

As the lethargy of Summer drops away and thoughts once more turn to Fall and the manifold activities of the college season A&M students may look to the prospect of a more than active program throughout the year as the college enters its seventy-fifth anniversary as a state institution. Through the year a co-ordinated celebration program coupled with the opening of the Memorial Student Center will intensify campus activity and spotlight student life more than ever before in the history of the college.

## Seventy-Five Years of Progress . . .

# Anniversary Day Is October 4

By FRANK DAVIS

A&M's 75th anniversary observances will be opened officially Oct. 4 with a celebration similar to the opening exercises at the college Oct. 4, 1876, 74 years ago, according to J. J. Woolket, director of the anniversary committee.

On the steps of Old Main, one of the college's two buildings, then the first ceremony was held before the faculty of six, the student body of less than 50 and some 300 visitors.

Gov. Richard Coke was the principal speaker, and President Thomas Gathright responded to the governor's talk.

The celebration this year will be held in Kyle Field and is planned as a state affair. A large representation of state officials and members of the legislature are expected to respond to the 25,000 special invitations sent out, Woolket said, as well as former students and friends of the college.

This year Gov. Allan Shivers will be the principal speaker at the ceremony. The program will begin at 10 a. m. with a parade by the cadet corps.

That afternoon an open house is planned at the Memorial Student Center. Also planned are tours of universities, and junior colleges in the college for visitors, and a reception by President M. T. Harrington.

**Anniversary Ball**

In the evening there will be an Anniversary Ball with a name band furnishing the music at the Grove.

Nov. 9, the date of the inauguration of President Harrington, is the next major highlight of the observance.

There will be a review of the cadet corps on the drill field in the morning, followed by an inaugural luncheon at Sibus Hall for delegates from leading colleges, university, and junior colleges in the nation and guests, honoring Harrington.

**Hannah is Speaker**

Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State College and one of the outstanding land grant college presidents, will be the principal speaker at the luncheon.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of Columbia University, will be the main speaker at the inauguration ceremony which takes place at 3 p. m. in Kyle Field.

Following the ceremony, there (See CELEBRATION, Page 4)

# Basic Division Ready; Fish Back on Campus

By L. O. TIEDT

For the first time since the Fall of 1946, the entire Freshman Class will be housed on the campus. During the intervening time, freshmen were housed on the Bryan Army Air Field because of lack of dormitory and classroom space on the main campus.

The Class of '54 also will be the first in the history of A&M to receive the benefits of the Basic Division—a system whereby new students are aided in solving problems arising during their first year of college.

The idea of setting up personnel to aid new college students in finding their prospective goals is not new. However, in the South, the practice has not been followed to any degree of completeness.

A&M's Basic Division was first conceived by Dr. F. C. Bolton, president emeritus of the college. He felt that the success and accomplishments of the Annex should not be lost when the freshmen returned to the campus. A committee of faculty members was appointed to study the problem fully and give recommendations for adaption of a guidance program at A&M.

Recommendations were made by the committee, and after passing through the Academic Council's Executive Committee and the council itself, they were brought before the Board of Directors. The Board approved the plan, and administrative wheels began to function. Further plans had to be made, and men had to be selected to fill the various posts on the Division's staff.

In its May meeting, the Board of Directors appointed John R. Bertrand to fill the position of Dean of the Basic Division. Then assistant to Dean of Agriculture Charles N. Shepardson, Bertrand immediately began contacting men to complete his staff.

## Harrington Begins First Regular Year as President

With three months of experience as the "chief" now behind him, President M. T. Harrington begins his first regular session in his new office this week.

Now holding an office no other A&M graduate has ever held, Dr. Harrington is the first A&M president to be selected from the ranks of former students.

On June 3, Dr. F. C. Bolton, completing 41 years of service to this college, handed over the reins to his younger assistant and retired to modified service as president emeritus. Dr. Harrington's inauguration on Nov. 9 will be a major highlight of the 75th anniversary observances.

### Class of '22

A 1922 graduate of this college, Harrington joined the staff of A&M in 1925 as an instructor in chemistry. Establishing an early reputation for his ability to make clear to beginners the complexities of college chemistry, and being a sympathetic and capable teacher, he has long been popular with his

students.

Since 1946 his rise on the academic ladder has been an almost year-to-year affair. It was then that he took the duties of assistant dean of the college, in organizing and directing the A&M Annex. A year later he came back to the main campus as dean of arts and sciences.

### Becomes Dean

In Sept. 1948 when Dr. Bolton was elevated to the presidency of A&M, Dr. Harrington became acting dean of the college, filling Bolton's former office. And in Sept. 1949 he was elected Dr. Bolton's successor by the Board of Directors after being recommended by Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist.

Harrington first came to the A&M Campus in 1918. Four years later he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. In 1925, he began working on his master's and completed it in 1927.

Taking leave of absence, he studied at MIT, the University of

Southern California before receiving his Ph. D at Iowa State College.

He is a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi, honorary research society, and Phi Lambda Epsilon, honor society for chemists and chemical engineers.

### Parents of Son

Dr. and Mrs. Harrington are parents of a 10-year-old son, John. Commenting on his successor, Dr. Bolton said, "Dr. Harrington and I have worked together for A&M for almost a quarter of a century and I am pleased that I will be able to relinquish the leadership of the college to such capable and experienced hands."

### Three Men Chosen

Since that time, three men have been chosen to serve with him as Basic Division administrators. Dr. Robert Jacobs, administrative assistant to the director of Education Records Bureau, has been named director of counseling. He is chairman of the New York Vocational Guidance Association and has taught at Wayne University. (See BASIC, Page 4)

## Welcome . . .

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the A&M College of Texas, I am happy to extend a cordial welcome to all students of the College—those who are enrolling for the first time and those returning from a vacation. May this prove to be the happiest and most successful year of your school career. May you receive the training you desire in preparation for your life ahead, both in the field of your chosen profession and also for outstanding citizenship.

We face a critical period in our history. All that we hold dear and all that has made us strong, both as a nation and as individuals, are being put to a very severe and critical test by opposing forces. How important it is to gain, in addition to your technical training, an understanding and an appreciation of the American form of democracy. I hope this will be one of the objectives of your college education.

Those of you who are starting your college education will be registered in the newly created Basic Division. The objectives of this new plan are to give the beginning college student the benefit of counseling and guidance in regard to his program of study and, if necessary, to permit a student to change his course of study while registered in the Basic Division. A student will make his greatest academic achievement when he is pursuing a course of study for which he has aptitude and in which he is interested. We feel that the plan of the Basic Division is a forward step.

This school year will be the 75th year of the College, and the committee in charge is planning several outstanding programs during the year. These should prove to be both entertaining and educational. I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity to participate in the events celebrating the 75th anniversary of the oldest state supported school of higher education in Texas.

We are glad that it is now possible to have all of our students on the main campus. Also, we are rejoicing over the completion of our Memorial Student Center. It will fill an important place in our campus life.

We are anticipating a great school year in 1950-51, and this can be realized by the help and cooperation of students, faculty and staff. Let's make this the greatest year of all seventy-five in the history of A&M.

M. T. Harrington  
President



Dr. M. T. Harrington  
President of the College

# Batt Increases to Six-Page Daily This Fall

In an effort to more completely fulfill its dual role as both the campus student newspaper and the news medium of the City of College Station, The Battalion will increase in size this year from 4 pages daily to 6 pages Tuesday through Friday. Monday's edition will continue to be a 4 page edition unless news breaks and advertising warrant more pages.

Heading the editorial staff of the 6 page, 1950-51 Battalion will be Co-Editors Dave Coslett and Clayton Selph, senior journalism majors.

The history of the two editors on The Battalion closely parallels one another in their four year climb to the top student editorial posts on the campus.

As freshmen the two headed The Little Batt published at the A&M Annex, Selph serving as editor and Coslett as associate editor. Coming to the campus the following year, Coslett became a member of the feature staff and was named feature editor during his junior year. Selph moved into the post of copy editor in his sophomore year and served as co-editor of the 1949 Summer Battalion. Following the summer editorship, he was named managing editor last year.

### Managing Editors Named

Top appointive posts on The Battalion this year will go to John Whitmore, Dean Reed, and L. O. Tiedt, who have been named managing editors. Whitmore and Reed will head the production end of the paper and serve jointly as feature editors, a modification of last year's staff organization.

Tiedt will head the editorial department and serve as editor of the editorial page, which will be developed along the lines of other daily papers this year.

Whitmore is a senior journalism major from Houston and began his Battalion career at the Annex with Selph and Coslett. He served as a news editor on last year's Battalion and spent the summer as an "intern" on The San Antonio Light.

### Summer Co-Editors

Reed is a junior journalism major from Pasadena, who served as an editorial writer, sports writer and news editor last year. He was editor of the Freshman page in 1948-49, and served as 1950 Summer co-editor.

Tiedt, a junior ag journalism major, from La Grange began his Battalion experience as Managing Editor of The Freshman Page and last year was a copy editor, and news editor. He was co-editor of the Summer Batt during the first semester.

### Top News Editors Appointed

Heading the Battalion's three news departments this year will be Sid Abernathy, campus news editor; Frank N. Manitzas, sports editor, and Joel Austin, city news editor.

Abernathy is a junior ag journalism major from Rusk and was a

Battalion copy editor last year. He served as second semester co-editor of the 1950 Summer Battalion.

Manitzas is a junior biology major from San Angelo and began his Batt work in the sports department as sports editor of the Freshman Page. Last year he was a sports news editor.

### Austin to Replace Edwards

Austin will replace Curtis Edwards as city editor of the Batt this year. Edwards has been named corps chaplain and chose not to continue in a full-time position on The Battalion, this year. Austin is a sophomore business major from Alice, and was editor of The Freshman Page last year. He was named to fill the city editor post because of his outstanding work in that position on the Summer Battalion.

Organizational plans for this year call for dual heads of each one of the above news posts, but appointment of staff members to fill those jobs will be delayed until about October 1.

### Editorial Assistants

Assisting Tiedt with editorial duties besides the co-editors will be Carter Phillips summer editorial assistant and Tommy Fontaine, senior ManE major.

Sports coverage for the Fall semester will be handled by Harold Gann, Ray Holbrook, R. G. DeBerry, Dick Peyton, John Gottlob and Joe Blanchette and Pat LeBlanc, Annex sports writers.

Sam Molinary, last year's Batt photographer, will serve as chief photographer this year assisted by Bill Hites and James Barnard.

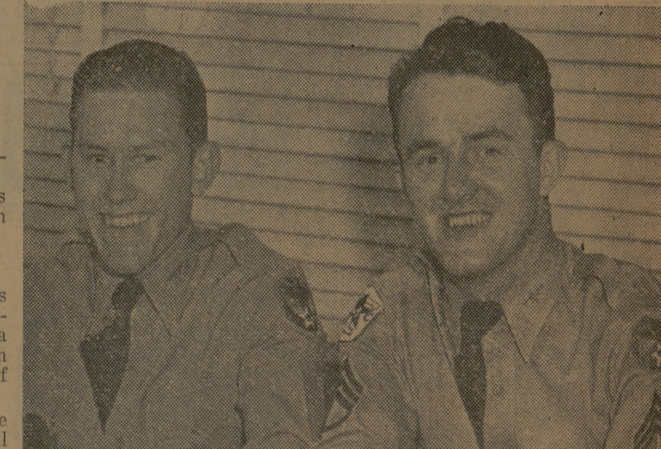
Amusements will be covered part-time by both Herman Gollob, now Commentator co-editor and Fred Walker, summer amusements editor.

### Returning Staff Writers

Backing up the city news editor will be returning staff members Emil Bunjes, Jr., Bill Mebane, and Dudley Hughes.

Other returning news writers this year are Bob Boyd, Bob Hughson, Marvin Matussek, Frank Davis, Jim Anderson, Tom Rountree, Raymond Rushing, Kenneth Wiggins, B. F. Roland, Walter Tahamachi, John Tapley, and Bert Hardaway.

Returning Feature Writers are Ray Williams, Wayne Davis, Chester Critchfield and Bill Thompson.



Clayton Selph  
Dave Coslett  
Co-Editors



L. O. Tiedt  
Dean Reed  
John Whitmore  
Managing Editors

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