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The Basic Division Moves Forward...

The new Basic Division which will be inaugurated on the campus this fall is one of the most forward steps taken by the college in a long time. It ranks along with such improvements in our administrative setup as the creation of the A&M College System. Within its scope, the Basic Division should do as much for the college as the creation of the System has done for all the units now incorporated into the System.

The Basic Division will do much to compensate for the lack of adequate preparation which characterizes many of our new students each year. In the words of Dean M. T. Harrington, it "will provide for the special needs of entering students."

Beginning this fall, every Freshman when entering school will enroll in the Basic Division instead of the School of Agriculture, Engineering, Arts and Sciences, or Veterinary Medicine. If he has already decided on his course of study when he enrolls in the Basic Division and if he meets the necessary program requirements and shows by his testing program that he is prepared for that field of activity, he will start right out with the first year program of study suggested by his school. However, he will still be registered in the Basic Division.

Students who have not decided on a definite field of study will take a schedule

Seniors, It's Cold Outside...

The cold, cruel world is reportedly getting colder and crueler for graduating seniors this year. This unpleasant information stems from the Labor Department Bureau of Employment Security in Washington.

According to the LDBES, graduates today face the keenest competition for jobs since the early forties. Bureau Director Robert C. Goodwin said the country's economy is not developing new job opportunities as fast as the schools are preparing young people for their first jobs.

What job openings that are available, the Bureau reports, will have both college graduate seekers as well as persons already in the labor market who are unemployed. The Bureau lists some "beginner-type" jobs open to young job-seekers. Examples are: bookkeeper assistant, general clerk, stenographer, sales clerk, carpenter helper, machine shop operators, assembler, sewing machine operator, paint-

er helper, and farm hand.

The scramble for jobs is getting rapidly underway with more and more students reporting recent interviews with companies, usually on the companies' home grounds. Jobs may be had, but the problem resolves itself down to finding the "right job" with the "right" company.

Clouding the job picture further is this year's bumper crop of graduates. Four years ago demobilization of the armed forces was going full swing and the newly emancipated ex-servicemen clogged college halls, attending under the GI Bill.

Today nearly all of those men who fought the war have either already graduated or will graduate this year. These men together with the normal college enrollment of non-service students pushes the supply of graduating seniors close to or above the demand.

The catch-phrase "There's always room at the top" is little comfort to graduating seniors who are now looking for a place at the bottom.

"In this log," he warned, "we write the exact truth."

The next week the mate kept the log, and in it he wrote, "Captain was sober today."

In dating men
She picks the best,
And all must pass
The asset test.

The captain of a merchant vessel once wrote in his log, "Mate was drunk today."

When the mate sobered up, he was terribly chagrined and angry. He pleaded with the captain to strike out the record.

"I have never been drunk in my life before," he declared, "and I give you my solemn oath that I will never drink again."

But the captain was adamant.

The Battalion

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Job Calls

AGRICULTURE: (1) The Texas Prison System has an opening for a horticulturist to work in the planning, expediting production, routing of food from one unit to the other, etc. This work will cover the entire prison system, and they prefer a man about 26 to 35 years of age with some practical experience.

(2) Swift & Company has one or two openings available for men in sales work.

ENGINEERING: (1) There is an opportunity available with Phillips Petroleum Corporation for a man with a double degree in engineering and in business administration. The work will be in the coordinating of supply, transportation and storage of crude oil and products.

(2) York Corporation is once again interested in mechanical engineers for their College Graduate Training Program. This program trains men for a career in the field of sales of air conditioning and refrigeration equipment.

They are also interested in several management engineers for manufacturing and one accountant.

(3) The Lummus Cotton Gin Company is interested in employing an engineer to be trained for a sales engineers job in selling cotton gin machinery.

TEACHING: La Marque Independent School District will need the following teacher for 1950-51: (1) teacher of reading in Junior High School; (2) teacher of math and social studies in Junior High School; (3) Head of high school science department (Master's degree plus two years experience); (4) industrial arts teacher (Master's degree plus 5 years experience).

FOREIGN SERVICE: The Atlantic Refining Company has a vacancy in their foreign organization for a Junior Petroleum Engineer to be located at their Tucupido Camp in eastern Venezuela. They prefer an engineer with at least one year's experience with an oil company. Employment will be made on a single status.

SUMMER JOBS: (1) Schneider Products Company, manufacturers of household plastic products, are interested in locating students for work during the summer vacation.

(2) Alamo Iron Works in Houston is interested in employing a mechanical or civil engineer for drafting work this summer. Applicants must contact Placement Office before applying. Interested in junior or sophomore students who live in Houston.

GRONEMAN TO JUDGE HANDICRAFT SHOW

C. H. Groneman, head of the Industrial Education Department has been invited to participate as a judge in the Third Annual Handicraft Exposition in Fort Worth April 1-2. The Exposition will be sponsored by the Fort Worth Civic Club and the Fort Worth Press, and will be held in the Exhibit Building of the Will Rogers Coliseum.

The contest is open to the youth of Fort Worth and will be conducted in three age limitation groups ranging from seven to eighteen. Divisions to be included are arts, industrial, homemaking, and models.

Merchants and educational institutions are cooperating in awarding cash and merchandise prizes to the winners.

Bible Verse: Let my mercies come unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word. —Psalms 119: 42.

Official Notice: RING ORDERS. April first is the last day on which seniors may place their orders for rings to be delivered before the ring dance. Please place your order before April first if you expect to attend the dance. H. L. Henton, Registrar.

They Made Moviedom History...

Want To See Film Greats? If So, Sign Dotted Line

By GEORGE CHARLTON

How would you like to see the all-time screen greats?

Like so many of us, you were probably born too late to watch the humorous antics of Charlie Chaplin or the emotion-lust gesticulations of Great Garbo. You might have missed Frederic March, Norma Shearer, Clara Bow, or even that master of comedy situations, W. C. Fields.

At any rate, it will be possible this spring, if enough interest is shown, to present these stars and many more in some of their early movie masterpieces. "Flickers" as well as some of the early "talkies" will be included if the plan is adopted.

A new A&M Film Society would be organized to which a member would pay a low fee for a "season ticket" to all performances. Dues would be used in paying rental charges for showing movies. The organization would be operated on a non-profit basis.

Possibly for next fall, but not this Spring due to lack of time, a semester-long history of the motion picture industry could be presented. Hollywood early products up to recent classics would be included and shown on an average of once every two weeks. Among the movies would probably be "The Jazz Singer," "Orchestra Man," "Becky Sharp," "Birth of a Nation," and "The Good Earth."

Purpose of the society would be to show movies normally not shown in this area. A few foreign productions could be shown if decided interest is shown in that direction.

The motion picture industry does not at present (with a few

exceptions) make it possible to see notable films of earlier production years in regular movie theaters. Nor is it possible to discuss films in the theatre before or after showings. At club meetings, this would be possible. And perhaps, Texas critics or state executives in theater management can be contacted to speak at special meetings.

Currently, there are hundreds of such "film societies" over the nation. Similar programs are being put on by colleges, community centers, and film councils. Well, there it is. If you want it, say so. Cut out the blank below this story, fill it out, and turn it in to The Battalion office, second floor, Goodwin Hall.

Battalion Movie Poll

I am interested in an A&M Film Society.

My name is

My address is

Suggestions

Rifle Team Is Host for Meet

The A&M Rifle Team will be host for the National Rifle Association rifle match to be held at Kyle Field firing range Saturday. Firing will begin at 9 a. m.

Entrants in the match will be Arlington State College, St. Mary's University, A&M, and possibly Texas University.

The match is a sectional meet, and A&M is the only school in this state to be host to such a match.

Medals will be presented to winning teams immediately after the match by the NRA officials. These medals went on display this morning in the front window of the Exchange Store.

The Army and Air Force rifle team fired against the rifle teams from Camp Hood last week, winning 1,876 to 1,847.

Students representing A&M in these meets are Clifford A. Taylor, Vets; George S. Kent, A. Ordinance; Bill J. Holland, C. Flight; John G. Rowe, G. Flight; Roland T. Zapata, ASA; Robert E. Cross, Senior Company; and Russell G. Durhill, C. Troop Cavalry.

The team has won 33 out of 35 postal matches this year. Seven of these victories have come as a result of forfeits.

SMU-Exes Hold Initial Meeting

The SMU Corral, alumnae, held an organizational meeting Friday evening in the A&M Methodist Church lounge. Temporary officers elected were Phillip Goode, president; and Mrs. Frank W. Powell, secretary.

The next proposed meeting will be Friday, April 14, in the A&M Methodist Church lounge. Anyone who has not been contacted and who is an alumnae of SMU is asked to get in touch with one of the above officers.

Those attending this meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cade, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Merideth E. Cravens, Phillip Goode, Reverend Frank Poutewell, Mrs. Powell, Reverend and Mrs. Robert Sneed, and Miss Emma Louise Wills.

Station Workers Granted \$15,000

The Matheson Chemical Corporation of Baltimore, Md., has provided a grant of \$15,000 to aid the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of Texas A&M College in soil research, according to Dr. R. D. Lewis, station director.

Lookin' Back

From the Battalion Files of 15 Years Ago

A freshman was seriously wounded in the fall of 1935, when he was shot while flying over the campus. George W. Barnes Jr., '38, now a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, was photographing the A&M Texas football game from an airplane when a bullet from a high powered rifle, smashed through the fuselage of the ship and struck Barnes about an inch and a half from his heart. No trace was found of the gunman.

A news report of a winter corps review in 1935 contained this comment—"Cold weather prevented a better appearance of the corps, according to authorities, because of the motley appearance made by cadets in wearing many varied types of sweaters and top coats."

In December, 1935, the Board of Directors refused to consider a petition from the Scholarship Honor Society asking permission for that group to affiliate itself with Tau Beta Phi. Cadet Colonel Earle Button presented the petition to the board.

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