

## Fish Back on Campus, Basic Division Set

### Lease on Air Base Will End June 1

The Freshman Class will be housed and taught on the main campus next fall, President F. C. Bolton announced Saturday morning.

The action came after the Board of Directors, at its Saturday morning meeting, decided that the college would give up its lease on Bryan Air Force Base on or about June 1.

In announcing the move, President Bolton pointed out to the directors that enrollment of veterans is now dropping rapidly. During the past two years, the college has graduated around 5,000 men, most of them veterans. During the next school year, veteran enrollment is expected to average around 1,500 as compared with 4,000 two years ago.

#### High School Drop

At the same time, a normal drop in the total number of boys graduating from high school, based on a period of lower birth rate 18 years ago, is causing some drop in the number of students from this source.

Total enrollment for the next

year, President Bolton said, is expected to be around 7,000. This compares with an initial enrollment of about 7,800 this year.

With such an enrollment, the entire student body can be accommodated on the campus, the president continued, although there will be some crowding.

#### New Classrooms

A major factor in relieving the crowding is the completion of one new classroom building and renovation of several others to provide extra classroom and laboratory space.

The Annex was first opened by the college in 1945 when the enrollment increased with the flood of returning veterans. During its first year both freshmen and upperclassmen lived at the former Army Air Field. Beginning in the fall of 1947, only freshmen were housed there.

The Sept. 2, 1948, issue of The Battalion said "Between 600 and 800 freshmen will be housed at the field, taking all their instruction there. A number of upperclassmen will also live at the field, but will commute to classes on the main campus. About 1,000 students in all will be housed in the barracks at the field."

The decision to house only freshmen at the Annex was made at the Sept. 2, 1947 meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### Caused By Enrollment

A memorandum from the board at that time said, "The board in considering the anticipated heavy enrollment of students has decided, for the purpose of more effectively systematizing the housing and instruction, that the incoming freshman class shall be assigned to A&M Annex in so far as facilities are adequate, thereby making available the facilities on the main campus for advanced students."

No housing arrangements for the fall of this year have been announced.

### Radio Defense Course Set Up For Reservists

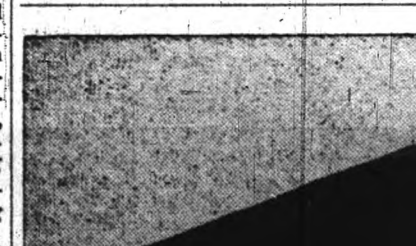
A series of joint two-week courses in Radiological Defense will be available to Organized Reserve Corps officers during 1950, according to Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, chief of Texas Military District.

All courses will be held at the U. S. Naval Establishment on Treasure Island, California. Dates are June 18 through 30, July 9 through 21, July 23 through August 4, August 13 through 25, and September 10 through 22.

Organized Reservists desiring participation in this program must have satisfactorily completed two years of college including one year of college mathematics and one year of college physics or chemistry. Applicants must also have completed the Navy Correspondence Course in Nuclear Physics.

Colonel Abbott stressed that due to channels through which all paper work must go, in this case, that all applications must reach Texas Military District Headquarters at least 65 days prior to the desired reporting date in order to receive consideration.

Further information and data on the Naval Correspondence Course can be obtained from Organized Reserve Corps Instructor's office at the PMA Building on the campus, Abbott said.



For those fortunate enough not to have classes in "Splinter Village" here is a shot of Building "B" which was gutted by fire early Wednesday morning. Damage to the building and equipment were estimated at \$21,000.

### Board Confirms Rev. Logan As A&M Chaplain

The Reverend C. Sumner Logan of Lawrence, Illinois, received confirmation by the Board of Directors as chaplain of A&M. Reverend Logan, now serving as minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, is expected to take up his duties here in mid-February.

A native of Tennessee, reared in Mississippi, the new chaplain is 47 years old, married, and has three children.

After serving a 4-year hitch in the Navy during World War I, he set out to get his education "the hard way" in preparation for the ministry. He worked his way through the University of Mississippi, where he received an A. B. degree, and the Louisville Theological Seminary, where he earned the degrees of B. D. and Th. M.

In order to support himself and his family while in college, he found it necessary to alternate his school years with work years. During this period he worked as a cowpuncher in Arizona, a merchant seaman and newspaper reporter.

Entering the ministry, he served churches at Lancaster, Kentucky and Indianapolis, Indiana before returning to Arizona for several years in the mission field in that state. For the past several years he has been at Lawrenceville.

### Plans Made For Journalism Award

Plans for an annual Freshman Scholarship and Achievement Award to be made by the Journalism Department were announced yesterday by Prof. Donald B. Burchard, head of the department.

Selection of the winner, a regularly enrolled freshman planning to major in journalism or in agricultural journalism, will be on a basis of scholarship and participation in student publications activities, Burchard said. The student's scholastic record will count 60 percent and his publications work 40 percent.

"Through this department award we hope to encourage both scholarship and pre-professional work on the Battalion and on campus magazines," Burchard said. "Competition is getting stiffer every year, both in getting a job and in advancing on the job. An outstanding college record is a proved advantage in finding jobs and earning promotions."

### Forty Expected In Short Course

Meetings of the Accident Prevention and Engineering Short Course will be held in the lounge of Sbis Hall. The Course will get underway January 18 and last through January 20.

The School of Engineering is sponsor. Forty are expected to attend.



The A&M Board of Directors poses in a formal session portrait for The Battalion during its meeting on the campus this weekend. Reading around the table from left to right are: C. C. Krueger, San Antonio; Henry Reese III, Gonzales; Roy C. Potts, Belton; John W. Newton, Beaumont, vice president of the board; G. E. White, Brady, president of the board; A. E. Cudlipp, Lufkin; Rufus E. Peoples, Tehuacana; Tyree Bell, Dallas; and E. W. Harrison, South Bend.

### Ags Drop Tilt to Texas In Final Second, 48-46

By FRANK E. SIMEN, JR.

Two big points in the hectic closing seconds of Saturday's A&M-Texas clash—on a lay-up by Steer center Joe Ed Falk—gave the Longhorns a 48-46 decision and ended a two-game Cadet winning streak.

Grabbing a quick one-point lead at the first of the game on a charity shot by Tom Hamilton, the Steers eased ahead and refused to relinquish the lead for the entire first half.

The score stood at 20-11 with only three minutes left in the first period when the Farmers finally caught fire and scored eight points on field goals by

A re-broadcast of the A&M-Texas game will be presented over Station WTAW at 4:30 p. m. today.

Turnbow and Martin and free throws by the same players. The tally sheet was notched at 19-20 before Longhorn forward Huffman made a charity toss to pull the Longhorns up to a two-point lead at halftime.

Davis Topped Ag Offense Buddy Davis, high point man for the night, took only 45 seconds

### Students Visit Houston Market

Students in Horticulture 434, "Vegetable Grading and Packing," spent half a day in Houston January 10, examining the condition of vegetables shipped from different parts of the United States as compared to those shipped locally, announced H. C. Mohr, assistant professor of horticulture.

The student group visited the Atlantic Commission Company, national distributors of fruits and vegetables, and the Sidney Myers Inc., both located in Houston.

"These two business concerns have always been very cooperative in talking to a group, and to show students around their business concerns," said Mohr.

Five senior students are taking the course; three horticulture majors, one agronomy and one agriculture education major.

The group traveled by car.

after the intermission to cut the mesh for two points, throwing the game into a tie—and the crowd into hysteria.

Another field goal by Davis put the Aggies out in front for the first time in the game. A running, side-court field goal by Womack of the Steers tied the game again. Harris of the Sips scored on a free throw to put the Horns

ahead by a single point; then McDowell sank a long one to put the Ags back in front again.

It was this kind of a game that kept the packed Gregory Gym on its feet throughout the fray. Neither team was able to grab more than a five-point lead in the second half. The Ags splurged ahead by five points with six minutes to go.

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### Apartments In Fall Will Be Plentiful—Housing Chief

The future continues to look brighter for Texas A&M married veterans, according to Harry

Boyer, chief of housing. Two years ago, approximately 4,000 applications for apartments were filed with the housing office. Since the college has only 800 cooking apartments, including those of the main campus and those of the Annex, many students took apartments in Bryan or College Station until their turn came for a college apartment.

At the present time, there are approximately 100 applications which cannot be filled. Since "college policy is one of 'first come, first served,' men who signed up in June, 1949, will be able to get apartments by February of this year, while those who sign up now may expect one by June, 1950.

There are 77 cooking apartments located at Bryan Field Annex. Reports show that of all the married veterans now living there, only 30 per cent would move to the main campus even if there were openings.

Ulrich W. Crow, assistant chief of housing, has sent letters to all veterans not having college apartments. He stressed the fact that those desiring one of these apartments should notify the Housing Office not later than January 17, 1950. The decision to take one of these apartments will not help nor hinder chances of getting one on the main campus.

Boyer believes that by September, 1950, any married veteran who wants an apartment will be able to get one.

### Medical Aptitude Exam Dates Set

The Medical College Aptitude Test, required before entrance to many medical schools, will be given twice this coming year, Dr. G. E. Potter, pre-medical advisor, announced today.

The examination is scheduled to be given here Saturday, May 13 and November 6. According to the medical school, who use this examination, depends upon the results of the MCAT, Potter said.

Application forms and a Bulletin of Information, and sample questions are available in Dr. Potter's office or many be obtained from the Educational Testing Service, Box 592, Princeton, N. J.

### Even Sudan Frets About Clothes

YFef, Angle-Egyptian Sudan—(AP)—Natives have started a weekly discussion group around their camp-fire here. First two subjects discussed: 1. Pros and cons of wearing clothes. 2. "The price of brides."

### More Guidance for Freshmen, Transfers is Aim of Program

Establishment of a Basic Division of A&M designed to meet the special needs of entering students was authorized by the college board of directors meeting here Saturday.

The action came as the result of a proposal unanimously recommended by the Academic Council, faculty representative body, and will be effective September 1, 1950.

Instead of entering directly into one of the degree-granting schools of Agriculture, Engineering, Arts and Sciences or Veterinary Medicine, high school graduates who come to A&M next Fall will register in the Basic Division.

Here they will be given comprehensive tests, close supervision and guidance by people professional-

ly trained to conduct a guidance program, before making a final selection of the professional course in which they will enroll.

#### Decreases Failures

This plan, now being followed in a number of leading schools, gives the new student a much better opportunity to choose the proper technical course and to prepare himself for it. Some inadequacies of pre-college training can be corrected and it can be determined that he is capable and prepared for technical training before he enrolls for a degree course.

If the student is prepared at the end of the first year to enter the degree course of his choice, he may do so; if not, he may remain in the Basic Division for one or even two additional semesters. The boy who knows what course he wants to study and is prepared for its loss no time. Standards for enrollment in degree courses are set so that those who are accepted have a reasonable expectancy of success.

At Louisiana State University, Oklahoma University, Michigan State and others where this plan has been in operation for several years, it has been found that much of the loss from students who fail because of choosing the wrong course can be eliminated. Careful selection of those who are allowed to enroll in degree courses has also cut down much lost time in attempting to train ill-prepared students.

#### Transfers Affected

In addition to entering freshmen, transfer students who have not met the requirements for enrollment in degree courses will enter the Basic Division until they have qualified. Within the Basic Division a change of course objectives can be made with much less loss of time than if the student had entered a regular degree course.

"We hope, with this new plan and its emphasis on guidance during the first year to cut down the alarming number of failures which have come from boys choosing courses for which they were either unprepared or unprepared," President F. C. Bolton said in presenting the proposal to the board.

A report to the board on the new Department of Oceanography was made by Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the department.

#### BBA Planned

Authority was granted the college by the board to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration. The Department of Business and Accounting will henceforth be known as the Department of Business Administration, the board decided.

Another department to lose its name is Landscape Art. The department will be known as the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture.

Repairs for the Petroleum Engineering Building received an appropriation of \$20,000 from the board. T. R. Spence, manager of physical plants for the college, reported that mortar joints in the stone facing are leaking very badly, and some of the stone in the tower must be reset. Also, most of the upper floors must be re-plastered, he said.

The board rejected all bills and requested new ones on the award of farm water and sewer lines, and golf course water lines.

Student activities fees, effective September 1, 1950, will be \$14.80 for the first semester, \$15.00 for the second semester. Activities fees for the summer terms will be \$4.90 for each term.

Only difference from previous fees are the student recreational activities fee of one dollar per semester and fifty cents per summer term, added in for operation of the Memorial Student Center.

#### Fees Reduced

ROTC uniform handling charges will be reduced from \$7 to \$5 per year per student, the board decided. Annex room rent for the next semester will be cut from \$7.50 per month per student to \$6.

The board accepted the resignation from the Athletic Council of Dean M. T. Harrington, and appointed I. B. Boughton, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine to the position.

Alpha Zeta, an honorary agricultural fraternity, was approved by the board, after Charles N. (See BASIC, Page 4)

### Gen. Bradley Will Address Graduates

General Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been selected to deliver the commencement address June 2, it was announced at Saturday's meet-

ing of the Board of Directors. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon Bradley at the regular commencement exercises. If it can be arranged, he will also be asked to present the reserve commissions prior to the graduation exercises, it was announced.

### First Safety Course Here January 18-20

Approximately 25 engineering educators from Southern, Southwestern, and Midwestern colleges and universities will attend the first Accident Prevention and Engineering Short Course to be held at A&M College, January 18-20, under the sponsorship of the A&M School of Engineering and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

After registration at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday discussion meetings will be held in the Lounge of Sbis Hall to discuss many varied phases of industrial accident prevention and engineering, according to Dr. Howard W. Barlow, dean of the School of Engineering.

Dr. Barlow and E. C. McFadden, president of the ASSE and first vice president of the Texas Employers Insurance Association of Dallas, have secured outstanding industrial and educational men for discussion leaders of the three-day conference. J. C. Stennet, National Association of Mutual Casualty Co., Chicago; Dr. W. N. Cox, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; George E. Lewis, Portland Gas and Coke Co., Portland, Oregon; John J. Ahern, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago; Paul N. Lebecky, Ohio State University, Columbus; C. W. Greenwood, Western Electric Co., Chicago; W. Dean Keefer, Lumberman's Mutual Casualty, Chicago; and H. C. Roundtree, Temple University, Philadelphia will be the discussion leaders, Barlow added.

There will be a dinner for the group the evenings of January 18 and 19 at Aggeland Inn.

### Crippled Children's Clinic Set May 8

In a joint meeting of the Kiwanis, Brazos County and Shrine Crippled Children's Committees, May 8 was set as the tentative date for the Crippled Children's Clinic. Dr. Daniel Russell, Ag. Eco. Department, announced this morning.

Dr. George Schlesselman, Geography Department, and Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, of the Agriculture Economics Department, were elected joint chairmen of the Easter Seal Crippled Children's Fund Drive.

Graduation announcements for January graduates may be picked up at the Student Activities Office, room 209, Goodwin Hall.

### Buckingham To Address Dairy Short Course

Mark Buckingham, dairy husbandman of the Experiment Station and Extension Service, will deliver a talk at the Dairyman's Short Course on the campus, today and Tuesday.

Buckingham will talk on "Utilization of Records in the Management of the Dairy Herd."

W. B. Anthony, instructor, Dairy Husbandry Department, will talk on "The Reproductive Tract of the Dairy Cow."

Other speakers on the Monday program include R. E. Leighton of the Dairy Husbandry Department, who will talk on "Our Results With Wheat Germ Oil Feeding as Related to Sterility," R. E. Burleson, associate dairy husbandman, will talk on "Artificial Breeding of Dairy Cattle" and A. B. Jolley, county agricultural agent of Dallas, will be the principal speaker at the dinner, with G. G. Gibson, director of the Extension Service, as toastmaster.

The Tuesday program with Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the Dairy Husbandry Department, presiding, will include talks by A. W. Crain of the Agronomy Department, on "Green Acres for the Dairy Herd"; S. E. Von Rosenberg, assistant dairy husbandman, on "Raising the Replacements for the Dairy Herd"; Dr. H. E. Redman, associate professor, veterinary medicine and surgery will talk on "Mastitis in Dairy Cattle and Its Control," and Dr. A. V. Moore, professor, Dairy Husbandry Department, will discuss "Getting a Good Quality Product to the Plant or Consumer."

C. N. Sheppardson, dean of the School of Agriculture, will deliver the welcome address.

A. L. Darnell of the Dairy Husbandry Department, is general chairman.

### Dorm 10 Gets Gas Injection

Tear gas in Dorm 10 last Monday night prevented cadets from entering the building for 30 minutes. Gas was apparently turned loose on the second floor, since it was much thicker there.

In a matter of a few minutes the gas had covered the entire building.

Finally, someone entered the dorm and raised the rest of the windows and allowed gas to escape.

### Cotton Contest Exam Correction

Thursday's Battalion carried a story stating that only agronomy undergraduates were eligible to take examinations for the annual A&M cotton tour. The story should have read "ANY undergraduate in A&M during the coming Spring semester is eligible to take the examinations."

Students interested in competing should contact Professor Ely White in room 309 of the New Experiment Station Building before February 4.