

VA Reviews Vets Chances In Med School

Veteran-students, about to enter medical school under the GI bill or Public Law 16, stand a better-than-average chance of completing their training successfully if, in their premedical courses, they:

1. obtained grades of B plus or better;
2. made particularly good grades in the natural sciences; and
3. enrolled for medical training in the same educational institution in which they took their premedical work.

These conclusions were compiled by the veterans administration from previously published studies, in a bulletin distributed to its vocational advisers and training officers to help them properly advise veterans desiring to enter medical school under both laws.

High Grades

One study, quoted by VA, disclosed that in one medical school, 99 per cent of all failures during a 10-year period consisted of students whose premedical grades averaged below B plus.

Another study, conducted over a 10-year period at the University of Tennessee college of medicine, showed that the average grade for medical students during the first three-quarters of their professional training was about 6.11 per cent points below their premedical averages. On the basis of this survey, it follows that a veteran with merely average premedical grades has a slim chance of making the grade in medical school.

In predicting chances for success on the basis of grades made in natural science courses, VA emphasized that the quality of such training, rather than the number of science courses taken, is the important factor.

Many students who take large numbers of science courses "develop a false sense of security by as-

Students Show Easy Mien

Mile. Janie Renee Courtillon, new French instructor, said that she had been misinterpreted in Tuesday's Emerald in comparing American and French students.

"I did not mean that American students lacked respect for their professors, but that they were not obliged to display the ostentatious deference customarily shown to European professors," she said.

"The system here where the professor is not on a pedestal and students are able to speak freely in class is much preferable to the European system in that respect, she concluded.

suming that the pursuit of extensive work in the sciences necessarily places them in a better position to cope with medical school work . . ." the VA study observes. "Actually, the number of credit hours in premedical courses is unrelated to medical school performance."

All the research findings analyzed by VA disclosed that students who attend medical schools in the same institution where they took their premedical courses consistently make better grades than transfer students. Studies further showed their percentages of failure were appreciably lower than persons transferring from other schools.

Test Unreliable

The VA report warned that the use of scholastic aptitude tests alone are unreliable in evaluating chances for success in medical school. One study, based on 1,000 students, revealed that aptitude tests were right only 53 per cent of the time. The tests have greatest value when used along with other evaluations.

The length of premedical training also has little bearing upon a student's chances for success, the VA survey concluded. In fact, one study showed poorer medical school results from students with bachelor degrees than for those with three to four years of premedical training.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Noon: Lutheran Student association will discuss "Conscience" in the YMCA.

4 p.m.: Oregana pictures of Chess club taken in front of Commerce hall.

4 p.m.: Wesley G. Nicholson talk in main floor lounge of Gerlinger.

6:45 p.m.: ISA senate meeting in room 105 Commerce.

7 p.m.: Spanish club meeting on Gerlinger sun porch.

7:30 p.m.: Ski club meeting in room 105 Oregon.

7:30 p.m.: Chess club meeting and tournament in room 205 Commerce.

4 p.m.: Women's organization social chairman meeting in the dean of women's office.

Students Invited P C A Meetings

Keith Bacon, graduate student in political science and president of the Evans Carlson chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America, announced yesterday that students are invited to attend the weekly meeting of the group.

The meeting will be held Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the home of

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AVC To Discuss Reorganization

Reorganization of the University chapter of the American Veterans committee will be discussed at a dinner to be held at the Osburn hotel, Friday at 6 p.m. Former members and all interested persons are invited to attend, announced Chat Paterson, head of AVC. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the hotel for \$1.50 apiece.

Last year the University chapter of the AVC sponsored the Lane county town meeting of the air. They also were prominent in forwarding veterans' interests in campus housing projects. State chairman was Ray Johnson. Keith Bacon was state secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sachs, 339 West Twenty second. The program will include discussions of current topics and folk singing.

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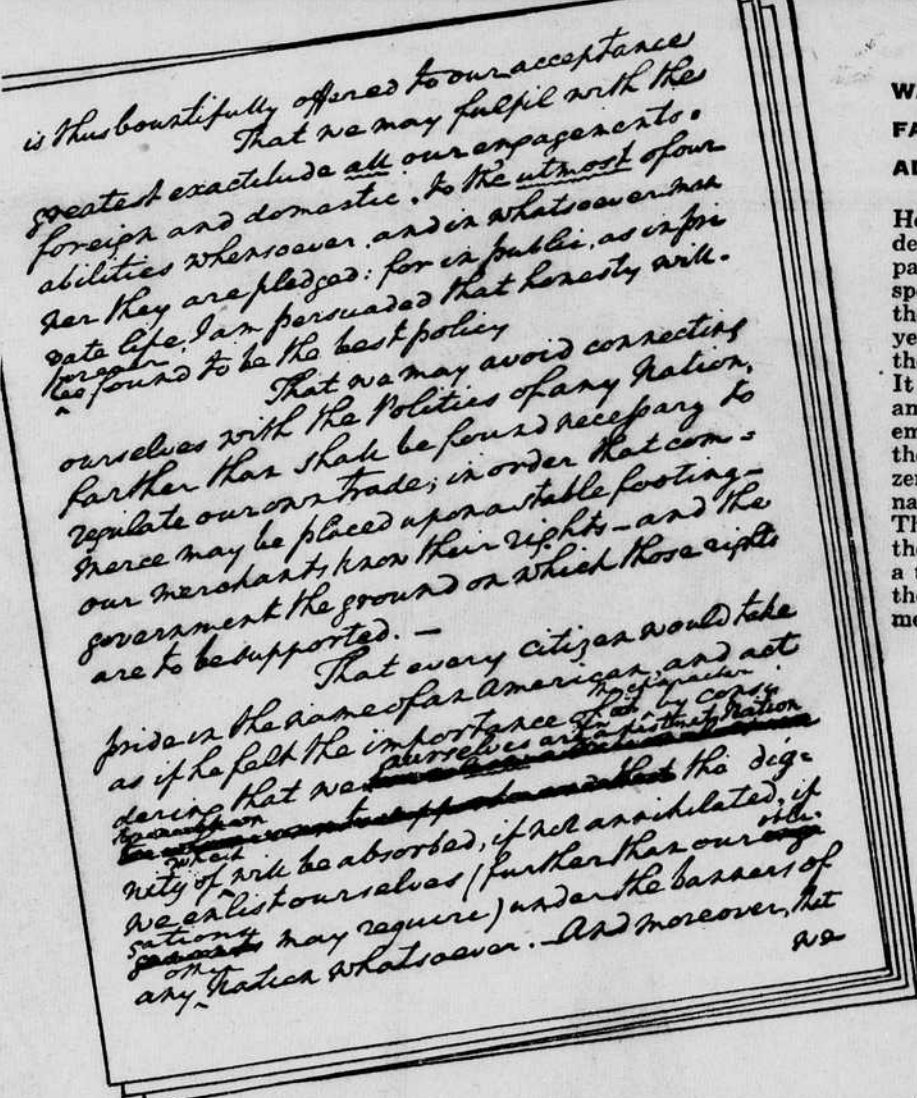
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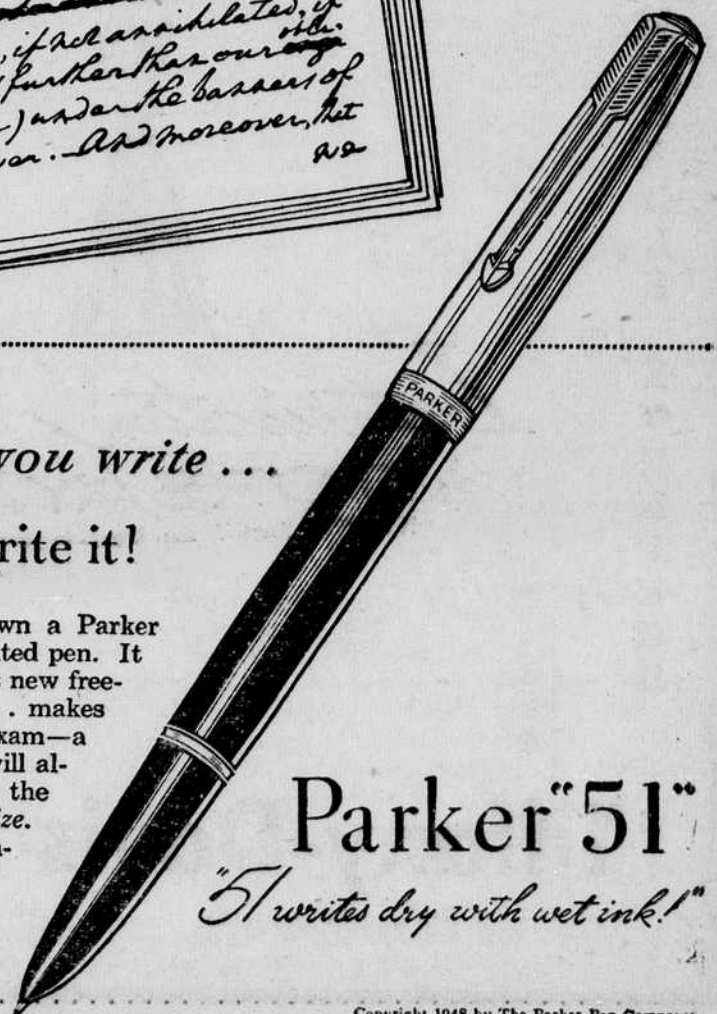


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