

Big Year Ahead

The new Battalion staff took over yesterday and are already getting a preview of what their job is going to be during the 1957-58 school year.

As in the past The Battalion will be playing a major role in campus and community life and as a result will take stands on issues which present themselves. Some of the stands will be popular and others not, but all will be taken with the best interests of A&M and College Station in mind.

The editorial policy of The Battalion will continue to follow closely the statement of principles of Student Publications and all other principles of good journalism.

News coverage will be increased as much as possible to provide all readers with knowledge of happenings on the campus and in College Station.

With cooperation from college students and residents of the city, next year can prove to be one of the best for the newspaper as well as the readers it serves. — JT

Freshman Orientation

Civilian organization on the campus is rapidly closing its third year without making any definite plans for Civilian freshman orientation.

All through this semester the Civilian Student Council has been laboring to discover some way to handle the situation but has not decided on any definite program.

Several plans have been discussed and seemingly left in mid-air by councilmen. Not one of these, however, was actually drafted and presented to the Council.

Before the semester is over several plans should be drafted and presented to the Council for consideration. Time is rapidly running out. If Civilian leaders don't instigate such a plan the college staff may.

It would be a shame for Civilian students to lose the opportunity of organizing and planning a freshman program which they would be executing themselves.

Now is the time to do something about it. — JT

Letters Welcomed

Letters to the editor will be welcomed as in the past but due to space limitations they should be kept short. The editors reserve the right not to print a letter if it is too long or contains profane, vulgar or libelous material. — JT



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Jordan Forgets Political Crisis, Begins Festival

AMMAN, Jordan, (AP). — Feasting, frivolity and finery were the order of the day in Jordan yesterday.

The political crisis which rocked the country recently and which King Hussein says is ended, appeared forgotten by crowds celebrating the three-day feast that marks the end of the month-long Moslem fast of Ramadan.

At dawn, King Hussein headed a motor procession to a mosque for prayers. He was saluted by a guard of honor and met by the acting army chief of staff, Maj. Gene Habes Majali, and other aides.

Jordan still is under martial law, but the curfew was lifted today for 17 hours from 4 a.m. to allow Moslems to attend religious services.

For Hussein it was a busy morning. After the mosque, he visited the tomb of his grandfather, King Abdullah. Then, back at the palace, Hussein received a stream of callers who presented him with traditional good wishes.

Diplomats visited the palace to greet the young monarch who was dressed in the uniform of commander in chief of his country's armed forces.

U.S. Ambassador Lester Mallory was first in line.

Hussein also exchanged cables of congratulations with heads of all Moslem states.

B. S. Schweigert Will Speak Here

Dr. B. S. Schweigert, director of American Meat Institute Foundation at the University of Chicago and former A&M professor, will give a graduate lecture in the Biological Sciences Building lecture room Monday night at 8.

With his topic entitled "Dietary Fats and Atherosclerosis," Dr. Schweigert will discuss causes of heart disease and evaluate the existing, but often conflicting, information in this important field.

All interested persons are invited to attend the talk.

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Work On Radar Fills College Coffers

Tornados that leave a battered and sometimes bloody trail behind them have been a wind of good fortune to several departments at A&M.

Over \$28,000 has been paid to the college for modifying surplus U. S. Weather Bureau radar sets, so the units can be used to track tornados, storm fronts and weather disturbances of all kinds.

Students of the Physics, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering Departments have accomplished most of the work.

In 1953 the Texas Radar Tornado Warning Network was set up in 18 cities in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The A&M Research Foundation agreed to have surplus radar sets belonging to the government alerted for use as weather chasers. The foundation then farmed out the actual rebuilding of the sets.

From this small beginning A&M has modified sets for use in 26 cities and has contracted for 10 more sets.

The finished units have a range of 200 miles and are able to track storms with great accuracy. Warnings from half an hour to four hours are possible with the rebuilt sets.

Three Chemists Attend ACS Meet

Three members of the Chemistry Department have recently attended the national meeting of the American Chemistry Society held in Miami, Fla.

Dr. A. F. Isbell, Dr. R. A. Zingaro and Dr. E. A. Meyers, attended the meeting at which Zingaro and Isbell presented papers.

Dr. Isbell presented the results of some investigations he is carrying on in organic phosphorous chemistry in a paper, "Attempted Synthesis of 1,2-Trimethylpropyl Phosphonyl Dichloride."

A description of the theoretical aspects of a commercial uranium extraction process was made by Dr. Zingaro in his paper, "The Extraction of Uranium from Aqueous Perchlorate Solutions by di (2-Ethylhexyl) Phosphoric Acid in n-Hexane."

Glaze Named Head Of Interfaith Group

Bob Glaze was elected president of the Interfaith Council for next year at the steak-fry meeting held by the Council in Hensel Park Tuesday night.

Elmer Jacobs was elected vice-president with the other officers to be elected next fall at the first council meeting.

\$382,000 Appropriated For College Building

Funds totaling \$382,000 were appropriated Saturday for construction and improvements at A&M by the Board of Directors of the A&M College System at their meeting here Saturday.

Arlington State College received a \$11,697.75 appropriation and Tarleton State College was given \$3,200, making the total appropriation \$396,897.75.

A&M may use \$250,000 of the funds to build 250 new apartments for married students. Authorization for drawing up plans for the housing project was given by the board. The college now has 456 such apartments.

Chancellor M. T. Harrington also was authorized to apply for loan assistance under the Federal Housing Act of 1950, to build a 202 man dormitory at Tarleton at a cost of \$550,000.

A&M's appropriation includes \$75,000 for the repainting of dormitories 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 this summer. Duncan mess hall will receive a \$220,000 remodeling from the appropriation. Of the funds, \$4,000 is authorized for preliminary plans and application for the proposed apartment project and \$5,000 will be spent on furniture for the dean of agriculture's office in the new dairy and biochemistry building.

Also, \$5,500 was allotted to drawings for a proposed continuing education building, \$10,000 for the power plant, \$12,000 for underground construction of electric lines and \$16,000 for remodeling Nagle Hall.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture building will receive \$40,000 for installation of elevators and renovation and \$9,500 will be used to paint the building.

Plans for a new housing for the utilities department received \$10,000 and an equal amount was allotted to completion of the dairy and biochemistry building.

Contracts totaling \$58,238 have been allocated by the directors for work on the campus. R. B. Butler, Inc., of Bryan, received a \$33,258 contract for streets and sidewalks.

Vance and Thurmond, also of Bryan, was given a \$24,980 for remodeling of the agronomy laboratory, Guion Hall and mechanical engineering shops.

Georesearch Inc., of Freeport, La., was awarded an oil-gas and sulphur lease on 370 acres in Cherokee County for a bonus of \$15 an acre, one-sixth royalty and \$1 a year rental.

The board also confirmed a con-

tract for \$10,188 to American Seating Co., Dallas, for installation of tablet arm chairs in Nagle Hall.

At the Saturday meeting, the board also approved four grants from the fund for the improvement of teaching. Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr., dean of engineering made recommendations for the grants.

John Q. Anderson, associate professor of English, was authorized to continue work on collecting sketches and tales about Texas which appeared in regional and

national newspapers and magazines between 1830 and 1860.

Dr. J. M. Nance, of the History Department, was given funds to obtain microfilm and photostatic copies of material concerned with "the background and history of the Texas and Mier Expedition of 1842."

Lloyd C. Taylor Jr., instructor of the History Department, was authorized to inspect the Hopkins paper in the Alabama state archives for the continuation of studying Juliet Opie Hopkins and the Confederate hospital system.

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