



WHAT'S UP DOC?—Donnie Powell, right talks over his problems with Dr. William J. (Jack) Dobson of A&M's Basic Division. Located in the old Aggeland Inn building Dr. Dobson and other members of the Basic Division staff specialize in helping students with their personal, academic and whatever problems may arise during their stay at A&M.

# Basic Division Aim—to Ease Step, High School to College

It is not an easy step from high school to college. It was with this in mind that the creation of A&M's Basic Division took place in 1950.

It is not the purpose of the Basic Division to hinder a student but the opposite, to help him in every possible manner so that he may benefit and find himself better equipped when he enters a degree-granting school of the college.

The most important responsibility lying with the Division is furnishing assistance, both personal and academic, to students pertaining to schedule planning, substitutions for required courses, irregular class at-

tendance and decisions by students about remaining in college.

Every student entering A&M for the first time, without previous college credit, enrolls in this division, where normally he will remain for two semesters. Those students not making progress toward a degree are not permitted to advance until their work provides evidence of his being able to progress toward graduation satisfactorily.

Many students come to A&M with a specific course or major of study in mind. On the other hand most students do not really know what they want, or are unable to pin their goal down to one major subject. This is where the Basic Division can aid you in selecting a course suited to your aptitude and within your reach.

Many students will have this course of study already planned, and those who do not know the course to study they plan to follow will enroll in a General Curriculum course that will ultimately allow them to follow through to a degree.

Testing and counseling services provided by the Basic Division aid those students who do not have a set degree in mind. With the additional aid of aptitude and achievement tests administered Sept. 8 (you may have been one of those that took these tests during the

summer) the division counselors can better advise a student.

Professional workers in the Division, assisted by members of the Department of the College in which a student wishes to study, review each student's test results and high school transcript individually.

Those students whose records show they need additional background in certain fields are advised to select from the Divisions' courses designed to aid in building knowledge in this direction.

Those students whose test results show a proficiency in a particular subject are allowed to substitute other courses for he one usually taken during the semester.

Before a student reaches a decision about these suggestions made to him, he is given an opportunity to discuss in groups and individually, the matter both pro and con.

Past records show that chemistry, English, mathematics and reading serve as a stumbling block to many students. The Basic Division has courses designed to bolster students weak in these and other courses as well.

Regarding reading, you may be surprised to know many students graduate from college without being able to read. By this we mean a student doesn't take in or "soak" what he goes over. Every year and every day you will hear students gripe about flunking a quiz or missing a question because he didn't read the question. Over 2,000 students have taken Basic Division's Basic 102, Remedial Reading and Basic 103, College Study. Ninety-five per cent of these students have been enthusiastic about the way their reading and comprehension speed has been increased.

## Two Post Offices Available at A&M

While a student at A&M you will be wanting to hear from your folks, your girls and other friends. This problem brings the question of just how does a person receive his mail at A&M.

There are two places mail is delivered on the campus. One is at the main post office at North Gate and the other is in the Memorial Student Center post office.

You will have to go by either of these two places and fill out an application for a box. This is where you will receive your mail.

Be sure to go by the first chance you get so you may pick the post-office which will be closer and handier to your room.

The college has a special delivery service and special delivery letters should have your correct dormitory address complete, with room number on them for immediate delivery.

All incoming long distance calls come through the Housing Office on the ground floor of the YMCA, where messengers are on duty at all hours of the day and night to contact the person being called.

In addition, a telegraph office is located in the MSC which receives telegrams during the day. At night and on weekends you can

send or receive telegrams at the Housing Office. At the MSC telegraph office a battery of long-distance telephones are at your disposal around the clock.

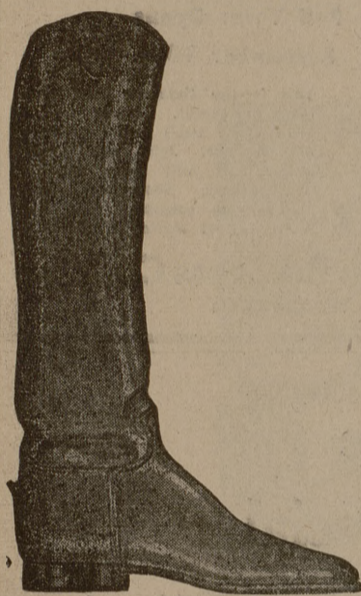
Large parcels and boxes, such as footlockers, should be shipped to school and be sure to ship them early enough to allow them time to get to College Station before you need them. Address them to yourself Texas A&M College, College Station and send them by rail.



ROSS VOLUNTEERS SERVE AS HONOR GUARD DURING MARDI GRAS—Leading the parade down world famous Canal Street in New Orleans the Ross Volunteers of A&M during Mardi Gras activities served as honor guard to His Majesty King Rex. Eligible juniors and seniors are chosen annually for membership in the crack military drill company, named for A&M's first president Lawrence Sullivan Ross.



THE TABLES TURN—Freshmen get their turn at getting even with upper classmen on April Fools' Day each year. Here "Misters-for-the-day" (left to right) Bob Royal, Jack Beasley, Richard Myers, and Henry Koster see just how sharp a sophomore can be as Bob Stone gets a good going over.



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