

Fall Enrollment Highest Since 1949

Fall semester enrollment this year is the highest since 1949, according to figures released Monday by Registrar H. L. Heaton.

With a total of 7,694 students registered through noon Saturday, the 1961 figure represents an increase of nearly seven per cent over the 1960 fall enrollment, which was 7,221.

The increase came despite recent toughening of admission policies at the College. Only those students who are in the upper three-fourths of their high school graduating class are admitted without entrance examinations. Those high school students in the lower fourth of their class are admitted only upon demonstration of their ability to do college work by a series of tests.

"This indicates that as we move toward programs of excellence at A&M we need not fear losses in enrollment," President Earl Rudder said.

Preliminary reports from the registrar's office reveal that over 66 per cent of last year's freshman class has returned for the sophomore year this fall. This is up from a low of 48 per cent in September of 1957, and up from 60 per cent returnees in September of last year.

"Credit for the increased enrollment and the higher rate of returnees should go to all of the faculty of the Col-

Here is how enrollment has varied since the 1946-47 school year.

Year	Fall	Spring	Total
1945-46	2718	4428	5783
1946-47	8651	7760	9727
1947-48	8418	7755	9103
1948-49	8536	7528	9104
1949-50	7772	6725	8309
1950-51	6675	5941	7185
1951-52	6583	5852	7024
1952-53	6277	5496	6632
1953-54	6198	5537	6571
1954-55	6257	5896	6703
1955-56	6837	6088	7256
1956-57	7200	6471	7659
1957-58	7474	6403	7967
1958-59	7077	6163	7505
1959-60	7094	6376	7526
1960-61	7221	6580	7617
1961-62	7694

lege along with both the military and civilian student leaders, and special praise is due the faculty advisors to the cadet corps units for their work in this effort," President Rudder said.

With the increase of almost 500 students over last year, the housing facilities of the College are strained. All available dormitory space is filled to capacity, Student Affairs Director, Bennie A. Zinn, reports.

"At this semester, 300 College rooms had more than the usual two students per room," he said. "This situation has been alleviated since permission was granted to the students who were living under these crowded conditions to seek housing off campus," Zinn stated.

A&M today is accepting fewer freshmen students who rank in the lower fourth of the high school graduating class. In 1959 the College's freshman class was composed of 11 per cent of lower-fourth students. This compares with only five per cent in 1960.

In 1959 only 67 per cent of the entering freshmen were in the upper half of their high school class, while a year later this figure had been upped to 73 per cent.

"This indicates that more of the better high school students are enrolling at A&M today," Rudder explained.

Aggie Sweetheart Field Reduced To 31 At Tesseland

Selection is now underway on the Texas Woman's University campus to determine the Aggie Sweetheart for 1961-62. A field of 57 nominees has now been reduced to 31, and a three-man selection team from A&M is due to interview the girls even more.

Commandant of 1946 Dies At 75

Col. Maurice D. Welty of Bryan died Sunday in the Veterans' Hospital in Waco. Tentative arrangements have been made for services and burial in Arlington National Cemetery Oct. 2.

Born Sept. 6, 1886, in Greensburg, Pa., he graduated from the United States Military Academy with the Class of 1910, and was graduate of the Command and General Staff College and National War College.

Col. Welty served as commandant and professor of military science and tactics at A&M from 1941 until his retirement in 1946.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Irene B. Welty of Bryan; his daughter, Mrs. Charles N. Howard Jr. of Arlington, Va.; one son, Richard C. Welty of Fayetteville, Ark.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

TSTA MEET SET In MSC Tomorrow

A workshop for local leaders, District I, Texas State Teachers Association, will begin at 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Memorial Student Center.

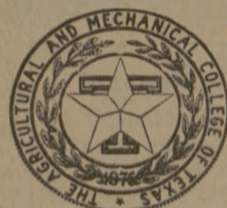
Dr. John W. McFarland, District I president, will preside. Fred W. Hunter, membership chairman from Beaumont, will bring greetings from the National Education Association and Dr. R. Richard Bowles of Austin, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, will give the keynote address.

There will be a banquet at 6:30, followed by discussion group meetings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Haydon Sybert of Pasadena will be in charge of the local president's section.

Mrs. Floy Hewitt of Bryan will lead the program chairman section; J. C. Rogers of West Columbia will chair the legislative and public relations group, and the membership chairman will be counseled by Mrs. W. S. Welch of Navasota, Dr. Henry A. Jahnke of Houston, Fred Hunter of Beaumont and W. C. Cunningham of Galena Park. The TEPS chairman and FTA sponsor's section will be directed by Mrs. Christine Higginbotham, Houston.

Closing general session is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Adjournment is set at 9 p.m.

Consultants for the workshop are D. Richard Bowles, president, TSTA, Austin; Mary Alexander, past president, TSTA, Houston; E. L. Galyean, director of research, TSTA, Austin; John H. Lovelady, assistant director of field service, TSTA, Austin; R. F. Loyd, assistant director of research and records, TSTA, Austin; A. H. Hooser, field representative, TSTA, Austin, and Charles B. Hamilton, field representative, TSTA, Austin.

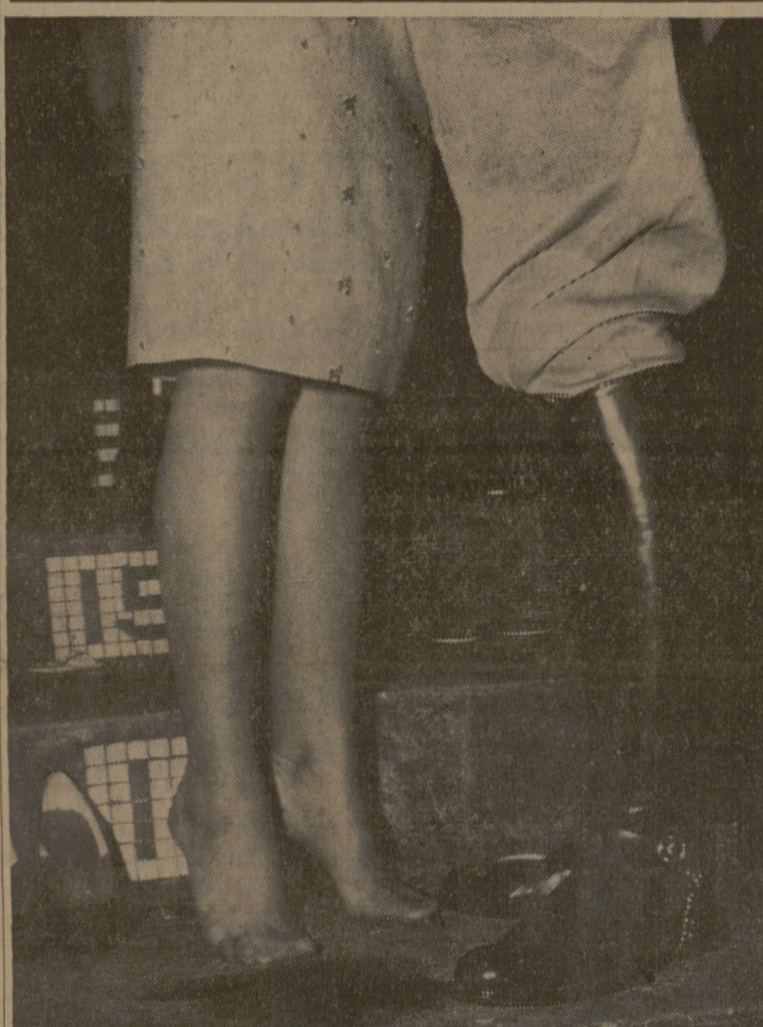


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First Aggie Touchdown, 1961

That old Aggie tradition of celebrating touchdowns remains the same after all the years. Here a member of the Class of '62 and his date mark the occasion after the first Cadet touchdown of the year Saturday night against the University of Houston. (Photo by Johnny Herrin)

Stiles Foundation Awarded College

Directors of the A&M College System Saturday accepted trusteeship of the Stiles Farm Foundation, a trust valued in excess of \$600,000.

Property of the trust includes 3,124 acres of farm land near Thrall, Williamson County, Texas, all tractors and equipment used in operation of the farm and \$25,000 in cash.

The Stiles Farm Foundation was established by bequest from the late J. V. and H. A. Stiles for the benefit of the rural population of Texas. Its funds may be used for demonstrations, salary allocations, scholarships, fellowships, research and other purposes. The Stiles brothers designated the members of the board of directors of the College System as trustees.

One tract of 513.5 acres may not be sold or mortgaged, but must be operated as a model or demonstration farm near Thrall.

In the meeting, the board also accepted a permanent fund of \$18,400 established by L. D. and Martin Royer of San Antonio, in memory of Mrs. Annie D. Royer; a bequest of \$25,368.72 from the estate of Mrs. Augusta Barthold, in memory of her father, the late Dr. D. Port Smythe, college physician from 1878 to 1882, and a fund of \$10,000 to provide scholarships in accounting, contributed by friends in honor of Professor Thomas W. Leland, who retired September 1, 1961, after 40 years as a member and head of the Di-

vision of Business Administration. Gifts, grants and scholarship funds accepted by the board at this meeting, for various parts of the A&M System, totalled \$354,689.26. Of this total, \$92,632 was in grants-in-aid for research of the Agricultural Experiment Station, \$8,586.90 in gifts and \$730 in loan value for the same organization.

The college received scholarship and fellowship funds of \$101,244.60, research grants of \$36,905, capital gifts of \$54,623.83 and special gifts of \$5,405.

Arlington State College received \$900 in scholarship funds; Prairie View A&M \$3,637.90 for scholarships and \$48,233.25 in grants, and Tarleton State College received \$1,790.78 for scholarships.

Dinner Club Ducats Off Sale Tomorrow

Last call for season tickets for the four 1961-62 dinner-dances of the Faculty-Staff Dinner Club is 2 p.m. tomorrow, according to Dr. Joseph M. Nance, chairman.

Season tickets may be obtained by mail from Dr. A. G. Caldwell, Department of Agronomy, for \$9 a person.

The first dinner-dance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Other events will be Nov. 16, Feb. 8 and April 12.

Contracts Awarded For Four Campus Projects

Entered In Contest

A recent talk by R. L. (Bob) Hunt, director of development planning, has been nominated for a 1961 Freedoms Foundation Award.

The announcement was made yesterday by W. C. (Tom) Sawyer, awards vice-president of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, in a letter to Hunt.

Hunt's talk, entitled "Search of the Century," deals with the citizen's national responsibilities, particularly his role in the future of education. It also outlines the aim of the Century Council, a group of 100 Texans studying the future needs of A&M.

His talk, along with other nominations, will be judged in national competition in November.

College Construction Totals \$1.5 Million

Contracts for \$1,506,833 of new construction on the campus were awarded by the board of directors of the A&M College System here Saturday.

Work is due to start within a month on a new building for the Division of Architecture, an Olympic-style outdoor swimming pool for physical education, a central chilled water plant for cooling major campus buildings and the remodeling of Bizzell Hall for the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

William Matera, Inc., San Antonio, was awarded the contract for the architectre building on a bid of \$823,225. The 47,000-square-foot building, a two-story main building with partial basement and a two-story laboratory building, will be located between the museum and the civil engineering building, on the east end of the campus.

R. B. Butler, Inc., Bryan, will construct the outdoor swimming pool on a bid of \$196,080. The Olympic-type, L-shaped pool, 165 feet long by 80 feet wide in the main area, with a projection 75 feet wide and 45 feet long at the end, will be located just west of the indoor pool, the P. L. Downs, Jr. Natatorium.

This will place it at the corner of Joe Routh Blvd. and Old Highway 6. The long leg of the pool will have eight 165-foot lanes and the short leg will have six 75-foot lanes. Depth of the main area will be four to four and one-half feet; the short area will be nine to 15 feet deep.

The diving area will have two one-meter boards, two three-meter boards, a five-meter platform and a ten-meter platform. Construction is due to begin late in October and the pool is to be ready for use by June, 1962.

Part of the cost of the pool was covered by a gift of \$75,000 from the Association of Former Students.

The central chilled water plant will be constructed by A. P. Kasch & Sons, Big Spring, who were (See CONTRACTS on Page 3)

MSC Council OK's \$6,354 In 5 Budgets

Approval of some of the Memorial Student Center activities' budgets, administrative changes in the by-laws of the MSC Council and the appointment of a Constitution and By-Laws Committee highlighted the monthly meeting of the council last night.

Five budgets, totalling \$6,354, were approved in council action under President Mike Schneider's gavel. The council merely gave its approval to the MSC committees to spend the money. Funds for the expenditures in many cases will be earned by the committee or donated directly to the group by interested firms or individuals.

Okayed were the budgets of the camera committee, flying Kadets, music committee, talent committee and bowling committee.

The changes in the by-laws merely clarified obscure points. No major changes were noted.

Appointed to a Constitution and By-Laws Committee were Ronny Hampton, Sheldon Best, Claude Bitner, Jeffery Wentworth and Dr. Lee Martin.



Midnight Yell Practice Yell-leaders lead students to Kyle Field on Houston grid tussle. Details of the 7-7 tie the way to the year's first midnight yell-practice Friday night for the University of