February 22. This all-college affair will be held on the night after the Freshman Ball.

English Department Sets The Pace With Nine New Courses

Dr. T. F. Mayo, Head of the English Department, has announced that his department will set the pace for others by introducing nine new courses to be offered next semester.

Virus Isolation Aids Chances For Paralysis Vaccine

The chances for production of a satisfactory vaccine against infantile paralysis have been enhanced considerably by a research achievement announced this month by Stanford University.

Dr. Hubert S. Loring and Dr. C. E. Schwerdt, Stanford chemists, reported they had succeeded in isolating a substance with a poliomyelitis virus purity of 80 per cent or higher.

This means they have the virus in nearly pure form and the way is clear for experimenters to use it in attempts to produce a substance that can be injected into humans to prevent them from contracting the disease.

The close approach of the Stanford product to purity does not necessarily guarantee that a safe, efficient vaccine will follow. There are many other experimental problems. For example, the Loring-Schwerdt substance contains only one of the many strains of the virus.

Three Civil Service Positions Open

The Civil Service Commission today announced examinations for probational appointment to the positions of Clinical Psychologist, Training Specialist, and Junior Administrative Technician.

Clinical Psychologist positions, which are located throughout the United States, have a salary range from \$4,149 to \$7,102 a year. There are no age limits or written tests. To qualify, applicants must have had appropriate study in a college or university of recognized standing, and professional experience in the field of psychology.

Positions for Training Specialists are located in Washington, D. C., and the salary range is from \$3,397 to \$5,905 a year. The age limits, 18 to 62, are waived for persons entitled to veteran preference. Ratings will be based on the applicant's experience.

The positions to be filled from the Junior Administrative Technician examination, which includes positions such as Budget Examiner, and Position Classifier, are located throughout most of the United States with the exception of a few of the eastern states. The entrance salary is \$2,644 a year for a 40-hour work week. The age limits, 18 to 35 years, are waived for persons entitled to veteran preference. In addition to a written test, applicants must have had either three years of experience in the performance of technical or administrative duties or 4 years of college education with specialization in subjects such as business or public administration, or a combination of experience and education at the rate of one academic year of study for nine months of experience.

Applications for Clinical Psychologist examination will be accepted until further notice; for Training Specialist positions until February 4, and for Junior Administrative Technicians, February 11.

Further information about the requirements for these examinations and application forms may be obtained from the Civil Service Commission local secretary, H. N. Yardley at the Post Office.

English 310, Phonetics, is a study of the way English sounds are made and an examination of the current American pronunciation, sense-stress of vowels, vowel-diphthongs, and consonants. It will be taught by Dr. G. S. Summey in Room 308, Academic Building.

English 322, English Literature in the Nineteenth Century (second half) is a fairly spacious study of English writers of the period from which our own age has grown. It will be taught by S. S. Morgan in Room 325.

English 325, Creative Writing, will be taught by M. O. Vandenberg. This course will give interested students a chance to try their hands at writing advice, criticism, short stories, and human interest articles.

English 328, American Literature from 1870-1920, covers the life and work of such native period writers as Mark Twain and Frank Norris. C. D. Laverty will teach this course in Room 323 Academic Building.

English 350, Modern American and English Literature, is the reading and discussion of recent plays, novels, and poetry of both England and America. It will be taught by Dr. Mayo in Room 308, Academic Building.

English 373, Great Plays, will be taught by Dr. Morgan in Room 325. It is the study of great dramas of many nations. This course is novel in that it starts in the Twentieth Century and works back.

English 381, Play Production, includes a study of adaption of plays to radio and stage. It is a study of classical and modern plays from the point of view of production. Art Angrist will teach English 381 in Room 325.

English 382, Stagecraft, will be taught by George J. Dillavou in Room 325. It is the study of staging plays, including machine design and construction, stage lighting, and all related topics.

English 405, Radio Writing and Production, is a study of script writing and presentation of radio announcements and plays. H. L. Kidd, Jr. and C. O. Spriggs will teach this course in Room 327, Academic Building.

Engineer Day Will Be Resumed May 10

For the first time since 1942, "Engineers' Day" will again be held on the A. & M. campus, it was announced recently. This tradition, lost during the war years, will be held on May 10, the day before Mothers' Day.

For Engineers' Day, students polish up all laboratory gear and arrange displays and novel demonstrations for the crowds of visitors on the campus for Mothers' Day activities. With a good deal of war surplus equipment available, indications are that the 1947 display will be the most interesting of them all.

Fire-Fighter Delegates Routed by Hotel Blaze

Delegates attending the National Fire Instructors Conference got some practical experience early in the morning recently when fire broke out in Memphis' Claridge Hotel.

Thirty of the fire-fighting experts were among those routed from their beds by an eighth-floor mattress blaze, which was quickly put under control.

Scores of pajama-clad guests fled down fire escapes and elevators while firemen extinguished the flames.

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\$67,500,000 Building Program For State Colleges Sent to Senate

By Ben F. Schrader

A. & M. is to receive \$5,000,000 of a bond issue for \$15,000,000 under a proposed Constitutional amendment introduced by Senator Keith Kelly of Fort Worth.

The University would receive \$10,000,000 of the bond issue by the amendment. The amendment to finance a \$67,500,000 building program at state-supported colleges and was submitted to the Senate Thursday, January 16.

Extension Courses Registration From Jan. 29 to Feb. 11

Registration for extension courses to be offered during the spring semester at A. & M. for those interested, will begin January 29 and continue through February 11, John C. Watson, associate professor of English and chairman of the board for extension courses, has announced.

Those interested will register at the first class meeting. Classes scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, will meet for the first time on Wednesday, January 29. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday classes will have their first meeting on Thursday, January 30.

Classes in Rural Sociology, Geography, and Education and Psychology will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1, 2, and 3 p. m. respectively. English and Modern Languages will hold classes on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 and 10 a. m.

The Department of Landscape Art will offer two courses: Monday and Wednesday at 11 a. m., and Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a. m. Laboratory training will be given along with these two courses.

Anyone except regular A. & M. students may register for these courses by paying the standard fee of \$5 per semester hour. Registration will be completed and the fee paid to the instructor at the first class meeting. The decision as to courses taught will be made when the group meets for the first time.

Latin American Pictures Needed

Several pictures of Latin American student activities are needed by H. Sylvester Boone of the Publicity Department for use in compiling a history of Latin American students enrolled at A. & M. This information will be printed in "The Pan American", which is published at San Antonio.

If you think you have suitable pictures, call 4-7574 anytime Wednesday.

Engineering Aide Jobs With Civil Service Now Open

The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Amarillo, Texas, has announced that the final date for receipt of applications for Engineering Aide has been extended to February 17.

Applications to the Bureau of Reclamation as a result of this examination will be probational and will become permanent upon the satisfactory completion of a probationary period of one year.

Applications may be secured from H. N. Yardley, Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, College Station, or from the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Amarillo, Texas.

AVC Backs College Vets' Pay Increase

A bill has been presented to raise the subsistence allowance of veterans receiving educational benefits in colleges to \$100 for single veterans and \$125 for married veterans, with \$10 additional for each child.

Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, chairman of the House World War Veterans Committee, has introduced this bill by request of the American Veterans Committee.

The AVC declared that unless the benefits were raised in the very near future, thousands of veterans "would be forced to abandon all effort to take advantage of the educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights." The AVC said that reports from 132 colleges showed that more than 2,000 veteran-students in that group alone had already dropped out of college for financial reasons.

Between-Semester Library Hours

Library hours for between-semester period are as follows, Paul S. Ballance, Librarian, has announced:
Thursday, Jan 23, 8-5.
Friday, Jan. 24, 8-5.
Saturday, Jan. 25, 8-12.
Sunday, Jan. 26, Closed.
Monday, Jan. 27, 8-5.
Tuesday, Jan. 28, Regular hours.

Psychology Dept. Includes Two New Courses on List

Two new courses in Psychology will be offered next semester, according to an announcement by Prof. George Wilcox, head of the Education and Psychology Department.

Psychology 401, Industrial Psychology, has been tentatively scheduled on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons at 2 o'clock. This course will deal with individual differences in industry, techniques of selecting and placing personnel, problems of motivating, training, and supervising the worker, and psychological aspects of labor relations and industrial counseling. Prerequisites are Psychology 207 and a course in statistics, or Psychology 303, or Management Engineering 401 and Management 411.

Psychology 305, Personality Adjustments, has been designed especially for pre-medical or rural sociology students who are interested in the fields of mental hygiene and abnormal psychology. It will include some consideration of personality, development, motivation, and the chief mechanisms and types of maladjustment. It is scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8 o'clock. There is a prerequisite of one course in psychology.

The institutional director for this service is Professor C. O. Spriggs, Department of English, and the script writer is H. L. Kidd, Jr.

"Jobs Ahead" is presented by an amateur cast of students and faculty members including: Mark Halleck, Dick Gottlieb, Charlie Harrison, Wilson Beardsly, L. D. Hammett, Joe Dickson, Jack Clark, Mrs. Patty Kirkpatrick, and Miss Claire Banister.

VA Reveals 200,000 Vets in School or Training in Three States at Year's End

Nearly 200,000 veterans of World War II are going to school or training under federal veterans benefits in the Dallas Branch Area of the Veterans Administration, a year-end report has revealed.

As of January 1, veterans in training by states in the Branch Area numbered 131,306 in Texas; 31,310 in Louisiana; and 33,444 in Mississippi.

VA reported the status of other major veterans benefits in the tri-state area as follows:

Disability compensations being paid to veterans of all wars—Texas, 112,088; Louisiana 28,072; Mississippi, 31,433.

Number and value of GI guaranteed loans—Texas, 28,271 for \$147,557,537; Louisiana, 5,224 for \$29,731,875; Mississippi, 2,234 for \$10,896,787.

Veterans in VA hospitals in the three states—6,432.

Out-patient treatments—monthly average of 41,000 examinations and 25,000 treatments.

Insurance—more than one million GI policies representing accounts of 986,000 veterans in the three states.

Death compensation and pension awards—33,000 awards in the three states.

The cost of all veterans benefits

Fourteen other state colleges would expand their physical plants from revenue arising from a five-cent division of the state ad valorem tax.

The proposed amendment, introduced by Senator Kelly, must receive a two-thirds vote in the Senate and House before submission to the people in a special election. The plan has the backing of the administrations of the University, A. & M., and the fourteen state colleges; it is opposed by only one organization, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The proposed amendment would satisfy the building requirements of all the state-supported colleges and universities, as outlined by their administrations. The University and the Ex-Students' Association have strenuously opposed further division of the University-A. & M. permanent fund.

The \$62,500,000 proposed for fourteen state colleges under terms of the amendment would be allocated on basis of their enrollment.

Illinois Selects 'Jobs Ahead' for Public Schools

"Jobs Ahead", a program presented by A. & M. students and faculty members, has recently been selected by the state of Illinois in conjunction with the Chicago Public System for rebroadcast to the schools of that state.

"Jobs Ahead", a vocational guidance series, is sponsored by the State Department of Education and can be heard each week day Monday through Friday at 11:15 a. m. over a state-wide hookup of the Texas Quality Network.

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Waco Figures

As 1946 ended, the Waco Region Office—in its 34 counties—was administering veterans benefits as follows:

It was caring for 2,277 veterans in the two VA hospitals (Waco 1,967; Temple 310).

Out-patient clinics were averaging 5,761 examinations and 2,884 treatments per month.

It was paying disability compensations and pensions to 16,628 veterans of all wars.

It has guaranteed portions of 2,970 veterans loans on farms, homes and businesses with a total value of \$14,244,716.

It was serving a veteran-population of 117,208, of which 94,640 were World War II veterans.

In the 34 counties of the region 32,136 veterans were taking training or schooling under federal benefits.

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Social Calendar for Spring Semester

- February 8—Reserve Officers' Dinner Dance.
- February 14—Architect's Ball.
- February 15—All-College Dance
- February 21—Freshman Ball.
- February 22—Washington Birthday Ball.
- February 28—Sophomore Ball.
- March 1—All College Dance.
- March 7—Junior Prom.
- March 8—All-College Dance.
- March 14—Cattlemen's Ball.
- March 15—Veterans Association Dance.
- March 21—Infantry Ball.
- March 22—All-College Dance.
- March 28—Cotton Ball.
- March 29—All-College Dance.
- April 11—Artillery Ball.
- April 12—All-College Dance.
- April 18—Composite Regiment Ball.
- April 19—All-College Dance.
- April 25—Veterans Association Dance.
- April 26—Barnyard Frolic.
- May 16—Senior Ring Dance.
- May 17—All-College Dance.
- May 30—Final Ball.