



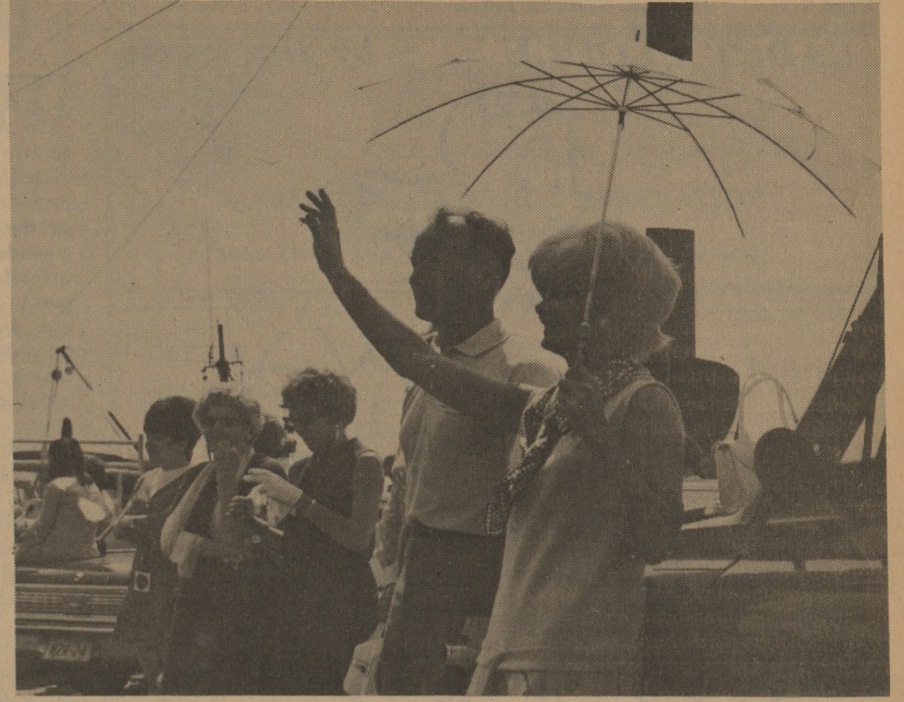
THAT'S LIFE

Lots of pretty girls were left at the pier in Galveston when the "Texas Clipper," Texas A&M University training ship, made its weekend departure on a 10-week cruise to the Mediterranean, carrying 196 students.



AGGIE BON VOYAGE

It's one last kiss for a cadet at Texas A&M University's Texas Maritime Academy prior to his weekend departure from Galveston for a 10-week cruise to the Mediterranean. He was one of 196 students aboard the "Texas Clipper," Texas A&M's 15,000-ton training ship.



SO LONG SON

Mrs. Peter N. Reed, Aggie Mother of the Year in 1969, waves goodbye to her son, Chris, a high schooler who is taking his summer classes aboard the clipper. Mrs. Reed of San Antonio, was a unanimous choice for the A&M title.

A&M's 'Texas Clipper' Sets Sail For Mediterranean

Ship Pulls Out Of Galveston On 13,676 Mile Trip

The "Texas Clipper," Texas A&M training ship carrying 196 students, was scheduled to begin its Atlantic crossing today on a 10-week, 13,676 mile cruise to the Mediterranean.

Officially the jaunt began Saturday at Galveston, but the 15,000-ton converted oceanliner pulled into Mobile, Ala., Monday for a scheduled four-day dry dock visit.

Several hundred relatives and friends of the students and crew were on hand for the "Clipper's" departure from Galveston.

A mini-band organized by Texas Maritime Academy cadets played the "Aggie War Hymn" as the vessel steamed out of Galveston Bay. TMA is a division of Texas A&M.

Among the students aboard ship are 90 spring high school graduates participating in Texas A&M's "Summer School at Sea," a unique program offering the youths an opportunity to earn six hours of college credit while visiting five foreign ports.

The remaining 106 students are TMA cadets fulfilling summer training requirements. They will operate the ship under the supervision of the academy's staff personnel.

Ports of call for this year's cruise are Las Palmas, Canary Islands; Barcelona, Spain; Piraeus, Greece; Naples, Italy, and Funchal, Madeira.

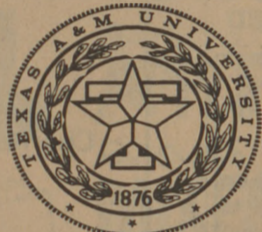
The "Clipper" will return to Galveston Aug. 10 following intermediate stops at New Orleans and Port Arthur.

Capt. Alfred Philbrick, TMA executive officer, commands the vessel.

WEATHER

Friday—Partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered afternoon rain showers. Wind southerly 10 to 15 mph. High 91, low 43.
Saturday—Mostly cloudy, intermittent rain showers. Winds Southerly 15 to 20 mph.

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Martin Advocates Riot Precautions

By RICHARD CAMPBELL
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Texas Attorney General Crawford Martin stressed Wednesday to some 350 school administrators that it was mandatory for them to deal firmly with the first hint of student disorder.

In a speech in the Memorial Student Center ballroom, Martin wrapped up the three-day session of the educators' tri-conference by warning the top administrators from the state to "get prepared for what is coming."

"It is too late to deal with the student disorders, even in high schools, when militant students have already taken over the administrator's office," Martin continued.

The three-day tri-conference, "The Challenge and the Chance," attracted more than 700 educators from around the state and encouraged them to survey their values, commitment and change in the program. Combined in the tri-conference was the 44th annual Texas Association of County Superintendents, the 34th annual Texas Schools Administrators Association Conference, and the 19th annual Texas Association of Instructional Supervisors Conference.

In emphasizing the theme of his speech, "Crime Education: The Educator's Role," Martin cited the rapid increase of crime in the state and nation, especially among young people. He said that in 1969, one of 50 persons will be

the victim of some type of crime and that one out of every 20 children will commit a crime.

"There were 375,000 major crimes committed in 1968, up 12 per cent over the figure in 1968," Martin said.

"We are losing the war against crime in this nation," Martin said, agreeing with the United States attorney general, "and I don't have the answer for it."

He stressed drug abuse as the rising crime of today among young people and he said that educators have the best foothold in dealing with the problem.

"Educators have a unique opportunity for dealing with these problems because they are in a better position to evaluate the situation," he said.

"The child's first contact with the public is in the school, and it is here that the administrator can point the child in the right direction."

With the threat of civil disobedience in our colleges today, the attorney general went on to say that Texas has not really felt the brunt of this disorder, especially in the high schools.

How do the school officials deal with the problems facing them?

"Assume that, first of all, SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) is communist-oriented," Martin said. "They are looking for attention through violence and they make no secret of the fact that they want to change

the American government to one following their Marxist theories."

"Secondly, get prepared now for what may happen in the future. Deal firmly with the first

hint of disorder. We are subject to change, of course, but by constitutional means, not by force.

"The challenge for the future is clearly there and the chance is having the capacity to change when the situation requires."



CRAWFORD MARTIN

Teachers Go To Galveston Friday

Thirty-two secondary school teachers studying earth science during the National Science Foundation Summer Institute at Texas A&M University will make a two-day field trip to Galveston Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Melvin C. Schroeder, professor of geology at A&M, is coordinating the earth science program.

Dr. Schroeder said all the teachers are instructors of general or earth sciences at the junior or senior high school level.

All are taking an astronomy course plus either an oceanography or a meteorology course.

The group will study beach forms in the Galveston area.

'69-70 Catalogue Now Available

The 1969-70 General Catalogue for Texas A&M University are available at the Registrar's Office today, Dean of Admissions H. L. Heaton reports.

This will be the first shipment of the new catalogue, Heaton said. They arrived from the Dallas bindery early today.

Heaton said the catalogue is "basically the same" as the 1968-69 edition.

The Registrar's Office has been out of catalogues for several weeks.

Memorial Fund Set Up By TTI

A memorial fund is being established by Texas A&M University's Texas Transportation Institute and Civil Engineering Department in honor of Dr. Thomas C. Edwards, highway research engineer killed Sunday in a head-on collision.

Dr. Edwards' family has requested contributions be made to the memorial fund in lieu of flowers.

A TTI spokesman said the Thomas C. Edwards Memorial Fund is being created in recognition of the outstanding contributions which Dr. Edwards made in highway safety.

The Galveston native was a key participant in development of life-saving break-away highway signs and light posts at TTI. At the time of his death, he was studying reasons for loss of control of vehicles and other actions of the vehicle on the road.

Dr. Edwards, 33, was killed early Sunday when his small foreign car collided with a pickup truck south of College Station on Highway 6. A report filed by the Department of Public Safety investigating officer indicated the pickup veered into the lane in which Dr. Edwards was traveling south.

The driver of the truck was identified by the DPS as Fred Lee Herrington of Baytown, a senior at Texas A&M. He was treated at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan but later released.

Dr. Edwards received three degrees from Texas A&M, B.S. in 1958, M.S. in 1962 and Ph.D. in 1966. He joined TTI as a graduate assistant in 1963. He also was an assistant professor in the university's Civil Engineering Department.

He resided at 1203 Barak Lane in Bryan and was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Kathryn Suzanne Edwards; one son, David; a daughter, Donna, all of Bryan; parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Edwards of Galveston; brother, Frank H. Edwards Jr. of Hahville, La., and a sister, Mrs. Judy Connor of Houston.

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A&M Officially On 'Four Point'

Texas A&M is now operating under the "four point" grading system, Registrar H. L. Heaton announced.

A&M revised its grading plan June 1, changing from the "three point" system which it followed since the early 1930s.

Under the new system, approved last summer by the A&M Academic Council, an "A" will count four grade points per semester hour, a "B" will count three points, a "C" will count two and a "D" will count one grade point. There will be no grade point credits for "Fs".

The plan also defines "A" as 90-100, "B" as 80-89, "C" as 70-79, "D" as 60-69 and "F" below 60.

Heaton said one point has been

added to each student's overall grade point ratio. For example, he said a student who had a two point grade point ratio — or B average—at the end of the spring semester will return to A&M with a three point grade point ratio—still a B.

The registrar said the new grading system will "result in a number of changes in procedures."

"It is somewhat confusing to the students and staff alike," he noted.

"We'll just have to start thinking in terms of a four point system," Heaton added.

The change to the "four point" system was requested by the Texas Coordinating Board for Colleges and Universities.

Summer Counseling Starts For Fish

Texas A&M's 1969-70 freshmen began summer conferences here Monday.

Conceived by President Earl Rudder to streamline the counseling-testing and registration programs for new students, the conferences provide individual attention in carrying students through the various facets of entering college.

A&M's Admissions Dean, Registrar, Counseling and Testing Center and the various deans and department heads will be involved in the 10 two-day conferences that will smooth the way for next September's "fish."

When the freshmen entering A&M this fall report for the Sept. 15 start of classes, they will only have to pick up room keys to be registered students.

Those participating in one of the 10 summer conferences will already have completed placement tests, orientation, measured for Army or Air Force ROTC uniforms, received dormitory assignments, conferred with deans and department heads and registered.

During the conference, students may pay registration fees or make arrangements for later payment by mail. Books may be purchased or reserved.

While the new students are taking aptitude, achievement and personal interest tests, parents receive informal orientation about the life their sons and daughters will lead at A&M.

S. Austin Kerley, counseling and testing director who is one of numerous officials participating in the conferences, said parents are encouraged to participate.

"A college education is a pretty good sized investment," he pointed out. "Also, we feel the interested parent will receive information that will preclude later problems." The procedure has distinct ad-

vantages over the former system, which brought freshmen to the campus a week ahead of returning students but congested all classes and graduate students in Sbis Hall for registration.

Personal attention is the key improvement. Many parents in previous summer conferences have commented on it.

"They dumped us off the train like rats out of a sack," recalled one Aggie-ex who enrolled in 1934. "I was here four nights before I found out where I was to live."

Sbis registration lines were unpopular and often described rather tersely by students registering that way.

Summer conferences and automated registration, which returning students completed in May for the fall semester, have virtually eliminated the Sbis method.

Most in-state students will complete the summer conference by July 28-29, date of the last session. Out-of-state students, those conditionally accepted and on summer cruise with the Texas Maritime Academy will attend a Sept. 8-9 makeup conference.

Late registration for returning students not computer-registered, transfers and new graduate students will be Sept. 8-12, Registrar Robert A. Lacey announced.

GROVE MOVIES

All Start at 8:30 p. m.
Tonight—The List Of Adrian Messenger
Friday—Rough Night In Jericho
Saturday—Lord Jim
Sunday—The Chase
Monday—The Victors
Tuesday—Miracle Of The White Stallion
Wednesday—Texas Across The River



SHAKE IT UP, BABY

The Barons of Houston were the first group to highlight the summer dances sponsored by the Memorial Student Center in Sbis Annex Tuesday night. (Photo by Monty Stanley)