

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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A Forward Step

Congratulations, though they may be a bit premature are in order for members of the Corps of Cadets and especially to cadet officers.

The report released Tuesday shows the advancements made in the right direction this year. With only 12 freshmen having dropped out through Monday as compared with 35 for the same period last year, this gives Texas A&M an added 23 men in its fight to increase enrollment.

Another more important result of the increase in men staying is to show that members of the Corps of Cadets are doing their part in making Texas A&M a better school.

Probably the most significant result of the increase in the number of freshmen who stayed through Freshmen Orientation Week and the first day of classes is that it mean fewer families and citizens of the state of Texas will have a bad impression of Texas A&M.

Undoubtedly, nothing has done more to hurt enrollment and lower the regard people hold for Texas A&M, than the number of freshmen who have gone home after only a few days here to spread their story of the bad side of the school.

This result will mean big dividends in years to come. With less dissatisfied freshmen discouraging prospective high school seniors to come to Texas A&M, enrollment will continue to increase. Relations between the college and the people of the state will improve because of enrollment increases and the smaller number of degraders of the school. The Corps will also be doing more in achieving its purpose.

A lot remains to be done, but at least members of the Corps of Cadets have started out on the right foot.

How well they continue to work to improve the Corps will tell how well Texas A&M will prosper in the future.

Keep up the good work, cadets, your future is also hinged to the future of the college.

Nuclear Engineering Begins Complete Operation This Month

The new Department of Nuclear Engineering officially began full-scale operation this month with the arrival of its first department head, Dr. Robert G. Cochran.

The department's curriculum is designed primarily for graduate instruction leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

However, an introductory course in nuclear engineering is being offered for the first time this fall to senior level students desiring to broaden their engineering training to include some knowledge of the nuclear science and engineering field.

The fall course, Nuclear Engineering 401, is a survey of the many areas of knowledge used by the nuclear engineer in advancing present day technology.

Nuclear Engineering 402, the introductory course to be offered in the spring, is designed to acquaint engineers with the uses of radioisotopes and techniques in industry.

Experience has shown that engineers who have taken some training in nuclear technology have enhanced their employment opportunities and frequently receive higher than average starting salaries, said Cochran.

Any student desiring information about A&M's Nuclear Engineering program should contact Cochran at the department office in Bolton Hall, or John D. Randal at the Training Reactor Facility in the Mechanical Engineering Shops.

Commentator Staff Schedules Meeting

There will be a meeting of all students interested in working on the magazine for the School of Arts and Sciences tomorrow at 7:30 in the basement of the YMCA.

The magazine in the past has been known as The Commentator but action is now being taken to change the name to The Texas A&M Review, Tucker Sutherland, editor, said recently.

"There are openings on the staff for writers, advertising salesmen, circulation men, artists, photographers and men interested in public relations or promotion," Sutherland said.

A deck of playing cards is much like the calendar. The 12 face cards represent the 12 months; the 52 cards in the deck equal the 52 weeks in the year. And the sum of all the cards in the deck (counting Jack as 11, Queens as 12, King as 13 plus a Joker) totals 365 days.

Civil Air Patrol To Sponsor Show

The Bryan Civil Air Patrol Squadron will sponsor a traveling variety show in two performances at the Stephen F. Austin High School auditorium Monday.

The proceeds will be used by the CAP to buy gasoline for search missions for downed pilots and for flood disaster relief programs.

The show will headline a magic act by Marvin the Marvelous, songs by Kay Arnold, supported by Freckles, the talking doll, clowns, and other attractions.

The matinee performance will be at 4 p.m. and the evening performance at 8 p.m. Price of the show is 90 cents per person.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"No, fish Jethro, an engineer here at A&M ain't exactly a train driver!"

President Outlines Leave Procedures

The office of the president has been receiving a large number of requests for annual leave from members of the staff ranging from those of the heads of departments to stenographic and laboratory help, President Earl Rudder said recently.

In granting final approval on annual leave requests, Rudder has listed the following procedures:

1. For members of the departmental staff other than heads of departments the final approval will be that of the head of the department.
2. For heads of departments the final approval will be the dean of the school involved.
3. For deans of the schools the leave request should be routed to the president's office for approval.

Rudder said that employees be urged to take leave due them for their own benefit and for the ultimate benefit of the college.

"Scheduling of leaves is the responsibility of the department head, or the dean of the school of department heads, and should be such that the work of the department is not disrupted. Carry-over of leave should be discouraged. Carry-over should be permitted only when it will clearly be in the best interest of the college and the employee to do so. Requests for carry-over should be by letter to the dean through the head of the department. The letter should give justification for the request and be in the dean's hands by July 15 of the year from which leave is to be carried over," Rudder said.

By way of review, the president listed some of the regulations governing leave:

1. Annual leave is limited to two normal weeks during a fiscal year and no leave is earned until after six months of continuous service. The Board has added an extra week which may be taken in lieu of legal holidays.
2. Only full-time twelve months employees may be granted leave. Persons employed on an hourly or daily basis or nine months employees are not eligible for annual leave.
3. Not more than 10 working days (based on 40-hour week) may be carried forward to the next fiscal year. No leave can be carried to the second fiscal year.
4. No credit may be carried forward for holidays not taken during the fiscal year.

"Complete records of leave requests, leave taken, and leave due should be kept in the office which gives the final approval. These should be kept available for review by the business office or dean's office at any time," Rudder concluded.

Minnesota produces more than 60 per cent of iron ore in the U. S.

Danforth Group Wants Fellows

The Danforth Foundation, an educational foundation located in St. Louis, Mo., invites applications for the ninth class, 1960, of Danforth Graduate Fellows from college senior men and recent graduates who are preparing themselves for a career of college teaching, and are planning to enter graduate school in September, 1960, for their first year of graduate study.

The foundation welcomes applicants from the areas of natural and biological sciences, social sciences, humanities and all fields of specialization to be found in the undergraduate college.

President Earl Rudder has named Dr. G. W. Schlesselman as the liaison officer to nominate to the Danforth Foundation two or not to exceed three candidates for these 1960 fellowships.

These appointments are fundamentally "a relationship of encouragement" throughout the years of graduate study, carrying a promise of financial aid within prescribed conditions as there may be need.

The maximum annual grant for single fellows is \$1,500 plus tuition and fees charged to all graduate students; for married fellows, \$2,000 plus tuition and fees charged to all graduate students with an additional stipend of \$500 for each child. Students with or without financial need are invited to apply.

A Danforth fellow is allowed to carry other scholarship appointments, such as Rhodes, Fulbright, Woodrow Wilson, Marshall, etc., concurrently with his Danforth Fellowship, and applicants for these appointments are cordially invited to apply at the same time for a Danforth Fellowship.

If a man received the Danforth appointment, together with a Rhodes Scholarship, Fulbright Scholarship, or Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, he becomes a Danforth fellow without stipend, until these other relationships are completed.

All Danforth fellows will participate in the annual Danforth Foundation Conference on Teaching, to be held at Camp Minivanca in Michigan in September, 1960.

The qualifications of the candidates as listed in the announcement from the foundation are: men of outstanding academic ability, personality congenial to the classroom, and integrity and character, including serious inquiry within the Christian tradition.

All applications, including the recommendations, must be completed by Jan. 31, 1960. Any student wishing further information should get in touch with Dr. Schlesselman.

Social Whirl

The Sophomore Veterinary Wives Club will honor the freshmen veterinary wives at a Get Acquainted Party tonight at 7:30 in the South Solarium of the YMCA. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Alvin A. Price.



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