

Enrollment Expected to Reach 7,400



FOOTBALL SEASON AGAIN—Shown here are some of the freshmen who were gathered at the Grove Tuesday night. The "Fish" heard several speakers and were taught a few of the Aggie yells. Head Yell Leader Bill Dorsey apparently had little trouble teaching the yells to the new students. Several visitors commented on the speed with which the freshmen learned the yells.

2,060 Freshmen; 55 Per Cent in AF

Approximately 7,400 students are expected to begin classes Monday, according to figures from the Registrar's Office. This figure exceeds last Fall's enrollment by 600 students. As of Monday, 2,060 of the approximate 2,400 new students consisted of students entering college for the first time. The remainder were transfer and graduate students.

Alfred Cronk Named Head Of Aero Dept.

Alfred E. Cronk, former associate professor at the University of Minnesota, assumed duties as head of the A & M Aeronautical Engineering department on Sept. 11.

Cronk received his M.S. degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1946 and a bachelor of science in mathematics from the College of St. Thomas in 1937. After teaching math in St. Paul, Minn. public schools until 1943, he joined the University of Minnesota as an instructor in the aeronautical engineering department. In 1946 he became an assistant professor and in 1953 he was made an associate professor.

At Minnesota, Cronk supervised the school's subsonic wind tunnel, and taught graduate and undergraduate classes in aerodynamics, airplane performance, stability and control, viscous fluid aerodynamics, wind tunnel testing and aircraft structure.

Cronk has also been associated professionally with North American Aviation, Boeing Aircraft, Rosemount Research Center, Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator and General Mills Inc.

Cronk is married and has four children: Andy, 12; Alfred, Jr., 10; Susan, 6; and Nancy, 3. Mrs. Cronk and the children are expected to arrive here in October.

What's Cooking

Monday Night, September 17
Aggie Players, 8:00, Music Hall.
Casting for "Trial." Welcoming new members.

Welcome Back

I appreciate the opportunity extended by The Battalion to greet our returning students. All of you, I trust, had an enjoyable and profitable summer and are looking forward to this academic year as a chance for further educational growth and experience.

It is easy enough to say "Welcome back to A. & M. College." These words, however, are in danger of becoming hollow convention unless we reflect from time to time on what A. & M. College is. First, what is a college? A college may be broadly defined as the lasting effects that its students produce in a society. This means that as long as you live you will be a part of a college. It also means that a college is so intimately related to society that it must continually be aware of the changes in society which demand that it also change.

A college like any vital organism must either grow or gradually perish. To talk of preserving a status quo is to pursue a will-o'-the-wisp. As you look about you, you will see many changes have been made during the summer. Some buildings have new faces, other buildings are nearing completion, health service facilities have been remodeled, and parking lots have been added.

Other improvements, not immediately obvious, include the expansion of faculty and staff, the addition of new courses, and the revision of other courses and degree programs. All of these changes have been made to assist your further personal growth. All of them mean we are continuing to move forward.

I have not defined A. & M. College. That is a job for all of us to do. It is a continuing task that will never be ended. Let us all agree that this academic year, as last, we will try to write a finer definition in which every member of the student body, faculty, and staff shall have an opportunity to participate.

David H. Morgan
President

State Agencies Will Enforce 'Stop For School Bus' Law

Three state agencies have "declared war" on the oft-neglected law in Texas which required all vehicles to stop when approaching a school bus either loading or unloading children.

The agencies—Education, Highway Department and Department of Public Safety—have joined to inform the people of Texas of this law and protect school children from injury or death resulting from accidents involving school busses.

Last year three children and two adults were killed in the 379 accidents in rural areas involving school busses.

"Even one preventable accident, as we all know, is one too many,"

said J. W. Edgar, Commissioner of Education. "A recent study of the statutes indicate a lack of understanding as to their position when approaching a stopped school bus, and we intend to see this corrected."

The law states: "... upon meeting or overtaking from either direction a school bus

Safety Film Viewed By CS Kiwanians

College Station Kiwanians were reminded of the necessity of careful driving at their regular weekly meeting in the Assembly Room of the MSC Tuesday noon.

The reminder, in form of a safety film, presented by W. F. Adams of the Engineering Drawing Department at A&M, gave a graphic and true to life story of five people traveling to and from their work during the average working day. The mistakes they made were common to most drivers and these seemingly "minor" infractions cost one of the five his life.

Bill Krueger reminded Kiwanians members of the approaching football season and gave a report on the progress of the Kiwanis Box Lunch program.

In other business Dr. Charles LaMotte, president of the local club, emphasized the Kids Day Program to be held at Bryan AFB. Raymond Berry called for volunteers to chaperone the children as they visit the base on Sept. 22.

which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging children, the driver shall stop immediately before passing, then proceed with due caution at a speed which is prudent and does not exceed ten miles per hour." (This law does not apply in city limits.)

School busses are easily seen and clearly marked with tall black letters and the busses are painted yellow. They are equipped front and back with flashing lights which are used during loading, or unloading children.

In conjunction with the educational program, Texas' 8,000 school bus drivers will receive a handbook which will include safety regulations affecting them.

Colbert Assumes New Duties

Charles R. Colbert has assumed duties as head of the division of architecture replacing Ernest Langford, who went on modified service effective September 1.

Langford's step marks the completion of 27 years as head of the division at A&M. His modified service will include his duties as architectural advisor to the president of the college.

Colbert, born in Dow, Oklahoma, received his elementary schooling in Houston and completed high school in Alvin. He received his bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Texas in 1943 and his masters four years later at Columbia University.

For two years Colbert was a full time assistant professor of architecture at Tulane University. In 1949 he became associated with an architectural office in New Orleans. He was appointed supervising architect and director for the Orleans Parish schools board in New Orleans in 1951. Two years later he returned to private practice until his appointment here.

Several of Colbert's articles have appeared in National and technical publications. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects; Louisiana Architects Association; American Association of School Administrators; American Society of Planning Officials; National Council on Schoolhouse Construction, and the American Planning and Civic Association.

Ernest Langford brought an end to an era when he stepped down from the position of division head.

His association with A&M dates back to 1913 when he received his bachelor of science degree in architecture from the college.

Langford was born in Ballinger, Texas, and completed his high school training in Bertram before entering A&M in 1909. Upon graduation he worked with an Austin architect, returning to the campus as an instructor in engineering drawing in 1915.

He left the college staff in 1919 going to the University of Illinois as an instructor of architecture. While there he received his master's

degree in 1924 and returned to A&M as a full professor one year later.

In September of 1929 he became head of the department and held the position until this fall. Langford takes considerable pride in having been the first head of the division of architecture.

Also a prominent municipal figure in College Station, Langford is now serving his eighth consecutive term. Only two other men have held the position since the city was incorporated in 1938. He took over as mayor in 1942 and has

watched the city compile an enviable record.

Langford is the Texas representative on the Committee on Education of the American Institute of Architects, he is a Fellow of the organization (a signal honor which has befallen approximately 400 living members out of a membership of more than 10,000 architects throughout the nation), he is a charter member of the state body founded in 1940 which represents the A.I.A. in Texas, and he is listed in Who's Who in America.



Charles R. Colbert



Ernest Langford

Marine Recruiters In MSC Sept. 20

US Marine Corps Officer Procurement Team headed by First Lieutenant Charles E. Thompson will be on the campus Sept. 20th and 21st. Lt. Thompson and members of his team will discuss with interested students, the means of obtaining a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve through the various officer training programs, both ground and aviation.

The Platoon Leaders Class and Platoon Leaders Class Aviation are especially designed for college freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Open to college seniors and graduates are the Officer Candidate Courses, ground and aviation.

Welcome

GREETINGS:

A sincere "Welcome Back" to all of you who have been on the A&M campus before — and a warm "Welcome" to all of you who are new to our campus.

It's always a pleasure and a thrill to greet students at the beginning of a new academic year. It's a time of beginning, and hopes and expectations run high for the year ahead. It's a time of excitement as we renew old acquaintances and make new friends and, in general, plan for the year ahead.

It is my sincere hope that we will also regard this as a time of dedication—a time when we emphasize anew those values and efforts which are good. Likewise, it is my hope that we take time during the fun and excitement of these early days of the year to recognize and to be grateful for the opportunities which are ours.

It's good to have you here! We wish for you a pleasant and profitable year—a year which, when you have finished, you will regard with the same amount of enthusiasm you now have in anticipating it.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Kamm
Dean of the Basic Division
& Student Personnel Services

Special for Fish; Movie in Guion

A movie, "The Adventures of Hajji Baba", sponsored by Student Activities Department will be shown in Guion Hall tonight at 7 p.m., according to Tom Puddy, manager of Guion.

"Regularly scheduled movies will not begin in Guion until Saturday when the usual school-year program opens at 1 p.m.," Puddy added.

First on the bill at Guion is a double feature consisting of "Tennessee's Partner" and "Night Freight."

Saturday night's preview at 12 p.m. will be "On the Threshold of Space," this will appear Sunday and Monday.

"Although no repairs or replacements were made during the summer on our equipment we have a more entertaining schedule of features for the year," said Puddy.

Weather Today

The forecast for today is improved cloudiness, becoming clear by evening. No fronts in the area. Temperature at 10:40 a. m. today was 84 degrees. High yesterday was 94 degrees and low was 66 degrees.