

# Battalion Editorials

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## There've Been Some Changes While You Were Away

**W**ELCOME BACK to Aggieland! While you spent your summer at ROTC Camp, working under the hot sun on construction jobs, or just loafing away the time, people were at work here making changes on and around the campus.

In the way of changes you will notice the progress of construction on the new Engineering Building, the Texas Engineer's Library, the new athletic plant, and the Veterinary Hospital. A&M's mammoth gymnasium is slowly rising out of the ground, and evidently is not being delayed much by the recent steel strike.

Progress along other lines of construction, however, is lagging and many people are asking why. The Military Department was to have moved into the Extension Service Building this summer, while the extension service dissolved its many offices in other buildings on the campus. The System Administration Building which is to house several of the extension offices, is far behind schedule in being renovated for its new occupants. Look for the "big move" in December or January.

## Big Year Certain For A&M Again In Athletics, Corps, Administration

**A&M** IS STARTING a big year. Although the enrollment may fall about 200 below last year's, more than 6,000 students will find the college progressing in many ways.

In athletics, the Aggie football team has again been rated as "a cellar favorite." This, of course, has not daunted Head Coach Ray George, his staff or our team. Since Sept. 1, all have been working hard, preparing for this year's inter-sectional clashes and South-west Conference games.

A&M will gain prominence on a nation wide basis again this fall with the coast-to-coast telecasting of the Michigan State football game at Lansing, Mich. The Cadets, not surprisingly, are the underdogs to the Associated Press' No. 1 team in the nation, Michigan State. However, more people than ever before will hear of Texas A&M and see their fine athletic squad and sportsmanship in action. Our cellar rating usually doesn't hold true for form.

Other athletics also hold a bright future. Coach John Floyd will have an experienced and tall basketball team. Baseball prospects are looking good with last year's constantly winning freshman team now eligible for SWC play. Unbeatable and colorful track teams

Green grass has been one of the most noticeable additions to the campus picture. The college has an abundant supply of water and officials have seen fit to water all summer the main drill field, the MSC lawn, and now even the band practice field is getting a thorough sprinkling.

You are going to notice some changes in price at local business establishments. Haircuts advanced from 75 cents to one dollar, and a picture show ticket now costs 50 cents. These are not the only changes in prices, but certainly most noticeable to the average Aggie.

Fresh coats of paint adorn the walls of several dormitories in the upperclassman area. College officials promise to finish painting all upperclassman dormitories next summer.

Everything is ready for your registration tomorrow.

Practically all professors are back from their short vacation between summer school and the regular semester.

Now let's start the new school year off in a big way. A big hearty "howdy" to everyone. We're glad you are back.

are rapidly becoming a tradition under the helm of Col. Frank (Andy) Anderson.

Two A&M students participated in the Olympics this summer. Walter (Buddy) Davis won the gold medal in the high jump and Darrow Hooper, who is returning this year to play football and also compete in track, placed second in the shot put, less than a half inch behind first place. A&M is defending SWC Track Champions and has been defeated only once in three years.

Our minor sports will be stronger. The fencing team should be able to continue as champions of the conference and our other activities are stronger.

And the Corps of Cadets is improving too. Formed with three divisions, larger companies, better picked staffs, the Corps should increase A&M's military proficiency ratings.

Our student government has received a few changes which could effect the permanent structure of student organizations. New professors have been added. And others, some students will be glad to hear, are gone. We have a new dean of the college, and he's practically an Aggie having come here from Colorado A&M.

It'll be a big year. Don't forget, you're part of it.

## Selah To Entering Freshmen

Now Allah be praised, while his servant begets A few words of wisdom to you first year cadets Rocky's path of the halt and the lame, Trod by thou creatures who bear "Fish" as thy name.

Heed well these expressions; they're wonderously true,

And each one applies of perforce to you.

Thy prophet gained wisdom as he passed there before,

Spending three years of madness in Math 104.

Thy great thirst for knowledge, you may quench from this pool,

But avoid thou these pits as you trek through the school.

Beware of the "wet head", a man filled with guile, He will chastise thy body and frown on thy smile.

Oh, beware of that group known as Team of the Dean.

It rewards not with letters, nor the monthly long green.

Pay court to the Grade Point, that valuable gem, It will keep and esteem thee at Tex A and M.

Practice the Hump, and always pay heed To the Yell Leader's signals, when the Eleven need speed.

When strangers thou see, be pleasant and bland, Inquire of their homesite; extend forth thy hand!

When on the King's Highway, to forego the "ream",

Stay clear of the short-haul and the illegal Up-stream.

In all manner of athletics, thou wilt always be right,

To have only praise for the Maroon and the White.

Know thou the War Hymn and the time when it's sung;

Saw Varsity's horns off with great force of the lung.

Always cogitate and never once think; Befriend Army Lou and the Downs known as "Pink".

If thou heed this advice and none of it spurn, A "wheel" thou'll be and have grade points to burn.

Thou wilt join a "fraternity" that wilt prosper thy days,

And the words, The True Spirit, will mean more than a phrase.

For it has truly been spoken in the tents of the wise,

There's no group of men greater than those Texas Ajyze!

ALLAH BILL BILLINGSLEY

## Senate, Life Committee

# Governing Bodies Receive Overhaul

By FRANK MANITZAS Battalion Co-Editor

Student government at A&M is continuing to progress with more students participating and taking interest in running their own affairs.

Founded in 1947, the Student Senate became the "lower house" of A&M's bicameral student government with the Student Life Committee (SLC) serving as the "upper house."

Last year, the Student Senate amended and approved the Constitution of the Student Body which calls for the existence of the SLC and itself. The Constitution was approved by the Student Life Committee as passed by the senate which would make a broader and more representative form of government here.

An unheralded change was made during the summer months by the Academic Council. Article Three of the Constitution, as amended May 16, 1951, was subtracted. This article was important for it placed the existence of the Student Life Committee in the hands of the students. With the extraction of the article, the Academic Council now fathers the life committee.

But A&M's student government covers a large field. Besides the life committee and the senate, the Athletic Council and the Memorial Student Center Council have student body representation.

### Senate Has Various Functions

The Student Senate serves the student body in other capacities along with its executive power. It represents the student body both on and off the campus and serves as a liaison organization between the faculty, the student body and other colleges in matters relating to student activities.

More than 44 senators will make up this year's senate. The number over the 44 will be A&M students who are officers of the Texas Intercollegiate Students Association (TISA) and under the new Constitution become ex officio members of the senate.

Representation in the Student Senate will be:

- Two senators elected from and by the day students.
- One senator from each housing area, Veterans Village and College View.

• One senator from each non-military dormitory. (Five senators.)

• The vice president of each class shall be a member of the senate. (Four senators.)

• Fifteen senators elected at large from and by the senior class.

• Ten senators elected at large from and by the junior class.

• Six senators elected at large from and by the sophomore class.

The Student Senate will continue to keep its officers, elected by the members. Officers are a president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, and chairman of standing committees. These committees again will prove the backbone of the senate in working out details and reporting results to the members.

### Important Change

The remainder of the Constitution carries only one other important change from the 1951-52 charter: Article Six which calls for the formation of an election commission. This group of 20 students and one faculty staff member appointed by the dean of men have the responsibility to provide a secret ballot type voluntary preference for all student elections.

A seemingly minor change was in the powers and functions of the Student Senate. All actions of the senate which require the approval of higher authority now will be submitted to the dean of men. This change was introduced with the extracting of the Student Life Committee from the Student Body Constitution. The changes made by the Academic Council

probably could be reversed by the students if they sued for action. The alteration of the Student Body Constitution without student representation could set a dangerous precedent.

Prior to the new Constitution, all matters from the senate moved to the "upper house" of the A&M student government, the Student Life Committee. Under the student government channels of 1951, the Student Senate was to forward its decision through the Student Life Committee to the dean of men and eventually to the dean of the college, Academic Council or Executive Committee.

Specifically, the dean of men and the Student Life Committee have changed position in the student government channels.

### Student Life Keeps Same Size

The Student Life Committee will continue to operate with its nine faculty members and 11 students. Faculty members are appointed for one year terms by the President of the College. C. G. (Spike) White, director of Student Activities, serves as secretary for the group, but cannot cast a vote.

Student members include: Cadet Colonel of the Corps Weldon Kruger, President of the Senior Class Joe Mattei, President of the Junior Class Tilotson B. Field Jr., The Battalion Co-Editors Joel Aus-

tin and Frank Manitzas (one-half vote each), four Student Senators elected by the senate and three members elected by the non-military students.

Although the Student Body Constitution says "all actions of the senate which require the approval of higher authority will be submitted to the dean of men," the SLC Constitution reads "The SLC will serve as an intermediary between the Student Senate and Academic Council."

### Dean of Men's Action

Neither Constitution specifies if the Dean of Men will take action on the requests of the senate or act merely as a messenger be-

tween the two groups. The latter is preferred to keep the students' actions in student hands and move merely as a messenger be-

## College Blue Book Has Minor Changes

The rule that freshman and sophomore non-military students who are on probation must have permission to leave the campus on weekends has been dropped from the 1952 edition of the College Rule Book.

Another new rule covers personal property abandoned on the campus. It may be picked up and held at the Campus Security Office until called for and identified. If it is not redeemed within 12 months, it will be sold, the proceeds to go to the Student Welfare and Recreational Facilities Account.

### Scholastic Probation

A student may be put on probation for any scholastic deficiency at the discretion of the dean of his school, according to the new rule book. This is a deviation from the previous rule that a student may be put on probation for failing to meet a specified grade requirement.

There are also a few minor rule changes.

College regulations are explained in greater detail in the new book. It has 74 pages, as contrasted to 68 pages in last year's book.

The book is in a blue binding this year, living up to its traditional name of "the blue book." Last year's book cover was brown.

## Poultry Work Given Cash Grant

A cash grant of \$6,500 has been received by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station from T. A. Hensarling, executive secretary of the Texas Poultry Improvement Association.

The fund will be used by supervisors of the poultry husbandry department in carrying out a poultry improvement program in Texas, Director R. D. Lewis of the Texas Station announced.

This is the fourth year the Texas Poultry Improvement Association has provided the poultry department with a cash grant for conducting an improvement program, Lewis said.

## Open for Students

# MSC Activities Listed

The Memorial Student Center has an almost unlimited number of activities open for student participation.

Supervision of these rests with the MSC Directorate and MSC Council, essentially student organizations made up of appointed and elected members.

Lamar McNew is president of the MSC Council and Directorate for the coming school year; John Samuels is vice-president.

Committees in the Center are di-

vided into two types: service and interest. The service committees include house, publicity, browsing library, dance and music.

Crafts, art, radio, and bowling make up the interest committees. Chairmen of the MSC Directorate committees for 1952 are Rodney Heath, house; Jerry Moseley, browsing library; Chuck Neighbors, publicity; Boyce Holmes, dance; and Barton Raynaud, music.

Chairmen of the interest committees are Louis Hampton, art; A. W. Tiekens, crafts; Gus Fox, Radio and T. K. Kennedy, bowling.

### MSC Council

Part of the MSC Council is elected every spring from the student body, the rest is composed of representatives from The Battalion, Former Students Association, faculty, administration, and staff.

The dance committee of the Directorate is in charge of the popular series of Cafe Rue Pinalle performances throughout the school year. The Cafe is on a French night club style and will open its doors in the ping pong area of the bowling alley about ten times during 1952-53 on "big" weekends.

An Intercollegiate Talent Show is just one of the activities of the MSC's Music Committee. The committee also provides records for the Center's sound system and Browsing Library.

Mrs. Ralph Terry is instructor and advisor to the art gallery committee for those interested in art

## The Battalion

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