

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Big A&M School Year To End This Weekend

With this issue of The Battalion, another nine-month school term comes to an end. Looking back over the year, one can readily see that 1961-62 has been one of A&M's biggest years, both for progress and accomplishment.

Following is only a partial list of the more prominent happenings of the school year:

- Students arrived on campus last September to find over 700 Hurricane Carla refugees housed in college dormitories. The refugees stayed in the local area for three or four days and all expressed gratitude for use of the dormitories.

- Students also found the post office at North Gate undergoing renovations. Construction is still underway, with business being conducted in a smaller building adjacent to the Church of Christ Bible Chair Building.

- Enrollment for the fall semester totaled 7,694, A&M's highest number since 1949. Registration figures also revealed that 66 per cent of the previous year's freshmen were back for their second year of college.

- Corps students returned from summer vacations to find a third brigade installed in the organization of the Corps of Cadets.

- Several units were moved from the second brigade and an additional unit was formed to make up the new brigade, now firmly entrenched in the Corps.

- Fall also found football on everyone's lips as the darkhorse Aggies launched another Southwest Conference season. The Cadets finished the year with a 4-5-1 record, after which Head Coach Jim Myers was replaced by Hank Foldberg of the University of Wichita.

- Football season also was a highlight of the social year, with the crowning achievement the naming of Ann Edwards, a sophomore nursing student at Texas Woman's University, as the year's Aggie Sweetheart.

- The autumn season also had its sadder moments. Before even the first round of quizzes, several students were forced to drop out of school to join the 49th Armored Division on active duty at Fort Polk, La.

- The year's first traffic fatality was also recorded last fall. Up to the present, seven Aggies have died during the school term—one of A&M's blackest records in years.

- Fall was also a time for celebrating, especially on Oct. 4 when A&M officially observed its 85th anniversary. Observers even then were looking forward to July 2, when the Morrill Act, the legislation that founded A&M, will mark its 100th anniversary.

- The approaching of A&M's 100th anniversary, in 1976, also triggered the organization of the Century Council, which will conclude a study next fall of ways to improve A&M during the next 15 years.

- Century Council findings have also triggered their share of controversy, especially in the early spring when a report was prematurely released that showed coeds and a non-compulsory Corps were being advocated by an internal study group.

- This report was probably a big factor in an informal student opinion poll, taken early in May, that disclosed that students favored admitting coeds, changing the name of the college and abolishing the compulsory Corps.

- As autumn turned to the cooler winter months, students built another bonfire, observed the Thanksgiving holidays and then returned for one of the most successful SCONA sessions on record.

- This year's topic was "Liberal vs. Conservative," with interest running at a fever pitch for the duration of the meetings.

- A few weeks later, announcement was made of the opening of an Olympic-type outdoor swimming pool at the former site of the handball courts.

- The pool is now open, while the popular handball courts have been moved to DeWare Fieldhouse.

- Also during the year, work has continued on the new Plant Sciences Building, while a \$900,000 Architecture Building has been started.

- The Plant Sciences Building is due to open in September with two new departments—plant sciences and soil and crop sciences.

- Two other facilities were also added to A&M's gigantic educational plant. Bryan Air Force Base was deeded to the college and has since been named the A&M Research and Development Annex. And A&M is making plans to open the Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston next September.

- The year also saw seniors take for the first time the Graduate Record Examinations, senior favorites were removed from the Aggeland, '62, the Southwest Conference Student Association was killed before ever getting organized, the head of the Student Senate became the student body president, a Day Student Council was formed, the travel and Pan American committees were added to the MSC Council and Directorate, Vice Chancellor E. L. Angell resigned to accept a position in Arkansas, The Battalion won second place in the national Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Co. college newspaper safety contest and students made convenient paths across plots of campus grass.

- Last, but not least, 1,257 students received degrees—379 in January and 878 just last weekend.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Zorin Rejects US Proposal



"... is th' campus traffic always this bad?"

Official Claims Colleges Adequate

Special To The Battalion  
 WASHINGTON—A so-called shortage of college and university facilities "exists only in the minds of those who wish to see the federal government take over the responsibility for financing and managing higher education," Ladd Plumley, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, said Wednesday.

Plumley issued a statement to correct what he termed the "distorted picture of higher education" which has been presented to Congress in support of H. R. 8900, a bill proposing federal funds for construction of college classrooms and laboratories.

The bill has been cleared for Senate and House conferees to begin work soon in an effort to iron out differences between Sen-

ate and House-approved versions. The Senate version includes a program for federal scholarships.

"Careless or deliberate distortion of the improvements which have been made in American higher education have been widely publicized to justify immediate federal intervention into the plant development and enrollments of our colleges and universities," Plumley said.

The National Chamber of Commerce, who is also president and board chairman of State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America of Worcester, Mass., added:

"Many recent studies have indicated that classrooms and laboratories—academic facilities—on our campuses are not only adequate but sufficient for immediate enrollment increases of 300,000 to 400,000 students."

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By Charles M. Schulz

Pre-School Cl Will Be Condu  
 tering attack on all Western ideas for an international peace force to maintain world security after disarmament. He accused the United States of seeking to create a strong international body, that is equipped with nuclear weapons, to dominate the peoples of the world.  
 Zorin said this was the real aim of the American disarmament plan which provides that by the end of total world disarmament, existing national forces will have been replaced by an efficient international peace-keeping force under the United Nations. The American plan is backed by Britain, Canada and Italy.  
 Pre-school activities College Station Summer Program will be held days through Fridays in Grade Room 5 of the consolidated Elementary The Program is slated six weeks and will be for children 4-6 years old. It will be by Mrs. Joe H. interested persons should contact her at VI 6-4349. J. C. Brusse at VI 6-5371 June 4.

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