

# First 8 Psychology Majors Due For Graduation In May

Aggies have demonstrated psychology in action through the years, but now a group of students are enrolled in the new undergraduate program in psychology.

Eight seniors hope to graduate in May as the first to receive from A&M the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in psychology.

Psychology is attracting increasing numbers of students with the 40 majors counted now almost double the figure a year ago, college officials pointed out.

"The prospects are very good that the number of psychology majors will double within the next year and then increase steadily after that," Dr. Paul Hensarling, head of the Department of Education and Psychology said.

Walter A. Varvel who serves as chairman of psychology and his six faculty associates are happy about this turn of affairs.

THEY DO WISH though that the public had a better understanding of psychology.

"Too many people don't realize

that psychology is a science," Varvel said.

The psychology major during his freshman year, for example, studies the same courses as premedical students. It is not until the sophomore year that the student enters his first psychology class.

"Psychology is an established, scholarly discipline, but it is also a field that is showing remarkable growth as an area of professional practice," Varvel said.

GRADUATE STUDY is described as essential to scientific and professional success. The A&M undergraduate program helps students prepare for future specialization in experimental, industrial, or educational psychology or in guidance and counselling.

The faculty members hold degrees from universities in several states and collectively have a wide range of professional experience. They also are taking advantage of the increased research facilities at A&M.



PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS EXPERIMENT Department will graduate 8 in May.

# Guion Film Receipts Aid Indian Students

A film depicting Indian social problems attracted a crowd of about 100 Indian and Pakistani students at Guion Hall Sunday afternoon and enhanced the sponsoring Indian Students Association hopes of attaining enough funds to sponsor its National Republic Day celebration, Jan. 26.

Association President G. K. Tandon, who acted as host for the picture, "Ek Hi Rasta," and narrated an English translation of the film before the actual showing, said the drama was "nicely received." He said that the story revolved around a widowed mother. It was her child, Daisy Irani, a girl performing as a boy, who captured most of the viewers' interest.

The Association of about 50 members will formulate its plan with its available funds for the national day at its next regular meeting Friday at the YMCA Building.

Tandon pointed out that the Indian National Day was definite-

ly the association's most important project of the year.

Pramod Desai was the program chairman for the picture.



Campus Club Aids Needy

The Circle K Club, made up of former high school key club members, distributed packages of food Sunday for area needy families. Pictured left to right are Watt Norman, Bobby Inniss and John Gabbert.

## DRILL TEAM

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"Wide-Wide World of Sports" television program. The winner of the Arizona meet, as well as the number one unit at the Purdue University meet Feb. 22, are expected to be invited to Washington, D. C., for the Cherry Blossom Festival in the Spring.

Following the Tucson meet, the team plans to participate in drill competition at Oklahoma State University Feb. 15, either Purdue or Laredo Feb. 22 and Louisiana State University Mar. 21.

A&M's representatives have captured first place in all divisions at LSU's Southern Invitational Drill Meet for the last two years.

For the first time in the 16-year history of the organization, the Fish Drill Team is marching with bayonets attached to their drill rifles.

A high percentage of leaders on campus today—both civilians and Corps students—were once members of the Fish Drill team.

Advisors for the unit are Mark Jackson, J. M. Southerland, Ken Kock, Larry Martin and Dan Petty.

Team officers are R. W. Grosenbacher, San Antonio, commanding officer; M. B. Simpson, Fort Worth, executive officer; D. Chumley, right guide, and J. B. Kelley, guidon bearer.

Other team members include A. E. Bardin, D. M. Barton, M. L. Batsell, J. H. Bonner, A. Breed, R. Buentello, M. Calloway, R. Chapman, J. Chesney, P. Douglas, J. Fisher, L. Flores, J. Happ, R. Holcomb, J. C. Hutton, D. Kennemer, K. Korb, B. Kuykendall, E. Lyerly, M. Mann, B. Maule, A. McDaniel,

# Future Teachers Do Holiday Work

About 32 Aggies will have "double holidays" this Christmas season.

They are seniors with student teaching assignments in the cooperating Bryan-College Station schools, as part of professional preparation for teaching careers. Each day the Aggies spend several hours at their public school assignment.

The university students plan careers as school teachers of such subjects as chemistry, English, physics, industrial education, and health and physical education. A&M has programs for certification in 17 teaching fields.

Student teaching assignments come after semesters of professional studies, plus a number of observation visits to the schools.

"As the intern in medicine serves under the supervision of a medical doctor, our student teachers are under the direct super-

vision of a responsible teacher," William W. Stokes said. "Through agreement with the cooperating schools, the classroom teacher has the final say in any situation. He or she is the expert in teaching in that classroom."

Stokes is an assistant professor in the Department of Education and Psychology, and one of four A&M departments which prepare future teachers. The others are the agricultural, industrial and health and physical education departments.

A&M ranks third in Texas in the preparation of male teachers, the latest available figures from the Texas Education Agency show.

## No Senate Thursday

The Student Senate's meeting scheduled for Thursday night has been canceled. The group will meet again Jan. 9, Senate secretary Bill Camp said.

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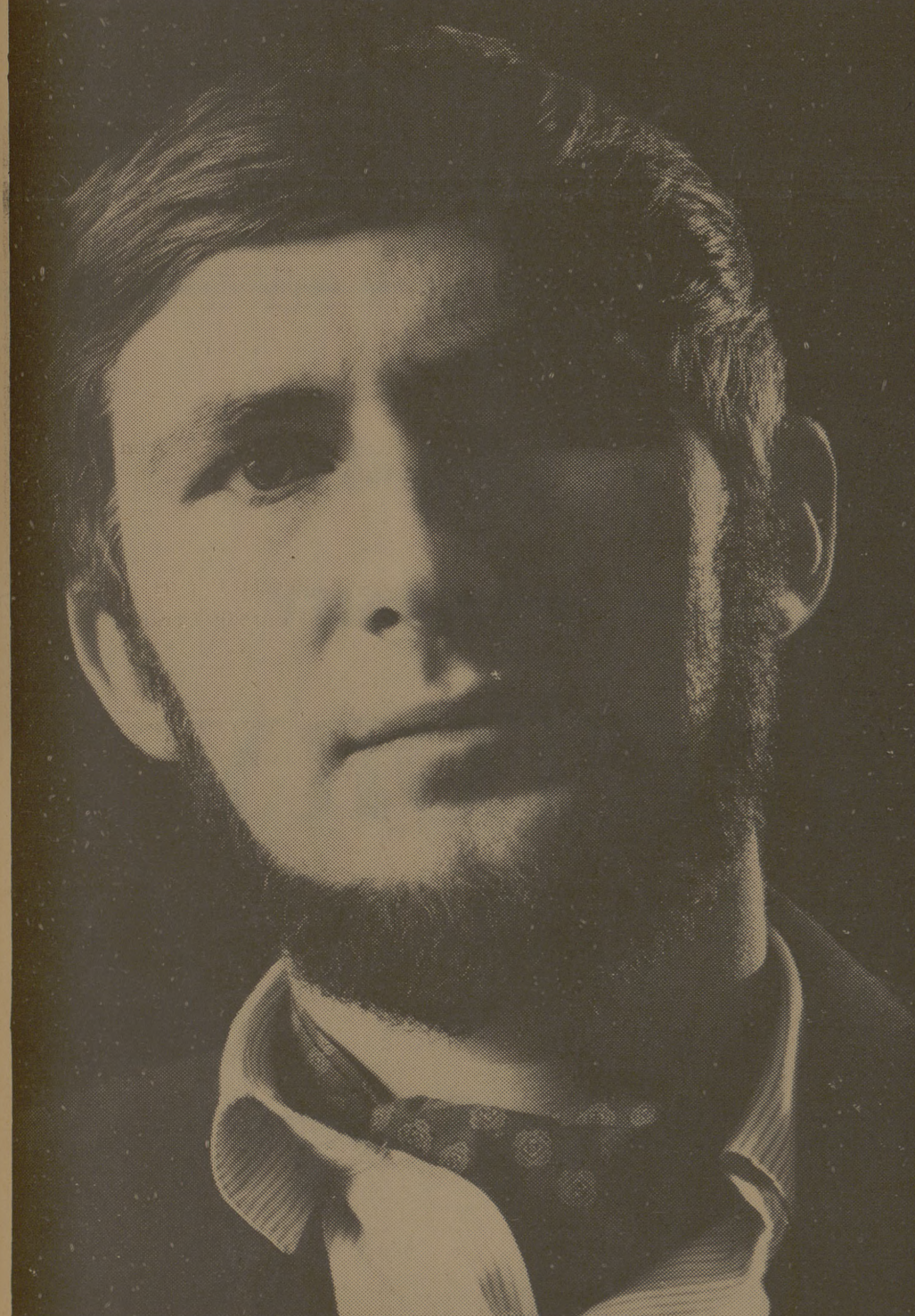
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