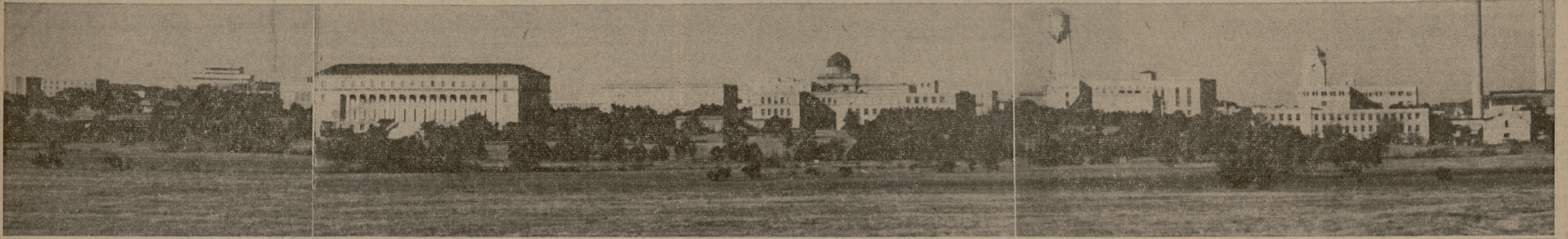


# WELCOME TO AGGIELAND



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# Class of 1960 Arrives September 7

## Orientation Week To Begin at 8 a.m.

Arrival of the Class of 1960, 2,200 strong, heralds the official opening of New Student Week at A&M Friday morning at 8, Sept. 7.

Arriving with the incoming freshmen will be leaders of the Corps of Cadets and civilian students who will help guide and counsel the new students during the week and show them which lines to get in and which ones to stay out.

Until registration for new students on Friday, a week later, the "fish" will be put through a week of getting acquainted with the campus, taking aptitude and achievement tests and standing in more lines.

Following is a schedule of the week's activities:

### Friday, Sept. 7

Freshmen will pay fees, secure keys and housing assignments, receive uniform authorizations and secure New Student acceptance cards in the Ball Room of the MSC from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Noon and evening meals will be eaten in Duncan Mess Hall and at 7 p.m. a general assembly will be held in The Grove with C. H. Ransdell, associate Dean of the Basic Division in charge.

Cadet Lt. Col. Dwayne S. Bailey, Corps Chaplain will give the invocation, Dr. David H. Morgan, president of A&M will welcome the students and W. M. (Pop) Turner will lead the group in singing.

### Saturday, Sept. 8

Testing will begin as announced in Sbis Hall at 7:45 and will last until 12 noon. Those students already completed testing will assemble in Guion Hall at 7:45 a.m.

Noon meal will be served in Duncan and testing will begin at the same location at 1:45 p.m. and last until 5 p.m.

General Assembly will be held in The Grove at 7:30 p.m. with J. Gordon Gay, secretary of the YMCA presiding. Invocation will be given by Robert N. Bacher, Civilian Student Chaplain and "The Place of Religion on the Life of the A&M Student" will be the topic of a talk given by Cadet Lt. Col. Bailey. Following this talk, local ministers will be introduced to the students and Richard McGlaun, president of the YMCA, will give the benediction.

### Sunday, Sept. 9

Sunday morning breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and all Freshmen are free to attend services at the church of their choice.

Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. an informal reception sponsored by the Directorate of the Memorial Student Center will be held in the Ball Room honoring the Class of 1960. President and Mrs. Morgan, Dean and Mrs. Robert B. Kamm, members of the staff and faculty of the college will be presented to the new students and their parents. Special music will be played and booths will be set up in the Ball Room to exhibit and explain all the groups and various committees of the MSC to the freshmen.

### Monday, Sept. 10

All students will meet in Guion Hall at 8 a.m. for a series of talks on the ROTC program at A&M. Dean Ransdell will preside at the meeting where Col. Joe Davis, Commandant at A&M and Col. Henry Dittman, professor of military science and tactics will speak on the Air Force ROTC and Col. (See FRESHMEN, Page 8)

## Three Honors Open For Freshmen

Three academic honors are open to A&M freshmen, including an honor society of their own.

The honor society is Phi Eta Sigma, national honor society for freshmen. Its purpose is to "encourage and reward scholarship among freshmen."

A grade point ratio of 2.5 in either the first semester or the first year of college work is required. (This means a B plus average.)

Although membership in the society is for life, the active Phi Eta Sigma chapter is composed of sophomore members only.

At the present, total membership in school is more than 200 persons.

To qualify as a distinguished student, a person must have no grade below C at the end of the semester, have completed at least 16 semester hours, and have a grade point ratio of not less than 2.25.

The distinguished student list is made up at the end of each semester and a person named on the list receives a card entitling him to miss any class in which an announced test has not been scheduled.

The distinguished student list covers all four classes.

Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity, recognizes annually the five highest freshmen agricultural students with their Alpha Zeta Freshman Award.

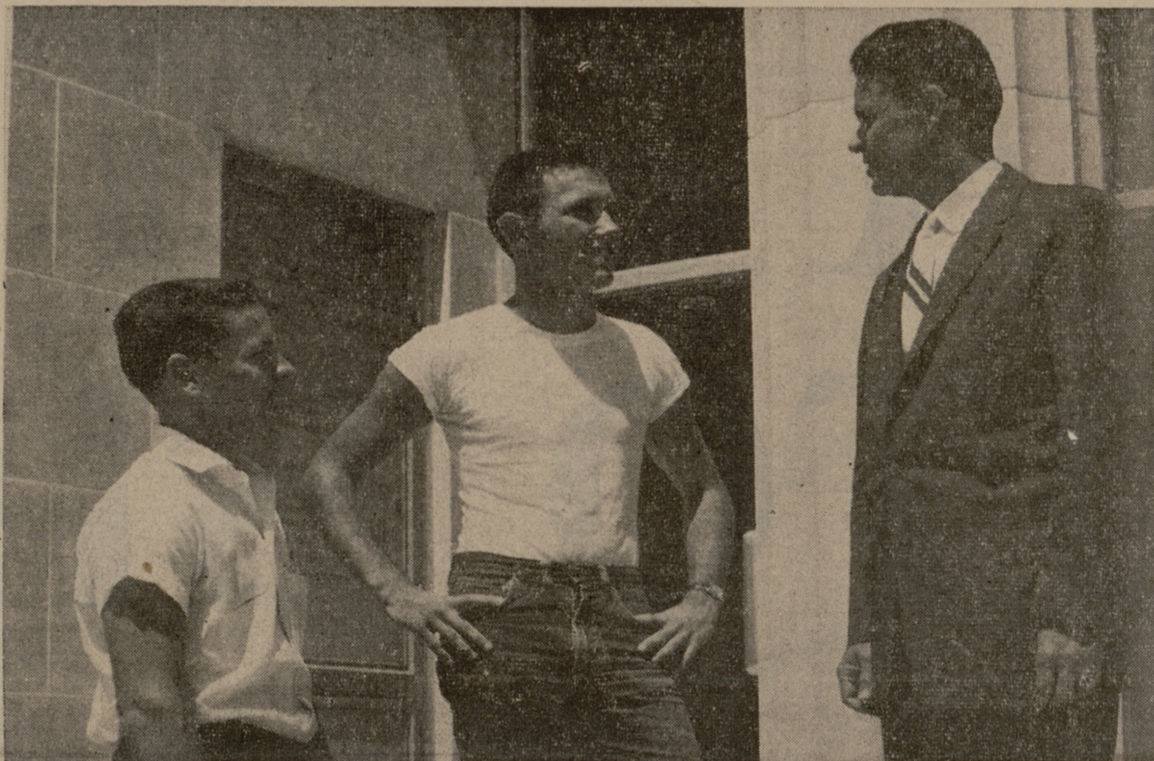
A special award is presented at the School of Agriculture's Spring Banquet to the student who is considered the outstanding freshman in the School of Agriculture.

The awards are based on grades and other activities indicating leadership ability.

## Library Hours

Cushing Memorial Library will go on its regular between-semester schedule beginning tomorrow, announced Robert Houze, librarian, today.

Scheduled for the library until Sept. 17 will be: Monday through Friday open at 8 a.m. close 5 p.m. Saturday, open at 8 a.m. close at 12 noon. Sundays, closed.



WELCOMING TWO FISH TO CAMPUS — Dr. David H. Morgan, right, welcomes two members of the Class of '60 to the campus as he answers questions of Larry McCarty, general curriculum major from Conroe (left) and Richard Garrett, civil engineering major from Hearne on the steps of the Administration Building.

## Sponsored by MSC

## Open House Sunday at 2

The Memorial Student Center will sponsor an Open House for new students from 2 p. m. until 4 p. m. Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9, to acquaint freshmen with the MSC and college officials.

## All Dorms Close Except Bizzell Hall

All dormitories except Bizzell will be closed and locked at 6 p.m. Friday, announced Harry L. Boyer, Chief of Housing.

Students who wish to remain on the campus between terms may register for Bizzell during this period by paying room rent of \$8.35 at the Fiscal Office and presenting the receipt at the Housing Office, Room 16, YMCA. This includes students now living in Bizzell Hall. This registration must be completed by 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Students who will not live in Bizzell this fall but who will live there between terms should move the bulk of their belongings to the room they will occupy in the fall and take only what will be required for a few weeks to Bizzell.

## Scott Receives \$1,000 Award

Edson Duane Scott, graduate electrical engineering student from Kerrville, was recently awarded the Atlantic Refining Company scholarship of \$1,000.

The scholarship, to be used during the 1956-57 school year, is the fourth Atlantic has awarded to students attending colleges in the Southwest and is designed to encourage and assist promising students in furthering their studies in the fields of science, engineering and research related to the petroleum industry.

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Heading the receiving line in the Ball Room at the informal affair will be Dr. and Mrs. David H. Morgan, president of the college and Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Kamm, Dean of Basic Division and Student Personnel Services.

In addition to President Morgan and Dean Kamm many college officials will be on hand to meet new students and their parents.

All the committees of the MSC will have booths and displays in the Ball Room with leaders they to welcome students and explain the committees. Those students who wish to sign up to work with these various groups may do so at this time.

## A&M Consolidated Opens Sept. 5

All schools in the A&M Consolidated System will open their doors for students at 8:15 a.m. Sept. 5, according to Dr. L. S. Richardson, superintendent.

The System will observe the same holiday schedule as Texas A&M College, at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, Dr. Richardson added.

Teachers will be at their jobs on Tuesday, one day before the students.

Newcomers can help their children by registering them in school before Sept. 5. All principals will be on duty from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays. New children will be required to show smallpox immunization certificates and report cards, or transcripts from their last school attended.

While not compulsory, the School Board went on record recently as favoring Salk vaccine for all school-age children Dr. Richardson added.

## President's Welcome

I appreciate this opportunity provided by THE BATTALION to extend greetings to both our returning students and our new students. We are glad to have you with us.

Those of you who are returning students indicate that your choice of A. and M. was the right one. We hope that this year will be even more beneficial than was the last.

Those of you who are new students will soon be able to evaluate your choice by observing the courses, faculty, staff, facilities, and student activities of the College that each year you spend on the A. and M. Campus will bring you closer to an understanding of the loyalty and devotion which our former students feel toward the College, and will develop within you those personality traits which characterize the "Aggie." A. and M. has a national reputation as a friendly campus. We believe you will find here a spirit which you will wish both to share and further.

At A. and M. you have many opportunities that should not be overlooked. In addition to a wide variety of curricula, A. and M. offers 15 bachelor's, 19 master's, and 18 Ph.D. degrees not offered elsewhere in the State. All entering freshmen should investigate thoroughly the leadership training found in the Corps of Cadets in the School of Military Science, likewise an opportunity available nowhere else in Texas. During the next few weeks you should become better acquainted with A. and M. and with yourself so that you can make valid decisions on points which will affect your future.

Any college's success as an educational institution depends to a large extent on its student body. We are known by the graduates we produce. Opportunities for self-improvement and development are everywhere about you on the campus. We hope that you will avail yourselves of them. We also hope that you will grow physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually while you are with us. And finally, we hope that during your stay you will help us to create new opportunities for growth, both for yourselves and for those who will follow you. A. and M. can only provide the opportunities. Their value to you depends upon your use and efforts.

David H. Morgan

## A&M Just Part Of Large System

A&M College comprises the largest member of a complex educational institutions called the Texas A&M System.

Chancellor M. T. Harrington heads the overall system which includes Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Tarleton Junior College, Arlington State College, Agricultural Extension Service, Agricultural Experiment Station, Engineering Extension Service, Engineering Experiment Station and Texas Forest Service.

Each of the colleges or departments in the system has a president or chief that in turn answers to Chancellor Harrington.

Over every organization is the Board of Directors of the System

who are chosen by the Governor of Texas. Present board members include: W. T. Doherty, chairman; Harold Dunn, R. H. Finney, Jr., A. E. Cudlipp, J. W. Witherspoon, Bob Allen, H. B. Zachry, Price Campbell and L. H. Ridout, Jr.

Texas A&M is composed of four schools, each with a dean in charge.

They are the School of Arts and Sciences under W. H. Delaplaine; Agriculture, J. E. Adams; Engineering, John C. Calhoun, Jr. and Veterinary Medicine, W. W. Armistead.

This fall, enrollment is expected to reach 15,000 total for the four schools in the System. Texas A&M is the largest with an expected September enrollment somewhere in the neighborhood of 7,400. Arlington State College at Arlington is next with 4,000 students expected. Prairie View A&M expects 3,000 students to enroll there and Tarleton State College at Stephenville expects 900 to enroll.

Last years' total for the four schools was 13,264.

## Groneman Returns From Canada

Chris H. Groneman, head of the Industrial Education Department has recently returned from having conducted a workshop for industrial teachers at the New Brunswick Technical Institute in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. Teachers attending this short course were Industrial Arts and Vocational Industrial teachers from the province of New Brunswick.

## Howdy!

We, the members of The Battalion Staff take this opportunity to welcome you, the Class of 1960, to the campus of Texas A&M. This issue is for you and we hope that here you will find some of the answers to questions about our school that you might have wondered about in the past.

This issue contains what we hope a short summary of what you will find here when you arrive two weeks from now.

This edition contains four sections, the first section contains general information about the college, section two and three contain information concerning extra-curricular activities and the non-academic programs and section four is devoted to sports.

Again—Welcome to A&M! We hope you will find your next four years happy ones, and get as much from them as those who have gone before you.

The Battalion Staff