

Gets Ideas for A&M Union Building . . .

# Stark Inspects Student Centers at Seven Colleges

J. Wayne Stark, director of the A&M Student Memorial Center, secured operating information and construction detail for the proposed A&M Student Union Building in a recent tour of colleges in seven states.

Among the colleges he visited were SMU, Oklahoma University, Oklahoma A&M, Purdue, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, and the University of Minnesota.

All these schools, with the exception of SMU and the two Oklahoma schools, have full-time student unions, many of them having been in operation over a period of several years.

Having successfully piloted their organizations through the formative stages and having the benefit of several years of operating experience, the boards of these unions can supply invaluable information to the A&M group.

Generally recognized as the model for all student centers is the union building on the campus of the University of Wisconsin. Constructed originally in 1928, the Wisconsin building has been expanded three times until it is now a five-story, 295 room, five-million dollar structure.

The building serves as a student social center and houses the schools' student government. Included in the activities are bowling, billiard and chess clubs (their chess group is now in a collegiate series with Oxford), a long list of caterers, and one of the nation's top theatres.

The Wisconsin center has advanced to such an extent that part of its staff serves on the schools' faculty teaching courses in Union operation. They have also led the way in profit return by financing an average yearly income of \$150,000 back into equipment for the building.

This accumulative process has made it possible for the Wisconsin group to sponsor Art Groups and entertainment programs similar to our Town Hall, as well as operating the conventional lounges, game rooms, and a basement cabaret done in a wine cellar theme, complete with high ceiling, stens, and the customary cold liquid that comes in stens.

Stark hurriedly added that A&M could scarcely hope to rush immediately into a building of this portent, but that we could advance more rapidly into one of our own means by observing the more advanced groups mistakes and accomplishments.

As a sample of the questions his trip has helped answer Stark cited the issues of what type of student government the building should have, whether to have a compulsory student fee and if so how much, and down to such minor points as whether or not to allow bathing suits on the dance floor.

Although the A&M Student Union Building is still in the drafting-board stages with the contracts not scheduled to be up for bids until May or June, there is a myriad of details to be worked out by the direction staff. Stark concluded that he hoped his trip would help A&M's Union Building to become a genuine "Living Room of the School."

Dr. Paul J. Talley, plant physiologist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Delta branch station of Mississippi State College. He will report at Stoneville, Mississippi, around April 15.

Dr. Talley came to A&M in 1934 as a member of the biology teaching staff, doing research in the summers for the Station. After his return from the Army Air Force in 1945 he was transferred to full-time research activities.

He invited all members of the college staff to attend this meeting.

## Brayton to Lead Firemen's Course At Arizona Meet

H. E. Brayton, director of the Firemen's Training School will conduct an intensive training program for 25 key personnel of the National Park Service at Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona.

Members of the Park Service will assemble from several states at park headquarters April 5-10 to participate in the program.

Brayton was requested to conduct the course by the director of the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, in recognition of the high quality of training program carried on through the Texas Firemen's Training School.

Brayton of the Industrial Extension Service will drive to Grand Canyon with Paul Williams, a field instructor in the training school. Williams will assist Brayton in conducting the program covering basic fire operations, handling of special hazards, and inspection procedures.

## A&S Faculty Will Hear Dr. Haskew

The faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences will meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday April 6, in the Physics Lecture Room, according to Dean M. T. Harrington.

Dr. L. D. Haskew, dean of the College of Education, University of Texas, will speak on "The Improvement of College Teaching." Dean Haskew served as a consultant on this phase of President Truman's Commission on Higher Education, and his talk should be of interest and value to all faculty members, Dean Harrington said.

He invited all members of the college staff to attend this meeting.

## What's Cooking?

AUSTIN A&M CLUB, 7:30 p. m. Monday, Room 108, Academic; LATA AMERICAN CLUB, 7:15 p. m. Friday, YMCA; MARRIAGE RELATIONS PANEL, 7:15 p. m., Friday, Petroleum Lecture Room.

NEWMAN CLUB, 7:15 p. m., Monday, YMCA; THE THREE CIRCLES OF THE WSCS of the Methodist Church will meet together in College Hills at the home of Mrs. R. M. Tinker, at 7:30 p. m., Monday, April 5.

THE ENTOMOLOGY CLUB will have its Longhorn Picture taken in front of the Ag Building, at 5:30 p. m., Tuesday, April 6.

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# Vets Use New Procedure In Course Change

Veterans Administration has simplified the method of allowing World War II veterans training under the GI Bill to change their educational or vocational goals, VA Contact Representative J. R. Varnell disclosed today.

Varnell said veterans studying in public high schools and colleges no longer will need prior approval before changing their courses. These changes now may be approved by the schools. The same is true for veterans enrolled in other schools which operate adequate counseling services.

Veterans enrolled in those schools and job establishments not authorized to approve course changes will continue to ask VA for approval before they may change their courses.

However, those doing satisfactory work in their training no longer will need counseling by VA before their requests may be approved. VA's Education and Training Sections now may grant this approval on the merits of each application, Varnell continued.

Requests for course changes will be referred to VA's Advisee and Guidance Sections for recommendation only when the training progress of the applicant is unsatisfactory.

Schools will notify VA immediately of all course changes they authorize. No training change is to be effected before the end of a term, semester, or other period of instruction for which tuition has been paid.

## Chemist Positions Open With Service

An examination for filling chemist positions with the Civil Service Commission has been announced by H. N. Yardley, local secretary.

The positions are in the National Bureau of Standards and other Federal agencies in Washington D. C. and vicinity. A limited number of vacancies in positions of chemist (nutrition study) in the Public Health Service, located throughout the country, will also be filled.

Applicants must have completed a four-year college course in chemistry or have had appropriate experience to supplement his education to fill the requirement.

Further information and application forms may be secured from Yardley at the College Station Post Office.

## AGRICULTURE

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have been revised and a complete syllabus of each is on file in Shepherdson's office. A number of courses which were duplications of others have been dropped.

A reduction of teaching loads was suggested so that the instructors would have more time to give individual attention to students and give the instructor more time in preparing the lessons.

Purpose of the personnel evaluation program is to encourage promising staff members, to provide a basis for recommendations for promotions in rank and salary, to provide a basis for assignment of duties in accordance with the individual's ability, and to aid the individual staff members in self evaluation and improvement.

The committee on personnel evaluation proposed that each instructor submit an annual report covering his curricular and extra-curricular activities, including advanced study in his profession and student and community activities.

Another proposal submitted suggested that the head of every department make an evaluation report on each staff member covering the efficiency of his work and the relationship of the instructor with his students and fellow workers.

A third recommendation was a student report reflecting the attitude of the students on the teaching efficiency of the individual instructors. The student rating of professors was placed in effect last semester, results of which were compiled and distributed for information and guidance of the department heads.

The student report was adopted by all schools in the college. The other recommendations were adopted only by the school of agriculture.

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But you had better hurry. The entries must be mailed to or brought by The Battalion office on or before Saturday noon. Mailed entries should be addressed to "Contest Editor, The Battalion, Campus." No entries will be returned and the decision of the judges will be final.

So if you need the dough, make with the pencil and paper and help give "Hog Hollow" an official name.

Editors, The Battalion:

I suggest that the FHA Temporary Classroom Area be named \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Ethics Cause Troubles . . .

# Farm and Home Station Change Has Farmers Counting Fingers

By CHUCK MAISEL

Thousands of plow-pushers, dairymen and other folks who draw their living from the soil have been alternately shocked and frustrated the last two days. After doing the morning chores, they have tuned their radio sets to Fort Worth's station WBAP at 820 on the dial for their favorite program—the 6 a. m. Texas Farm and Home Hour.

But those who now twist their dials to that station are upset to find this vital program has been substituted by some city slicker telling of the ups and downs of the stock market.

The distraught farmers, thinking the Extension Service at Texas A&M has been bribed to desert them by Wall Street, have written tons of enraged letters demanding to know what's going on.

Oil has been poured on their troubled waters, however, by Andy Adam and Sybil Claire Bannister of the Extension Service. Adam and Miss Bannister have long conducted the early morning program. They announced that in order to obtain one minute of extra time in which to give the farmers the latest information on crop development, there has been a switching of stations. Radio ethics forbid announcement of change of stations.

To hear the Farm and Home Hour now, devotees of the agrarian cause in Texas need but flick their dials to WFAA of Dallas located at 570. This change has been made by the Texas Quality Network over whose channels the program, which originates in the studios of our own WTAW, is carried.

The announcement also carried good news for the farmers of South Texas who until now have only WOAI of San Antonio, KPRC in Houston, and KRIS at Corpus Christi on which to find the Farm and Home Hour. To this list is now added station KVAL of Brownsville.

This addition will cause the program to be heard by our neighbors beyond the Rio Grande. Once the farmers south of the border hear the Farm and Home Hour, the program is expected to be Latin-American relations what the Marshall Plan is to European Relations.

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