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## Freshmen Register Friday

### Saturday Is Day For Old Students

Sept. 28, 29

## Union Fee Up To Vote

Freshmen will storm the steps of Sbisa Hall tomorrow in their mad scurry to register and go home before upperclassmen start filing onto the campus for Saturday's registration.

All students with regular schedules, one without a special assignment such as Math 100, will register Friday morning according to the following schedule:

8 a.m.—All those whose surnames begin with A, through G.

9 a.m.—All those whose surnames begin with H through O.

10 a.m.—All those whose surnames begin with P through Z.

All other students, those who have an irregular program, attended summer school, or transferred less than 15 hours will register tomorrow afternoon according to the following schedule:

1 p.m.—All those whose surnames begin with A through G.

2 p.m.—All those whose surnames begin with H through O.

3 p.m.—All those whose surnames begin with P through Z.

A list of student names will be placed on each unit bulletin board, on the day student, civilian student and the Basic Division bulletin boards. All students on the list will register with the afternoon section and all students not on the list will register with the morning section.

Upperclassmen will register Saturday according to the following schedule:

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### Unofficial Figures Show 1,900 Fish

A&M will have about 1,900 new students enrolled for the fall semester, according to an unofficial report.

Official figures are not yet available on the new student enrollment, since they actually don't register until tomorrow, but about 1,900 have been tested during the week.

Last year's freshman enrollment was around 1,800. No estimate was available on the over-all enrollment of the school for the coming year.

Approximately 100 more students are expected to enroll as transfers from other colleges over the state. The official number of students enrolled will be ready for release sometime after Sept. 24, according to the Registrar's Office.

Students will have the opportunity Sept. 28 and 29 to vote on whether a fee of \$2 per semester will be charged for operating and maintaining the Memorial Student Center. If a majority approve the assessing of this union fee, it will be compulsory from this semester on. During the summer terms, the fee is \$1 per semester.

The union fee vote was authorized by the state Legislature during its last session, the law providing that the Board of Directors call such an election, canvass the returns and declare the results.

Approval of the fee will enable the MSC to continue its services unimpaired, said J. Wayne Stark, director. The reluctant alternative, he said, in the absence of the fee would be a cutting of personnel which would in turn lead to the inevitable lessing of services to students. Air-conditioning, check-cashing, furniture maintenance, housekeeping of meeting rooms and corridors, and floral decorations are other activities which would have to be curtailed or eliminated, he declared.

The Center does not have an income sufficient to meet its expenditures this year, Stark said. The deficit is due to facilities costing about \$20,000 more than will be received and a \$25,000 student program which used to be provided for by Exchange Store profits. The cutting off of funds from the store's profits, no longer available because of remodeling expenses incurred by the bookstore, and a long-standing deficit due to non-participation by students in the financing of current operations of the MSC are the two reasons the fee is needed if the Center is to continue its present standard of operation, he said.

Some students misunderstand the purpose of the MSC, Stark said. Those who criticize the holding of

short course and other conferences at the Center are not aware that this was one of the original purposes of the building, he explained. Without that purpose, the facilities now available to present-day students could never have been created.

The classes of '35 and '36, who started the drive for a student union on the campus, had only the lobby of the YMCA and the Aggie Inn as places to meet parents and dates. These classes left their class gifts to create a fund for building such a union building. The Former Students Association subsequently contributed about \$200,000. The balance of the approximately \$2,000,000 was furnished by a series of appropriations by the System Board of Directors.

The original purposes of the MSC, as stated in its Constitution, included the providing of facilities for meetings, short courses and conferences of the citizens of the State (agricultural, business, industrial, professional, cultural and educational groups and organizations), so as to make the Center a functional unit in the educational and cultural life of Texas. Other purposes were the providing of an extra-curricular educational program for the students and staff; the providing of more adequate opportunity for friendly association among the students, former students, faculty and friends of the College; and the fostering of social and cultural phases of student life.

Visitors who attend short courses and meetings at the Center pay for their own room and board, as do students for the dormitories and mess hall. While state funds pay for the use by such visitors of the MSC's free areas, such as meeting rooms, lobby and hallways, the students have never before been given an opportunity to pay their share in the use of such facilities, Stark said.

If approved, the \$2 union fee is

### Activities Fee To Be Optional

The student activities fee will be optional again this year.

"The student will really save money by paying the fee, said W. L. Penberthy, head of the Student Activities Department.

The fee is \$21.90, and if purchased separately, the activities would cost approximately \$36. By purchasing the student activities card, about \$15 is saved unless the student does not plan to attend more than half of the events included in the fee.

Included in the fee is Town Hall, athletic events, student publications and the Great Issues and Recital Series.

### Shivers Hails Ag Team, Band

Texas' Gov. Allan Shivers has issued the following statement:

"All Texas can take pride in the fact that it will be well represented at the opening of the inter-collegiate football season, at Los Angeles, on the night of Sept. 16, when the Texas Aggies meet the UCLA Bruins in the Memorial Coliseum. A young and inexperienced Texas A&M team is not only taking on one of the top-rated teams of the nation but is going West with banners flying, accompanied by its world-famous 250-piece band.

"This band, the largest marching band in the world, is made up of boys from 128 Texas towns, from the Panhandle to the coastal tip at Brownsville, and is directed by a native Texan, Col. E. V. Adams, of Bryan. When it marches onto the Memorial Coliseum field, the people of California will know that the Texans are on hand, and not to be taken lightly.

"The former students of Texas A&M and other friends of the College throughout the state who have made this trip possible are to be commended. Texas will be well represented on the gridiron throughout the evening."

### Page 1 Section 1

This is section I, page 1 of the "Back to School" edition which The Battalion publishes each year when the Aggies happily return to school. In it you will find news of various aspects of the college and of changes which have occurred at A&M. And with the news may you also find the intention the Batt staff had of welcoming you back. So, welcome back.



**OUR BOY**—Marvin Ballard, freshman architectural engineering major from Sudan, has become The Battalion's boy. Several pictures of Freshman Week have been taken with Ballard for our model. Here, he is shown just arriving and finding his home for the next nine months.

### Band Goes Too

## Aggies Ready To Face UCLA In Season Opener

Two weeks of sweating through twice-a-day workouts and the A&M eleven is ready to face the famed UCLA Bruins, last year's national champs, Friday night in the opening game of the season for both teams.

The Aggie team left this morning to fly to Los Angeles and will arrive in time for a workout in the UCLA stadium.

Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant has indicated that six of his brilliant array of sophomores are likely to

start the game. They are Bobby Joe Conrad, Ed Dudley and John Crow, backs; Guard Jim Stanley, Tackle Charles Krueger and End Bobby Marks.

Although these six have been pointed out as probables, no one can discount hard-running Ken Hall, the flashy fullback from Sugarland. At present Jack Pardee is beating Hall out as the starting fullback.

Other probable starters are End Gene Stallings, a junior letterman; Tackle Jack Powell, a letterman who was ineligible last year; Guard Dennis Goehring, junior letterman; Center Lloyd Hale, junior from Iraan.

The team is a little green this year, with 38 sophomores on a 60-man squad and only 11 returning lettermen, some of who played very little last year.

Bryant pointed out that the Aggies have not been making any preparation for the UCLA game that they wouldn't make for any other opener, except bearing down on a defense against the single wing.

The Bruins have an all-veteran combination of eight seniors and three juniors from their undefeated and untied 1954 squad. They also have a weight edge on the Aggies, averaging 203 pounds to 191 for the Farmers.

More than 50,000 fans are expected to turn out for the first A&M-UCLA game since 1951 when the Aggies won a 21-14 thriller. This is the only opening game loss on Coach Red Sanders' record at UCLA.

"The Fighting Texas Aggie Band," will be in Los Angeles for the pigskin inaugural under the direction of Lt. Col. E. V. Adams. They will march onto the field just before kickoff time at 8 p.m. and play the National Anthem. At half-time the band will put on an exhibition of its famed precision marching and playing.

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## Great Issues Plans 1st Speaker Nov. 4

Carter L. Burgess, assistant secretary of defense for manpower and personnel, has been slated to speak here Nov. 4 by the Great Issues Series, Bob Bacher, chairman, said yesterday.

Others scheduled to speak during the year are Norman Thomas, who has run for president on the Socialist ticket several times; and Chester Bowles. Thomas will speak Feb. 7.

Tentative speakers listed include Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, former secretary general to the United Nations; former Congressman T. V. Smith, who is now professor of philosophy at the University of Texas; and Thurston Morton, assistant Secretary of State. Morton will accompany Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to the Geneva Conference and will speak here shortly afterwards.

Non-student season tickets for the Great Issues Series will be \$3.00. General admission at the

door will be \$1. Students paying their activities fee pay \$1 for Great Issues and MSC Recital Series combined.

"We do not have a complete schedule of speakers yet," Bacher said. "Later in the year we may add other speakers, and some of these might cancel their appointments."

### Senate President Leaves For UCLA

Byron A. (Scotty) Parham, senior from College Station and president of the Student Senate, left last night by train to attend the A&M-UCLA football game in Los Angeles, Calif.

Parham's trip to the game was financed by student activities. He is attending as the official representative of the A&M student body, being the presiding officer of the governing body of the students.



**HOWDY**—President David H. Morgan says "howdy" and greets Ballard with a firm Aggie hand shake at the Freshman Reception Sunday in the Memorial Student Center. Bud Whitney, president of the MSC Council looks on as the near 1,600 freshmen slowly come through the line.



**PUNCH LINE**—Ballard receives a "howdy" and a cup of punch from Ann Fleming, one of the local girls who helped make the reception a success. Few freshmen left without first talking with some of the girls there for the occasion. As one girl put it, "You better look good, you'll never see this many girls together again in one place for sometime." And, we agree!!

### Weather Today



**PARTLY CLOUDY**

Temperature at 10:45 a.m. was 85 with a high of 93 predicted and a low of 71 for tonight.

Forecast is partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms and rain showers.

Yesterday's high was 86, low, 71.