

# State and Local

## Veteran tells audience at A&M about life, experiences in WW II

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World War II veteran and distinguished history professor Charles P. Roland spoke to about 60 students and faculty members about his war experiences Tuesday night during a presentation in Rudder sponsored by the Institute of Military Sciences.

"This is an account of the career and observations of a citizen soldier in World War II," Roland said. "I was that soldier."

"I did nothing heroic in the war, and just being there was in itself heroic. I was there."

Roland was drafted into the army in 1942 at the age of 23 — only a month after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He had graduated from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee a few years before, and he, like most of the other draftees, knew nothing about being a soldier.

He was sent to Georgia for basic training, which lasted about two months.

"The feelings of all of us were a mixture of shock, disbelief, patriotic anger, excitement, anxiety, and homesickness," he said. "Most of us were away from home for the first time."

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way to salute to marching with arms and field equipment."

Roland felt the account of his basic training would be incomplete without tribute to his platoon sergeant.

"He was a quintessential Georgia cracker . . . wiry and quick of body and mind," Roland said. "He was a superb soldier."

He said his platoon sergeant was

eloquent and he has not forgotten the experiences with him for over forty years.

"I will always be grateful to him for what he taught me about soldiers," he said.

After basic training, Roland went to Ft. Benning, Ga., for officer train-

ing. He was then sent, in November 1942, to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., as a member of the junior officer cavalry of the newly activated 99th Infantry Division, AUS — Army of the United States.

In the spring of 1944, the troops were sent back to Georgia for more training. By August troops were informed of their orders to Europe.

Roland was then sent to Belgium

in command of a troop truck convoy. They moved to a terrain on the Belgian-German border.

On the dawn of Dec. 16, Roland faced his first combat when a column of enemy soldiers attacked his battalion command post. This was the first and only time he ever personally fired a weapon, he said.

"It was as if we were caught in a slow motion nightmare of sound and fury," he said.

When the war in Germany ended, Roland remained in Germany for seven months. He came back to the States and was discharged from the Army in Dec. 1945.

"The war really changed my life and the world," he said.

Roland tours and gives his speeches about war to places such as West Point and the Army War College in Pennsylvania. He currently teaches at the University of Kentucky with specializations in the Civil War and history of the American South.

## Immigration officials tell Texas employers to expect citations

HARLINGEN (AP) — Immigration officials warned Rio Grande Valley employers Tuesday the agency is ready to issue citations for violations of the new immigration law.

The employer sanctions provision of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 is designed to discourage employers from hiring illegal aliens.

Investigators are preparing cases against some of the most flagrant violators, said Roy Sutton, assistant director for investigations with the INS' Harlingen District, covering seven counties at the southern tip of the state.

"We have a dozen or so here we're looking at," Sutton said.

In its 13-state Southern Region, the INS and Border Patrol have issued six citations, all in Texas, since Sept. 1, when the citation period began, said the Bor-

der Patrol's Jerry Armstrong, deputy chief patrol agent assigned to the regional office in Dallas.

Some offices, however, have taken additional time to educate employers about the new law.

"We have been kind of slow, but we're now in an enforcement mode," Armstrong said.

The law requires employers to have a completed employment eligibility form on file, known as the Form I-9, for all workers hired after Nov. 6, 1986.

Citations, or warnings, will be issued to first-time violators through May 31, 1988. After that date, full employer sanctions, including fines, will go into effect.

Sutton said employers previously cited will be subject to fines before next June.

"It would have to be flat non-compliance," Sutton said.

## Doctoral study shows benefits of extracurricular activity

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High school students participating in extracurricular activities are more likely to take tougher courses, have higher grades and better attendance records than those who don't participate, a recent study of 3,500 youths shows.

The study was conducted by a Texas A&M former student in response to House Bill 72 — better known as the "no pass, no play" rule.

The rule, a Texas law passed in 1985, prohibits students from participating in extracurricular activity for a six-week grading period if they fail any required courses.

The study was conducted by Kenneth W. Patranella, who graduated from A&M in 1964. Patranella received his doctorate degree in physical and health education from

A&M in May 1987. Patranella now is serving as assistant principal of Clark High School in San Antonio.

He said he did the study because he was curious about the effects of H.B. 72 on student behavior.

"Since the 'no-pass, no-play rule' has been enacted, I wondered if participants tended to avoid honors courses so they wouldn't be counted ineligible," Patranella said.

This study is the first of its type in Texas because its focus encompasses all outside activities, not just sports, he said.

John Chevrette, a professor of health and physical education at A&M who monitored Patranella's study, said the "no-pass, no-play" issue is a timely one.

"I think the study was a very pertinent study for this time," Chevrette said. "A lot of people on both sides of the bill are saying that it's good that students are participat-

ing, but some say too much time is being taken from school work."

Patranella said his study found that male and female students seem to do better when they are involved in varying aspects of school. All previous studies have dealt only with males in athletics.

"I wanted to do a study that included both males and females in all types of activities," Patranella said.

Students who participated in various activities — including music, art, drama and student government — were chosen from Clark and Holmes high schools, in the San Antonio Northside Independent School District. Both of the relatively small schools had a student enrollment of 3,000 at the time of the study.

An indiscriminate sample of ninth to twelfth grade students who participated in at least one extracurricular activity was compared academically to a group of non-

participant students. Each student from both groups was matched according to sex, grade level and race, Patranella said.

The study concluded that the grades of students who participated in at least one extracurricular activity were 6.8 points higher, on a scale of 100, than non-participants, he said.

The results also show that students who participate in more than one activity, especially activities involving leadership roles, have better attendance records as well as better grades, he said.

"Regardless of their grade level, male or female, white or Hispanic, they all enjoyed the same benefits from extracurricular activities," Patranella said.

A&M Consolidated High School's principal, Mike Ogg, agreed with the results of Patranella's study.

"We find that same study to be true here," Ogg said. "All of the kids here involved in extracurricular activities have higher

grades than the normal population of students."

Patranella said although differences between extracurricular-activity participants and non-participants are large, only slight differences exist among the study's demographic subdivisions. He also said no differences exist between sports activities and non-athletic activities.

Despite the study's results, Chevrette said he doesn't think House Bill 72 will be affected because of it.

"People have learned to live with the bill," he said. "People involved with passing the House bill have become interested in the study, but I don't think it will change the law or anything like that."

Ogg, once an opponent of the law, said the public has adapted to the rule and doesn't think the study will change it.

Patranella said he thinks his study will promote others like it.

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