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## Cadet Scholastic Reports Same As Marks Posted Last Fall

### Less Gap Shown Between Outfits

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With more men and fewer but larger organizations the Corps of Cadets grades remained the same for the 1959-60, fall semester as for the same period last year, according to figures released by Kenneth R. McGee, Corps scholastic officer.

The overall grade point ratio for the Corps for the fall semester was set at 1.38, identical to last year's figure. The 1958-59 fall semester 1.38 was higher than the 1.282 for the 1957-58 fall semester.

#### More Than Last Year

McGee's figures showed there were 3,545 cadets who finished the fall semester against 2,872 who completed the semester last year.

#### Smaller Gap

The gap between the top and bottom outfits was not as great this year as last. This year H-2's 1.65 was high and Squadron 6's 1.14 was low. Last year the 1.71 by A Medical (now H-2) was high and a 1.09 by A Armor was low.

As usual, day student and athletic outfits were near the top of the grade standings. Co. K-2, a day student outfit; Co. L-2, Hart Hall athletes; Co. I-2, day students; and Squadron 14, day students; ranked second through sixth, respectively, with the exception of fifth place which was occupied by Co. F-1.

Dean of Students James P. Hanigan expressed appreciation to the men of the Corps of Cadets for the reduction of the gap between the high and low outfits.

#### 'Gratifying to See...'

"It's very gratifying to see the reduction in the difference between the high and low outfits. This shows the Corps is becoming more standard and gives us an opportunity to work to increase the overall GPR."

### 'Day of Prayer' Theme Picked For Services

"Laborers Together With God" has been set as the theme for the campus observance of the international "World Day of Prayer," Friday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel.

The college whistle will blow at 10 a.m. to signal for one minute of silence and to officially begin the campus ceremonies. The whistle will again blow at 10:01 following the one minute of silent meditation.

A 30 minute program has been planned by the College Station Council of Church Women for the Episcopal Chapel. Mrs. F. L. Thomas from the St. Thomas Episcopal Church will be the organist for the one minute period of meditation.

Following the minute of silence, Mrs. Stuart E. Brown from the College Station Methodist Church will lead the confession ceremony. This will be followed by the dedication ceremony to be led by Mrs. W. L. Penberthy of the College Station Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. E. J. Marech of the College Station Lutheran Church will then lead the intercession ceremony, to be followed by the offering, which will be offered by Mrs. Thomas.

Rev. William R. Oxley, rector of the St. Thomas Chapel, will then offer the benediction.

### Plans Near Close

## Career Day Set Saturday

Plans are in the final stages for Saturday's High School Career Day program on the campus. High school seniors are expected from all over the state for the annual program.

#### To See Review

The seniors will see a review of the Corps of Cadets, hear talks by President Earl Rudder, Dean of Agriculture G. M. Watkins, Dean of Arts and Sciences Frank Hubert, Dean of Engineering Fred Benson and Dean of Veterinary Medicine A. A. Price. They will also attend open houses in the four teaching schools of the college.

their schools and displays and demonstrations will be on exhibit.

#### Close of Program

These open houses will conclude at 5, thus ending the college-sponsored portion of the program. After supper at 5:30 in the college dining halls, the students will be free to do anything they wish.

Those staying overnight Friday or Saturday or both nights will be housed in the college dormitories.

Registration will be held for the high school seniors in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center Saturday morning at 7:30 and anytime Friday for those who arrive early.

Immediately after registration, the students will see a review of the Corps of Cadets at 8 a.m. on the Main Drill Field in front of the MSC. Following the review, they will report to Guion Hall for their orientation meeting.

#### Informative Addresses

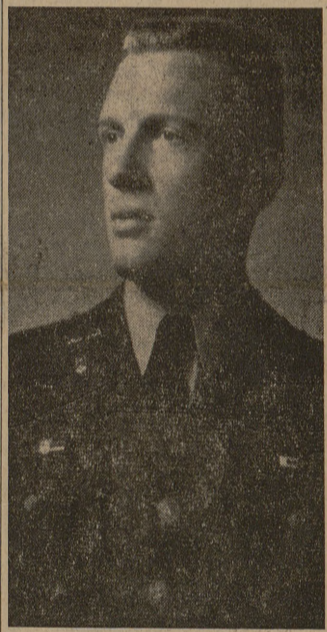
At this orientation meeting, they will hear talks by Rudder, Watkins, Hubert, Benson and Price. Watkins' topic will be "Careers in Agriculture," Hubert will speak on "Opportunities in Arts and Sciences," Benson will speak on "Horizons Unlimited in Engineering," and Price's topic will be "Veterinary Medicine as a Career."

The students will have free time from 11 to 12 to look over the campus, visit friends or do anything they wish. They will eat lunch at 12 in the college dining halls and will then attend open houses in the four college teaching schools at 1. Faculty members and students will conduct tours of

### School Board Filing Deadline Thursday

Deadline for filing for the School Board of the A&M Consolidated School District has been set tomorrow.

Petitions for posts on the board are available at the Office of the Superintendent at A&M Consolidated High School, according to W. T. Riedell, superintendent of schools.



William G. Shenkir  
... receives reward

## Shenkir Receives Theological Award

William G. (Bill) Shenkir, senior business administration major, has been awarded a Rockefeller Brothers Theological Fellowship for 1960-61.

He is one of 65 students in the United States selected for this honor. Shenkir has chosen Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. to do his fellowship work and will enter in September. J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life and general secretary of the YMCA, is representative of the Rockefeller Fellowship program on the campus.

The fellowship specifies Shenkir

The following unofficial ratings of scholastic standings of students currently enrolled in school are listed by rank and based on the Unit Scholastic Reports for the fall semester, 1959-60.

PLACE	GPR	UNIT	PLACE	GPR	UNIT
1	1.66	Co. H-2	20	1.37	Co. D-2
2	1.63	Co. K-2	21	1.35	Sqdn. 9
3	1.59	Co. L-2	T22	1.33	Sqdn. 1
4	1.56	Co. I-2	T22	1.33	W Band
5	1.54	Co. F-1	24	1.32	Sqdn. 12
6	1.53	Sqdn. 14	T25	1.31	Sqdn. 7
T7	1.50	Co. G-1	T25	1.31	Sqdn. 8
T7	1.50	Co. A-2	27	1.30	Co. D-1
T7	1.50	Co. C-2	28	1.29	Co. E-1
10	1.49	Sqdn. 5	T29	1.28	Co. A-1
T11	1.46	Sqdn. 11	T29	1.28	Sqdn. 17
T11	1.46	Sqdn. 16	31	1.26	Sqdn. 10
13	1.45	Co. B-2	32	1.23	Sqdn. 3
T14	1.43	Co. F-2	T33	1.22	Co. H-1
T14	1.43	Sqdn. 15	T33	1.22	Co. E-2
16	1.40	M Band	35	1.19	Co. C-1
T17	1.39	Sqdn. 4	36	1.17	Sqdn. 13
T17	1.39	Co. G-2	37	1.16	Sqdn. 2
19	1.38	Co. B-1	38	1.14	Sqdn. 6

## \$250 Essay Prize Offered to Students

Any Aggie who desires to take advantage of the opportunity has a chance to win \$250 by expressing in an essay the advantages he finds at A&M, through the essay contest sponsored each year by C. L. Babcock, Beaumont insurance-

man and member of the Class of '20.

Topic for this year's essay is "The Advantages I Find at A&M," and screening of the essays submitted in the contest will be done by The Battalion staff; final judging will be done by a committee to be named by President Earl Rudder.

Tommy Keith, '59, was last year's winner of the \$250 first prize for his essay entitled "Texas A&M—What It Means to Me."

Keith's essay was reprinted in the Congressional Record and distributed by the Association of Former Students as well as reprinted in several Texas newspapers.

In addition to the \$250 first prize, 10 runners-up will receive certificates in the contest. Both

the certificates and the \$250 first prize award will be presented at the annual Student Publication Awards Banquet, scheduled for May 13.

Several rules exist concerning form and deadlines for entries in the contest. April 15 is the deadline for entries. They should be prepared in regular manuscript form, double spaced, with an original and two carbon copies.

Manuscripts should be not less than 250 words nor more than 1,000 words in length. The entries should be turned in to The Battalion office on the ground floor of the YMCA.

Criteria used in judging the entries, as set by Babcock, includes the following questions: "Is It Fair?", "Is it the Truth?", "Will it Build Good Will?", and "Will it Be Beneficial?"

Any full time student currently enrolled in A&M, except members of The Battalion staff, is eligible to submit an essay.

In announcing the contest, Babcock said, "I believe the papers prepared by students will contain constructive and useful information for publication, especially in pamphlet form."

is willing to do conscientious study for a year, during which time he will consider entering some phase of the ministry. If not, the Fellowship cites, the student will have an insight into the ministry he otherwise may not have.

#### Due Degree in Spring

Shenkir, a graduate assistant in accounting, is due to receive his BBA degree at the spring graduation.

"He is the first student from A&M to be chosen for this honor," Gay says.

Shenkir is a distinguished student, member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Aggie Band, Regional YMCA Council, Interfaith Council and the Student Ecumenical Planning Committee; treasurer of the Texas Methodist Student Movement, delegate from A&M to the National Student Assembly of YMCA held at the University of Illinois last year; delegate from Texas to the Methodist Student Movement; he attended the Christian Citizenship Seminar held recently in New York and Washington, D. C.; he is in Who's Who among students in American Colleges and Universities; president of the local YMCA, and is chaplain of the band.



Suzanne van de Putte  
... 18-year-old lovely

### Ninth Annual

## Tallman To Emcee Annual ITS Show

Popular disc jockey from radio station KTSA, Pat Tallman, and a Brazilian singer and dancer from Southern Methodist University, Suzanne van de Putte, are two big attractions that will headline the ninth annual Intercollegiate Talent Show on March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The show will feature 10 acts elected from more than 150 acts auditioned at 18 colleges and universities in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

**Tickets on Sale**  
Advance sale general admission tickets are being sold by staff and unit commanders at 75 cents each. General admission at the door will be \$1 and reserved seats are \$1.25. Children's duets are 50 cents each.

Master of Ceremonies Tallman will be aided by his program sidekick Bob Mersinger, who has worked with Tallman for the past three years. Tallman has worked in radio for six years, three of them for KTSA, and is presently



Pat Tallman  
... KTSA disc jockey



Bob Mersinger  
... program sidekick

## March 19 Date Slated For Civilian Weekend

Tickets for two Civilian Weekend events, a dance and a barbecue, went on sale yesterday, according to John Garner, junior civil engineering major from Livingston and Ticket Chairman for this year's event.

Both the dance and the barbecue are scheduled for Saturday, March 19, said Garner.

The semi-formal dance will be held from 9 p.m.-12 midnight in Sbis Hall. The Les Blume Orchestra will provide the music for the dance, Garner said. Tickets will cost \$1.50 per couple, he added. Garner said there would be no theme for this year's dance.

Half a barbecued chicken will

be served everyone who attends the barbecue in DeWare Field House beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Garner said. Price of tickets to the dinner will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Garner said tickets may be purchased from row representatives, dorm Presidents or any member of the Civilian Student Council. Tickets may also be purchased from booths in the YMCA and MSC, he said.

Dorms should submit a picture of their dorm sweetheart to R. O. Murray Jr. no later than March 9, according to Lee A. Griggs, senior architecture major from San

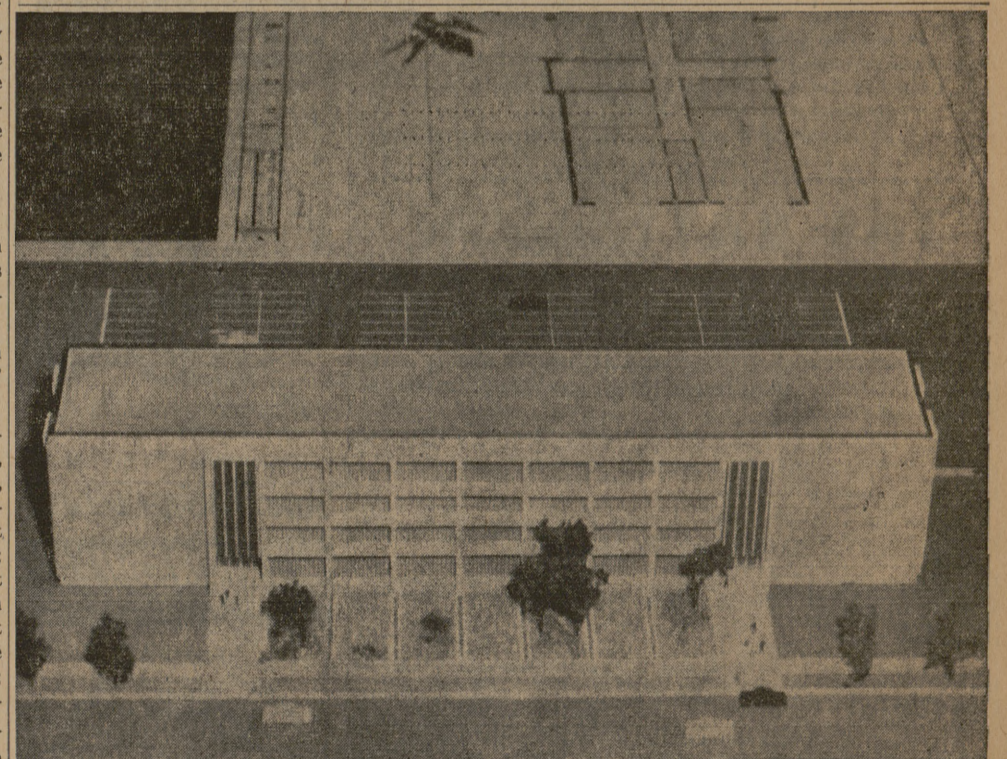
Antonio and publicity chairman for the 1960 Civilian Weekend. An entry fee of \$5 should accompany each picture, Griggs said.

### Senate Meet Slated Thursday in MSC

The Student Senate will meet Thursday in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center.

Included on the meeting agenda are the Muster Speaker, Twelfth Man Basketball, the Blood Drive and the discussion for choosing the Outstanding Staff Member.

Jake Seckerka, Senate president, will preside over the meeting.



### New Plant Science Building

Shown above is a scale model of the new Plant Science building scheduled for construction on the A&M campus. The A&M College System Board of Directors appropriated funds for the structure at a meeting last weekend. Estimated cost of the building is \$2,125,000.