

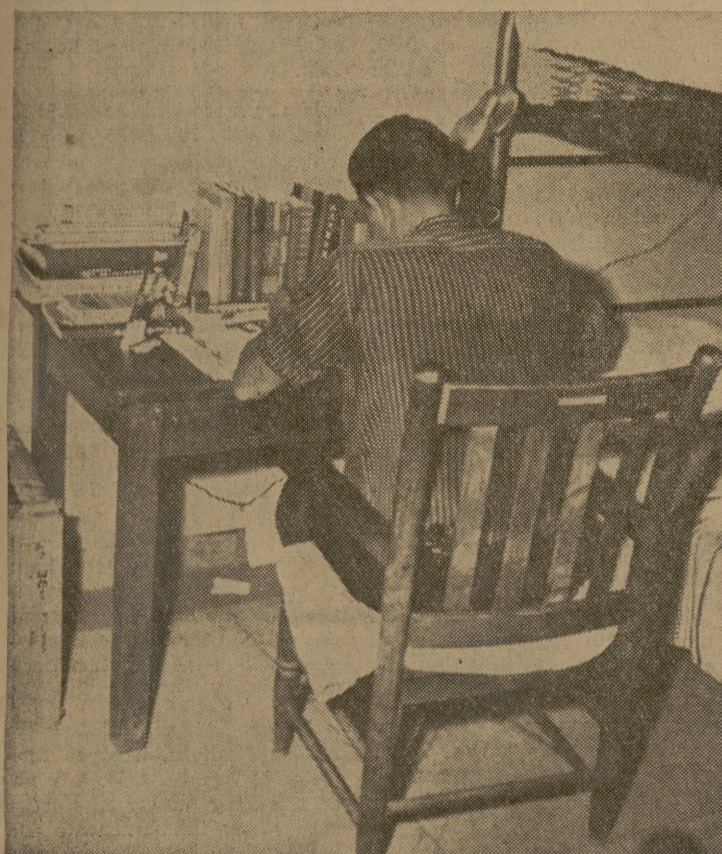


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From The Old . . .

Sporting some of the last of the "old" furniture remaining in a few of the A&M dormitories, Rafael Chagin jumps back into the swing of things this fall by hitting the books early.

Kent Keeps Active In Astronomy Study

(Editors Note: Today's article begins a series of articles on faculty and staff members at A&M. The series will be run at least once a week on Page 2 of The Battalion.)

By BILL BROUSSARD
Battalion Staff Writer

Among the more active professors on the A&M campus is Jack Thurston Kent, an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics, whose scope includes everything from social activities to furthering the study of astronomy.

After completing his work at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn., in 1930, Kent entered the University of Arkansas where he received his M. A. degree in 1931. Two years later, he received his Ph.D. degree at Ohio State University. Among the honors received by Kent while attending college were Omicron Phi Tau member (same as Phi Beta Kappa) at Lambuth College, and charter member of Pi Mu Epsilon, a national mathematics society, at the University of Arkansas.

Since his completion of studies, Kent has been the author of many publications dealing with math, physics and astronomy. One of

the highlights of his writings was the publication of a high school mathematics book in 1934.

Kent's most recent publication was an Astrophysical Journal Supplement entitled "Survey of Asteroids," printed in 1958.

Kent has worked on numerous research projects, among the more recent being director of the A&M Moonwatch Team in 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959. The Moonwatch Team was part of the International Geophysical Year program.

Community service is an important part of Kent's outside activities. He has worked with numerous charitable organizations, among them director of the March of Dimes drive in 1953, Brazos County Chapter of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1953-59, chairman of Brazos County Chapter during 1954-56. Kent was a member of the board of deacons of the A&M Presbyterian Church from 1943 until 1952. He was church treasurer from 1944 until 1949. In 1958, Kent was nominated chairman of the Commission on Education of the A&M Methodist Church.

During his 29 years of teaching, Kent has held many positions of (See KENT on Page 4)

Frosh Withdrawals Lower Under New Corps System

Figures Illustrate Decrease in Losses

By JOHNNY JOHNSON
Battalion Editor

The new policy regarding treatment of freshmen in the Corps of Cadets has already shown results as figures released Tuesday by Bennie A. Zinn, director of the Department of Student Affairs, show.

The number of freshmen who have dropped out of school since the beginning of Freshmen Orientation Week through the first day of classes this year is lower than the figure for the same period last year.

Zinn's figures show that a total of 12 freshmen either resigned after enrolling or left school before registering this year as compared with 35 who left last year.

The figures for both years include the number who left after reporting for the orientation week but before registering and those who resigned between the time they registered and the time the first day of classes ended.

In 1958 there were 35 freshmen who had dropped out through the first day of classes. And this year only 12 have withdrawn, Zinn said.

Of the 35 who left in 1958, 25 left college before registering and six left after registering before completing the first day of classes. Two civilians were included in the 35.

This year six left before registration and six left after registration. One civilian student was included in the group leaving after registration.

"These figures are a good indication that people in the Corps of Cadets are doing better than they did before," said Zinn.

President Earl Rudder, when informed of the figures, said, "We are grateful to Bill Heye and his fellow cadet officers for the work they are doing toward making the new Corps policies work."

"These figures are proof of the good work and this sort of thing will lead A&M to the great heights of which it is worthy," President Rudder went on to say.

Reports from the College Hospital Tuesday morning indicated that for the first time in many years, a large number of freshmen did not report to the hospital following All-College Night.

Hospital officials said that no freshmen came to the hospital for treatment of mental or physical exhaustion following All-College Night as has happened in the past.



Dames' Club Social Honors New Members

The A&M Chapter of the University Dames' Club held a tea in honor of its new members in the South Solarium of the YMCA last night.

The club, which is affiliated with a national organization, is made up of all the Aggie wives. Their motto is "Once a Dame, Always a Dame."

Officers for this year are Doris Evans, president; Judy Chapman, vice-president; Kay Bennett, social chairman; Rae Peurifoy, Aggie Wives' Council Representative; Verla Spaw, reporter; Glenda Powell, corresponding secretary; Libby Davis, Recording Secretary; Mary Bryant, Treasurer; Kathy Robertson, parliamentarian.

The club holds regular meetings the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month in the YMCA at 8 p.m. The first is a business meeting, and the second is a social gathering of the club.

The first activity of the club for this year will be a style show to be held Oct. 25 in the Memorial Student Center, entitled "An Affair with Fashions." Other activities for the year include a Christmas party, a Valentine's Day dinner-dance, and the annual spring picnic.

The club's faculty sponsors for the current year are Mrs. Glen Halmark and Mrs. Don Young.

Dames' Club Hold Tea

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Kay Peurifoy, Mrs. Doris Evans, Mrs. Evelyn Gerber and Mrs. Margie Williams. The club, affiliated with a national organization, is made up of Aggie wives.

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Pacific Northwest

Richardson Relates 7,000 Mile Tour to Kiwanis Club

Members and guests of the College Station Kiwanis Club heard Charles Richardson, employe of the A&M biology department, relate stories using color slides of his recent vacation trip with his family to the Pacific Northwest and Canada at the club luncheon held in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Tuesday noon.

Richardson told of the 7,605 mile trip which included scenic tours through Victoria, Canada; the Grand Canyon; Washington state; Glacier National Park; Salt Lake City, Utah; and a visit to Yellowstone National Park to see Old Faithful.

The most interesting tour Richardson related was a visit to the Highland Games in Victoria. Track meets, folk dance contests and enumerable other events highlighted the games.

Preceding Richardson's talk, new club officers who will take office next January were confirmed. These included K. A. Manning, president; Loyd Keel, first vice-president; and Bill Krueger, second vice-president. Members of the club board will be Dave Franklin, Maurice Futrell, Doyle Letbetter and Harrison Hierth.

Charles LaMotte was unanimously endorsed by the club as candidate for Lt. Governor for District Nine.

Another important announcement concerning the discussion of the petition to ban leud literature within this area was made by Tom Prather, chairman of the club's church support committee. The subject will be discussed at the city council meeting Thursday night.

Roy Wingren, present president of the club, urged all officers who will assume their posts in January to attend the club's board of directors meeting to be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mechanical

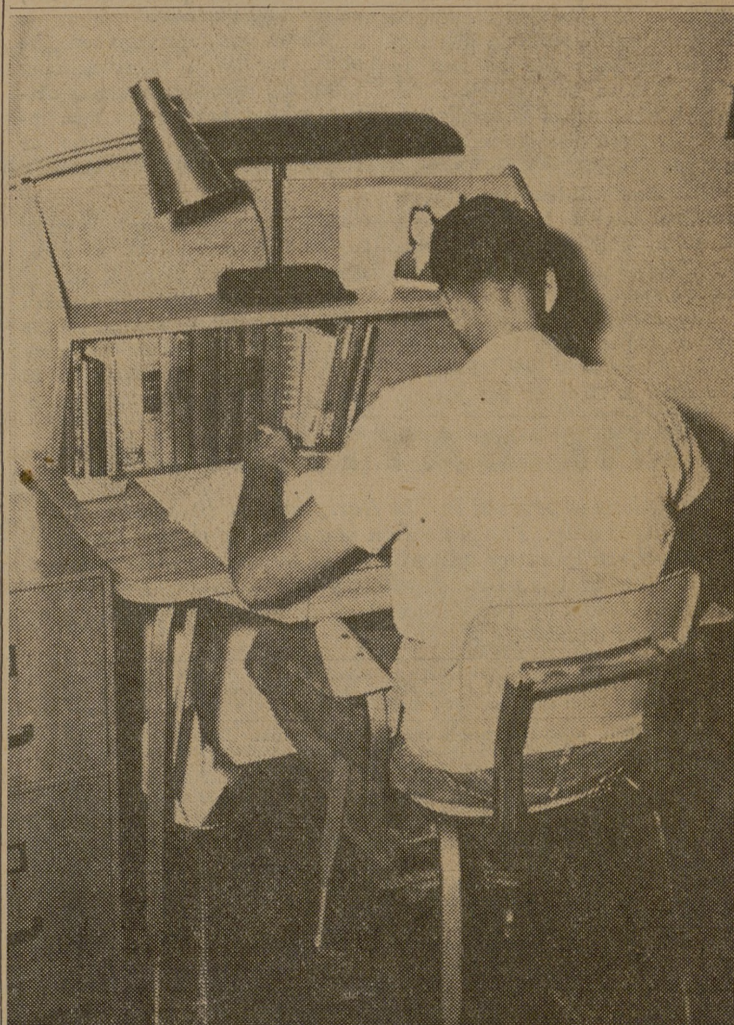
Engineering Shop Building.

Present officers of the club are Wingren; John Longley, immediate past president; Manning, first vice-president; Keel, second vice-president; Murray Brown, secretary; Ed Pakenham, treasurer;

and Hierth, editor of KI-NOWA.

The luncheon song session was led by Tony Sorenson and accompanied by Brown.

Approximately 70 members attended the regular Tuesday meeting.



... To The New

Bob Gawers, engineering student from Waco, studies comfortably with the aid of "new" furniture now found in most of the A&M dormitories. The furniture was first put into the dorms two years ago and eventually all dorms on the campus are expected to be equipped with it.

Congressional Record

Winning A&M Essay Acclaimed in Congress

"Texas A&M—What It Means To Me," the essay written by Tommy Keith which won the C. L. Babcock Essay Award held last spring appears in the current United States Congressional Record.

Keith, a 1959 graduate from Cleveland, Texas, was awarded \$200 for his winning essay. Some 70 essays were entered.

The essay was brought before members of the United States House of Representatives by Texas Representative Jack Brooks, Friday, Sept. 11.

Congressman Brooks' talk on Keith's essay, as it appears in the Congressional Record, is as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, one of the most important factors in our democracy which has made our country great is our splendid colleges and universities. Of these schools none has made a greater contribution to our democratic way of life than Texas A&M College at College Station.

Although we have other outstanding colleges in Texas—among them Lamar State College of Technology, which I attended before it became a four year college, and the University of Texas, where I received my work in journalism and law—there is no Texan who is not proud of the splendid academic record of Texas A&M. I know each member of the Texas delegation shares with our colleague, Congressman Olin Teague, who represents the district which includes College Station, the justifiable pride he feels for his own alma mater.

This pride we all feel for Texas A&M reaches beyond its high academic standards to include the remarkable esprit de corps of Texas Aggies and the guidance this spirit gives to its graduates throughout their lives. Loyalty is a most commendable attribute in any man and loyalty to the worthwhile traditions of Aggieland is particularly commendable.

A devoted alumnus of Texas A&M and my good friend, Mr. C.

L. Babcock of Beaumont, this year sponsored a campuswide essay contest with entries to be written on the subject: "What Does Texas A&M Mean to the Average Student?" The winner of this contest was a senior student from my congressional district—Mr. Tommy Keith of Cleveland.

Mr. Keith has written in a few hundred words the experiences and challenges at Texas A&M that have helped him, as he puts it, in the long climb from boyhood to manhood. Few things are more important to either men or boys.

Mr. Speaker, I believe Charlie Babcock should be commended for making it possible for such an essay to be written, and after having read Tommy Keith's account of his nearly four years as a Texas Aggie, I feel sure each of our colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating this fine young man for a job well done.

I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Keith's essay be included in the RECORD at this point."