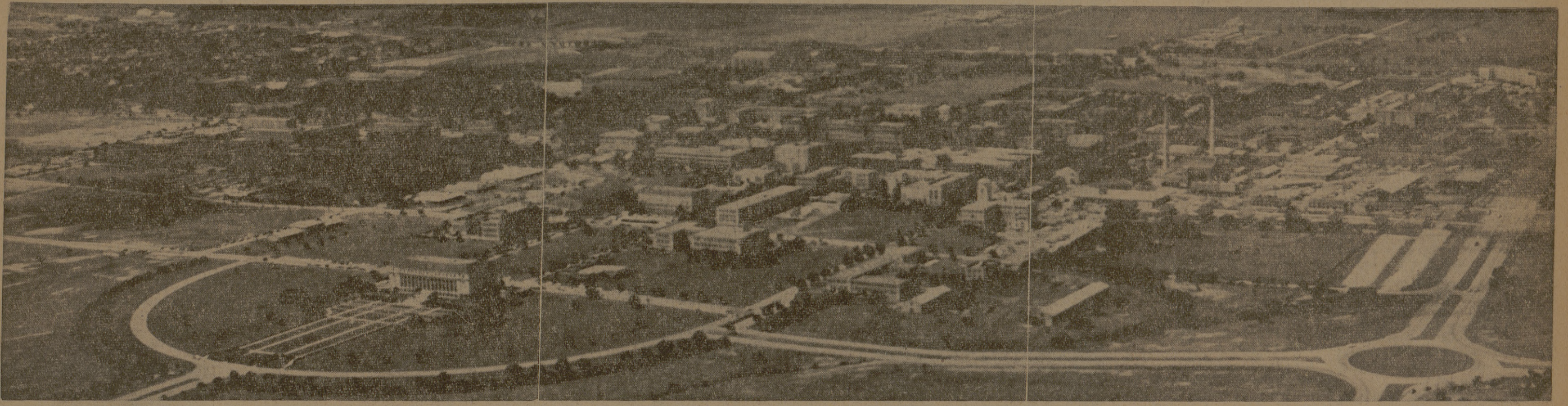


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# New Student Week Opens With 2,100

## President's Welcome

Why are you going to college? Why was Texas A&M the school of your choice? I know many very good answers to both of these questions, but if you are a first year man coming here then you are the only one who can and must supply the answers.

Clear objectives will help but, if you are not certain about the field of work in which you want to spend your future, do not be disturbed, because there is still time for such a decision after you have spent some time getting more familiar with various possibilities and in finding more about your own aptitudes.

The one most important thing for a student to make up his mind about is to do well whatever he undertakes. Your college career will be a happy one and you will like A&M if you are master of your school work from the very beginning. Nothing else can satisfactorily replace good scholarship in college. By all means take part in athletics, and in extra-curricular activities that have an appeal to you. In a very short time your class must furnish the leadership. A college man needs to have an all around development, but remember he can't get this unless he is on top of that school work. Work hard and play hard. Work and play to win.

Military at A&M is on a voluntary basis. However, I strongly urge and recommend that you become a member of the Cadet Corps for the first two years you are here. After that you will know from your own judgment whether you will want to continue for the last two years. You will be proud to be a member of the Corps of Cadets and the training will be invaluable to you in the future. Being a member of the Corps goes much deeper than just training for Military Service. It provides the best and quickest way for you to get acquainted with a large group who will be your lifelong friends. You will value the disciplines involved in leadership training.

A&M is a great school. It is located in a splendid environment for a college. The Staff is capable and devoted. A strong religious atmosphere prevails on the campus. This is a wholesome community with stress on schools and churches.

We are happy that you are coming to A&M. We will do all within our power to help you build a solid foundation for your future. You must do your part. Put first things first. For your first few months that is scholarship.

Why are you coming to college?

I trust that you accomplish the fullest measure of your own answer.

Sincerely yours,  
D. W. Williams  
Acting President

## Budget Hearing Held For CHS

W. T. Reidel, superintendent of Consolidated High School, announced the public hearing of the school budget for 1957 and 1958.

The hearing tonight will begin promptly at 7:30 in the Junior High School Library.

## Sea Scout Plans

Plans are being made for the organization of a Sea Scout unit at College Station and any students who have had any experience as Sea Scouts are urged to see C. M. Loyd, Physics Department, or call him at VI 6-5023 as soon as possible.

## Weather Today

PARTLY CLOUDY

Yesterday's high was 96 degrees, and this morning's low, 69. At 10:30 a.m. the reading was 88 degrees.

## Conference Rule Changes Uniforms

Now that television plays such an important role in football, the Aggies and other schools are compelled to make a uniform change for the 1957 season.

For the benefit of the television audiences identification ease, each player's number will be written on the side of his helmet.

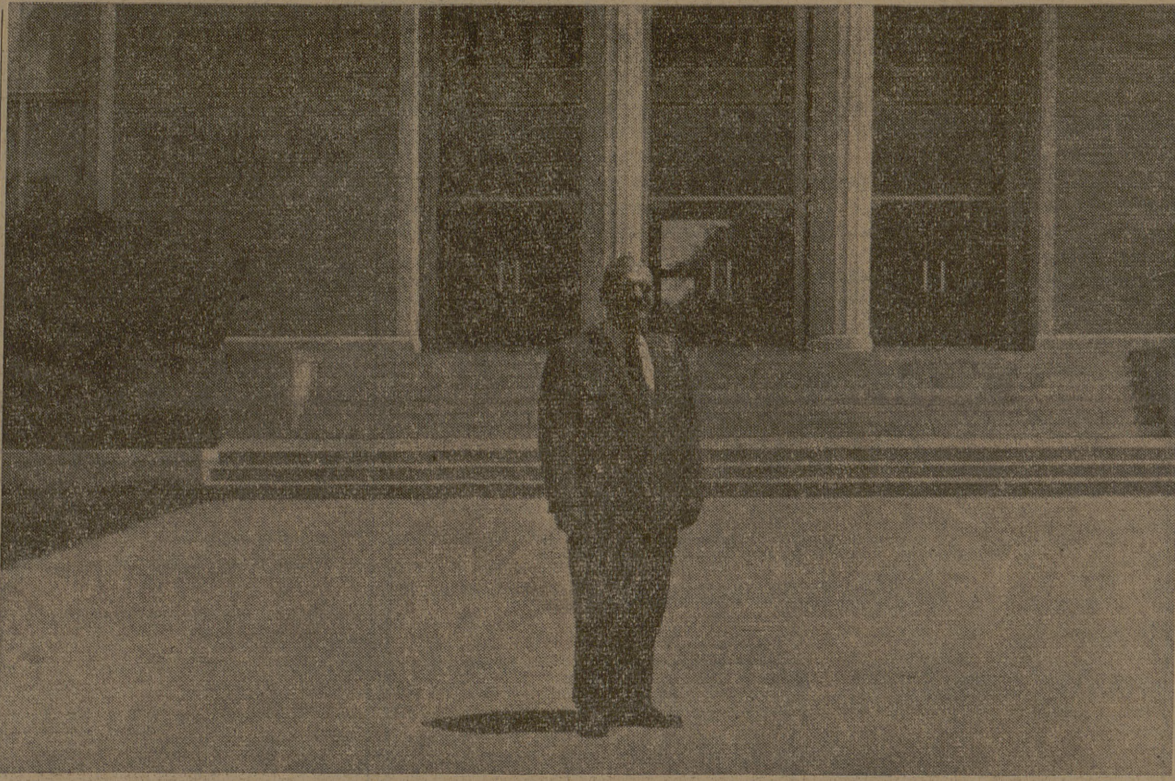
Further identification aid will be the numbers on the sleeve to correspond to the player's larger number on his back.

These requirements were made by conference rules.

A football game has gone to almost the same extremes as the production of a first class movie.

## Mothers' Club Meet

A&M's Mothers' Club will hold their fall board meeting in the Birch Room of the MSC on September 14 at 10 a.m. Room reservation for September 13 should be made by the first.



PRESIDENT D. W. WILLIAMS, standing in front of the Richard Coke Building, welcomes the class of 1961. The Coke Building is the college administration building.

## Nuclear Training

# A&M's Atomic Reactor Arrives, First In Texas

A&M moves into the spotlight even before the opening of football season with the arrival of Texas' first atomic reactor set for next week.

Made available through a \$156,800 grant from the Atomic Energy Commission, the AGN 201 nuclear training reactor will be used for educational purposes coupled with courses in nuclear engineering.

In charge of the reactor is Richard E. Wainerdi, who will serve as associate research engineer with the Engineering Experiment Station and associate professor of nuclear engineering in the School of Engineering. Other titles of Wainerdi include chairman of the Reactor Operations Committee and reactor program coordinator.

Courses in nuclear technology in physics and chemistry will get underway in September. Coordinator of the educational work is Edward H. Andrew Jr., of the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Immediately after the arrival of the reactor, which is being shipped from California, it will be activated and A&M will have the first working nuclear reactor in the Southwest. The scope of the usefulness of the reactor is practically unlimited.

First scheduled use of the reactor is to train operators from

among the staff of the Experiment Station and members of the faculty. The training course lasts for several days.

## Army Intelligence Reservists Return

Col. Robert L. Melcher and Col. Frank S. Vaden Jr., both from the Bryan-College Station area, are returning from a two-week reserve tour of duty at Fort Sam Houston this weekend.

Melcher, director of training, and Vaden, director of Administration, were attending the 10th annual Fourth U. S. Army Area Intelligence School. States represented in the school are Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The 40 citizen-soldiers were trained in current intelligence doctrine, techniques, principles and methods.

Training was organized into six departments; intelligence, linguists, aerial photo interpretation, order of battle, censorship and counterintelligence. The students found themselves assigned to positions of staffs of Army, Corps and Divisions for the last two days of the school. They were confronted with problems which actually happened in World War II.

## Civilian, Corps Leaders Help

Arrival of the Class of 1961, about 2,100 strong, heralds the official opening of New Student Week at A&M Monday morning at 8, September 9.

With the incoming freshmen, are Civilian and Corps leaders who will help guide and counsel the new students during the week and show them which lines to get in and where to go at specified times.

Until registration on Friday, September 13, the new students will have four days of meetings, orientation talks, unit meetings, general assemblies and individual conferences with Basic Division advisors.

Following is a schedule of the week's activities:

### Monday, Sept. 9

## Dorms Close Bizzell, Hart Remain Open

All summer session students are reminded that all dorms will be closed and locked at 6 p.m. Friday August 23, with the exception of Bizzell and ramp C of Hart Hall.

Students who wish to remain on the campus between terms may register for Bizzell or ramp C of Hart Hall for this period by paying room rent of \$8.35 at the Fiscal Office and present the receipt at the Housing Office, room 16, YMCA. This includes students now living in these two locations. This registration must be completed by 5 p.m. Friday, August 23.

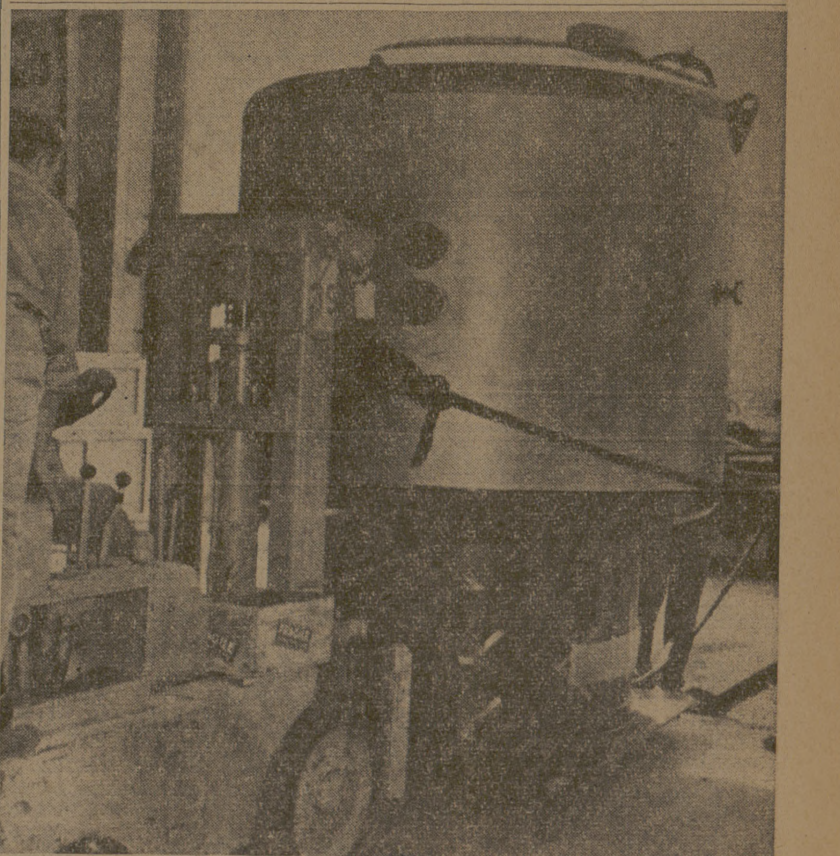
Freshmen will pay fees, secure room assignments and keys, receive uniform authorizations and secure new student information cards. All this may be done in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The remainder of the day will be used to set up rooms for living. Noon and evening meals will be served in Duncan Hall. General assembly will be held in The Grove for all new students with C. H. Ransdell, associate dean of the Basic Division in charge.

### Tuesday, Sept. 10

General assembly is scheduled for 8 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum at which time Col. Henry Dittman, professor of Air Science, and Col. Delmar P. Anderson, professor of Military Science and Tactics, will speak to the group about their respective branches of ROTC.

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A&M'S NEW ATOMIC REACTOR arrives. The reactor will be used in nuclear training at A&M.