

# Frankly Speaking Finale or 'Farewell to Old Army'

## A&M Needs Emphasis On Education

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The operation of a newspaper is not easy. These brief paragraphs cannot begin to express my appreciation to those who have made this year one of the best The Battalion has ever experienced.

First and foremost responsible is my hard working staff who sacrificed many hours of sleep and partying with the only compensation being the knowledge of a job well done and a few thanks. It has been the most cooperative, hardest working staff that I have seen in five years.

To the A&M Press, I would like to extend my warmest feeling of appreciation. Steve, Sully, George, Joe, Hefty, and Bill — plus the manager Frank Tucker, these men saw the newspaper through its final stages.

Our circulation department has helped us in bringing the final edition to you—the reader.

Last, but not least, to Roland Bing and Carl Jobe — more thanks. Their guidance and assistance was instrumental in the operation of The Battalion.

As a graduating senior, I will be leaving A&M this weekend. It probably will be some time before I can return. Through a last fling of my ego, type-

writer and paper, I would like to sing my swan song. This is for you. These are my thoughts of a college. More specifically, this is "A Story of Texas A&M."

"Where's A&M going?"  
"To hell, of course."

This conversational static has passed through practically every student that has entered this institution during the last 14 years. Most of them however concede the fact and relinquish this ringing phrase: "Old Army has gone to hell."

To tell the truth, I believe the latter persons are correct. A&M has been to that fabulous place, and now is returning. Every now and then, however, through no fault of its own, the institution grasps and braces itself as it moves in reverse gear, back to that place it is trying to leave.

Although hell is imaginary in this sense, the progress the college has made during the last 14 years is a story in itself.

It would be unfair, however, to fail mentioning here that every educational institution in the country has changed for the better during the last 14 years. Many have changed for the better, if for no other reason, because they are educating more persons than ever before.

The new president of the Former Students Association,

J. Harold Dunn '25 of Amarillo, in a speech last weekend to the FSA Council stressed the progress the school has made and what it must do in the future, and that is, to adjust to changes.

He made, what many would call, a strictly "New Army" speech. And it is gratifying to see a former student admit that the "good old days" are gone forever, and good riddance.

And President Harrington said in his inaugural address:

"From the beginning of time, the one unpardonable sin in nature has been to stand still. When a nation or an institution, or an organization, or an individual becomes too complacent, the end is not far off; in fact, the seeds of decay are already active. When an organization takes more pride in its past than what it is doing today, you may write 'Finis' across its history . . . There is only one road to success. It is the road ahead."

In 1939, A&M's enrollment began its upward climb. Since that time, the college has kept its enrollment of regular students above the 5,000 mark, except for the war years when it was being used by the Armed Forces.

Having outgrown its prep school size as a military academy, A&M has begun to rise into the greater educational circles. But too many times, the wheel slips and misses a few oaks.

Nevertheless the educational standards of A&M—if there

are such things for a college, A&M probably has them—on the rise.

This may be shown in the growing popularity of liberal arts and science courses and in the development of engineering and agricultural curricula. Yet it is ridiculous and asinine to say, "A&M is only an agricultural and mechanical school" and kick the liberal arts persons in the teeth. No educator can deny the fact that without a strong liberal arts curriculum, the remainder of the curricula cannot be strong.

Consequently, it is necessary that these courses be improved, materially and spiritually, when the opportunities continue to arise.

Some of the top men of the administration have said that the Corps of Cadets is not functioning today as it should. They say, that in the corps there are great potential possibilities for building leadership and character.

This may be true. However, a military system—regardless of its avowed purpose—is immature in that it tends to promote mass thinking, not individualism. To say the least, in our modern terms, it is un-American.

One does not have to have a military school to build leadership, character, responsibility. One does not need a military school to promote respect for constituted authority. One does not need a military school to produce good officers who are capably trained and willing to serve in the defense of their country.

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## Bertrand to Speak

### C. Heaton Named CHS Valedictorian

Charles Heaton will be valedictorian for A&M Consolidated High School's senior class at their graduation exercises at 8 p. m. Monday, June 1, in Guion Hall. Martha Ergle will be salutatorian.

Valedictorian and salutatorian were chosen on a basis of grade average for the 12 years of school. Heaton was highest, with a 92.494 average. Miss Ergle was next with a 92.820 average. Runner-up was Tom Barlow, with a 92.273 average.

#### Basic Division

Dean John R. Bertrand of A&M's Basic Division will speak to the 26 graduates.

Supt. L. S. Richardson will present the graduates. C. A. Bonnen, president of the school board of trustees, will award the diplomas.

Scholarships will be announced by J. J. Skrivanek, high school principal.

Miss Margaret Berry, organist, and the CHS chorus will provide music for the program. Chorus director Robert Boone will lead the ruffians in singing "Consolidated High School."

#### Invocation and Benediction

The Rev. Robert L. Darwall of St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel will give the invocation, and the benediction will be given by Barbara Van Tassel.

James F. Fowler, minister of the A&M Church of Christ, will preach the Baccalaureate service at 8 p. m. Sunday in his church. The Rev. Charles G. Workman of the A&M Presbyterian Church will give the invocation and the school chorus will sing.

## Sea Diving Rig Presented By ASC Student

A deep sea diving suit has been presented to the A&M Research Foundation by Melvin R. Best, student at Arlington State College.

"This equipment is in excellent condition and will require only minor repairs before being put into operation," Dr. Dale F. Leiper, head of the oceanography department, said. "It is equipped with enough air hose to allow attainment of depths as great as 150 feet."

The oceanography department plans to use the suit in connection with its work in the Gulf of Mexico, Leiper said. It will become a part of the equipment of the "Atlantic," to be renamed "Observer" which is now being converted for oceanographic work at Galveston.

Best, who will complete his technical training at Arlington this summer, has used the suit on various jobs over the state.

#### Graduates are as follows:

Margaret Ann Arnold, Martha Ergle, Mary Louise Exley, Mary Louise Liguez, Shirley Moffett, Ann Morgan, Barbara Robertson, Patsy Ross, Marsha Sharp, Barbara Van Tassel, Esterlyn King.

Bryon Andrews, Tom Barlow, Willie Benavidez, Don Burchard, David Carrol, Rod Cook, Homer Franks, Paul Harris, Charles Heaton, James D. Johnson, John Manthei, Joe Motheral Jr., Antone Neme, Noel Stanley, Don Wilson.

## New Aggie Gets 'Spirit' Loses Money

Governor Allan Shivers didn't know what he was getting into when this year's seniors made him an honorary member of the Class of '53.

Since Shivers, a University of Texas graduate, is now officially an A&M former student too, the Former Students Association sent him a request for a donation.

And the governor paid.

## June 4 Last Day to Turn In Uniforms

The last day to turn in uniforms is June 4, five days after school is finished for the spring semester.

Last than 50 per cent of the cadet corps has turned in its uniforms, according to information released by the Military Property Custodian warehouse.

Around 500 Army cadets have turned in uniforms, while the Air Force figure is a comparatively slim 350.

"The cadets are simply not coming over," say the men on duty in the clothing warehouse. Some cadets have been back two and three times to turn in a single shirt or a pair of pants which was missing from their original turn in.

Lines so far have been small, said the men working in the warehouse, with only a few cadets having to wait more than 15 or 20 minutes.

Cadets may turn in their friends' uniforms if they desire, but the employes request that the cadets know the full name, with middle initial, and classification of their buddies.

"All of the men can't possibly turn in their uniforms before Saturday," said the men, "as we can't handle that many."

## Cadet Corps Gets Highest Praise from '53 Inspectors

To the A&M Student Body:

As this 1952-53 school year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank each member of the student body for his cooperation and contribution in making this an outstanding year in the history of our school. The success of any organization depends upon the united help of all concerned, and especially is this true in the case of an educational institution which is composed of students, faculty and staff.

The academic achievement of the students has increased, and our seniors have never been as greatly esteemed and as greatly sought after by representatives of business, industry and the professions as this year. The Corps of Cadets received its highest praise this year from our visitors on Military Day and from the members of the annual inspection team. The majority of the students have respected constituted authority and have worked with aid supported those whose responsibility it is to lead our college on to greater achievement.

To those who are graduating this week, I extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes for success and happiness in the years ahead. I hope you will always have devotion and high regard for your Alma Mater.

To those of you who will return next fall, I hope you will have a happy and enjoyable vacation period. May the summer months be profitable and furnish you with renewed energy and enthusiasm for another successful year. We will be eagerly looking forward to your return to school.

Best wishes to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,  
M. T. Harrington  
President

## Park Monument Dedicated Friday

A monument in memory of A&M men who served in the Spanish-American War will be dedicated tomorrow at 11 a. m. on the campus.

The monument was erected by the American Memorial Association Inc., of Texas.

#### Accept the Monument

Officers of the Association and some of the surviving members of the war will be here for the dedication. President M. T. Harrington, will accept the monument on behalf of the college.

The monument is located in Spence Park, just west of the new area dormitories. The dedication is open to the public.

The monument was designed by Randall L. Fowler, junior architecture major of Dallas.

#### Various Places

The Association has placed monuments in various places throughout the state. It was organized in 1949. Its purposes in part, as outlined in the by-laws, "is to erect monuments, collect and

## Library Announces Summer Schedule

During summer school, the library will keep its regular hours except for Sunday. Sunday hours will be 6 to 10 p. m.

Before summer school, the following schedule will be observed:

May 29, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; May 30, 8 a. m. to 12 noon; May 31, closed; June 1 to 5, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; June 6, 8 a. m. to 12 noon; June 7, closed; June 8, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; June 9, begin regular schedule.

## Seniors Get Degrees, Commissions Friday

### System to Set Profs 'Week' On June 9

The question of A&M instructors working a 40 hour week will be decided June 9 at an A&M System officials meeting, said E. L. Angell, assistant to the chancellor.

The bill, passed by the State Legislature last week, states persons working in offices of state departments, institutions, or agencies will work a 40 hour week, starting Sept. 1, Angell said.

Angell explained it was not known whether the bill would effect teachers. College offices will still remain open from 8 a. m. to noon on Saturdays, he said.

## Doc Asbury 'Much Better'

Samuel (Doc) Asbury is much better," said Bryan authorities. Asbury was hit by an automobile Monday night on Sulphur Springs Road.

He has regained consciousness and is "getting along fine," his nurses report. His face is cut and his body is badly bruised, but no bones are broken.

His doctors don't know how long he will have to stay in the hospital.

Asbury was hit by a car driven by Augie Saxe, A&M student and former football player. The accident occurred about 7:30 p. m. Monday.

According to a witness, Saxe was driving about 20 miles an hour. "I swerved as hard as I could, trying to miss him," Saxe said, "but he was too close to the fender."

## Schrader Receives Bronze Star Medal

First Lt. Ben F. Schrader, '51 has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea.

Schrader was a platoon leader in a heavy mortar company. The company fought the Communist forces from Aug. 17, 1952 until Mar. 14, 1953.

A chemical engineer with the Gulf Oil Corporation in Port Arthur, Schrader entered the Army in August of 1951. He was assigned to Company C, 461st Infantry Battalion while in Korea.

Several relatives of Schrader live in College Station. They are his aunt, Mrs. O. B. Martin, district agent for the Extension Service; and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lyle. Lyle is a professor in the mathematics department.

Air Force and Army second lieutenant commissions will be awarded to 435 graduating seniors tomorrow before they receive their degrees at the annual commencement ceremonies.

Brig. Gen. Matthew K. Deichmann, commandant, U. S. Air Force ROTC Montgomery, Ala., will deliver the principal address at 1 p. m. to the prospective officers. He will also present the Air Force commissions.

Brig. Gen. Numa A. Watson, chief of staff, Headquarters Fourth Army, will present the army commissions.

#### Speak to Cadets

Corps Chaplain O. C. (Putter) Jarvis will give the invocation. Following the invocation, President M. T. Harrington will speak to the cadets.

After the commissions have been presented, Jarvis will give the benediction. Number of cadets receiving Army commissions totals 268. Those receiving Air Force commissions total 267.

Commencement ceremonies will start at 6:30 p. m. in Kyle Field. The number of students who will receive degrees total 867. Twenty-four of these will receive their PhD degrees.

Dr. M. E. Sadler, president of Texas Christian University, will be the commencement speaker. Subject of his speech will be "Maintaining the Democratic Approach to Life." President Harrington will introduce Sadler to the audience.

Baccalaureate service will be held at 10 a. m. in Sbsia and Guion Halls.

Graduates of the Schools of Veterinary Medicine and Engineering will attend Guion Hall for the services. Those receiving degrees from the Schools of Agriculture and Arts and Sciences will attend the Baccalaureate program in Sbsia Dining Hall.

Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Austin, will deliver the baccalaureate address in Guion Hall. Rev. John Donaho, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Corpus Christi, will speak to the seniors in Sbsia.

An All-College Dance will be held in the Grove from 9 p. m. until midnight. Admission will be one dollar with or without a date. The dance will be informal. The dance will be cancelled in case of rain, said W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, business manager of Student Activities.

Final Review will be held Saturday morning. The review will start at 9:30 a. m. First call will be at 9:15 a. m.

## Rec Council Sets Summer Program

The College Station Recreation Council's summer program will begin Monday with registration for swimming, tennis, tumbling, and supervised play for pre-school children.

Details about time and place for registration and the activities are on a mimeographed schedule given to each student at A&M Consolidated and Lincoln schools.

#### Community Picnics

Other activities to be included in the summer program are volleyball, community picnics, riflery, arts and crafts, and a square dance.

ing program for the Lincoln community.

Organization has almost been completed for the Council's baseball program, said Ralph Rogers, chairman of the Council.

Teams include four minor league softball teams, two sponsored by the Council, one by the Southside Food Market, and one by the Marion Pugh Lumber Co.; four senior softball teams; the American Legion junior baseball team and junior and senior softball teams at Lincoln.

The minor league teams will (See REC COUNCIL, Page 5)

## Loan Seeking Vets Should Get Release

Veterans who plan to seek GI loans from private lenders for homes, farms or businesses should apply to Veterans Administration regional offices in advance for certificates of eligibility, said Dr. George T. McMahan, manager of the Waco VA Center.

Dr. McMahan said this will reduce delays in processing the loan applications later when the veteran is anxiously awaiting completion of the deal or is pressed for time to close the loan.

Certificates of eligibility are proof for lenders that VA guarantees to insure a loan if the veteran meets other usual loan requirements.