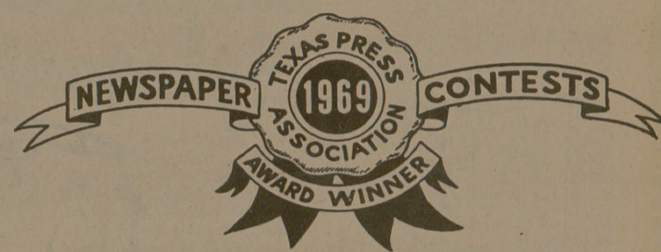


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PUT IT OUT

Several of the visiting firemen get some on-the-site training at the 40th annual Firemen's school near Easterwood Airport Monday. The school continues through the week. (Photo by Monty Stanley)

Fire Chief Is Walking History

Irwin W. Speckels, fire chief emeritus of the Schulenburg Volunteer Fire Department, is a walking history of the Texas Firemen's Training School.

"I first came here in 1932," he tells you proudly. "I have missed only one school, in 1940 when I attended the International Association of Fire Chiefs Convention in Spokane, Wash., as the official representative of Texas. I was the state president."

Chief Speckels is attending his 36th municipal training school this week at Texas A&M. He retired last September as Schulenburg chief, a position he held for 35 years.

GRE To Be Given

Graduate Record Examinations for August graduates at Texas A&M will be given Aug. 8-9.

Seniors scheduled to graduate must register at the Counseling and Testing Center in the Academic Building by 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, noted Auston Kerley, center director.

A \$6.50 fee must be paid at the fiscal office and the fee receipt brought to the Counseling and Testing Center.

Students will be notified by mail when and where to report.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
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He is one of the seven members of the Firemen Training School Advisory Board, and the only member ever to be reappointed. He first served from 1944 to 1956 and was reappointed in 1961 to a 10-year term.

"My greatest enjoyment each year is coming here to see my friends," he confessed. "It hurts me, too. Each year I find some of my old buddies have passed on."

"I guess when you get the smoke in your throat it's 'once a fireman, always a fireman,'" Speckels said.

The Schulenburg movie and hotel businessman was 31 years old when he first enrolled but had been around fires and fire fighters all of his life. Speckels' dad was a former fire chief at Wichita Falls and La Grange, and served as president of the state organization in 1913.

5,008 Enroll Here

Second-semester summer enrollment at Texas A&M totals 5,008, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

Lacey said current registration represents a 6.2 percent increase over the same period last year.

The total includes students enrolled at the Texas A&M Adjunct at Junction. The Marine Laboratory at Galveston and participants in the Texas Maritime Academy summer cruise to the Mediterranean.

"Only one course was offered in 1932," he explained. "Now we have 13 courses and more instructors than there were students in '32."

He noted that the first course he took at A&M was similar to the present basic fire-fighting course, except they didn't fight fires.

"We would fill a washtub with gasoline, light it and then put it out with a hand extinguisher,"

Library Adds Two Staffers

Two additions to the Texas A&M library's professional staff have been announced by Jack B. Smith, acting director.

Miss Judith A. Arnn has joined the staff as assistant science and technology librarian.

Mrs. Rita B. Estok has been appointed science and technology librarian, effective Sept. 1.

Mrs. Estok joined the staff Feb. 1 as assistant research librarian. Her library science degree is from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

Formerly in the University of Oklahoma library's automation department, Miss Arnn holds a biology degree from Central State College of Edmond, Okla., and the M.S. in library science from OU.

he recalled.

Speckels said the traditional group picture points out how much the school has grown.

"The first few years I came we shot the picture on the YMCA steps. Now we use Kyle Field to get the 1,800-plus into the picture."

The chief said he has two special memories of the early schools.

"We held our first aid classes in the mule barn and the salvage operation training left us looking like a bunch of hogs. We would be covered completely with oil and ashes," he remembered.

The one-week training for community firemen, most of them volunteers, is "the greatest thing to happen to Texas," Speckels said.

"This training is the best in the world," he assured.

The chief emeritus is a life member and past president of the Guadalupe District Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, a past president (1941-42) of the state organization, a 20-year member of the city council and 10-year member of the Schulenburg School Board, five of them as president.

He explained he is the last of the Speckels firemen.

"All my boys are two girls," he chuckled.

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Fireman School Attracts 1800

Registration for the 40th annual Texas Firemen's Training School topped 1,800 as municipal firemen kicked off the first of three one-week firetraining schools.

"We have started classes and are on our way," said Henry D. Smith, chief instructor. The municipal school is the first of three one-week schools scheduled at Texas A&M through Aug. 8.

Smith said the registration includes 1,114 firemen. The remainder are instructors, special equipment representatives and visitors.

Among the instructors is Leo Bales, who has attended almost every training school since 1935. Bales is a retired fire chief from Lampasas and served on the Texas Railroad Commission's Liquidified Petroleum Gas (LPG) Division.

"This is a wonderful school," he said. "The small town fire departments have benefitted greatly from this training program. If they didn't get training here, they just wouldn't get it."

Bales missed attending the school while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is a technical instructor at the 1969 school.

Firemen will be joined by distinguished visitors at a banquet set for 5:30 tonight in A&M's Sbisla Dining Hall.

More than 3,000 spectators are expected tonight for a public fire-fighting spectacular hosted by the Training School.

Richard Russell, chairman of combined field operations and demonstration coordinator, said school instructors will present a 90-minute exhibition starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Richardson Fire Department chief reported the instructors will battle fires in a transport truck, overhead storage tank, house, several large pits and a fire extinguisher project.

Russell noted a special equipment demonstration will also be featured with manufacturing representatives demonstrating the latest fire-fighting innovations.

Special equipment to be displayed was not announced until late Tuesday, Russell said.

Spectators will walk to each demonstration, Russell explained, as there is no seating facilities at the Brayton Firemen Training Field near Easterwood Airport.

A&M hosts three one-week schools. The municipal school opened Monday and continues through Friday, with a record 1,114 municipal firemen enrolled this year.

An industrial school will be held next week and a Spanish-speaking school will start Aug. 3.

Two New Divisions Passed By Board

Creation of a College of Education and a Department of Forestry Science at Texas A&M was authorized Monday by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Texas A&M also received Coordinating Board approval to offer seven new degree programs, including doctoral degrees in architecture and environmental design and computing science.

The new College of Education, authorized for establishment prior to the fall semester this year, will include six departments: agricultural education, industrial education, health and physical education, educational administration, curriculum and instruction and educational psychology.

University officials noted the latter three departments will be new, evolving from A&M's current Department of Education, part of the College of Liberal Arts. The other three departments are now included in the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering and Liberal Arts.

Enrollment in the various teacher education curricula at Texas A&M, the officials pointed out, has increased from approximately 500 to 1,200 during the past five years.

Texas A&M's board of directors approved plans for formation of the college at its April meeting.

The new Department of Forestry Science will be a part of

the College of Agriculture's School of Natural Biosciences. A&M was authorized to offer B.S. and M.S. degrees in forestry.

The bachelor program, which includes majors in wood science and technology and forest resource management, will be offered to entering freshmen this fall. The first undergraduate degrees in forestry, however, can be granted from Texas A&M no earlier than 1973, the board stipulated.

In addition to the doctoral programs in computing science and architecture and environmental design, Texas A&M was granted a Ph.D. in veterinary medicine science.

The university also received permission to offer master's degrees in veterinary medicine science, epidemiology (veterinary medicine) and statistics.

Chamber Backs

Amendment Two

The Bryan College Station Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Tuesday officially endorsed proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Texas Constitution and urged its passage Aug. 5.

If passed, Amendment No. 2 would authorize issuance of general obligation bonds for development of Texas' water resources.

"As many of us are aware, the State of Texas has a master plan for water development which will have a very important influence on the development of our state," noted Chamber President Ridley Briggs.

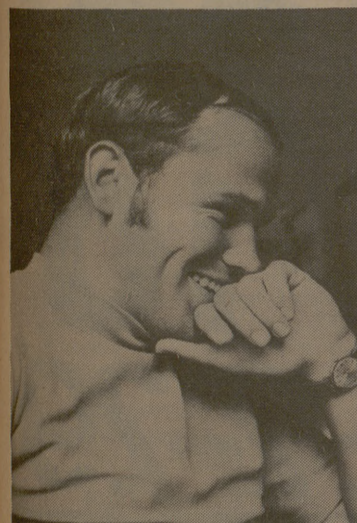
"The state is very interested in intelligent development of water resources, and we in Brazos County are particularly aware of the potential of developing water resources, as evidenced by our endorsement and active support of proposed dams on the Navasota River, specifically the immediate construction of Milliken Dam," Briggs continued.

He urged local citizens to familiarize themselves with all nine proposed amendments scheduled for a vote next month. He said anyone desiring a summary of the amendments should contact the chamber office.

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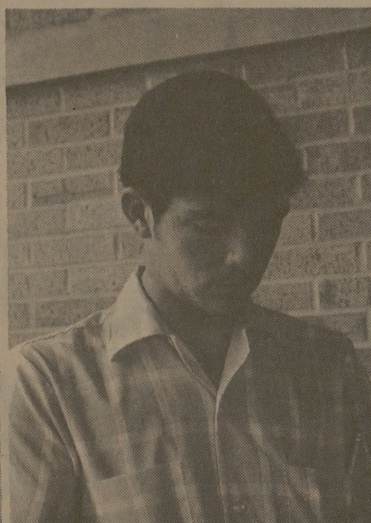
Man Has Reached The Moon: What Comes Next?



GARY HANES

Linden—Senior

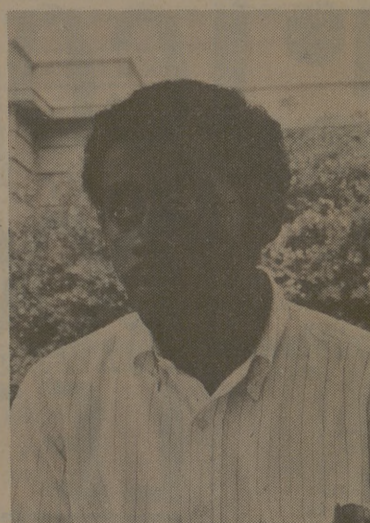
"The Moon is only a start. The feat will increase knowledge of space and will enable longer, more intensive flights. It would be foolish to set limits on what can come now."



JOHN CORBETT

Waco—Freshman

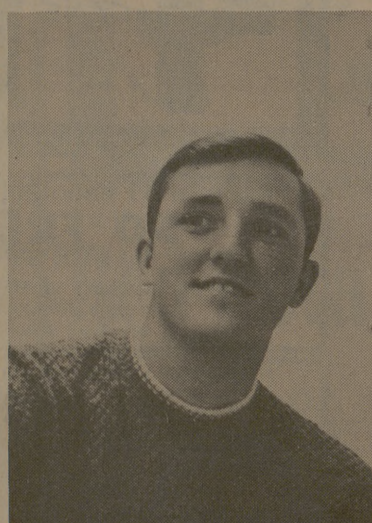
"I believe that now that we have reached the Moon, we can settle the Moon and then move on to other planets to set up outposts and space stations."



LAWRENCE WALLACE

Huntsville—Senior

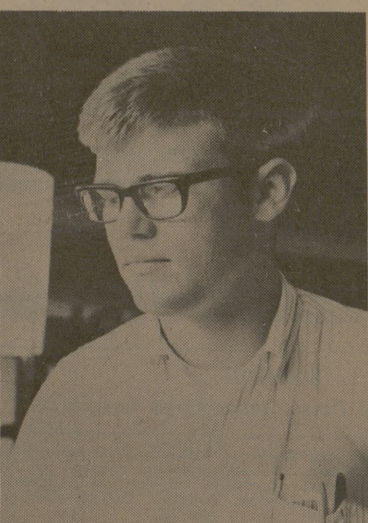
"We have made more progress in solving space problems than in solving problems of hunger, discrimination, and war. Why can't these problems be faced as open-mindedly as the space problem is?"



M. B. FLIPPEN

Orange—Grad Student

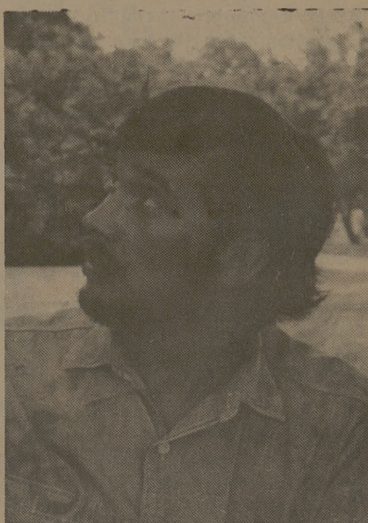
"I strongly favor a progressive space policy. Yet it should not be at the expense of our social involvement programs. If used creatively, it is certainly more beneficial than our war expenses."



JOE SCHRIEVER

Wall—Sophomore

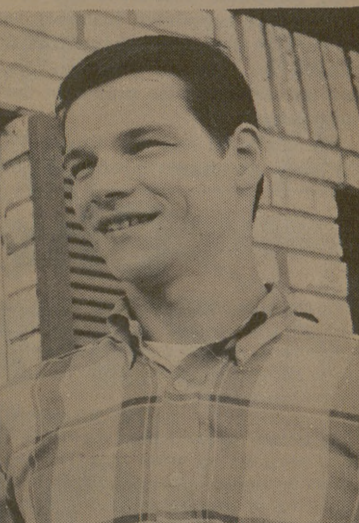
"Now that we are there, we must explore the Moon and begin to use its resources. It has tremendous possibilities, and now we should get on with the job of exploring and using them."



BILL MASKAL

New York, N. Y.—Senior

"It has definitely been beneficial to mankind but the American people must realize that it is for mankind—not for the U. S. alone. This lack of realization is the entire problem facing us today."



DERICK BONEWITZ

Houston—Senior

"I believe we should pursue further exploration of the moon as well as travel to the other heavenly bodies. We aren't going to neglect our responsibilities here on Earth as some think we will."