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## Summer Repair Gives New Look To Civilian Dorms

A&M civilian students returned this fall to find their dormitories glowing with a "look of brand new" due to the repair work done throughout the summer.

Mitchell, Milner, Leggett, Law, Puryear and Bizzell Halls have all received major repairs, according to Howard W. Badgett, manager of the Office of Physical Plants.

"We have repaired everything in the dormitories that needed it," Badgett said. "The repairs consisted mainly of repainting and plastering."

Along with repainting, most of the dormitories have been equipped with rebuilt mattresses and new furniture.

Bizzell Hall is still under repair, but the work is expected to be completed soon. The Housing Office had not planned to use Bizzell to house students this fall but due to increased enrollment of civilian students, the dormitory was needed.

Painting took place in Bizzell the first week of school and the work of the painters made it inconvenient for some students. However, most of the painting is completed and the students in Bizzell are pleased with the job and believe it was well worth the inconvenience.

Acoustical tile has been added to the corridors of Bizzell and Leggett. Leggett has been improved in lighting and light above the lavatories have been installed in Bizzell.

New study tables have been placed in Leggett, Milner and Puryear, Badgett added.

The outside of Mitchell and Leggett has been painted and the window sills on the south half of Leggett have been raised.

Window sills along the west half of Milner have been raised also. For safety purposes the east entrance of Milner has been closed, Badgett added.

In Mitchell Hall floors have been leveled and leakage along the walls has been fixed and new springs have been placed in the dorm. The toilets and showers in Bizzell have been rebuilt and water proofed masonry walls have been installed along the west wing of Bizzell.

The entrance steps to the Leggett Hall lounge have also been repaired, and the grounds around Leggett have been reworked with new soil and drainage.

Venetian blinds are now in all civilian dormitories and floors have been waxed and polished and windows have been washed, Badgett added.

"There is still a lot of work to be done," Badgett said. He said the amount of work done depended upon the funds available and pointed out that the money for repairs came from the rent paid by the students.

Plans are being made now to repair Walton and Hart Halls next summer, and a study is being made of how to improve the lighting in the corridors of the dormitories.

At the first Civilian Student Council meeting, Robert O. Murray Jr., Civilian Adviser, in voicing his opinion of the dormitory repairing said that "the dorms now look better than they did when they were brand new." At that meeting the members chose to draft a letter of thanks to Badgett for the "fine work done on the civilian dormitories."

All students have been warned to respect and take care of the dormitories. In order to keep the new paint respectable looking, students especially have been asked not to tape printed material on the walls.

In cases where the paint or property is damaged, charges for the damages will be levied against the guilty party.

## Soph Returnees Increase; First Time in Three Years

### Figures Show Over Half Back for Fall

The percentage of freshmen who returned for their sophomore year was increased this year for the first time in three years.

Of the 1,753 members of the Class of '62 who entered A&M in September, 1958, there were 976—a percentage of 55.7 per cent—who returned this fall.

The figures were made public in a memorandum released by Director of Admissions and Registrar H. L. Heaton.

Heaton's report shows that since the freshman class that registered in September, 1948, the returning percentage has shown an overall decline.

The smallest returning percentage was when the Class of '61 returned 48.0 per cent—958 out of 2,002 who entered as freshmen—in September, 1958.

Overall average for the 11-year period covered in Heaton's report is 59.5 per cent.

The largest percentage of returning sophomores was the return made by the first class covered in the report. Of the 1,503 freshmen who entered in September, 1948, there were 1,034 who returned in September, 1949, for a percentage of 68.8.

Greatest decreases were shown during the years 1954-55 when the Corps was non-compulsory.

Included in the drop-outs are those students who leave from the date of registration during their freshman year until registration at the beginning of the sophomore year.

## Bader Relates Arctic Jaunt To Kiwanians

The College Station Kiwanis Club heard Dr. Richard G. Bader, associate professor of oceanography and meteorology at A&M, relate one of the most unusual personal experience talks ever given before the group at the regular weekly meeting held in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Tuesday noon.

Bader, who was in charge of the 1954 Canadian Arctic Expedition, told of his four-month adventure in the cold wastelands, far north of Canada.

Using a movie filmed near the Arctic by the expedition, he described the complete desolation felt by members of the team, yet held spellbound by the beautiful wonders of nature. Seeing the "land of the midnight sun" where complete darkness is unknown, is a sight to long be remembered, he added.

The expedition, which was conducted primarily for military purposes, moved northward first by air, then by sea. When it became an impossibility for the sturdy ice-breakers to cut through the packed ice, Bader and his two associate explorers turned to the only other means of transportation—by foot. One of his celebrated fellow explorers was Col. Joe Fletcher, for whom Fletcher Island located near the Arctic Circle was named.

Reminiscing of his most unusual experience while on the expedition, Bader told of being lost for two days. When asked how it felt to know that you are lost in such a desolate location, Bader answered, "You feel pretty lonely."



Refreshments for Leaders

Mrs. W. D. Hardesty serves punch to three of the more than 30 student leaders who held an informal get-together with President Earl Rudder last night. The group included Corps, Student Senate, Civilian Student Council and class representatives.

Purposes of the meetings are to give the leaders an opportunity to express their views to President Rudder. Following the group discussion, refreshments were served at President Rudder's home.

## More Than \$6,000

### MSC Council Approves Budget for Committees

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The Memorial Student Center Council approved \$6,177.80 in budgets for committees sponsored by the MSC Monday evening at the second session of the Council held in the MSC rear-dining room.

Budgets approved were bowling committee—\$500; bridge committee—\$38; Browsing Library committee—\$375; Camera committee—\$231; creative arts committee—\$605; music committee—\$340; public relations committee—\$1153.80; amateur radio committee—\$120; and table tennis committee—\$55.

Revolving funds for self-supporting committees approved included "Cafe Rue Pinale" committee; dance class committee; creative arts committee; special dance committee; film society committee; Intercollegiate Talent Show com-

mittee; SCONA V committee; amateur radio committee; and the recital series committee.

Previous approved budgets by the Council earlier in the year tallied the remaining amount. These include the recital series committee—\$100; Flying Kadets—\$155; directorate—\$1,235; Council—\$1,120; and the house committee—\$150.

Repetition of several committees in the above paragraphs can be attributed to the necessity of certain committees being allowed more than one budget from which to draw funds.

Also on the agenda was the election of student representatives from the senior, junior and sophomore classes.

Named to fill these posts on the Council were Weldon "Bo" Lee,

senior representative; Ronny Hampton, junior representative; and Pat Crouch, sophomore representative.

One directorate post still remains vacant. According to Ronald Buford, president of the Student Council and Directorate, the house committee chairman post has yet to be filled. Applications are now being accepted in the directorate office.

Buford presided at the two-hour meeting.

Others serving on the council are Rush McGinty, vice president of the Council; Hiram French, honorary vice president; Johnny Johnson, Battalion representative; Travis Wegenhoff, Student Senate representative; and Clyde Whitwell and Dennis Ryan, representatives from the directorate.

## Girls, Band Top Rue Pinale

Songs by beautiful girls and music by four bands will hold the limelight this weekend when the Memorial Student Center Dance Committee presents this year's first Cafe Rue Pinale and Midnight in New Orleans dances.

Barbara Gibbs, a senior at Stephen F. Austin High School, and Marcia Ransom, freshman at the University of Texas, will be the vocal stars for this year's premiere of Rue Pinale, to be held Friday night in the lower level of the MSC from 8 until Midnight Yell

Practice.

Following the University of Houston game, Saturday night, the committee will present a Midnight in New Orleans dance. This late evening entertainment will feature The Aggieband Combo playing popular music in the Ballroom, Richard Smith's Band with rock 'n' roll music in the lower level, Dave Woodard's Combo playing progressive music in the Serpentine Lounge and Carlton Norris's Band playing western music in the Assembly Room.

## Town Hall Ticket Sale Opens Today

Town Hall non-student season tickets went on sale this morning at the Memorial Student Center cashier's window on a first come, first serve basis.

Reserve seat duets sell for \$9 while general admission tickets cost \$7. Single performance tickets, at \$3 and \$2.50 respectively, are not yet on sale.

Pete Hardesty, student organizations adviser, related that a definite plan hasn't been established for the distribution of single performance tickets.

The season tickets cover the entire Town Hall schedule.

## Harrington to Speak at Banquet

### 73 Selected New Volunteers

Seventy-three Corps juniors out of one hundred and six applicants have been selected as Ross Volunteer members according to Wade Dover, Deputy Corps Commander and this year's commander of the Ross Volunteers.

An address by Dr. M. T. Harrington will be the feature of the Initiation Banquet that will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The Ross Volunteers, organized in 1886, is the elite drill unit and honor guard of A&M. Among its many honorary and official duties is acting as honor guard for the Governor of Texas and marching the Mardi Gras.

Dover went on to say that he felt that many outstanding cadets had been chosen this year and that

the stiff grade point requirements had been relaxed in some cases due to outstanding leadership traits and character.

Those selected are:

David Anderson, Gernot W. Arnold, James S. Austin, David J. Bailey, Harvey D. Barber, Daniel E. Bauer, and Roger N. Blakeney. David R. Blue, Malcolm F. Bolton, Donald F. Boron, Marvin J. Bridges, Herbert H. Cambell, Shelton J. Champagne, and Anton E. Coy.

William R. Crockett, William L. Cunningham, Kenneth J. Demel, Irwin S. Dierking, Aubrey C. Elkins, Jr. and Walt M. Fagan.

Ernest E. Figari, Jack D. Floyd, Walter R. Frazier, James S. Galatin, Martin E. Garcia, Jay M. Gardner, and Jerry I. Gilliland.

Ronnie Hampton, John N. Har-

ington, James L. Haygood, Sydney N. Heaton, Rodney W. Hebert, William R. Howerton, and Fred B. Hudspeth.

Allen C. Johnson, Glenn A. Jones, Guy W. Keeling, Rodney W. Kelly,

John V. Kitowski, James C. Laney, N. Heaton, Rodney W. Hebert, William R. Howerton, and Fred B. Hudspeth.

Second Lt. Richard D. Hubbard, '59; Second Lt. Charles C. Martin Jr., '59; and Second Lt. James R. Groves, '58 joined with other newly commissioned officers who have not yet served with troops for the ten-week course. During the

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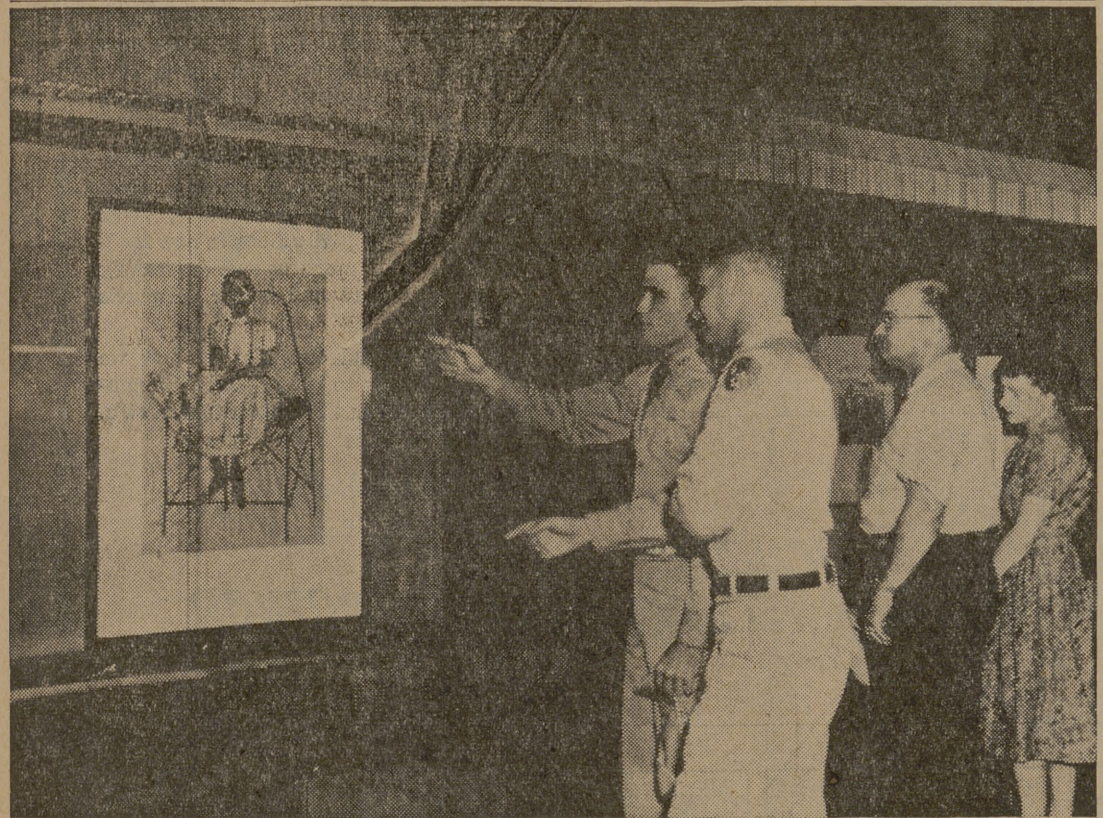
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Students and Visitors View Art Exhibit

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Lloyd, right, look on while Bill James (foreground) and Doug Yauger, left, discuss free-lance art work of Harvey Schmidt, celebrated New York City artist, now on display in the Memorial Stu-

dent Center. The exhibit is the only showing Schmidt expects to present in Texas this year. The public MSC exhibit will run through Oct. 15.