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Drop In Enrollment Caused by Many Factors

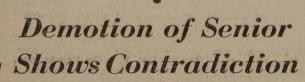
A&M's board of directors is wondering one which offers an easier jump from high why there was a drop in the transfer student school to college life. enrollment and the number of returning students from last year's freshman class.

board in its meeting Saturday that he believed transfer students are avoiding A&M because these students don't feel they are acceted in the student body. These words could easily go down as the understatement of the year.

member, and under the present situation they enroll when the rest of their class did. never will be.

fering now from the situation; how much more will it feel the pangs 10 years from now?

More and more julnior colleges are being established in the state. They are flourishing in enrollment, and making great strides in their educational systems. Four-year colleges and universities already are depending a great deal on men who spend their first two years at an institution closer to home and



The demotion of Cadet Captain C. H. Sepulveda, for not reporting his roommate's absence from drill formation, once again brings to light one of A&M's strangest contradictions.

Whichever action Sepulveda took would have broken a strong A&M teaching. If he had reported his roommate's absence, he would have violated the unwritten law of always supporting a fellow class member.

By falsely reporting his roommate as present, he violated the rule of always obeying military orders. Company commanders are required to report any man in their units who misses drill information. This law is in writing.

Because Sepulveda broke the written law doesn't make the other any less important.

From the moment a cadet enters A&M, he is taught to "stick with members of his class." He is taught that his class is the best class. He is instructed that only by "sticking" with his particular class can he area. survive the torments of upperclassmen. A cadet who violates this law may be ostracized. Many students soon lose their own identity to that of the mass.

A&M is on the verge of destroying all in-centive of these junior college graduates. One sex than any book could?" "—'Nuff said. President David H. Morgan told the recent example of this method of destruction was the "senior boot episode."

> spend one semester as a freshman before assuming his classification according to his ac- 17,000 were enrolled there. ademic record.

Still another is the general attitude in the union building. Of course transfer students aren't ac- corps of cadets concerning these men. They

This last is probably one of our most ser-This is hurting A&M. The school is suf- ious problems. Most other complications can but an attitude of the mind which the majority of the corps holds certainly is not easily changed.

> Next there is the case of some 41 per turn this year. Another significant fact is that many of these students didn't quit college—they transferred to other schools.

The environment? Maybe. Hazing? Possibly. Whatever the answer is, officials hope to learn it from letters being written to men in this group who were eligible to re-

turn. One factor which definitely contributes to this drop is the fact that A&M has high academic standards as well as a stiff extra-curricular activity program. Yell practices, drills, sign-making, outfit meetings — each of these and many, many others, contribute to the overall consumption of the freshman's

time. All-male college? This could be an answer, but it is unlikely that too many students from this group were affected by "no coeds." They knew when they enrolled how A&M stood on this.

Cut in contracts? Most of the returning students didn't know too much about this situation before coming back to school. But some students could have learned of the proposed cut in ROTC contracts and decided it wasn't worth it to take four years of military training and then enter the service as a private.

Two years as a freshman? This is a very commonly offered solution. And it is a good one. No one wants to spend two years in any college as the lowest ranking man in the nual Texas Junior college confer-

The full answer probably will never be many contributing factors often form an

At Other Colleges

Rice Girl Knows Plenty About Sex

By ED HOLDER **Battalion** Co-Editor

A reporter on The Rice Thresher, Jonce Johnson, took it upon herself to interview students on Kinsey's report, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Female.'

The first person she talked to was a "very shy, sweetlooking girl of 18, who said, 'I have not read the Kinsey report, and I do not intend to read it. Why should I wade

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The University of Texas reports an increase of 1,000 in cal assistants, all replacements, Krueger, assistant professor, Anna Another method is making a transfer their enrollment. The university now has close to 14,000 Christine J. students. Their record came after the war when well over

But students at Texas aren't as bothered over the mushrooming enrollment figure as they are about their student

The Daily Texan reports an election on the matter coming farm foreman, new position. cepted. They haven't been since we can re- are considered inferior because they didn't up Friday. It seems students will vote on raising the union up Friday. It seems students will vote on raising the union fee from \$1 to \$2. The money from this increase would be used to improve the present building and hire architects to make plans for further expansion.

Funds also would go for improving the program which be cleared up by rule changes or resolutions, the union now carries on. The union pays for bands, speakers, coffee hours, game tournaments and many other activities much the same as the Memorial Student Center does.

$\star \star \star$ TCU has solved their student trees in the "spacious lobbies and Next there is the case of some 41 per union problem. The TCU Skiff re- dining rooms." A cafeteria seat-cent of last year's freshmen who didn't re- ports work on their million-dollar ing 600 persons will be part of the air-conditioned student union build- building, plus game and club ing will begin in about a week. rooms, a book store, a suite of ing will begin in about a week. rooms, a book store, a suite of Amos Melton, head of the TCU student congress offices, a TV information services, says it will room and (get this) "bulletproof"

be "the swankiest place you ever windows—one inch thick—extend-saw." ing the height of the lobby with a Officials plan to have palm view of the football stadium.

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The TCU Skiff has another story how to play a guitar. He bought to tell, this one concerning player one a little while back, and he soon who specializes in long runs on the will be on the road to competing football field and singing hillbilly with Gene Autry, Hank Snow and songs in his room in the athletic Lefty Frizell.

Students on the same floor of dorm His name is Danny Hallmark, his dorm just have one request, but his friends call him "Country The Skiff reports, that "Country It seems Hallmark had an Dan" catches on fast to strumming Dan. ambition since childhood to learn his geeeetar. * * *

TSCW is all agog over a young ing on quickly to life in these Unit-lady who just enrolled. She is the ed States. wife of a student here at A&M, and The rule which she applies is, hails from India. Mrs. Popat Tri- "The language and the methods

veni is there working on her MA are different but the same things in sociology. If you look down

a girl who has been married only six months would leave her husband to pursue an education.

Bombay, India. She was a teach- he "certainly will be very grateful er there before leaving. for a ride to Denton with some one er there before leaving. for a ride to I Mrs. Triveni seems to be catch- on weekends.'

A&M Officials **Preside at Meet**

A&M college officials will preence in the Memorial Student Center next Monday and Tuesday.

J. R. Bertrand, dean of the basic found. Part of it is before us now, but the division; J. P. Abbott, dean of the college; M. T. Harrington, chanconference.

Board Approves Ag Appointments

The following appointments and promotions made by the director of the Agricultural Experiment sta-

board of directors.

ssistants, replacements.

tion were confirmed by the system man, registration clerk, replacement. Agricultural engineering: Marc Horticulture: Bobby W. Wilson,

G. Davenport, assistant professor; technical assistant, Ernest R. Jenagricultural information office, sen, research assistant, replace-Helen B. Scott, editorial assistant; ment agronomy, Richard P. Bates, as-

Main station farm: Ruth G. istant agronomist and George A. Bankston, department secretary, Niles, instructor, all replacements. replacement.

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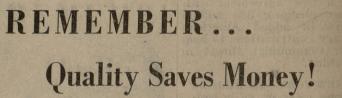
State chemist: Edward R. Ibert, Plant physiology and pathology: assistant chemist, Florence M. Samuel P. Johnson, assistant pro-Farr, Joan M. Parker, Louise W. fessor, replacement.

Stokes, LuJuana Crowell, techni- Poultry husbandry: Willie P. Christine J. Opersteny, steno-grapher and Glenda R. Merrill, clerk, replacements. M. Mayo and Betty J. Gossett, technicians, Henry D. Thuem, poultry supervisor, Ethel L. Mead,

Animal husbandry: Bessie L. Smith, stenographer, bookkeeper, replacement and Harold W. Veterinary medicine, Betty H. Veterinary medicine, Betty H. replacement and Harold W. Franke, beef cattle herdsman and form foremen new position. Form foremen new position.

fessor; Bobby L. Reid, Thomas L. Payne and Earl L. Grant, research assistants, replacements. Lugene E. Eckols, assistant animal

Dairy husbandry. Janet C. Han-ley and Patricia J. McLeod, steno-graphers, replacements. raphers, replacements. Entomology: Juanita I. Voyles (See APPOINTMENTS, Page 4)



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deep we are the same because all Students at TSCW can't believe human nature is the same everywhere.

Her husband, who is teaching in and to pursue an education. the chemistry department while Mr. and Mrs. Triveni are from working on his PhD degree, says

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& SHE HAD NO'GANE A MILE OR TWA, WHEN SHE HEARD THE DEAD BELL RINGING 22 JF 2 AN'EVRY JOW THAT THE DEAD BELL

CRYD: WOE TO BARBARA

We Have Food to Suit Your Taste

This false sense of values is instilled by other members of the student body. But college officials allow its existence.

When the cadet becomes a senior, he is suddenly given officers' rank and told he has responsibilities. These responsibilities may cause him to have to violate the class rule which the college has allowed to be instilled in him.

A&M has betrayed C. H. Sepulveda.

The college can not rightly punish him only by close study and observation. And as long as it supports this contradiction of its policies.

Jerry Estes

Bob Hendry

Bill Turner

Barbara Rubir

entangled mass of facts and figures from of men, will head sessions of the which no general conclusion can be made.

One significant fact which we can work on has come out of these recent figures. There was a rise in graduate school and new student enrollment, but a drop in the others. publications.

. LOUANNS FOR HAPPY MUSIC .

This means the drop occurred partially in a group of men who have been to A&M. They were here. They know what it is like. But promotion of the professional they didn't stay.

Answers to these problems can be found this must be done or A&M will continue to suffer from a drop in enrollment.

James W. Reynolds, consultant in junior college education, University of Texas, will be chairman of a panel discussion of student

The dean emeritus of the A&M graduate school, Dr. T. Brooks, will be chairman of a discussion on growth of junior college personnel. J. Anthony Hunt, president of Howard county junior college, will head the discussion on improvement of reading.

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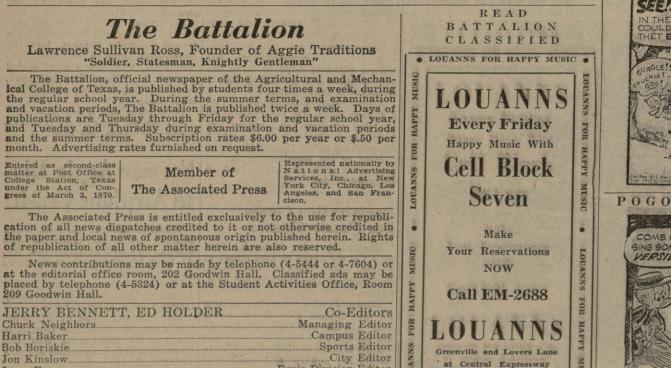
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