

Enrollment Looks Good

The summer enrollment at A&M looks good, with the sharp increase over last year. Now, if the school can show the same increase next fall, things will be "looking up" for A&M.

It's hard to predict what causes an increased summer enrollment, and even harder to figure out what, if any, indications this enrollment may have for the school during the regular semesters of spring and fall.

Many factors influence summer enrollment. We have 102 coeds here this summer, something that is notably lacking during the

regular semesters.

Students might not have done so well this past year, and the increased enrollment can trace its origin to past lack of study or ability.

Some may just like Aggieland, and stay around just for the heck of it.

But, whatever the cause, the increased numbers look good, and would look even better if the same percentage increase showed up next September.

A good little school just can't beat a good big school.

A Happy Medium

The first week is about over, and a hard, hot pull lies ahead for students here for summer school.

Without doubt, because of the intensified schedule the courses are presented under, more study will be required by students.

And, also without doubt, the balmy, and hot, summer days will not be the greatest in-

ducement for study.

A happy medium exists somewhere between these two opposite forces, a medium which will allow students to relax a bit and also to get all of their work done.

No formula exists for finding it, but students who can adjust themselves will find things a lot easier this summer.

'Howdy'

As the old Aggie saying goes, "Howdy."

This issue of The Battalion is the first of the regular summer issues. The paper will appear once a week this summer. Publication date will be Thursday, and any news anyone may have should be turned in at the office by at least 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Telephone number is 4-5444.

The Battalion has a two-member editorial staff this summer, they being Bill Fullerton, editor, and Kerstin Ekfelt, society editor.

With the coming of the fall semester, the paper will return to its regular four-a-week schedule.

End of an Era

Aggieland Inn Now Closed

The Aggieland Inn, which once shared the campus spotlight with the YMCA, has had its light dimmed, maybe to shine no more.

The end of an era of bygone days came last week when Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, had the Inn's guest rooms closed. Stark recommended this move to the A&M Board of Directors, because renovation of the building would have cost more than the building is worth.

"We have been having trouble with the electrical system, the plumbing system, and the plaster walls," Stark said.

Recently a 400 pound piece of plaster fell from a ceiling in one of the rooms. The faulty plumbing system has leaked water on files in the part occupied by the Basic

Division, on the bottom floor. Built in 1925

The Inn had a long and glorious history, well deserving of a niche in A&M's past. David B. Cofer, college archivist, remembers that former A&M President William B. Bizzell had the building built in 1925 at a cost of \$62,000 on the site of the old Shirley Hotel, which up to that time had housed most of the faculty, as well as visitors to the college.

W. A. Duncan, who at that time was dining hall supervisor, and for whom Duncan hall was named, took over the job of managing the new Aggieland Inn.

For those days, the accommodations were very good, and traveling men on their way from Houston to Dallas always looked forward to

stopping at the Inn, Cofer said.

Although the college housed most of its distinguished guests at the home located just north of Sbisahall, the Inn had its share of well-known persons. Included in the guest register are the names of two presidents, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and W. H. Taft; two unsuccessful candidates for president, William Jennings Bryan and Norman Thomas; and a large number of persons in the education and amusement world.

Elaborate Dinners

The area now occupied by the Basic Division was once an open terrace, and many elaborate dinners were held there when the Inn and the YMCA were the main centers of the campus. Cofer remembers once in particular when one was given in the late 1930's for former Coach Charlie Moran, who coached many of the champion Aggie teams prior to 1915.

Although down, the Inn is still not out, for a survey will be made on the building this summer to determine if it can be used for anything—with only minor repairs, according to W. H. Badgett, manager of physical plants.

Uses suggested so far include storage space, office space, and possibly a short course dormitory he said.

Morgan Speaks

A&M President David H. Morgan spoke Wednesday to the graduating class at Ellington Air Force Base, near Houston. Tomorrow, he will address the A&M Club in Harlingen.

Experiment Station Gets New Grants

The Texas Agricultural experiment station has recently received several grants-in-aid and renewals of previous grants, according to director R. D. Lewis.

Three of these—\$2,500 (renewal) from the Commercial Solvents Corporation of Terre Haute, Ind.; \$3,550 from Eli Lilly and company of Indianapolis, Ind.; and an extension of a previous grant of \$3,500 by the Western Condensing company of Appleton, Wis.—will be used to support research dealing with poultry feeds.

Dr. J. R. Couch of the departments of poultry husbandry and biochemistry and nutrition will supervise the studies.

The National Golf Fund, Inc., of Chicago has granted \$2,000, which will support a research assistantship for conducting investigations on turf. The study will be conducted by the agronomy department under the direction of Dr. J. B. Page, department head.

Six hundred dollars, given by the Niagara Chemical division of the Food Machinery and Chemical corporation of Middleport, N.Y., will be used for the support of research studies on the control of spider mite.

Studies concerning certain chemicals used for control of cotton insects will be supported by a grant of \$1,000 from the American Cyanamid company.

The Parker-McCrory company of Kansas City, Mo., has made the station a gift of two battery-operated electric fence chargers. These will be used at the Tyler substation in the dairy research program.

One M-21 till planter was loaned to the station by the International Harvester company of Chicago. This will be used at the Temple substation in experimental work with cotton and grain sorghum.

Two hundred dollars from the Thompson-Hayward Chemicals company of Kansas City, Mo.; \$1,250 from the Agricultural Chemicals section of the Monsanto Chemical company of St. Louis, Mo.; and \$500 from the Chipman Chemical company, inc., of Bound Brook, N.J. (all renewals of previous grants), will be used for studies on cotton defoliation. Paint company of Ambler, Pa., has given \$1,250 for a graduate research assistant to study cotton defoliants and regrowth inhibitors. Dr. Wayne C. Hall will direct these studies.

The Hail Insurance Adjustment and Research association of Chicago has renewed their grant for \$10,000 for support of simulated hail damage studies in 1955.

Ralph J. Harvey, assistant plant pathologist at the Temple substation will direct research on the control of seedling diseases of cotton, supported by a grant-in-aid of \$350 from the Zonolite company of Chicago.

The Sauffer Chemical Co. of New York has made available a

25 Register For Reading Workshop

Twenty-five persons have registered for the reading workshop which began Monday and will continue through June 24. Sponsored by the Department of Education and Psychology, the workshop is designed to aid in the teaching of reading at different grade levels.

The reading course, which begins June 27 and continues through July 15, will consist of a study of the methods of learning, the methods of teaching and the techniques, the devices and principles of reading programs.

Geology Award Winners Announced By Department

Four graduate fellowships and six awards to undergraduate students in geology, have been announced by S. A. Lynch, head of the Department of Geology.

R. Leon Foster of Tyler and Donald E. Napp of Pasadena won the two Michael T. Halbouty scholarships on geology. These annual awards of \$500 each are made available by Michael T. Halbouty of Houston, to aid and encourage worthy young men on the pursuit of graduate study in the field of geology.

The two Leonard Gage Larsen Memorial Fellowships in Geology went to Francis E. Bowen and R. A. Noble, both of Houston. These fellowships are derived from the income of a fund established by the parents of the late Leonard Gage Larsen to aid outstanding young

men in graduate study and research.

R. T. Miller of Bishop, valedictorian for the spring class of 1955, received the George P. Mitchell award and the Houston Geological Society award as the outstanding senior student in geology. The Mitchell award is an engraved watch and the Houston Geological Society award is membership in the Society for one year plus a \$50 cash prize.

Thes Magnolia Petroleum Company award of \$750 to the outstanding student to complete the junior year in geological engineering on geophysics, went to Gerald B. Morris, Dallas. Morris, Robert L. Fuller of Beaumont and Douglas L. Mounce of Dallas, received the three George P. Mitchell awards as the outstanding junior students in any branch of geology. The awards are hand levels and books.

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