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Bryan Band Makes Debut Friday Night

Varied Program Under Col. Dunn To Be Presented on Courthouse Lawn

The Bryan Concert Band, under the direction of Col. Richard J. Dunn, will present its first concert of the 1948 season Friday evening at 8 on the courthouse lawn, Tom Sweeney, manager, has announced.

Since Col. Dunn, long-time director of the Aggie Band,

assumed directorship of the Bryan musical organization, the band has rapidly improved, Sweeney stated. With the addition of several A. & M. band members, the orchestra is now ready for the concert season. If possible, programs will be presented every other Friday night, he said.

Program

Friday's concert will open with "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by a march, "Colonel Bogey," by Allford. An overture, "Silver Chord," by O'Neill will be the third number. Lt. Comdr. W. G. Beecher's "The Ramparts We Watch" is next on the program, followed by "Operatic Mingle," a fantasy.

As a bit of variety Mrs. Barron will sing Victor Herbert's favorites; arranged by M. L. Lake. Mrs. Barron, who has taken part in several productions of the Aggie Players, sang one of the leading roles in "The Mikado," Gilbert & Sullivan light opera, which was presented on the campus last month.

"Danube Waves" by Ivanovici will be the next feature of the band, and Sousa's ever-popular march, "Stars and Stripes Forever," will conclude the program.

Ken S. Halloran of The Radio Shop will provide the loud-speaker system.

People of Bryan and College Station are invited to attend this first program of the new Bryan Concert Band. Since there are no seating arrangements available on the courthouse lawn, Sweeney requests everyone to bring his own lawn chair or sofa pillow and "enjoy the cool breeze along with the band music."

Vet Med Entries Restricted to 64 For Fall Semester

Enrollment in the School of Veterinary Medicine has again been restricted to 64 students, President Gibb Gilchrist stated last week. The demand for veterinary medicine was such as to make it necessary in view of the strong requirements of the American Veterinary Association and the standards which the college seeks.

In 1946 and again this fall A. & M. was able to admit only 64 students to the first year of veterinary medicine. In order to be fair in the selection, a committee from the Veterinary School was created, through which all applications for enrollment were routed. After a careful study of scholastic records and interviews with applicants, 64 men were considered the best qualified. This year all the students selected were from Texas.

In addition, 10 alternates were chosen if for any reason one or more of the selectees should be unable to take advantage of the opportunity, President Gilchrist stated.

A total of 208 applications, including some from other schools, were received up to June 15, the last date on which they could be accepted. Of this total number, the grade point average was 1.78. The grade point of the 64 selectees was 2.32, and that of the 10 alternates, 2.09. The grade point average of the remaining 134 who applied was 1.51.

Barring some unforeseen contingencies, it is estimated that not less than 60 of the 64 men selected for veterinary medicine this fall will complete their work in 1961.

Lodges Sponsor Joint Barbecue

Brasos Union Lodge No. 100 A. F. & A. M., and the Bryan Chapter Order of Eastern Star No. 222 will be joint hosts at a barbecue Friday, August 15, at 6:30 p. m., according to C. E. Nabet, Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The barbecue will be held at the Bryan Country Club.

All Masons and Eastern Stars in Brasos County, including those from College Station, Wellborn, and Kurten, are invited to attend and bring their families, whether they are members of the local lodges or not. A special invitation is extended to A. & M. students who are Masons.

Student Masons who wish to attend are asked to call one of the following numbers not later than Monday, August 11: R. W. Steen, 4-4284, or J. H. Sorrels, 4-6114.

Six Weeks Training at Fort Bliss Ends . . .

92 Cadets Receive Diplomas; Bateman Is A&M Honor Cadet

Ninety-two ROTC cadets from five western colleges and universities received diplomas and awards at Fort Bliss Friday, August 1, marking completion of six weeks' summer training.

Major General J. L. Homer, Commanding General of Fort Bliss, made the commencement address at graduation ceremonies held at 10 a. m. in the ROTC area on the Post. He complimented the cadets on their outstanding work during the training period.

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E. M. Kelley, President of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, then awarded medals from that organization to the honor cadet of each of the schools represented. The winners were Cadet Edward D. Bateman, Texas A. & M. College; Cadet Frank P. Remington, University of San Francisco; Cadet George I. Haney, Jr., University of California; Cadet Oscar R.



Edward D. Bateman, A. & M. honor cadet at Fort Bliss, was presented a medal by the El Paso Chamber of Commerce at graduation exercises held August 1, drawing for a close six weeks of summer training.

Frandsen, Utah State Agricultural College; and Cadet John E. Lopspeich, University of California at Los Angeles.

Three rifle marksmanship awards, also made by the Chamber of Commerce, were presented by George G. Matkin, Chairman of the Chamber Military Affairs Committee. First place medal went to Cadet Frank P. Remington of University of San Francisco; second place to Cadet Vern W. Allen of Utah State Agricultural College; and third place to Cadet Kenneth MacKenzie of the University of California.

Athletic awards for inter-school competition, sponsored by the Post Special Services, were presented by Col. E. W. Timberlake, commander of the cadets, to the softball team from Texas A. & M., to the bowling team from Utah State Agricultural College, and to the volleyball team of A. & M.

General Homer presented diplomas to each of the cadets, congratulating each one personally.

Bateman, the A. & M. honor cadet, was a battery commander last year, and a member of the Economics Club and Camera Club. He is from Wills Point, Texas.

Two Aggies Named Officers at Bliss During Last Week

Two A. & M. cadets, Edward D. Bateman of Wills Point and Raymond A. Hennig of Tyler, served as officers for the ROTC battalion in the sixth and final week of the summer training period at Fort Bliss, according to announcement from the camp information office. Bateman was appointed cadet captain to serve as commanding officer of Battery B, and Hennig, appointed cadet first lieutenant to serve as a platoon commander.

Appointment as battalion officers for the final week of training which ended Saturday, August 2, was made on the basis of overall standing and demonstrated ability of the individual cadets during the first five weeks at camp and upon the recommendations of officers.

Besides the A. & M. men, battalion officers for the final week of training period included ROTC ca-

Angell Presented Dutch Order Of Orange Nassau

E. L. Angell, assistant to the president of the college, received the Order of the Orange Nassau Saturday at Randolph Field. The Dutch medal was presented by Colonel Roos, military attaché of the Netherlands Government in appreciation of Angell's work in the evacuation of Dutch inhabitants in flooded areas.

Angell helped to plan the moving of those people in flooded areas of Holland during the war. The group with which he was affiliated was the Dutch Repatriation Mission.

Angell was notified of this cit-

Houston Street To Extend Straight To North Gate

Plans for the extension of Houston Street, running between Sblisa Dining Hall and the Aggeland Inn, in a straight line to Sulphur Springs Road at the North Gate, were announced last week by T. R. Spence, manager of the college construction program.

Houston Street, which now curves in front of Duncan residence, will extend straight to the northern border of college property, and loop connection from the new road will serve the post office at North Gate.

The revised Houston Street will serve through traffic on the campus, leaving the area in front of the College Station post office to serve patrons. In this way much of the traffic congestion during rush hours will be facilitated at the North Gate.

Bids for the contract will be received around the middle of August, Spence stated, and the construction is expected to cost approximately \$6,000. Work will require three weeks for completion.

VSA Key Design Deadline Nears

Only five days remain in which to submit entries in the Veteran Student Association's key design contest. On August 9 the curtain will ring down on a contest that will provide \$10, \$5, and three dance tickets for August 23 to five lucky winners among the student body.

Entries, with no limit placed on subject matter for the design, should be submitted to Box 22, Veteran Students Association, College Station, Texas or turned in to any officer of the group.

Hidden Aptitudes Brought to Light in Ramp C, Hart Hall . . .

Guidance Center Helps Vets Select Proper Vocation

By Vick Lindley

Telling college students things they never knew about themselves is the job of one office at A. & M., the Veterans' Appraisal and Vocational Guidance Office. Established to help students who are uncertain as to their educational goals, the office works closely with the Veterans Administration in seeing that students do not waste their GI education by taking work for which they have little aptitude or interest.

Many psychological tests are available at the Appraisal Office, by which hidden aptitudes are sometimes found, which have hardly been suspected by the student.

Unfortunately, many applicants who think they would like to be engineers, for instance, learn after a time in school that engineering is quite different from what they had expected. Such a student, even though able to fight his way through to a degree, is apt to leave the profession eventually. Many more, after a few terms in college, realize that something is wrong and turn to the Appraisal Office for advice.

Sometimes the office is able to suggest a small change in curriculum which makes a great difference to the student involved. An agricultural student, for instance, who showed little interest in regular farming and a considerable interest in art, was advised to take landscape art and become a nurseryman. He could make full use of both his agricultural training and his artistic sense.

Sometimes it is necessary to advise a student to change to another college, for the A. & M. curriculum is limited to certain fields and does not include many courses given elsewhere. When it becomes evident that a student would make better use of his time elsewhere, that advice is given, even if it means sending a student to Texas University.

There are many types of tests given by the Appraisal Service.

Some, called achievement tests, show what has been learned already. By means of these tests, the troubles a student has are sometimes traced back to insufficient preparation. Classes may have been passed, but the information was never assimilated and quickly forgotten.

Other tests check into environmental circumstances. Home situations and problems may be so upsetting to a student that he cannot concentrate on his work. This will show up on the test, if questions are answered honestly. It is possible, of course, to give wrong answers deliberately. But as the

tests are for the benefit of the student, he is the loser if he "fudges" on his answers. All information given by such a student is treated as confidential.

The largest battery of tests is used to find the student's true abilities and interests. An able student, whose interests lie in fields

outside his studies, is apt to find himself "bucking" his work. So outside interests are checked by the tests.

Or an engineering student may have a great desire to build dams, yet find the necessary mathematics beyond his comprehension. The tests often indicate that he could be successful in some allied line.

Sometimes the difficulty is found to lie in poor study programs, or inability to learn by reading. Certain people need assistance when they first learned to read words in grade school. It is not a disability to be ashamed of; surveys have shown that few people read as effectively as they might. The college has a program to help such students, once the difficulty is recognized.

At present most of those taking the tests are veterans who have had some years of schooling. Usually, if a change is indicated, it is possible to choose a curriculum which saves many of the semester hours already credited.

Eventually it is hoped that students will take the tests early in their college careers, and avoid changing at a later time. The entering freshman tests, given by the Registrar's office, are designed to assist in such early screening.

It is impossible to eliminate all changes, of course, but the percentage of "switches" might be lowered considerably by good use of the classification tests. During World War II both the armed services and war industries found such tests to have a great practical value.

The Veterans' Appraisal and Guidance office, which is located at Ramp C, Hart Hall, is operated by the Department of Psychology and Education, headed by Dr. George B. Wilcox. Manager of the appraisal service is R. H. Hughes, Aggie graduate of 1937, who has specialized in practical psychology. Hughes recently attended a "workshop" course in counseling at Texas University, the first such course to be held in Texas.



FOUR MINUTES TO GO! Mrs. Joe Reed Street times Vick Lindley in test of manual dexterity at Veteran's Appraisal office, Ramp C, Hart Hall. (In

rear) Manager Robert H. Hughes gives direction for written test being taken by Richard O. Thomas.

Vets Must Report To VA This Week

Pre-Registration Information And Estimate of Earnings are Required

Every veteran enrolled in A. & M. under Part VII or Part VIII of the G. I. Bill of Rights must report to the Veterans' Administration office sometime during this week. Failure to do so will result in at least a 60-day delay in receiving subsistence checks during the fall semester.

Veterans throughout the nation will have their educations interrupted on August 30, and students will not receive their subsistence checks until the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco is notified of their registration for the fall semester. Therefore, many veterans who had registered but had not actually started in school received several checks before VA officials were notified by the school that the veteran was not in school. Much money and time was spent by both the veteran and the VA in straightening out the resulting confusion.

The Veterans' Advisor's Office, Room 104 Goodwin Hall, will be open 8-5 daily the week of August 4-9 in order that veterans may complete pre-registration as quickly as possible.

Two forms will be filled out: the pre-registration form, and a monthly anticipated earnings blank for those students who expect to be employed during the 1947-48 school year. Advanced contract students should not include their army subsistence payments in their estimated earnings.

Executive Editor Of Farm Magazine Here for Ag Meet

Malcolm Orchard, executive editor of the "Southern Agriculturist" at Nashville, Tennessee, will be on the campus this week for the meeting of the Vocational Agriculture teachers and students, it was announced Sunday from headquarters of the farm publication.

Former professor of Agricultural Education at A. & M., Orchard will contact a number of college personnel for a story of special information on farming developments in the Southwest.

Approximately 800 teachers and students are expected this week for the campus conference, which began this morning with an address by W. E. Lowry, executive director of the State Board for Vocational Education from Austin. Tomorrow's address on problems and trends in farming and ranching will be presented by Oris V. Wells, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A., Washington, D. C.

Thursday is set aside for the professional organizational meeting of Vocational Agriculture teachers.

V. C. Marshall, farmer and executive director of the State Soil Conservation Board at Temple, will speak on Friday morning.

About 600 teachers and 200 students are expected at the seven-day conference, the first since 1940.

Students will compete in state judging contests in poultry and eggs, livestock, meat, dairying, and milk. Winners in the livestock and meat judging will attend the Kansas City Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City on October 31. In the dairy cattle, milk, poultry, and eggs division, winners will compete in a contest at Waterloo, Iowa on September 30.

Earning Your Learning, ---By Aggie Senior

Dan Kuykendall, Tim McCleod, O. L. Martin, and several other Aggies are featured in an illustrated article in the August issue of "Farm and Ranch", southwest farm magazine. The article, which was written by C. G. Scruggs, senior agricultural economics student at A. & M. College, is entitled "Earning Your Learning."

Throughout the article numerous opportunities for part-time work at colleges are pointed out. Scruggs calls attention to the flourishing leather business of Kuykendall, McCleod's tennis racket restring work, and the student news stand which Martin operates in Dorm 9.

Valuable advice is presented to young people considering a college life who expect to have difficulty in supporting themselves while in school. A brief summary of student employment procedure used by A. & M. College is outlined in order to give future college students an insight into the methods used by a state school in hiring part-time employees.

It is fitting that Scruggs has written such an article, because he knows from experience the trials and tribulations of student employees. He himself is a part-time worker in the State Forest Service office here on the campus.

Industries Short Course Aug. 27-29

Plans are now being made for a short course on Instrumentation for the Process Industries to be held on the campus August 27-29. Lucian Morgan, assistant director of the Placement Office, announced Saturday.

With all meetings to be conducted in the Chemistry Lecture Room, the short course is under the sponsorship of the Chemical Engineering Department. Registration will take place in the Petroleum-Geology lobby from 1 to 3:30 p. m., August 26, and from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, August 27.

A banquet for the estimated 300 attendees will be held in Sblisa Hall at 7 p. m., August 27. Tickets at \$1.50 each may be purchased upon registration.

New Students Notice

All new undergraduate students who entered A. & M. for the first time this summer who expect to continue in school during the fall semester should report to the Registrar's Office immediately and obtain an Entrance Card, H. L. Houston, registrar, announced Friday.

New students who fail to obtain this card under proper authority will not be able to register in September, it was stated.