

So You're Coming To A&M

So you are going to be an Aggie. You've made a good decision. No matter what you want out of life, you can get a fine start at this institution. It probably will not be found in any one aspect of A&M life, but from the overall experience of attending Texas A&M comes a developing knowledge. Not that everything is available here, but he who helps himself can get the foundation needed for surviving the crises of our modern world. What you will major in will be a problem immediately facing you—unless you are one of those rare persons whose life seems guided in well-set channels. A&M has many persons, faculty and students and others, who are able and eager to help you face your decisions. But these decisions must be your own in

the final showdown between your own will and that of external influences. A&M is a school that has changed almost in spite of itself and its alumni. A few people have not been afraid to think for themselves and follow their thoughts with action. This, then, is what you should learn—whether here or at some other school. You must learn to think for yourself; conform to the status quo only when it is the honest and best way; and follow your thoughts with action. You've already made one decision. You have indicated that A&M is the chosen school for you. Why you made this decision, or if it was made for you, is your business. What you do with your decision is going to reflect upon the whole school.

Non-Degree Granting School

Basic Division Aids Frosh

The need for some agency to help men through their first year of college led to the establishment of A&M's basic division in 1950. Since then, every man who has gone through A&M has had experience with the Basic Division, and each of them has praise for it. The Basic Division is, technically, a non-degree granting school of the college, on an equal footing with the other four schools. Everyone is assigned to the Basic Division when he enrolls in A&M, and he normally stays there for two semesters. If a man does not pass all of the first year's work, he is kept under the Basic Division's guidance until he completes the work. Students who have already decided what they are going to major in just go ahead and take the regular course for the major, even

though they are in the Basic Division. Those students who are undecided about a course of study take a general course their freshman year, one that can be used for credit on any major, while the Basic Division helps them choose a major. The Basic Division's testing and counseling service is available to all students at A&M regardless of their classification. The Division has trained personnel to give the tests and help students with any problems, academic or personal. The Basic Division also has remedial reading courses open to all students, designed to help students bring their reading speed and comprehension to the level required by business and industry today. The Basic Division also has a library of vocational literature, and gives courses in vocations.

The Basic Division is headed now by C. H. Ransdell, acting dean. A replacement for Dean John R. Bertrand, who resigned last year, has not been named.

Dean Kamm Welcomes New Students

Welcome to Aggieland! It's always a thrill to greet students at the beginning of a new year. Particularly it is a pleasure to greet those who are just beginning their college experiences. This is a time of "beginning", and hopes and expectations run high. It's a time of excitement, as we make new friends, anticipate participation in college activities, and plan for the days and years ahead.

May I suggest that we each take time in these busy and eventful days to reflect upon the opportunity which is ours—and to seriously consider the questions, "Why am I going to college?", and "What do I expect to be four years from now?" It is my sincere hope that at this time we might each appreciate, as fully as is possible, the opportunity which lies before us to grow and to develop, not only intellectually, but spiritually, socially, emotionally, and physically, as well.

We of Texas A. and M. are pleased to have you as Aggies! We wish for you a pleasant and profitable college experience—an experience which, when finished, you will regard with the same enthusiasm you now have in anticipating it.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Kamm, Dean
Student Personnel Services

Schedule For Fall Semester

The student schedule for the fall semester at A&M is as follows:
Sept. 9, opening day of New Student Week.
Sept. 16, registration of new basic division students who have done no college work, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Sept. 17, registration of all other students, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Sept. 19, beginning of classes, 8 a. m.
Sept. 24, last day for enrolling in the college for the fall semester or for adding new courses.
Oct. 1, last day for dropping courses with no grades.
Oct. 15, official corps trip to Fort Worth.
Nov. 12, official corps trip to Houston.
Nov. 14, mid-semester grade reports.
Nov. 24-27, Thanksgiving holidays.
Dec. 17, beginning of Christmas recess, 12 noon.
Jan. 2, end of Christmas recess, 8 a. m.
Jan. 23, first day of semester examinations.
Jan. 28, last day of semester examinations.
There will be no captain of the football team during the 1955 season. The seniors will serve as game captains, and after the completion of the season the squad will elect an honorary captain.

Letters

Editor, The Battalion:

As an Aggie I would like to say "Howdy" and "Welcome" to the Luther Leaguers. However, I would like to make a few comments on the "Short Courses and Conferences" held at A&M. There were sixty scheduled and three pending at the first of the year plus, if I am not mistaken, several more that were scheduled after the official list was published. Well my paw always said, "Eat enough to keep you healthy but don't eat too much or you'll get sick." In my opinion A&M has reached this period of "overeating" on "Short Courses and Conferences." Sure, you're right it is good publicity for A&M—but—is the primary objective of the MSC to publicize A&M or is it to provide a place for the STUDENT to relax, listen to records, read magazines, watch television, or just sit and look out at the paths across our beautiful green drill field? From some old timers around the campus I hear that the MSC was dedicated to the purpose of providing a recreation place for the STUDENTS, since College Station does not provide too much recreation.

I also got the "reds" when I started to pay my fees for the fall semester and found an extra \$2 compulsory fee called the Student Union fee added to the usual fee. I was under the impression the students were going to vote on this before it became compulsory but I was informed by the polite (?) gentleman at the Fiscal Office that I either paid or I didn't attend A&M this fall. After paying my fees I walked over to the MSC to eat a nice quiet meal before going to work. Oh well—pay your fees and subsidize the visitors.

Cam Wood '57
(Ed. Note: The short course situation does create problems, and these problems are under study by college officials. As to the Union fee being collected before it is brought to a vote—this was enacted for the sake of convenience. If the fee is rejected by the students in the election, it will be refunded. It's a lot easier, the Fiscal Office feels, to give than to receive from 6,000 Aggies.)

Freshman Week

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A film, "We Are the Aggies," will be shown.

Wednesday, September 14

From 8 to 9 a. m. there will be five separate assemblies, one for each of the four schools of the colleges and one for students who have not yet decided upon their course of study. The rest of the day will be spent in individual conferences with academic advisors. That afternoon students who attended summer sessions will attend a special meeting.

Thursday, September 15

At the morning session Dean J. P. Abbott will speak on "What College Has to Offer You," and Bud Whitney, president of the MSC Council, will speak on "Getting Off to a Good Start." During the latter part of the morning and the first part of the afternoon, members of the Basic Division will conduct pre-registration conferences.

At 4 p. m. students will get hints on registering from their unit commanders, if they are in the Corps, and from W. C. Breazeale, civilian counselor, if they are not. There will be a free movie in the Grove that night.

Friday, September 16

All new Basic Division students will register for courses. Students with previous college credit and those with irregular programs will register during the afternoon. Students having more than 15 semester

O. M. Holt Chairs Panel Discussion

O. M. Holt, assistant professor of agricultural education at A&M, served as chairman of a panel discussion at an organizational meeting of young farmers held in Angleton, August 22.

The many advantages offered to young farmers as a result of belonging to an active community organization were pointed out by Holt.

Among the more important perhaps is that such an organization affords the member systematic instruction designed to help young men become established in farming, he said.

The most one-sided opening game victory by the Aggies was in 1920, when they trounced Daniel Baker 110-0.

SHORT COURSES

Various departments at A&M sponsor 44 different annual professional meetings and short courses on the campus, with a total average attendance of more than 10,000.

Know how to eat an artichoke? Pull off a leaf, dip in the accompanying sauce and eat the tender end of the leaf. Go on enjoying the leaves in this way until they are all stripped off. (Pile the leaves you finish with them at the side of your plate.) Cut away the choke and eat the succulent heart, dipping pieces of it in the sauce. Use browned butter or Hollandaise sauce for the dip.

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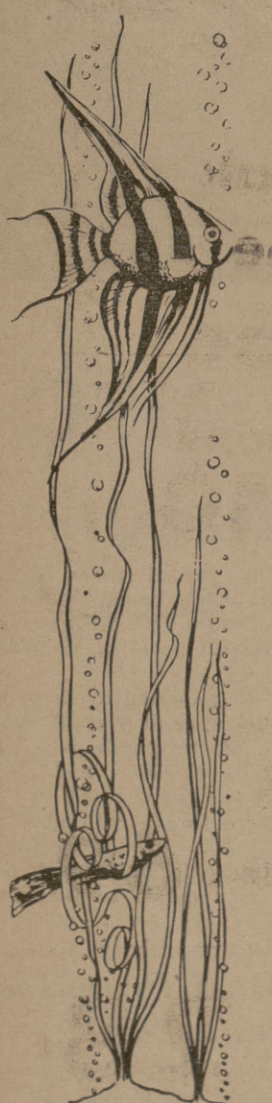


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