

Battalion EDITORIALS

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A New Leaf . . .

After a brief respite, the campus of Aggie land is seething once more with activity as a new school year gets underway. From near and far, from big city and small town, from the "forks of the creek", students have drifted in to start A&M on its 72nd year of college instruction.

Numerous changes have been instituted since Texas A&M was founded nearly three-quarters of a century ago; many changes have taken place since the end of the spring semester.

Most notable of all, was the action taken during the summer by the Board of Directors in regard to housing of freshman students. This "deportation" of freshmen to the A. & M. College Annex was probably more closely related to the upheaval in the Cadet Corps last spring, than to crowded housing conditions, which for some unaccountable reason have become intensified with a drop in enrollment of some 1,100 students.

The Directors also acted to appoint two new department heads, a new Director of Information and Publications and an athletic director.

W. L. Penberthy, head of the Physical Education Department, was appointed Dean of Men to succeed J. W. "Dough" Rollins who resigned to accept a similar position at East Texas State Teachers College. Dr. M. T. Harrington was named Dean of Arts and Sciences to replace Dr. T. D. Brooks, who went on modified service September 1.

The Expanding Batt . . .

With this issue of The Battalion, we are beginning five-time-a-week publication. Monday through Friday afternoons The Battalion will be distributed throughout the dormitories and sent through the mail.

Two Associated Press teletype machines have been installed in The Batt offices, which are now located on the second floor of Goodwin Hall. From 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, the teletypes will tick off the latest news straight from Texas AP offices in Dallas.

In addition, a cylindrical-type Goss press has been installed in the A. & M. Print Shop, replacing the flat-bed press of by-gone days. The Goss press will be able to print and fold 2,750 papers per hour, as compared to the 1,000-hourly maximum of the flat-bed press, which did not include an automatic folder.

An Elliott addressing machine has been received, capable of addressing 2,000 papers an hour. This addition to the expanding Battalion will make it possible for papers to be in the post office for final afternoon delivery.

Battalions will be distributed in the dor-

Surprise . . .

A young lady we know went to a big publisher's stockholder meeting last week. It didn't last long and nothing much happened except that a couple of elderly ladies kept asking why magazines had so much trouble getting paper. Our young lady left right behind the old gals and, by eavesdropping a little, heard one say to the other: "What a funny meeting! At first I thought it was the wrong room. Just those men sitting around that big table. The last meeting I went to wasn't like that at all. There were all sorts of good things to eat and it was lots of fun—just like a regular outing."

—TIDE

The latest bit of classified advertising to catch our eye comes from the *New York Herald Tribune*, and the copy goes like this: "Experienced dentist or veterinarian to drill front large tusk of a lion. Lion has cavity that must be filled."

The Battalion

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Record Rush to Classrooms

You're Better Off Than Most

By A. D. Bruce, Jr.

The rush to go to college will again be a mad scramble this year. Demand for higher education has never been greater. Colleges expect a record-breaking registration of about 2,750,000 students in the 1947-48 season. They will be squeezing those students into an educational plant originally designed for about 1,600,000. Needless to say, much of that plant was out of date before the war began.



The result is that the living and studying conditions in many colleges may be worse than in the autumn of 1946. Yet those who do manage to get into any college may be counted as lucky. A&M has been more fortunate than most schools, for very few students have been turned down for admittance. This may be accounted for by the raising of entrance standards for out-of-state students. High school graduates from other states must be in the upper quarter of their class and transferees must have a grade-point ratio of 1.5. Veterans are getting a break on scholastic requirements. Those over 21 years of age without high school diplomas may enter A. & M. by passing an entrance exam. The Veterinary Medicine School at A. & M. has had to turn down approximately seven-eighths of those desiring entrance this fall.

In many universities fees have risen considerably. Here, the cost of board has increased and a required student activities fee has been added. However the medical service fee and the cost of laundry have been slightly reduced. Veterans' fees are now a flat \$150 regardless of the number of hours carried, which was the basis of the costs figured for last year.

Like everywhere else, living costs are up at A. & M. Fortunately costs are not as bad as they are in the east, and it is possible for the A. & M. veteran to get by on his \$65 by carefully watching his expenses. Married veterans are experiencing a little more difficulty in figuring out ways to stretch their \$90.

Housing conditions are better than a year ago at most colleges. With the addition of the College View Apartments, A. & M. has 687 college-operated apartments and space for 120 trailers for married students. Since married veterans vacated Walton and Hart Halls, single veterans have been placed two to a room instead of three.

Although the new "barracks" classrooms and offices down at "hog-hollow" on the main campus are not ideal, they will help alleviate the difficulties encountered last year. Before the war, colleges had about 165 square feet of space per student for all instruction purposes. This year, they will have about 83 square feet per student.

Educators freely warn that classes now are too large for instruction of normal quality. Laboratory sections are so large that many students cannot even see the machines and processes the instructors are demonstrating. A. & M. can vie with any college for the all-time low in lighting, a condition which should be corrected. Army techniques, such as using a loudspeaker for lecturing to large classes, are being adopted. Several colleges are having their quizzes machine-graded — which may or may not be a disadvantage.

The old rule that freshman and

On the bright side the textbook shortage of last year is not expected to recur at this registration. Books have been ordered since the first of August and there is no indication that they will not arrive in time.

Only 652 students had part-time jobs at A&M last spring. That means that about one-ninth of those enrolled were working, which is not a very large percentage. About 60% of those men were veterans. When war-time savings are depleted more students are expected to apply for jobs.

Competition for scholastic standing will continue to be keen. Veterans, older and in a hurry to graduate, seem to be setting the pace. However, with freshman at the Annex, competition will be mostly among high school graduates. With the teacher shortage, students are more on their own. Teachers of college grade are too few. This causes a strain on both the college and students.

A great many colleges are asking the Government to help pay for at least part of the facilities they need, but do not have the money to build. Congress passed up that request for the time being. A&M, however, can now put around \$5 million to good use — thanks to those who supported the college building amendment.

The jump in enrollments is forcing more colleges to herd students through without individual treatment. That means many changes in the pattern of college life. Let us hope that the changes made at Texas A&M are for the betterment of all concerned.

Rejoins CE Department

Return of Howard L. Furr to the civil engineering faculty has been announced by Dr. S. R. Wright, department head. Furr taught briefly here after being separated from the army, and currently is connected with the Southern Railway, Cincinnati. He is a Mississippi State College graduate.

Dairy Husbandman On 5-State Tour

R. E. Burselen, assistant dairy husbandman for the A. & M. Extension Service, is visiting points in five states to make a detailed study of dairy cattle artificial breeding programs. He will visit Muskogee, Oklahoma, Springfield, Missouri, Madison and Shawano, Wisconsin, East Lansing, Michigan, and Tiffin, Ohio.

From the tour Burselen will be able to gain firsthand knowledge of progress being made in the various localities and can determine whether or not it is adaptable to conditions in Texas.

Ag Engineer Story In British Review

H. P. Smith, agricultural engineer for A. & M., has been making late headlines in the cotton press.

His article, "The Production of Cotton in the United States," was featured in the July issue of the *Empire (British) Cotton Growing Review*. This magazine is published in London, England, by the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation.

Smith was also given a boost August 20 for "fighting the farmer's problems," by Bodie Crump, feature columnist for the *Delta Democrat Times* published at Greenville, Mississippi.

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