

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Corps Over Civilians By 12 In Total Semester Dropouts

Eighty-six students have withdrawn from A&M so far this semester, according to B. A. Zinn, Director of Student Affairs.

Thirty-seven civilian and 49 military students have dropped out, Zinn said. Last year's total for the same date was 129, he said. The reasons given for withdrawing varied from poor health to financial and family problems.

The A&M meats judging team placed fourth with a score of 2581 points out of a possible 3,000 at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City this week.

The Aggie team placed fourth in beef grading, seventh in beef judging, second in lamb judging, fourth in pork judging and fifth in lamb grading.

Earlier the Aggie wool judging team placed second, only one point behind Kansas State.

The A&M livestock judging team placed sixth in the livestock contest.

Native folk songs, dances and films will be featured during the Pakistan Cultural Evening at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Wadud Mian, president of the Pakistan Students Association of American Chapter, estimated that 150 persons will attend.

Work of 12 artists in etching and engraving, lithography, woodcut, linoleum block and serigraphy are now on display in exhibit areas of the Memorial Student Center.

Eighty contemporary miniatures are on loan to the MSC Creative Arts Committee from the Pratt Graphic Art Center in New York.

The exhibit will remain at the MSC through Nov. 8. Terry Oddson, president of the MSC directorate, said.

The Engineering Extension Service will conduct Civil Defense courses and conferences throughout Texas during the next six months.

A 30-hour course in radiological monitoring will be offered on campus Nov. 9-12. Completion of this course will qualify selected individuals as instructors and will provide them the necessary technical background for advanced training.

Members of the A&M Women's Social Club will hear a discussion of antiques by Mrs. Mary Buchanan at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

"I Bought an Attic" will be Mrs. Buchanan's topic as she continues in the club's main theme of "Going Places With the Social Club."

Mrs. Buchanan of Sugarland is a representative of both the new and the old: She is an interior decorator, and an antique hunter.

The attic which Mrs. Buchanan discovered had been sealed for 175 years. A note found there said that the furniture was locked away to keep it from the soldiers. The date of the sealing of the entrance would place the occurrence during the Revolutionary War.

Wives of Department of Biology members will serve refreshments following the talk.

A nursery will be open at St. Thomas Parish Hall on Jersey Street. Reservations must be made by noon Thursday.

Students interested in National Science Foundation Cooperative Graduate Fellowships for 1965-66 must act immediately. C. M. Loyd, NSF coordinator reminds.

The fellowships providing stipends up to \$1,800, plus dependency allowances, are for graduate study in a broad range of the sciences including engineering.

Beginning or advanced graduate students may qualify for the awards which are renewable.

"Interested students should visit the NSF Office in the YMCA Building to pick up the application forms which must be completed and filed with Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall not later than Nov. 2," Loyd pointed out.

The Range and Forestry Club is sponsoring a turkey sale in the Bryan-College Station area.

The turkeys being sold are grade A, Beltsville white, breasted hens.

Club president Eugene Heine-mann said the deliveries will begin next week and that sales will continue until Thanksgiving.

Prof Returns From Mexico

John W. Holcomb, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Education, returned from a month's stay as a consultant to an agricultural school in Coahuila, Mexico.

Holcomb was sent to Mexico by the Ford Foundation to divert more students to the study of agriculture.

Holcomb worked with a preparatory school for agriculture in San Pedro, Coahuila. He surveyed needs of the school and made recommendations.

The school, "Agronevua," is operated by the University of Coahuila.

"Fewer than three per cent of the students enrolled in higher education in Mexico are being trained in agriculture. It is probable that many of this number have urban rather than rural backgrounds, for only two per cent of the students entering grade one of rural schools complete the sixth grade, and those who do make only four per cent of the scholastic population who have attained this higher level of education," Holcomb said.

Holcomb believes that the problem can be alleviated if preparatory schools are located within reach of rural youth and with a high percentage of rural youth as students.

Battalion Church News

Donald Shur will serve as chairman.

The minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, Pastor Richard Thomas, will speak at the 6:30 p.m. Sunday service of the First Christian Church.

An organ recital at St. Thomas' Chapel will be given by Mrs. Daniel Hollis Jr. at 7 p.m. Sunday. The program will be part of the dedication of the pipe organ built by the Rev. William Oxley and wired by Dr. George Huebner.

Mrs. Hollis, a native of Massachusetts, holds a Bachelor of Music degree in piano from Westminster College, Pennsylvania, and Master of Music degree in piano from Indiana University.

Her teaching experience includes a year in the Department of Music at Northeast State College, Monroe, La., and five years on the piano staff at the University of Alabama.

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Stimulated Growth To Eventually Aid Mesquite Control

A controlled environmental laboratory, built for the purpose of studying the growth and development of mesquite, is now in operation at A&M.

The laboratory, operated by J. L. Scoggins, is located on the Range area at the junction of Easterwood Road and Highway 60.

Dr. J. R. Runkles and his technician, Charles Wendt, both of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, are cooperating in the studies on mesquite. They are working on a three phased experiment: (1) The effects of air temperature; (2) the effects of humidity; (3) and the effect of soil temperature on the water use.

According to Robert Haas, assistant professor in the Department of Range and Forestry, there are three main approaches in this study: (1) Studies concerning the morphology and anatomy of mesquite; (2) the influence of field environment of the growth of mesquite under natural conditions; (3) the determination of factors influencing growth and development of mesquite under controlled environment.

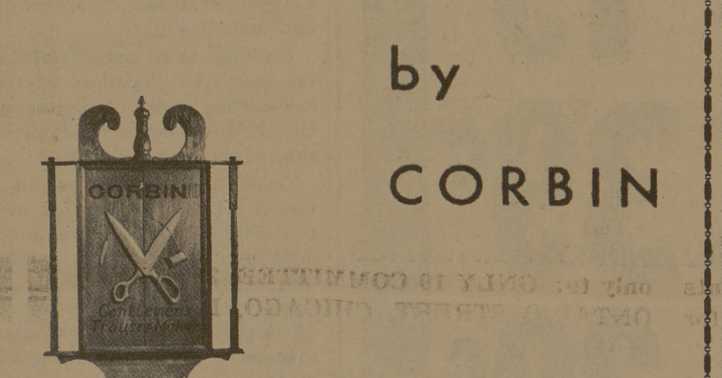
The controlled environment chambers, made of double walled plexiglass with an air space in between for insulation, and the laboratory cost about \$35,000, said Haas. They were completed six months ago.

The laboratory is equipped with four chambers, 4 ft. by 8 ft., with separately controlled lighting for each. A device known as a "cam" controls the temperature and humidity.

The results from studies in the facility will eventually aid in finding a better way to control mesquite on Texas rangelands, Haas said.

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