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### Don't Let Go

Above is an example of the kind of rough and tumble action that will take place at the 38th annual All-Aggie Rodeo beginning next Thursday night at 8. The cowboys above are trying their hand at the cow saddling event. The rodeo will continue through Saturday night of next week. This picture was taken at last year's rodeo.

—Battalion Staff Photo

### \$75,000 Pledged for Construction

## Former Students Make Plans For Outdoor Swimming Pool

By JACK HARTSFIELD  
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Ever stop to think what it would be like to have an outdoor swimming pool at Texas A&M?

The Association of Former Students have done more than think about it. They have pledged \$75,000 toward making this dream come true. Planning to employ a three-stage appropriation, the Association will give \$25,000 this year to the Development Fund for construction of an outdoor pool, followed by identical amounts to be donated in 1960 and 1961.

J. B. (Dick) Hervey, '42, executive secretary of the Association, said Wednesday, "It is conceivable that construction on the pool could begin as early as 1960. The location has not been decided upon, but we anticipate that a local committee appointed by President Earl Rudder will solve the question."

#### Six Months Use

"If the project progresses as we expect it to, the pool would be equipped for use six months out of the year. Special heating equipment would make this possible," added Hervey.

Plans have also been discussed to shelter the pool from the wind, making the pool usable in all except the coldest weather, an estimated ten months of the year.

The present Downs pool and the new one will supplement each other perfectly, Hervey said. Downs will continue to be used for physical education classes, swimming instruction and swimming teams. The proposed outdoor pool will be used for students and their guests.

#### Pools Here Since '94

Texas Aggies, like most men, have always tried to make full use of recreational facilities here at the college. Some type of swimming pool has been on the campus for many years.

It started 65 years ago when the first natatorium was built in 1894, where the present Engineering Building now stands. It wasn't much by today's standards, but it was the first most students of that day had ever seen and everyone was mighty proud of it.

The first "Nat" was replaced in 1908 by a new and better one in the same location. It served until 1914.

Swimming really came into its own in 1914 with completion of the YMCA building, featuring a pool in its basement. The pool was about 20 feet across and 50 feet long. The YMCA pool was used until about 1930.

#### Downs Built in '34

Built in 1934 near Kyle Field, and named for well-loved "Pinky" Downs, the P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium came upon the scene. Since that time, thousands have continued to use it each year for swimming instruction, meets, and physical education classes.

The association has been responsible for many campus projects.

In 1949, they provided funds to build the beautiful 18-hole campus golf course. In 1951 the Memorial Student Center was completed. In 1958 built the Interfaith Chapel through donations of members of the former students.

"This year our big project is an outdoor swimming pool," said Tom Murrain, '38, president of the association, "to give students of tomorrow something a little better... as someone made it better for us."

### With Shep Fields and His Orchestra

## Four Lads Set for Town Hall

One of the most popular groups ever to appear on the campus, The Four Lads, will again take the

spotlight of Town Hall Monday night at 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Backed by Shep (Rippling Rhythm) Fields and his orchestra, the Columbia recording stars will open the first Town Hall series of the year.

The Four Lads, with perhaps the exception of the Kingston Trio, are considered the most popular of many singing groups to appear on the campus.

The group has had more than 24 hit records, 6 albums and television appearances on every major show on the air including Perry Como, Steve Allen, Tony Bennett and Dave Garroway.

Their hit records include "Standing on the Corner," "No Not Much," "Moments to Remember," "Who Needs You," "Down by the Riverside," "Skokiaan" and many others.

Seniors will most remember the Four Lads when they made their

first appearance at Town Hall on April 29, 1957. Not very old as a team at this time, the group won

### Vesper Services Scheduled Tuesday

Vesper services will be held Tuesday night in the Interfaith Chapel at 7:05 p.m. under the direction of 2nd Wing Chaplain Bob Compton, according to Bill Shenkir, president of the YMCA Cabinets.

Ten minutes of the evening service will be spent on the main thought of the day, while the remaining ten minutes will be spent on silent reflection and meditation of the happenings of the day, said Shenkir.

Anyone interested in giving a vesper service or speaking at one should contact Compton or sign-up on the calendar in the YMCA Cabinets Room.

# 38th All-Aggie Rodeo Starts Next Thursday

## Service Team Here Today To Rate A&M

A joint Air Force-Army inspection team will be on the campus today and tomorrow to determine whether A&M will be classified as a military college again this year, Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, said today.

The Air Force team will be headed by Col. Grayde Jonen, inspector general for the Air Force ROTC. Lt. Col. James T. Frantz, provost marshal for the Air Force ROTC, is the second man on the team. Both men are from Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Col. Melvin C. Brown and Lt. Col. Robert R. Kemm will make up the Army team.

The inspectors will view the Corps, paying particular attention to dress and the manner in which cadets conduct themselves, Col. Davis said.

A good rating would mean that A&M would continue to be classified as a military college. This enables the school to receive double uniform commutation, said Col. Davis.

A civilian school receives \$25 for every freshman and sophomore enrolled in basic ROTC, and \$100 for each student who signs an advanced contract. A military school receives double this amount.

Last year, all Corps students received the double money with the exception of fall athletes and day students.

The inspection to determine the schools rating is held every year within thirty days of the school's opening, said Col. Davis.

## Bridge Poses Little Problem

SEATTLE—(AP)—The yell "low bridge" didn't bother skipper Charley Ackley of the 86-foot ship Nunivak.

He borrowed a saw from a tugboat. Off came three feet from the top of his mast.

Then he steamed under the Ballard Bridge, closed to ship movements along the Lake Washington ship canal during the 4 to 6 p.m. auto traffic rush hour.

Ackley, 30, explained that he wanted to reach a fuel dock on the other side of the bridge which closed at 5 p.m.

## Three-Night Show Slates Eight Events

By DAVE STOKER  
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If Aggie cowboys seem a bit nervous now, they have good reason to be. The 38th annual All-Aggie Rodeo opens on the campus a week from today, Thursday, Oct. 22.

The rough and tumble show is scheduled for three nights next week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each show will begin at 8 p. m. in the Aggie Arena.

Sponsored by the Saddle and Sirlin Club in conjunction with the A&M Rodeo Club, the 38th affair will feature five standard rodeo events. These events are bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and the ever-dangerous bull riding.

Ribbon roping will also be featured.

## Freshman Loss Remains Low

The number of freshmen leaving school is still running below last year's figure, according to statistics released Wednesday by Bennie A. Zinn, director of the Department of Student Affairs. Zinn's figures show through the third week of classes, 59 freshmen have left school as compared with 98 through the same period last year.

The figure includes 55 Corps freshmen and 4 civilian freshmen this year and 96 Corps freshmen and 2 civilian freshmen last year. Dean of Students James P. Hannigan said Wednesday that a new procedure for freshmen to follow in resigning from school has been instituted.

Now a freshman must start his check-out procedure with Hannigan first and then talk to the dean of his academic school.

He said several freshmen who had at first indicated that they planned to leave have stayed after having talks with Hannigan or their academic dean.

## State Colleges Show Increase In Enrollment

A&M was one of 13 state-supported colleges and universities showing increases in enrollment this year. Five of the state's 18 tax-supported schools reported decreases.

The Texas Commission on Higher Education said enrollment is up 5.6 per cent for the full-time students.

A survey showed that 84,642 students entered this fall as compared to 80,932 for 1958. Commission officials said the increase overall is 4.9 per cent, but the full-time student increase is 5.6 per cent.

Colleges suffering decreases were Tarleton State, 65; Prairie View A&M, 31; West Texas State, 17; Stephen F. Austin State, 49; and Sul Ross State, 45.

Increases included A&M, 14; University of Texas, 650; Texas Western, 97; Arlington State, 1,449; Texas Tech, 98; North Texas, 244; Lamar Tech, 98; Texas A&I, 90; Texas Woman's University, 119; Texas Southern, 179; East Texas State, 203; Sam Houston State, 536; and Southwest Texas State, 14.

## Subsistence Checks Arrive Next Month

Bennie A. Zinn, veterans adviser, has announced that subsistence checks for veterans and orphans attending A&M under the G. I. Bill for September will be mailed on or after Oct. 31. All subsequent checks will arrive on the 20th of each month.



### At First Town Hall Show

The Fabulous Four Lads, television and recording stars, will appear in G. Rollie White Coliseum Monday night at 8 to kick-off this year's Town Hall series. It will be the second appearance at A&M for the group. They will be backed by Shep Fields and his orchestra.

## Melcher Requests Names of Foreign Visitors in Area

Persons having distinguished visitors from foreign countries visit them in Bryan, College Station or on the campus are asked to contact Robert L. Melcher, foreign student adviser, prior to their arrival.

Melcher requests this information in order that he may arrange for students from the visitor's country to meet him and have a chance to visit with him.

In cases where several students are from the visitor's country, a reception may be arranged, said Melcher.