

# College Hospital Improvements Include Larger Staff



**BLOOD PRESSURE GOING UP**—Miss Billie Smith checks over David Langford during a physical examination at the A&M Hospital. The hospital is undergoing a \$25,000 rebuilding program to provide added services, to the students. Now under direction of Dr. Charles R. Lyons a total of seven doctors will be at the service of students this fall.

## Former Student Association Aids A&M In Every Way

Members of the Association of Former Students stand behind you while you are here going to school. The Association is a non-profit organization organized for the purpose of aiding A&M in every way possible.

Everyone who has been enrolled in A&M at one time or another automatically becomes a member of the Association whether he actually received a degree or not. Once an Aggie—always an Aggie.

To give an idea of the scope of the organization, there is something like 301,000 former students on the rolls. About 75 per cent of these live in Texas, 20 per cent in other states and 5 per cent in foreign countries. A&M men are found in every state in the union and in nations throughout the world. Aggies reside in some 3000 cities and towns in the United States alone.

J. B. (Dick) Hervey, class of 1942 supervises the campus office of the Association which is located in the west wing of the Memorial Student Center. His job as the executive secretary of the Association is to coordinate the activities of the 180 active A&M clubs over the nation. He is responsible for planning class reunions, keeping individual biographies of all former students up to date, and publishing

a monthly newspaper called the Texas Aggie, which contains news of the Association, the College, and the various activities of the exes. He does his best to fulfill all requests which A&M men might make of the Association.

The Student Loan Fund, under the administration of L. E. Locke, '22 is another most worthwhile

### J Dept. Will Offer Photography Class

Photography will be taught by the Journalism Department, beginning with the fall term, according to Donald D. Burchard, department head.

Listed in the new catalogue as Jour. 315 (formerly Physics 315) and taught by Wesley D. Calvert, there will be one theory section at 1 p. m. Mondays, with alternate laboratory sections on Monday and Friday afternoons, for two hours credit.

"Emphasis will be on learning to take good pictures," Burchard said. "This definitely is not a highly technical course for journalism majors but is designed for all students."

Another change announced by the Journalism Department is moving Typography, Jour. 205, from the fall to the spring.

A&M students needing medical care this fall will find a larger staff working under improved conditions, according to Dr. Charles R. Lyons, college physician.

To provide better service, the college is increasing its medical fee from \$5 to \$10 per semester. The fee is due at registration and cannot be accepted later in the term.

"Married students living off campus may also have health service benefits if they pay the fee," Dr. Lyons said.

He explained that A&M's \$10 fee is still below the national average of \$24 per college year.

"We feel that the increased cost will be worthwhile if we can provide increased benefits. I think students coming here this fall will be able to see improvements," Lyons commented.

Dr. Lyons and Dr. J. E. Marsh will serve as full-time college physicians and five local doctors will begin serving part-time this fall.

"Having the five additional doctors on call means that we can phone a local specialist for help if a boy is stricken with appendicitis in the middle of the night," Dr. Lyons explained.

**Doctor on Duty 24 hours**  
At least one of the doctors will be available at the hospital 24

hours a day, Dr. Lyons said. In the past, a registered nurse has sometimes been in charge, with vocational nurses also on duty.

"We now have only registered nurses on floor and clinical duty," Dr. Lyons added.

Another addition to the college hospital staff will be Warren Bonney, counselor and assistant professor, Basic Division and Mental Health Clinic. Bonney will be psychologist in charge of a part-time mental hygiene clinic.

Recovering from automobile ac-

cident injuries, "Mom Claghorn, who served for many years as Superintendent has now been transferred from Dallas to the college hospital. She may be able to assume light duties soon and will at least be back with her Aggie "sons" this fall, Dr. Lyons said.

### Hospital Remodeled

Work is now progressing on the complete renovation of one hospital wing. On the main floor will be reception rooms, doctors' offices, a clinic for college employees, record and bookkeeping rooms, physi-

cal therapy treatment room, x-ray and laboratory rooms and an emergency and minor surgery room.

No major surgery will be done at the college, Dr. Lyons said, and he urged students to carry insurance policies to cover cost of major operations, accidents, etc.

The basement of the hospital wing is being converted into a modern kitchen with stainless steel equipment.

### New Kitchen

"The old kitchen hadn't been remodeled since about 1918, so we're starting with only bare walls," Dr. Lyons said.

The kitchen will be completed in October. In the meantime, the staff is depending on the old facilities and wondering how they will get meals up to patients after the dumb waiter becomes an air shaft as part of the remodeling.

Since the basement formerly contained four seldom needed wards, the total number of hospital beds will be reduced by the remodeling from 150 to 100 beds, Dr. Lyons said. He explained, however, that more than 100 beds are never needed except during epidemics.

"There may be one time in ten years when we have an epidemic—three-day measles, for instance—and then we could bring in additional beds," Dr. Lyons said.

## Freshman Ball Is Highlight Of Year For New Students

The Freshman Ball is the "official function" of the freshman class and is one of many spring semester activities.

This dance, usually held in Sbis Hall, is one dance that has enjoyed the reputation for years of drawing the prettiest girls to the campus. This dance is under the supervision of the freshman class officers who supervise all preparations for the occasion.

Other dances are held during the year with an All-College dance held on the weekend of each home football game. A name band usually furnishes music for these

occasions. (all-college dance is one where all classes are invited to attend.)

During the spring semester the Regimental Balls, Sophomore and Junior Ball and various club dances are held on weekends.

Coinciding with these activities the Memorial Student Center dance group has a Rue Pinale—a dance open to the general public in the games area of the MSC. These dances usually attract a number of couples for their floor-shows are worth seeing and music is furnished by an orchestra.

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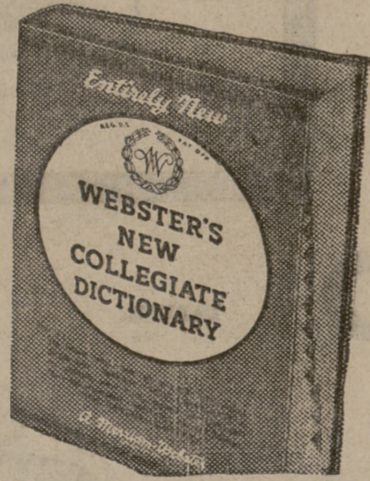
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