

Day of Significance . . .

Not because it will make Marion T. Harrington any more a college president than he is now, but because it is the official beginning of what promises to be one of A&M's most prosperous and successful eras is today's inaugural ceremony most significant.

Certainly, there have been presidents who were inaugurated at a time when, to accept the job, was more than a challenge. But never has there been a period when that challenge was as important as it is today. For today's responsibility does not end at the college front door. It goes far beyond, having become directly connected, as it has with all institutions of learning, with the welfare of our nation and of our civilization.

Today's students are tomorrow's first citizens, and today's training is the foundation of tomorrow's leadership.

We are just now emerging from a period of education which received a "shot in the arm" of interest and enthusiasm provided by our older, wiser veteran students. There is a challenge to maintain the effect of that "shot," to keep the intellectual curiosity of younger students at a respectable level.

President Harrington has pointed out earlier that we are in a crucial period of trying to balance liberal education with technical education at A&M. Without question, we have tended too far toward the technical, leaving education in the "why and wherefore

of living" up to the individual.

If his only accomplishment should be to bring to A&M that necessary "balance," our new president will have served his college and its students well.

We have great confidence in our new executive. He has proven himself capable in job after job, a fact recognized by the directors of the college and one which has not gone unnoticed by students and former students. In only a minimum of appearances before large student groups, he has made himself known to them personally and commanded their respect and admiration. It goes without saying that such a relationship will put much more of his goal within reach of the immediate years ahead.

It is important, too, that he is a former student of the college; the first to become its president. The very fact that he is the first makes greater his responsibility.

With mingled feelings of pride, because we long since elected him our candidate for A&M president; confidence, because we think him capable of the job; and anxiety, because we are impatient to witness the advent of a new and better A&M; we witness the inauguration of our president.

May his tenure be filled with the fruits of progressive effort and climax with those goals within his grasp that he has set for himself and his college.

Need to Learn Of Humanities

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Harrington Address
In his inaugural address and acceptance of the office bestowed upon him, President Harrington outlined broadly some of the educational plans he had in mind for the institution.

He paralleled the initial opening of the school in an era of change and the present day situation in a period of even faster change. In that day and time the trend was toward technical education, of which there had been but little before the advent of land grant colleges.

A world war brought us even closer to the completely technical, until now we are at a point where we must bend our efforts toward balancing liberal education with technical training in order to produce a well-rounded graduate, he said.

Humanities Needed
Employers today realize the need for a student grounded in the humanities as well as the technical.

Technical and professional education, he said, places great emphasis upon the development of skills while liberal education stresses the gaining of understanding and developing of qualities of mind and attributes of character.

"My objective for A&M is that we offer the best technical and scientific training possible, properly balanced with the right proportion of a liberal education in the humanities. If we can accomplish this, we will be fulfilling our responsibility to the young men of this state."

Quoting from what he termed a "well known author," President Harrington made clear that he was not going to stand by while the college stood still. ". . . When . . . an institution . . . becomes too complacent, the end is not far off. . . . When an organization takes more pride in its past than what it is doing today, you may write 'Fini's' across its history."

Dr. Hannah Makes Talk

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rington, the new president. He also introduced General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, and G. R. White, president of the A&M board of directors.

Mrs. Robert W. Butler, Bryan, sang "Let All My Life Be Music." After the Singing Cadets, under the direction of Bill Turner, rendered a choral number, Dr. Hannah was introduced by Heaton. At the conclusion of Dr. Hannah's speech, Mason L. Cashion, secretary of the YMCA gave the benediction.

If all American universities were to vanish, rebuilding would be difficult, Hannah said.

Equal opportunities for all with the limit based on personal initiative would be one of the first problems. Secondly, public funds would have to be made available for part of the education.

Public's Responsibility
Final responsibility would have to be left in the hands of the general public, to be exercised through boards of trustees responsible to the people was his third point.

He answered his own question as to what land-grant colleges had accomplished with public funds they have received by saying this type college was responsible for tearing down the cold, forbidding walls that had shut ordinary people off from higher education.

It is evident we are at war with Soviet Communism, and it is common knowledge that the American colleges and universities will be in the forefront with the know-how upon entrance of this country into actual bomb and shell type war.

This fight against Communism, he pointed out, can best be fought by letting the public know the difference between American Democracy and Soviet-type Communism.

Hard to Define
"The average American has some notion of the difference, but he is hard put to define it. He knows that we have freedom of religious worship here and that they do not have it behind the Iron Curtain, but that is about as far as his definite knowledge extends."

Higher standard of living, electric washing machines, fine automobiles and other luxuries are the material things we are fighting for. This is the thought of the average American, Dr. Hannah calls this "mistaking the shadow for the substance." We fail to recognize that our higher standard of living is not the difference between our systems but exists only because there is a difference.

"We must teach Americans that opportunity is the method by which he is to realize his ambitions."

McDonald 'Father of Corps Trip'

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TCU game in Fort Worth. The initial Dallas jaunt was complete with special trains and cars for the ladies who were also provided special places in the Aggie section of the stands.

Credited with being the "Father of the joint Corps Trip" is Dr. F. L. McDonald, director of the TSCW Department of Journalism. He still handles the yearly publicity for the event in his capacity as director of the TSCW News Bureau.

Preceding the first joint Dallas invasion, the TSCW Junior Class officially invited the A&M Junior Class to a Friday night dinner-dance. This Saturday's session will be somewhat similar in that an All-College Dance is being held on the TSCW Campus tomorrow night.

The Tesses themselves elected the first Aggie Sweetheart—and apparently did a good job of it. At least they came up with two of them—twins Dorcas and Doris Harrison. Since that time, our own crew has taken over the task.

Each year a Sweetheart Selection Committee treks up Denton way to pick the choice lass from a list of nominees from the Tessa sophomore, junior and senior classes.

The latest selection, which occurred two weeks ago, found "Dot" Mangum chosen to fill the position this year.

Also an annual joint affair between the brother-sister schools is the selection of a Cotton Ball Queen. This finds expert and carefully picked judges going up that-a-way each year to pick a fitting monarch for the yearly Cotton Ball at A&M. They also select a Tessa slate of duchesses to accompany the Queen.

The initial try at this one was in the Spring of 1940 when the judges chose Mamie Tramonte. Last Spring, Docia Schultz reigned over the Ball.

Both of these programs were discontinued during the war and revived later.

Third major joint endeavor of the two schools is the annual newspaper staff exchange, revived by Battalion and Lass-O staff members last year for the first time since World War II.

As the name implies the staff of each newspaper take a crack at publishing the other paper. The TSCW Daily Lass-O staff had their yearly tussle with The Battalion last week-end. Results, incidentally, were excellent. The Battalion staff will publish the Daily Lass-O sometime during the Spring semester.

Other cooperation between the two schools comes about in joint sponsorship by various comparable organizations on each of the campuses of social affairs and dances. A good example would be the home-town clubs at A&M and TSCW.

Second Town Haller . . .

Soprano Jean Dickenson Combines Old-New Singing

By JERRY ZUBER

"When you are selling something, you must sell yourself first in order to sell your product," so goes an old adage. Jean Dickenson put it to good use in her Town Hall performance here last night.

Her gracious, smiling entrance on the Guion Hall stage immediately won her a spot in the hearts of her audience. Gowned in an exquisite hooped-skirt, Miss Dickenson presented a perfect picture of charm and beauty.

Outstanding numbers from her program were: "Carnival of Venice" by Sir Jules Benedict, "Tartantella" by Rossini, "The Last Rose of Summer," "L'Edict De Rpe" by Daniel Auber, and Stephen Foster's beloved, "Beautiful Dreamer."

Other popular numbers included "Baptis Angelicus," noted sacred song by the German composer, Franck, and "Scena E Cavatina- Qui La Voce" by Bellini.

Miss Dickenson was given excellent support by her accompanist, Miss Joan Ryan, of Austin. Though Miss Ryan is not Miss Dickenson's regular accompanist, she left

nothing to be desired by her performance at the keyboard.

"The Nightingale of the Airways," as Miss Dickenson is called, concluded her program with a group of five numbers and four encores.

"Ann Street" and "I Hate Music" were two catchy tunes Miss Dickenson described as "modern," warning that the audience might think them strange.

With "The Little Chinese Fig-

ure," third of the five concluding pieces, Miss Dickenson drew the audience more closely to her by a thoroughly delightful presentation.

Last two numbers of the program were "Beautiful Dreamer" and "Some Folks" by the loved American, Stephen Foster. Despite the lack of spontaneous applause during the program, Miss Dickenson was brought back for four encores before the assemblage would let her call it a night.

Girls ---

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C. Davis of the 85th Judicial District ruled that the college had authority to deny enrollment to girls on the grounds that they were not "biological adapted" to enrollment in the college or for work for which graduates were fitted.

Records show that as early as 1915 there were girls in attendance here. The 1916 edition of the Longhorn pictures Miss Estelle Tatum and Miss Bernice Carter under its Special Students heading.

At other times in the long history of the school there have been girls enrolled in the college but since 1933, as far as can be ascertained, there have been no women enrolled for regular academic work.

Sept. 23, 1908—The Veterinary Hospital has been completed and will soon be used. It offers great facilities for horses with different contagious diseases. There are also rooms upstairs for veterinary students to room in if they wish to do so.

Parade Includes All Branches

March 18, 1943—A full-dress review will be held by the Cadet Corps, the Army Air Corps, and it is expected the Naval Training Station Sailors and the Marines Friday afternoon at 2:30 as a last review of the Corps as a corps of Aggies, according to the Commandant, M. D. Welty. Classes will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m.

"I think it only fitting that we have this review now, commemorating not only the activation of most of our juniors and seniors,

but also as a salute and gesture of friendliness to the other branches on the campus. We are all in the war together, more so now than ever, and we must work together and live together," said Colonel Welty.

The Navy, Marines, and Air Corps joining in with the Aggies in this review, will make it the first time in the history of the college that such a full dress occasion has ever taken place.

By LF LABNER

He Knows Women

By Al Capp



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