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Hatcher 'Fair' After Accident Thursday Night

The condition of Clarence Hatcher, A&M student who was injured in an automobile accident Thursday night, was described late yesterday by hospital authorities as "fair."

Don Schneider, who was also in the car, was released from the college hospital last weekend. He has a broken leg.

Hatcher is in Houston's Methodist hospital, where he was taken early Friday morning after the accident. He was operated on Friday to remove a blood clot in his head.

Doctors told friends of Hatcher's that they would not know until sometime this week how successful the operation was.

Hatcher was paralyzed from the neck down, but doctors hoped the removal of the blood clot would end the paralysis.

The accident occurred about 8:15 p.m. Thursday night on the Jones Bridge road, about three miles west of the campus. Hatcher's car overturned while trying to pass another car, and both occupants were thrown out.

Hatcher was taken to a Bryan hospital, and local doctors worked on him for two hours before deciding to take him to Houston's Methodist hospital for specialized treatment.

An oxygen-equipped Callaway-Jones ambulance took him to Houston about 10:30 that night. He remained unconscious until Friday morning.

Hatcher is from Houston and Schneider is from Lake Jackson. Both are senior students in the corps.

At the time of the accident, Hatcher was driving toward the campus and attempted to pass a car driven by Ray Rossier, campus security officer.

Rossier said Hatcher's car hit an unpaved spot in the road, as it was passing him, went off onto the left shoulder of the road, and swerved back on the highway.

Rossier said it then looked like the driver tried to straighten the car, but couldn't. It went off the right side of the road, turned over three times, and landed right side up.

Rossier said the car, a 1949 Ford, was going "as fast it would go" when it passed him. He estimated its speed at 80 miles an hour.

Both students were thrown out of the car, and Hatcher landed about 10 yards away.

Schneider went to where Rossier had parked, and said there had been another student in the car. Rossier said he could hear Hatcher moaning.

Hatcher was lying on his back. Rossier called an ambulance for him.

Highway Patrolman O. L. Luther, who investigated the accident, said apparently Hatcher's car was out of control when it went off the road.

The car was described as a total loss by the Brown Auto service, who picked up the wreck.



OUTSTANDING—Don Huey, left, of A quartermaster corps, and Charles Smith of D field artillery were named the outstanding freshmen in the second regiment for the months of November and October, respectively. They were chosen by a committee of upperclassmen. Runners-up for the month of November were Jon Hagler, Gerald McGown, James Costa, Tom Harris, and Forrest Appleton.

Hutchins Stresses Liberal Education

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion Co-Editor

One of the nation's leading educators said here Sunday that liberal education should be the central and primary object of the educational system, and that "unless this objective is achieved, all others are of little worth."

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of the Fund for the Republic, Inc., and former chancellor of the University of Chicago, made his plea for more liberalized education to about 600 persons in Guion hall, as the second speaker in the Memorial Student Center's Great Issues series.

American education is developing toward a stage of accommodation instead of education, Hutchins said, and students in American colleges and universities just "float through" their college work.

"We in this country do not take education seriously," Hutchins said.

He compared the American educational system to the British educational system, pointing out flaws in both. He said some facets of the British system, such as professional standing for teachers and leadership training in higher education, were valuable.

He advocates the college or university teach the student "to be a civilized man," by giving him a liberal background "that he needs in order to live in our world."

A&M Receives \$260,000 Grant For Research

A&M has received a \$260,000 grant from the Robert A. Welch foundation for four research projects.

The projects are as follows: 1) For high-frequency research to be conducted by Dr. Fred W. Jensen, \$15,000 a year for three years.

2) For fundamental research in organ-phosphorous chemistry to be conducted by Dr. Fred Isbell, \$15,000 a year for three years. 3) For fundamental research in the chemistry and metabolism of proteins and amino acids, to be conducted by Dr. Carl M. Lyman, \$55,000 for the first year and \$35,000 for the next two years.

4) For research study of the isolation and identification of new vitamins, to be conducted by Dr. J. R. Couch, \$15,000 a year for three years.

The University of Texas and Rice Institute also received grants for a total of \$850,022 for the three schools.

The grants are the first to be made by the foundation created under the terms of Welch's will.

Welch was a Houston oil and sulphur operator who died Dec. 7, 1952. Under the terms of the will, 85 per cent of Welch's estate is to go to chemical research. Assets of the foundation have been estimated at \$21 million.

Consolidated Sets Christmas Holidays

Christmas holidays for the A&M Consolidated schools will be held from Dec. 17 until Jan. 3, according to Dr. Les Richardson, superintendent.

The faculty will also be excused from teaching duties during the same period but custodians and some of the administrators will remain on duty, he said.

Departments Will Hold Open House Tonight

Freshmen Meet This Afternoon

By BILL FULLERTON
Battalion City Editor

Freshmen have a chance to inquire into the opportunities in their major fields of study at the departmental open house at 7:15 tonight.

The open house is sponsored jointly by each department and by the student organization within the department. The purpose of the program is to orientate the freshmen with the facilities, services and opportunities of the department, and to align the new student with the student organization in the professional field, said C. H. Ransdell, acting dean of the basic division.

The student organizations are the actual hosts, he said. However, there will be several members of each department's staff present to assist with the program, he added.

No formal program has been planned for the meetings, according to Ransdell, although, generally, the upperclassmen in each department will show the freshmen around the department and answer questions about it and about the student club. All of the departments will probably serve refreshments, he said.

"The student organizations are an excellent opportunity for freshmen to learn how to work in a professional manner," explained Ransdell. Many of the clubs are student chapters of professional societies, such as the A&M chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the civil engineering department.

"Also, the freshmen can get a broader and more intimate view of their intended field," he said. "Many students currently enrolled are undecided about their choice of careers."

Ransdell estimated that about 30 per cent of the freshmen are either thinking about a change of majors or have not yet decided upon a major field of study. The departmental open house will give these students background upon which to base their decisions and general curriculum students are urged to attend the department meeting of their greatest interest, he said.

Since that many undecided students may wish to consult their parents before making any decision, the open house is held before Christmas holidays, said Ransdell.

This afternoon at 4, the Basic Division is holding a required meeting for its students. The students meet in four different places according to their respective majors.

"The idea behind this meeting is three-fold," said Ransdell. "Since there was no academic dean to talk to the freshmen at the start of school this year, the deans of each of the schools will get a chance to talk to them this afternoon. Another objective of the meeting is to welcome the freshmen to the open house tonight. The third reason for the meeting will be a discussion of the advantages of scholarship and the honor system."

To encourage both upperclassmen and freshmen participating in the open house tonight, the Academic council has sent a letter to each department requesting that no quizzes be given tomorrow, except in special cases, because of the open house tonight, he said.

Community Chest \$4,540 From Goal

With just a few more days left in the drive, the College Station Community Chest had collected 69.8 per cent of its \$14,707 goal as of 5 p.m. yesterday, reported C. W. Price, chairman of the local drive.

Yesterday's total stood at \$10,263.43 with the drive scheduled to end Friday, said Price. The drive is \$4,543.57 short of its goal.

"About 50 per cent of the potential donors have contributed so far," he said. "An appeal is being made to get the rest of the persons to give."

Civilian Council Raps Absences, Adds Member

The Civilian Student Council last night passed two amendments to their letter of intent—one pertaining to absences of the councilmen, and another adding to the membership of the group.

The council voted unanimously that if a councilman is absent for more than two meetings a semester he be removed from his office. Unexcused absences were considered by the group to "be a lack of interest." The officers were designated to decide if an absence was excused.

The other amendment drew an 11 to one vote in favor of adding a civilian member of The Battalion staff chosen by the co-editors as a non-voting councilman. A previous amendment to allow this member to vote was defeated seven to five.

No other action was taken by the council, except that they voted in favor of having the individual civilian dormitories perform caroling similar to that in the cadet corps.

Robert O. Murray, civilian advisor, asked the council to help draw up an information sheet on A&M traditions so that new students might know of them. Action on the matter was deferred until the spring.

It was also announced at the meeting that the civilian students now have a bulletin board in the Academic building. The board is on the north side near the east door.

Large Crowd Saturday Not Largest

Last Saturday it looked like A&M, long proud of its superlatives, had another "biggest" to brag about—a biggest bull-ring.

The Saturday afternoon bull ring looked like it was going to overflow the drill field, leading some to guess it was "the largest in history."

But it wasn't—there were 773 freshmen and Sophomores marching off extra duty hours. This is not a record, although close to it, according to the military department.

The large crowd was because there hadn't been a bull-ring for the previous three weeks.

Maintains College

Man With Problems Is Howard Badgett

By JON KINSLOW
Battalion Managing Editor

One man on the campus who "always finds a new problem every time he turns around" is Howard Badgett, manager of the A&M physical plants.

Constantly hampered in his operations by a lack of money to do all the construction he would like, Badgett still manages to carry out some of his programs. An example of his planning is the four-year cycle of dormitory renovation, which will be completed this summer.

However, he said, "We never get to do the things we want to do because we always have to do what must be done immediately."



Howard Badgett
Physical Plants Manager

Senior Rings Here

Senior rings have been received by the registrar's office, according to Mrs. Dell Bauer, ring clerk. Rings ordered in October for December delivery can be picked up anytime during office hours except Monday in the registrar's office.

Weather Today

The weather forecast for today is continued fair with little change in temperature. Yesterday's high was 60 and the low was 34. The temperature at 11 this morning was 50.



TOTAL LOSS—This is the car Charles Hatcher and Don Schneider were injured in last week. The car is a total loss, according to Wayne Rossier of Brown's Auto parts, who brought the car from the scene of the accident. "We don't get many banged up as bad as that," Rossier said.