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## In New Classroom

These members of Mrs. Pearle Tanzer's fifth grade class at the new College Hills Elementary School were showing off their classroom at dedication ceremonies last night. Left to right are Jim Isbell, Donnie Rogers, Dana Van Pool, Annie Niles, Dean Patton and Sharon Moore. (Photo by Benny Gillis)

## New Elementary School Dedicated Tuesday

By BOB SLOAN  
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College Hills Elementary School, newest member of A&M Consolidated School District's growing family of new school plants, was formally dedicated Tuesday night as students, their parents and friends inspected the new building and heard School Superintendent Edward Riedel hint at "another gem of this sort in the future."

Following the formal dedication program, the Consolidated Mothers' and Dads' Club met and toured the spacious 10-classroom building, meeting teachers and seeing work done by sons and daughters since the plant's opening, Sept. 5.

Appearing on the program with Riedel were School Board President E. Hervey; Principal Mrs. C. K. Leighton, and Miss Ann Hurley, fifth grade class president representing the student body.

Riedel outlined the growth of the consolidated School District from related pictures on page 3

The first school—located on the A&M Campus in 1920—to its present size.

Today the district covers a 65-square-mile area, with 8 1/2 square miles on A&M College land, he said the group. There are presently 16 schools in the district.

"We are growing much faster than we predicted a few years ago," he said. "So fast, in fact, we may be having another exercise of this sort in the future."

Riedel said the A&M School

District was chartered in 1909, but it wasn't until 1920 that the first school was built. In 1928 the district consolidated with several other school districts forming the present A&M Consolidated School District.

The school moved from the A&M campus in 1939, the superintendent said, "but our relations with the college have been excellent through our association."

In 1948 there were 506 white children enrolled in the district's school. That year the building that now houses the junior high school went up. The following year, 1949, a gymnasium and Lincoln School for colored children were built.

The present modern high school and gymnasium were built in 1953.

## Pan American Club To Present OAS, Discovery Fete

A celebration honoring the discovery of America and the Organization of American States will be held by the Pan American Club tomorrow night.

The main feature of the celebration is a replica of a regular meeting of the OAS to be held in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m. Student delegates from the respective member nations of the OAS will represent their countries in the mock assembly.

## ROTC Enrollment Increase Noted

By JOHNNY HERRIN  
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Enrollment in the ROTC program has increased this year at A&M and most other universities and colleges throughout Texas, but officials don't agree as to the cause.

At A&M the cadet enrollment rose 133 over last year. This year there are 4,214 in the Corps as compared to last year's figure of 4,081. These figures include 377 cadets in the Corps who are not enrolled in military science. This year can probably be attributed mainly to the increase in over-all enrollment because of freshmen and sophomores being required to take basic military science.

In the Army ROTC program there were 2,438 cadets enrolled; 1,729 are in the basic sections and 636 in advanced sections.

The Department of Air Science has 1,766 students enrolled; of these, 1,357 are in basic classes and 215 have advanced contracts.

Other colleges are also undecided as to the cause of the increase in ROTC enrollment. Some believe that the Berlin crisis is the main contributing factor, others think the increased attention to military preparedness "may be a factor," and there are many other theories on the subject.

The Corps increased 3.3 per cent at A&M while the University of Texas had an increase of 21.3 per cent. TCU noted an unusually large increase in its Army ROTC program. This year the school has 289, an increase of 20.9 per cent over last year's 239. St. Mary's University and Arlington State College both showed an increase of better than 10 per cent.

More recently, a new science and homemaking wing were added to the high school.

This fall over 1,400 students registered in the district's four white schools, 250 of them in grades one through five at College Hills Elementary.

Riedel said the four main areas of concern in the district today were attracting and holding highly qualified teachers, devoting enough time to students, adequate financing and providing for individual differences in a student's ability and desire to learn.

Hervey said he was "speaking for the board of trustees in thanking the College Station City Council and all those who worked so hard" in getting the new school.

He said the school was constructed "east of the highway" so it would be near the homes of the students who would attend. He indicated the total cost of the school was around \$180,000, all money coming from three bond issues. The bond sales provided \$140,000 for construction costs, \$30,000 for acquiring the land and \$10,000 for furnishing the building and grounds.

Mrs. Leighton, the school's principal, said the school was dedicated to "establish a solid foundation and good study habits" for later schooling.

She said she was especially proud of the faculty. One of the 10 full-time teachers on her staff, four have been nominated for outstanding teacher in the district. Mrs. Robert L. Anderson, third grade teacher, is also president of the Brazos County Teachers Association.

With the exception of one, all of College Hills' teachers have been with the Consolidated School District for some time—longest tenure being 22 years. The one new teacher is Mrs. Jean Ball, fourth grade, who has been teaching in Mississippi.

In addition to the full-time staff, two A&M physical education majors are practice teaching at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Representing the school's 260 students, fifth grade class president Miss Ann Hurley told the visitors "It is a great honor to go to such a nice, new and wonderful school."

At the opening of the program the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Janet Clark and Jay Mills of the third grade; David Hoffman and Marian Skrabanek of the fourth grade and Bobby Benbow of the fifth grade.

The Rev. Byron Lovelady of the College Station Baptist Church gave the invocation and benediction.

## 'Who's Who' Opens '61-62 Nominations

### Grant Given Grass Research

A \$12,000 National Science Foundation grant to finance basic research on grama grasses has been awarded the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The grant is the second awarded the experiment station by the NSF for similar studies. These first studies have been completed.

In making the announcement, Dr. Charles L. Leinweber, head of the Department of Range and Forestry, said Dr. Frank W. Gould will continue as principal investigator.

Gould will be assisted by Dr. Zarir J. Kapadia of Bombay, India, and Dwain Lilies of San Antonio, both of whom are doing graduate

study in the Department of Range and Forestry.

The one-year grant enables Gould to continue his studies on sideoats grama and to expand the research to include blue grama, hairy grama, slender grama and other species of the grama group.

The current project is primarily concerned with taxonomic and evolutionary relationship of the several species in the sideoats-slender subspecies. Information derived from this research will be the basis for better classification of these grasses and for future programs of grama grass improvement through selection and crossing.

During the three years of intensive study of sideoats and related species, many plants from Mexico and the southwestern U.S. have been collected in the department's garden and greenhouse.

For the recent production study, progeny tests are being conducted here and at the Big Spring substation.

### Moms To Sell Game Mums

The Fort Worth A&M Mothers Club will sell mums and operate an information booth for Aggies during the TCU Corps Trip weekend, it was announced today by Publicity Chairman Mrs. B. L. Lester of Keller, Tex.

Mums for Aggie dates will be sold on the corner of 8th and Main streets in downtown Fort Worth Saturday morning and at Amon Carter Stadium between noon and game time.

The information booth will be located in the lobby of Hotel Texas for A&M students needing a place to stay Saturday night.

### YR's Start Year With Busy Session

Thirty-four students were present last night as the A&M Young Republican Club formed for the school year.

Officers were elected, one resolution was passed and plans were discussed for future months at the Memorial Student Center meeting.

Luther H. Soules, '61 from Dallas, was elected club chairman. Other officers are W. O. Richards, vice chairman; Bill Kiesch, secretary, and Milburn Taylor, treasurer.

Four committees were also formed—Constitution and By-Laws, Platform and Resolutions, Publicity and Membership.

The group passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, the A&M Young Republicans Club will affiliate with the Texas Young Republican Federation."

Actions considered for future months were the adoption of a constitution and platform, appointment of committee members, a Young Republican Weekend with a dinner-dance, a poll tax drive and several speakers.

The club will meet the first Monday of classes each month.

### Dr. J. E. Hall Joins Vet Medicine Staff

Dr. James E. Hall, a recent graduate of the A&M School of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed as an instructor in the school's Department of Veterinary Pathology.

The new faculty member received a BS degree in Animal Husbandry from Texas Technological College in 1952. He enrolled in A&M's School of Veterinary Medicine in 1956 and was graduated in May of this year.

### Nov. 1 Deadline For Applicants

Nominations are now open for the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Deadline for nominations for the nation wide honor is Nov. 1.

The Who's Who Selection Committee has been appointed for the 1961-62 school year by Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

Serving on the committee this year are J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center; W. L. Penberthy, director of Student Activities; Robert L. Melcher, civilian student counselor, and Lt. Col. Frank S. Vaden, assistant to the Commandant.

Jeff Wentworth '62, and Don L. Dodgen '62, have been appointed by Vaden to represent the Corps of Cadets on the selection committee.

Students appointed by Melcher to represent the civilian student body are Kenneth D. Dorris and Hank Farrow.

The committee will select up to 35 Aggies to represent A&M in the "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

The students to be selected by the committee will be chosen from those nominated.

Nominations may be made by any student or staff member of the college. Qualified students may nominate themselves. Deans of the degree granting schools and the dean of students will be invited to nominate students.

Nomination forms may be filled out at the post office area of the Memorial Student Center, the Commandant's Office, or the Department of Student Affairs office in the YMCA Building.

The completed forms must be turned in to the MSC Directorate Office by 5 p. m. Nov. 1.

Students nominated will be sent information forms which they will be asked to fill out, describing their achievements at A&M. They must also declare if they are willing to be considered for the honor. These forms must be completed by Nov. 10.

Two selection sub-committees, the civilian student screening committee and the cadet student screening committee, will then go over the applications and select the students to be presented to the selection committee.

The two sub-committees will meet with the parent committee Nov. 28 to actually select the 35 students to represent A&M.

Before the A&M students can (See WHO'S WHO on Page 3)

### Satellites Give A&M Professor Weather Data

Weather information from official weather satellites is the subject of current research now being conducted by Dr. A. H. Thompson, associate professor of meteorology, and several of his graduate students.

The information being received is essentially in the form of photographs of cloud formations and the earth's surface taken from satellites approximately 450 miles into space.

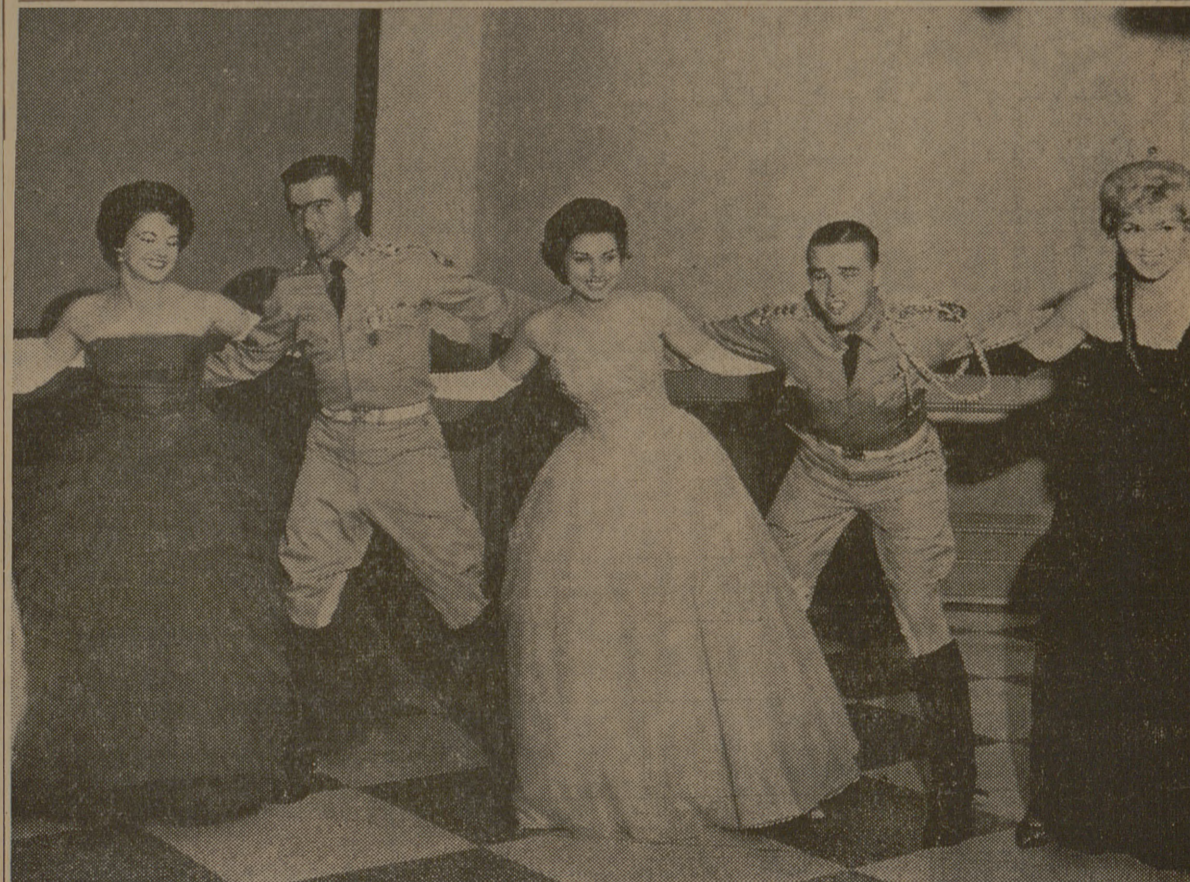
"We have a real problem," Thompson said, "in determining what points on the earth we are looking at. If you put a globe within an inch or two of your eyes and try to identify that point, you will understand the distortion which we face."

In order to speed up the determination of these points through spherical trigonometry, IBM computers from the Data Processing Center are being used and have proved to be extremely valuable to the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

### Ag-TCU Ducats On Sale Thursday

Date and student tickets for the A&M-TCU football game will go on sale at 8 a. m. Thursday at the Athletic Office Ticket Booth.

The tickets will be available through Oct. 18.



Saw Varsity's Horns Off Johnny Anthis, Miss Marilyn Jordan, Homer Denning and Miss Pat Dreckman. (Photo by Bob Sloan)