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It's Been Full Summer

QUITE A FEW changes have taken place since spring semester ended.

Some of them affect all Aggies, some affect a few Ag gies, and others are just interesting.

Probably the most important of all was the July action of the board of directors making military training optional the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights at A&M.

This will give the corps of cadets a chance to prove that it can stand on its own feet, without having to force people to belong.

better program of their own.

THE STUDENT LIFE organization has been shifte around into a more practical arrangement, eliminating mos of the causes of friction in the past.

The new set-up has a good man in each job, with the functions of each department clearly outlined.

THE TT'S ARE BACK, let back in on a sudden, unsufficiently explained action. Something sounds fishy, but then there's always something fishy around the TT's.

Looks like the college doesn't particularly mind having secret fraternities around, no matter what their own rules say.

readmission to school for hazing freshman.

And this was for mental hazing-"bracing" and "wildcatting." Of course, the cadet was out of uniform, not supposed to be on the campus, and reportedly "under the influence of intoxicating beverages" at the time.

the end of all forms of unjust hazing at A&M, and freshmen been repainted and repaired and some of the parking lots will be treated like people.

This doesn't mean "make it easy on them;" it means make it hard on them, but make it sensible discipline, on military lines, as a military organization should.



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THERE HAVE been some personnel changes too. Many good men have left, including two deans, Howard W. Barlow, and John R. Bertrand.

Perhaps this is one of the greatest dangers facing A&M. It's not the spectacular kind of danger; it's the kind that creeps up on a schoool.

THIS YEAR is going to be a rough one for hazers, if the start is any indication. A cadet has already been denied istrative personnel. If A&M keeps losing good men at all levels, it won't survive long.

Maybe we ought to treat teachers as well as we're going to treat the freshmen. Teachers are people too.

AND, OF COURSE, the usual summer clean-up, paint-up, If the college keeps this up, maybe this year will see fix-up has been going on. Dormitories and classrooms have have been enlarged and improved.

Two-count 'em-two new gyms are about ready to open their doors, one a big fancy coliseum, and one a physical education gym. With DeWare field house and the Little Gym, we ought to have about enough gyms. Anyone for classroom buildings?

SO THERE HAVE BEEN many changes. But it's still essentially the same old school. All of the changes won't sit well with all the students, but they all warrant careful consideration.

Before you make a decision on their worth, and above all before you decide on any action, think about it carefully, weighing all the factors and considering them in the light of what is best for Texas A&M.

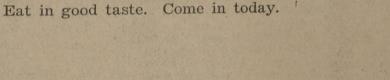
The school deserves that much consideration.

Military

(Continued from Page 1) Morgan said he believed the new plan would strengthen the corps, because it would make membership voluntary.

Under the military optional plan, all freshmen and sophomores have the option of taking military science. In the past, all freshmen and sophomores who were physically qualified or not vetreans had to - MER. 19465 1016 5396 ake military.

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