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Freshmen to Arrive September 15

Board Approves Jump In Teaching Salaries

An increase of \$297,501 in funds for teaching salaries was the most significant phase of the \$17,632,235 budget approved for A&M for the fiscal year beginning September 1,

by the College System board of directors, meeting here Tuesday.

The increase went for selective salary raises on a merit scale, many of a substantial nature.

Funds for the salary increases came from an increase in appropriations from the General Revenue of \$118,316, plus savings made through the elimination of a number of teaching positions and supplemented by an appropriation from the University Available Fund.

Other significant increases included \$42,374 additional for the college library, continuing the major library improvement program started a number of years ago. Organized research funds were increased by \$28,824 and the college's extension and public services by \$46,515.

In accordance with an act of the last Legislature, the board authorized establishment of laboratory fees in all courses in which consumable laboratory supplies and materials are used. A&M will have over 570 separate laboratory fees, ranging from \$2 to \$8 per semester. A complete list of these is being made up and will be published by the office of the registrar before the opening of the fall semester.

Also in compliance with action

of the last Legislature, the present Student Activity, Student Health and Student Center fees of the college were cancelled. In their place a compulsory matriculation and student service fee were substituted. The three cancelled fees have totalled \$45.90 for the entire long session, of which \$21.90 was for Student Activities, \$20 for Student Health and \$4 for the Student Center.

The new compulsory fee will total \$35.35 for the next long session and \$36 for long sessions thereafter. Of this, \$22 is for medical fees, \$12 for the Student Center and \$2 for intramural activities.

In addition, the board authorized establishment of voluntary fees at A&M of \$9.70 for athletics, \$10.30 for student publications, \$3 for Town Hall and \$8.00 for the Great Issues and Recital Series, a total of \$23.80 for the long session. Those students not choosing to pay the voluntary fee will not participate in these activities.

Car registration and parking fees, also provided for by action of the Legislature, will be \$3 for the Fall semester, \$3 for the Spring semester and \$3 for either or both terms of summer school, for students. System employees will pay \$7.50 per year parking fees plus \$1 per year registration permit.

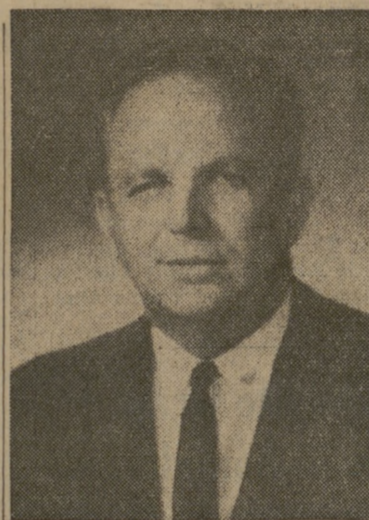
President Greet Class of 1963

TO THE CLASS OF 1963:

The faculty and staff join me in extending to you a warm welcome to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. You have chosen a college which has made an enviable record in educational achievement for over 83 years.

All of us are dedicated to the job of developing each student to the maximum of his capabilities—mentally, physically and spiritually. We seek to accomplish this by providing outstanding professors, who want you to grow academically. We offer you fine facilities, including well-equipped laboratories, stimulating programs and healthful living conditions.

You face a real challenge as you begin your college career at A&M. The amount of hard work you can do here in preparation for life's opportunities is practically unlimited. As you adjust to college life, you may wonder at times whether the effort is worthwhile. No doubt many of the outstanding graduates of A&M have had these same thoughts when they were freshmen here—men like Bernard A. Schriever, the son of immigrant parents, who graduated from A&M, Class of 1931. Today he heads the U.S. Air Missiles program. James Foley, Class of 1932, today is president of one of the major petroleum companies of the world. Dr. William E. Mor-



Earl Rudder

gan, Class of 1930, is president of Colorado State University. This mentions only three of the thousands of graduates who have had the determination and perseverance to complete their college education here at Aggieland and go on to assume their places of leadership. We trust and hope this will be your experience also. May your years at A&M be productive and happy, and may they be ones which contribute to a richer, fuller life for you in the years ahead.

Earl Rudder
President

New Student Week Filled With Events

A program of orientation and other activities for new students entering A&M this fall will be held Sept. 15-19 under direction of the college's Basic Division.

Classes for all students will begin on Monday, Sept. 21. The New Student Orientation Program is held to give all new students and transfer students having less than 30 semester hours credit an opportunity to become acquainted with student activity programs, to meet departmental advisors and other staff members, to select courses and to register for the 1959-60 academic year.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, the new students will report to the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center at any time

between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. to pay fees and secure housing assignments. After securing housing assignments, they will set up their rooms for living on the campus. ROTC students will secure authorization for uniforms.

Earl Rudder, president of the college, will welcome the new students at a general assembly to be held on the night of Sept. 15 at the G. Rollie White Coliseum. Dr. G. H. Ransdell, associate director of the Basic Division, will preside, members of the college executive committee will be introduced, and a talk will be made by the president of the Student Senate, Joseph Sekerka of Rt. 1, Weimar.

The second day, Sept. 16, will be devoted to an exchange of information between the new student, his major department and departmental education advisor.

That night, the second general assembly will be held at the coliseum with J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life at A&M and general secretary of the YMCA, presiding. The president of the YMCA Cabinet, William G. Shenkir of 502 Dwight Ave., San Antonio, will speak on "The Place of Religion at Aggieland."

The new students will be introduced to local ministers and will be invited to attend open house at local churches.

Dr. Frank Hubert, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and director of the Basic Division, will preside at a general assembly at the coliseum on the morning of Sept. 17. Following the assembly, most of the day will be devoted to group and individual placement conferences with staff members of the Basic Division. Students who will major in agriculture will hold conferences with the dean of agriculture.

Friday morning, Sept. 18, the students will meet with James B. Hannigan, dean of students; Bennie A. Zinn, director of student personnel services; Dr. C. R. Lyons, director of student health services; Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant of the School of Military Sciences, and other staff members for information on student activities and military activities.

On the evening of Sept. 18, the Memorial Student Center Directorate will hold an informal reception in the MSC ball room in honor of the new students. Officials of the college will be introduced.

All new Basic Division students will register on Thursday night, Sept. 17, and on Friday, Sept. 18. All other students, including transfers with more than 15 semester hours of credit, will register on the afternoon of Sept. 18 and on the following day.

Activities of the New Student Orientation Program will be concluded on the morning of Sept. 19 with unit meetings for cadets and civilian students.

Library Schedule

Beginning tomorrow and continuing through Sunday, Sept. 20, Cushing Library will observe the following between semester schedule:

Weekdays—8 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Saturdays—8 a. m. to noon,
Sunday—Closed

Former Student Named Cashier Of Houston Bank

A. Harrel Blackshear was named cashier of Houston Bank & Trust Company in an action by the board of directors on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Blackshear joined the bank staff as vice president and loan officer in October, 1956. A native of Galveston, he is a graduate of A&M and holds a master's degree in business administration from Northwestern University. He served as commissioned officer in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

From 1948 through 1951, he was on the staff of Chase National Bank (New York) and during the two years following was a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He came to Houston Bank & Trust after two years as officer of the United States National Bank in Galveston.

Blackshear has been active in the fund drives of the Houston Symphony Society and is a life member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Extension Service Assigns Instructor

In a move to assist industrial organizations too small to develop an adequate training staff, the Supervisory Development Division of the Engineering Extension Service, A&M System, has assigned an instructor to the Houston and Gulf Coast areas on a full-time basis.

W. B. Mansfield, who has moved to Houston, will work with these plants in determining training needs, establishing training schedules, training instructors and in upgrading their supervisory personnel through the supervisory development program offered by the Engineering Extension Service.

In keeping with its motto, "Training Texans to Build a Better Texas," the Engineering Extension Service provides several short unit courses to improve supervision. They include fundamentals of supervision, personnel relations, methods improvement, effective employe training, the supervisor and accident prevention, and industrial communication.

Additional information concerning these courses is available from Engineering Extension Service headquarters in College Station.

Secretary Group Presents Barbecue

Members of the Bryan-College Station Chapter of the National Secretaries Assn. entertained their husbands with a barbecue at the home of Mrs. Mary Beth Gandy, 806 Newton, College Station on Saturday evening.

The next scheduled meeting will be Sept. 8 when Mrs. Alice Powell from Austin, who is the Division Secretary and Board contact for the Chapter, will be present.

Foreign Students Must Get Forms If Planning to Leave

All foreign students who plan to visit in countries other than the United States between Aug. 28 and the fall semester must secure a Form I-20, Bennie A. Zinn, foreign student advisor, said.

The forms can be picked in Room 209 of the YMCA prior to departure from the campus. The forms should be secured as early as possible to avoid last minute rushes, Zinn said.

Campus Archives Office Moved to Cushing Library

The College Archives office has been moved from the Memorial Student Center to the Cushing Memorial Library.

The College Archives Office was inaugurated August, 1950, under the joint sponsorship of the College and the Association of Former Students for the purpose of gathering and preserving the history of

the College.

It is administered by a committee composed of faculty members and former students, chaired by R. A. Houze, director of the Cushing Memorial Library.

"We are proud to have the Archives office located in the Library," Houze says. "We think it will have many advantages in its new location and the public is invited to visit and take advantage of its facilities."

Prof. D. B. Cofer, retired member of the Department of English, was the first archivist and under his administration many items and documents of historical interest and information were collected. Cofer also published five bulletins dealing with the early history and administration of the college. Upon Cofer's retirement Aug. 31, 1957, Ernest Langford, former head of the Division of Architecture, was appointed archivist on a part-

time arrangement.

"Since Sept. 1, 1957, a concerted program of writing the histories of the various departments and divisions of the college has been under way," Langford says. "A history of the first 50 years of architectural education has been completed and is being distributed."

"The late Dr. Hubert Schmidt finished just prior to his death a history of the School of Veterinary Medicine. This history has been published."

Since the establishment of the Archives office hundreds of items of historical material, such as pictures, papers, letters, clippings, minute books, scrapbooks, annuals, catalogs and textbooks, have been collected, indexed and filed.

Besides records and documents of this kind, several uniforms showing the various periods in the military history of the institution, have been collected.

Top Ag Students To Tour Mexico

Progress being made in Mexico in the field of agriculture will be observed in September by a group of outstanding agricultural students of A&M who will tour Mexico under the sponsorship of the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

The students, all of whom are visualized as future agricultural leaders, were selected for the tour by the Faculty Scholarships Committee of A&M's School of Agriculture.

Dr. G. M. Watkins, dean of agriculture at A&M, and Dr. R. C. Potts, assistant dean of agriculture, will accompany the students.

Starting on Sept. 4 and ending on Sept. 13, the tour has a twofold purpose—to acquaint the agri-

cultural students and staff members with agricultural practices and problems in Mexico, and to improve the understanding between the people of the two countries.

Representatives of the Sears Roebuck Foundation of Mexico and members of the staff of the National School of Agriculture at Chapingo, Mexico, will lead the 10-day tour to such places as coffee, rubber and banana plantations, experimental farms, ranches, sites of irrigation and water conservation projects and agricultural classrooms.

In addition to field trips, one or more formal programs will be held in honor of the visiting American students and administrators.



Scientist Takes Wife

Miss Doreen May Foley of Australia Tuesday became the wife of Dr. Brian Warren Logan, a research scientist in the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology. The bride arrived from Australia Tuesday and the couple were married in the A&M Inter Faith Chapel. Mont Whitson, minister of the A&M Church of Christ, conducted the services. The couple will live in College Station at 300 Cooner.