

Testing and Guiding

Basic Division Created To Aid Unsure Students

The necessity of aiding students who are unsure of their objectives in college led to the establishment of the Basic Division at A&M. Many faculty members have hailed the Basic Division as the greatest thing that has happened here since the school was founded.

John R. Bertrand has been Dean of the Basic Division since it was organized in 1950. The Basic Division is the fifth school of the

college, on an equal standing with the others. However, it does not grant degrees.

Three Classifications

The division's program is divided into three general classifications: administration, testing and counseling, and group guidance. Clifford H. Ransdell, assistant to the dean, is in charge of administration, which is the office work of running the division. Ransdell also teaches.

Testing and counseling is under the supervision of Dr. Robert Jacobs, director of counseling. His department handles vocational and aptitude tests, as well as some of the individual counseling.

Dr. A. J. Kingston is the director of guidance. Group guidance takes the form of classroom work, offering courses on choosing a career, library work, and similar subjects. The remedial reading program is also under Kingston.

Other Staff Members

Other members of the Basic staff are Auston Kerley, assistant guidance director, A. E. Denton, remedial reading and vocational counselor, and W. Dee Kutach, vocational counselor.

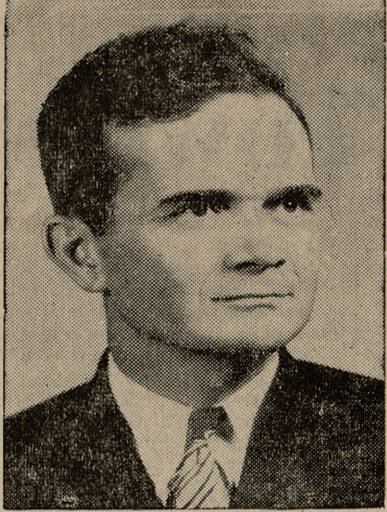
The operation and function of the Basic Division are best given in the aims declared when it was founded:

- To give first year students closer supervision than is ordinarily given.

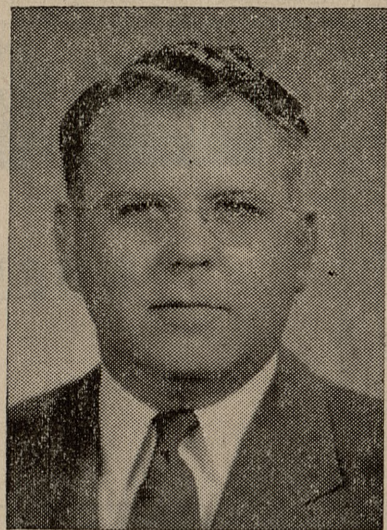
- To assist students who have not definitely decided on a field of study in making this decision during their first year of college work.

- To give beginning college students the benefit of guidance by people professionally trained to operate a guidance program.

- To supply the various schools of the college with a highly selected group of students fully prepared to carry on specialized training necessary for a profession and outstanding citizenship.



John Bertrand Guides Basic Division



C. H. Ransdell Assistant to Bertrand

Hen Lays Green Eggs

The A&M Poultry Farm has two hens laying green eggs. These birds are a mutant strain originating from a strain of chickens believed to come from Peru. One of these green egg laying strains has absolutely no color in its body and is snow white.

These chickens are used in genetic experiments because they possess genes which can be used as marker genes or genetic markers.

Dr. W. E. Briles, poultry geneticist of the A&M College Poultry Department, had the eggs from which the birds were hatched shipped in from another breeding farm.

Senior Court Recommends Penalty to Commandant

Senior Court members for the first semester will be appointed approximately one week after classwork begins, said Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant.

A minimum of nine senior cadet officers selected by the Commandant on the basis of at least three from each cadet regiment will compose the court. Members are appointed for one semester only, and they may be dropped from the court at any time by the Commandant.

The Senior Court has the power to try any member of the Corps of Cadets for any offense made punishable by the Articles of the Cadet Corps, except as specifically noted in college regulations.

Cannot Punish

The court itself does not have the power to punish anyone placed before it, but recommends punishment to the Commandant. No sentence is effective until approved by him.

The Senior Court may recommend nine different official forms of punishment. These various forms are:

- The court may recommend that the person be given an official written reprimand by the Commandant with a copy to be forwarded to his parents or guardian.

- It may recommend that the person be restricted to the campus or company area for a period not exceeding four and one half months. This restriction cannot prevent the person from meeting classes or military formations or entering the mess hall for the purpose of eating meals or leaving the campus on authorized holidays. Restricted personnel will be required to report to the Cadet Officer of the Day at specified hours.

- Extra duty tours, commonly known at A&M as "the bulling," may be recommended for all cadets brought before the court except cadet officers and noncommissioned officers of the first four grades. Those cadets receiving sentences who are not subject to extra duty tours will report hourly to the Cadet Officer of the Day.

- Termination of a person's contract or the busting of cadet officers and noncommissioned offi-

cers to the rank of private or both also may be recommended by the court.

- The court may recommend assessment of demerits, but may not assess a number that would cause the total against the accused to exceed the maximum which could be walked off during the remainder of the school year.

- A person may be removed from the Cadet Corps upon recommendation of the Senior Court and he will be required to live outside the corps for any period the court may direct. He will not be permitted to enter any cadet dormitory until re-instated unless specific permission is granted by the Commandant.

- The court may recommend that a cadet be placed on conduct probation for one year or military probation for two years.

Barnes Takes Job As USO Leader

W. S. Barnes has been named chairman of the Bryan chapter of the USO. Lewis Newman was named co-chairman.

The USO chapter in Bryan is a tri-county organization open to all service men in this area. It is located above Vick's Pharmacy.

Barnes said no drives for money have been made in the last two years, and hopes that donations will be sufficient to support the organization.

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