

# Graduate Exams Required In '64

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### Spring Dorm Assignments Being Made

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Students now enrolled at A&M who live in dormitories and expect to attend the spring semester should report to the Housing Office in the YMCA as soon as possible.

Harry L. Boyer of the Housing Office said that students who put-off this action until they register will not only stand a chance of losing their present room, but will also be delayed in the registration procedure.

No additional fees will be charged students already living in dormitories, but they must have their room deposits verified and get signed up for the spring roster.

STUDENTS NOW living in civilian dormitories who wish to reserve the rooms they now occupy must report before 5 p.m. Jan. 16.

Civilian students who wish to reserve any rooms other than the ones they now occupy and students changing from military to civilian dormitories, must do so by Jan. 16. Room change slips signed by housemasters and organization commanders concerned must be presented. Students moving from a military to a civilian dormitory must also have the signature of

their tactical officer, and must turn in a clearance form to the Housing Office before spring registration.

All remaining rooms in civilian dormitories will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Jan. 17.

STUDENTS PLANNING to live in military dormitories the spring semester may begin signing up for rooms immediately in accordance with new spring rosters submitted by cadet units.

A student moving from a civilian dormitory to a military dormitory for the spring semester will need a room change signed by the housemaster, organization commander and tactical officer concerned.

A student who reserves his room for the next term must cancel his reservation by Jan. 15 in order to secure a refund of the \$20 room deposit unless he is not allowed to register by the college.

All students changing from the cadet area to the civilian area, or vice versa, must turn in their mattress covers to the place where they were drawn and obtain new ones from the issuing agency for their new area.

DORMITORY 16 and the top three floors of Dormitory 15 will be used to house civilian students during the next semester.

First priority on these rooms will be given civilian students now living three to a room, while civilian day students will be given second choice. These students should reserve their rooms before Jan. 16.

On Jan. 17 students with adequate reasons for moving will be allowed to sign up for these rooms as long as they last.

These rooms will not be available for occupancy before noon Feb. 1, and keys will not be exchanged prior to that time.

All students who will be day students the spring semester, including those who are day students at the present time, should secure their day student permits early to save time at registration.



**Roberto Navidad**  
"Roberto Navidad Abejon de Platanos" is the new pet of W. D. Edmonds, a senior entomology major, who acquired Roberto during a trip to Mexico over the Christmas holidays. The beetle is of a giant size found in the Mexican jungles near San Andres. Edmonds feeds Roberto bananas and keeps him in an old cigar box.

### IN EXTENSION SERVICE COURSE

## Polygraph Examiners Face A Taste Of Own Medicine

Accepted applicants in a six-week Polygraph Examiners Course here this spring will be obliged to take a dose of their own medicine.

The medicine is a lie detector test.

Wallace D. Beasley, chief of the Police and Industrial Security Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, said the purpose of requiring students to take the polygraph exam before the course is "to establish an appreciation of the real significance and usefulness of the instrument in discovering attempted deception."

Beginning April 22, the course will be the first of its kind in the Southwest, Beasley said.

IN CHARGE of the six-week course will be David C. Betts Jr.,

instructor with the service's Police Training Division.

According to Betts, there are currently only three such recognized programs. They are located in New York, Chicago and California.

Instructors for the course will be from each of the fields covered by the use of the polygraph instrument. An attorney will lecture on the legal aspects involved with the polygraph or lie-detector test, while members of the college's psychology faculty will discuss the psychological effects of the machine.

The medical aspects of the instrument will be explained by members of the Veterinary Medicine School.

INFORMATION about the school has been directed to municipal officers, county law enforcement officers, state enforcement agencies, people involved in industrial and retail security and to persons dealing with personnel investigation work.

"Poly means many, and graph means recording on paper or making a permanent record," Betts said when asked to explain the instrument. "We are using the

word in terms of a lie-detector machine," he continued.

"The instrument is designed to detect attempted deception and is being used extensively in law enforcement work throughout the entire United States," he explained.

"IT RECORDS changes in the body's circulatory system or the body's functions, and this is the manner in which we quite frequently determine whether or not a person is attempting to evade or deceive the person who is conducting the interview with the instrument," Betts said.

"Of course, this doesn't solve a crime. It just is an aid to an investigator who might be working on an offense," he added.

The use of the machine is not limited to law enforcement. It is being used for internal spot checks on employees as far as their honesty and loyalty is concerned, pre-employment screening, examinations regarding specific losses and periodic examinations.

"It has been said that Texas is further advanced in the use of the instrument, not only in law enforcement but in industrial security and retail security, than in any other area in our country," Betts commented.

## January Grads Eligible To Get Fees Refunded

Graduating seniors who paid the student activity fee and will not be in school the spring semester may obtain a refund on the spring portion by making application at the Housing Office.

Students must present their student activity cards in order to be eligible for refund. Dormitory students must turn in their mattress covers before claiming any refund.

Graduating seniors who live in dormitories may obtain a refund of the last week of dormitory fees by reporting to the Fiscal Office beginning Jan. 15.

Students other than graduating seniors, who will not be in school during the spring semester, may make arrangements for their student activity fee refunds when they turn in their clearances prior to leaving campus.

## Adventure Series To Hear Film, Talk On 'New India'

A man well known in the travel-film business will narrate a movie on "New India" in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Russ Potter's appearance at A&M is part of the Great Issues Committee International Adventure Series. Admission to the movie-lecture is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under 12. Students with activity cards will be admitted free.

Since 1948, Potter has gained wide recognition as a narrator and

script writer of the Laguna Beach, Calif., Festival of Arts, where more than 1,000,000 spectators heard his commentary.

His travel-film career, starting in 1956 with "Inside Red Russia," also includes a film on "Belgium."

With "New India," Potter's all-color motion picture has exclusive filmed interviews with Prime Minister Nehru, the exiled Dalai Lama of Tibet and other leaders, according to Bob Wimbish, head of the Great Issues Committee.

## Academic Council Says Yes To Test

Graduating seniors will be required to participate in the Graduate Record Examination, a national testing program, as a part of graduation requirements effective in 1964, Dean of Instruction W. J. Graff announced Wednesday.

The new requirement, plus strong encouragement that seniors graduating this May take the test this spring, was voted by the Academic Council.

"Use of the Graduate Record Examination will benefit both the college and the individual student," Graff said.

The college has strongly encouraged all graduating seniors during the past year to take the test. The college pays the Educational Testing Service for all costs.

The next testing date is April 19, and seniors will be excused from classes.

"There has been an increase of more than 100 per cent in five years in the number of colleges and universities participating in the institutional testing program," Graff said. A&M is now among the colleges participating.

### Results Pave Way For Evaluation

Results of the battery of tests allow a college to do a more complete job of evaluating its instructional program, he said.

Each student receives a report of his scores and an explanatory booklet, and he may ask the Educational Testing Service to forward a report of his score to a professional school or prospective employer. The testing service assesses a \$1 fee for this service.

Graff said the score does not become a part of a student's official record or transcript here, but will be kept on file for use of Counseling and Testing Center personnel in statistical studies and at the office of Dean of Instruction.

"The greatest benefit to A&M will come after norms have been established on the basis of three or four years of test scores," S. A. Kerley, director of the Counseling and Testing Center, said. The center, with the aid of academic departments, administers the test.

Approximately 85 per cent of the 900 graduating seniors took the examination last spring. A lower percentage of January, 1963, graduates took the tests.

### Faculty Letter Suggested Program

A letter from several faculty members suggesting to President Earl Rudder that the possibilities of using the Graduate Record Examination be studied is credited with starting the move toward the program. Rudder received the letter during the summer of 1961, and asked Graff to investigate suitability of entering the national program.

The testing program of the past year was developed with the help of both the Student Senate and the Executive Committee of the Academic Council, Graff said.

The eight-hour examination consists of a general aptitude test and a thorough examination in the student's major academic field.

The program here has been hampered to some extent by the lack of advanced tests in some relatively specialized academic fields, but this lack should be remedied over a period of several years as local norms are developed, the dean said. The senior majoring in a field not covered by a specific advanced test takes the test in an area of study as nearly comparable to his own as possible.

### Norms Set By National Scores

National norms for the advanced tests are established upon the basis of results of tests taken by students from a variety of colleges and universities.

"The primary advantage to the student is one of affirmation," Kerley said. "It gives him reassurance that he can perform satisfactorily in his field . . . he knows where he stands."

The greatest benefit to the college will come after local norms have been established, as any significant changes then in results scored by A&M students can be quickly evaluated.

"As long as the scores are comparable to or above our norm, we'll know we are doing a good instructional job," Graff said.

A&M also is nearing the effective date for another requirement concerning a nationally-established testing program. This is the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) tests required of all freshmen planning to enter the college in September.

Results of these tests will provide officials with an insight into a student's abilities and background before entering school.

The Graduate Record Examination taken four years later will give an indication of how much the student has learned in his major area of study.

## Wire Review

By The Associated Press  
WORLD NEWS

SAIGON, South Viet Nam—The South Viet Nam government claimed Tuesday its forces killed or wounded more than 700 Viet Cong guerrillas in two extended operations that ended Monday. The claim was not confirmed by American sources. Fewer than 100 casualties could be confirmed independently.

U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department asked Tuesday for the drafting of 9,000 men for the Army in March. This is the biggest monthly quota since January 1962 and more than double the quotas of recent months.

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WASHINGTON — President Kennedy met with congressional leaders of both parties on the eve of a new legislative session Tuesday night and agreed to deliver his State of the Union message next Monday.

The chief executive brought his top advisers on defense, diplomatic and intelligence affairs into a meeting with Republican and Democratic leaders from Capitol Hill for a briefing on defense and foreign policy.

TEXAS NEWS

AUSTIN — Backers of Rep. Byron Tunnell of Tyler crushed 141-9 Tuesday liberal opposition and named the Tyler attorney as House speaker of the 58th Legislature.

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AUSTIN — Sen. W. T. Moore of Bryan said Tuesday he will introduce legislation requiring a constitutional amendment before any college can be made a four-year state-supported institution.

Moore, long a foe of creating new four-year state colleges, helped filibuster as the bill passed in the last regular session making the University of Houston a state school.

### Kivans Officers Selected

R. H. Fletcher (left) and Isaac I. Peters head the College Station Kiwanis Club chapter for the new year. Fletcher was elected president and Peters first vice president at a ladies' day luncheon Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

