

A Big Aggie Howdy To Class Of '66

President Greets Class of 1966

To the class of '66:

The faculty and staff join me in extending to you a warm welcome to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. You have chosen a college which has made an enviable record in educational achievement for over 85 years.

All of us are dedicated to the task of developing each student to the maximum of his capabilities - mentally, physically and spiritually. We seek to accomplish this by providing outstanding professors, who want you to grow academically. We offer you fine facilities, including well-equipped laboratories, stimulating programs and healthful living conditions.

You face a real challenge as you begin your college career at A&M. The work will not be easy. The demands placed upon you here will be considerably greater than those you have experienced in high school. Also, most of you must make the adjustment of living away from home and its familiar surroundings. There may be times when you will become discouraged and wonder whether the efforts are worthwhile. On these occasions you should be strengthened by the knowledge that attainment of the good things in life often requires unusual effort, and that the advantage of a higher education is one of the greatest benefits anyone can enjoy.

You have the opportunity to secure a very fine education here. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity and fully prepare yourself to join thousands of former students of Texas A&M who occupy important and rewarding positions throughout our American society. They have established an enviable record for competence in their professions and willing acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. These should be your objectives in pursuing your education here.

Again, a most sincere welcome to Aggieland. May your years here be both productive and happy ones.

Earl Rudder
President
Texas A&M

North Gate Street Work Progresses

Work progresses in beautifying and improving traffic flow in the North Gate area by converting Austin Street to a major entrance-exit for the college.

W. Howard Badgett, manager of the physical plant here, said a use of Houston as the major thoroughfare would improve traffic circulation to and from the North Gate as well as provide additional parking space near the street office and eliminate hazards involved in parking on a main street.

Previously, Houston and Bell streets were used as double entrance-exit points from the north. Recent construction has closed Bell at the intersection of Farm Road, with that section of street converted into parking space. The parking area will accommodate 27 cars and will be laid out for one-way traffic in the interest of safety, Badgett said.

Landscaping the new North Gate thoroughfare will begin in the fall. Plans call for a college arker there similar to the one on Highway 6 near the East Gate, Badgett noted.

The beautification and traffic

circulation improvement program is part of a 10-year-old plan of the physical plant. The appearance of the North Gate entrance has become increasingly important due to the number of visitors arriving at Easterwood Airport. They receive their first view of A&M at the North Gate, Badgett pointed out.

"The overall plan is to eliminate traffic turning into a moving lane of vehicles," he said.

He added that the college hoped that in cooperation with the City of College Station a traffic signal synchronized with the existing one at FM 60 and Main could be installed at the New Houston intersection with FM 60.

Board Backing Plans
Plans for improving the appearance of this section of the campus have the enthusiastic backing of the A&M Board of Directors.

Projects under study by the Texas Highway Department and the city to develop an underpass to carry FM 60 traffic under the railroad tracks west of the new thoroughfare would add to the program, Badgett said.

Intensive development of Houston Street is underway now that the underpass development seems certain, he said.

Student Passes All CPA Examinations

An A&M graduate student is all on his way to becoming a Certified Public Accountant — once he gets a year's experience.

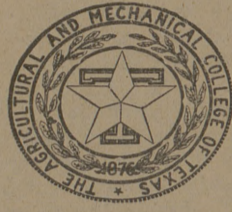
Edmund P. Winston, Jr., graduate student from Lufkin, passed all parts of the CPA examination this morning the first time he took the exam.

It is unusual for a college student without public accounting experience to achieve this success, R. J. Stevenson, acting head of the Division of Business Administration, said.

System Man Named Assistant Registrar

Roy D. Hickman has assumed the position of assistant registrar and successor to Milton Edge, Lloyd Heaton, director of admissions and registrar, has announced.

Hickman has been employed for the past four years as foreign training advisor in the Office of Foreign Programs of the A&M system. He was graduated from A&M in 1954 with a major in agricultural education and in 1960 received a master's degree with a major in the same field of study. Mr. and Mrs. Hickman reside at 607 Carter Creek Parkway in Brown and have one daughter.



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EARL RUDDER
... President of A&M

'Credit Card' ID's Planned For Fall

Students will have something new in the way of identification after registering for the fall semester this year.

Plans for issuing identification cards similar in appearance to gasoline company credit cards have been announced by Dean of Students James P. Hannigan. He believes the system should quickly prove its value.

The Library, Memorial Student Center and Fiscal Office are reported considering systems to derive the most benefits to all concerned from use of the new ID cards. "We expect that other uses for the new card will evolve," Hannigan said.

The student's name, an identifying number, and his age will be embossed into the card, like a credit card, which will be used to imprint this information.

Photograph, Too
A photograph of the student will be attached to the back of the card. The plans are to make the

photograph and have it ready for delivery within ten seconds, Howard Berry, manager of the Photographic and Visual Aids Laboratory, said.

He indicated that a number of students available to work during the registration period will be needed and asked interested persons to contact the Student Employment Office.

Hannigan said a \$1 fee for the card will be charged to cover the costs of materials and preparation. The new cards will be good for 12 months.

New Card Helps
Plans for the new system have been developed over a period of months. The aim was to develop a card which would have the greatest value to the student as he identifies himself at many places on and off the campus, while also providing a degree of control so that persons not enrolled at the College could not easily use such cards.

New Student Orientation Begins Sept. 12

Battalion Issue Designed For Fish, Families

You as prospective freshmen at A&M this year are the people for whom this edition of The Battalion is designed.

It is hoped that you, and your families will find stories in this edition which will give a better insight and understanding of the background and present conditions of the school which we hope you will call your second home for four or more years as you strive toward one or more degrees.

The first section contains news of current events at the college plus several stories of general interest about the campus and campus life.

Section Two is designed to give the student and his parents some idea about the school, its size, its facilities, its people, and its goals. Many of the facts contained in this section will be of interest to friends and family as much as to the new student.

Section Three will give the student some idea of the lighter side of life at A&M, outlining the activities which are found here, as well as the opportunities for work and leisure time activities outside the school.

Section Four is devoted to sports activity at A&M and around the Southwest Conference. It will give the readers some idea as to how the Aggie team stacks up with other teams, both in football and other sports.

During the school year, The Battalion is written and edited by students and is published daily Tuesday through Friday afternoons.

Meetings, Talks Highlight Week

A week of meetings, checking in and getting acquainted is anticipated beginning Sunday, Sept. 9 as the Class of '66 begins to arrive for registration.

Students who choose to report early for the counseling and testing program rather than participating during the summer are to begin arriving Sunday. They will report to the Housing Office for room assignments and then begin taking placement tests at 8 a. m. Monday in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

Those students who completed the testing period in the summer will report sometime during the day Wednesday to the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

C. H. Ransdell, assistant to the Dean of Engineering and chairman of the New Student Orientation Committee, said yesterday that all students who are coming to A&M for the first time, with the exception of transfer students who did not participate in the testing periods should arrive on campus Wednesday.

They should come in time to secure room assignments and keys, get uniform authorization, and check in with representatives of the school and the company officer or house master in the dormitory. Wednesday evening at 7 a general assembly of all new students is scheduled for G. Rollie White Coliseum, at which Singing Cadets Director Robert Boone will lead the group in singing. President Earl Rudder will welcome the class to A&M, and the new student will get a look at the student body president for 1962-63, Sheldon Best.

Thursday Morning Events
All students will meet with representatives of the various schools in special assemblies Thursday morning. Agriculture majors will meet with Dr. R. C. Potts, assistant director of Agricultural Instruction, in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

All Arts and Sciences majors will meet with Dr. G. W. Schlesselman in Guion Hall. Schlesselman is associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

All Business Administration majors will meet with Dan C. Lowe, student advisor for the division, in the Chemistry Lecture Room on the second floor of the Chemistry Building.

Engineering majors are to meet in G. Rollie White Coliseum with Ransdell, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine majors will meet in the Auditorium, Room 201 Veterinary Medicine Building. Dr. E. D. McMurry, assistant to the Dean of Veterinary Medicine will preside.

Registration Begins
The first of many lines which must be joined and passed through begins Thursday afternoon with registration in Sbis Hall from 1-5.

That night the local ministers will be introduced to the students (See ORIENTATION on Page 3)

'COME PREPARED TO LEARN'

Dean Of Students Issues Hints To Help Freshmen

By ROBBIE D. GODWIN
Battalion Editor

Freshmen entering A&M receive all sorts of instructions in the form of booklets, advertising matter, and official memos before they arrive on the A&M campus to begin their education.

However, smaller items, sometimes not covered in these official guides, can do even more toward preparing a freshman for life at A&M.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan was asked to compile a brief summary of suggestions, based on his experience, to help the freshman off to a better start.

"Don't try to show how much you know at first," Hannigan's first statement said. "Better to realize how little you know and to add to that as much as possible in a short time."

Secondly he said, "A&M has a goal of excellence toward which it is building — excellence in studies, research, athletics, morals and spiritual attitudes. Start working

for this excellence at once."

"Grades are important. This becomes very obvious as one approaches graduation. Accept the fact now and you will not have to catch up later. Grades are a measure of how much you are the master of the skills and subjects which you study."

Hannigan also asked the cooperation of the students in one phase of their life here.

"We are working on plans for new dormitories to house 1,000 more students. Meanwhile, please bear with us if you find yourself crowded three to a room. There have been times when all rooms had three students and there were even times when most students lived in tents."

The Dean pointed with pride at some of the accomplishments of A&M lately, and challenged the freshmen to make the most of them.

"The outdoor Olympic Swimming Pool is new. The 14 handball courts in De Ware Field House are new.

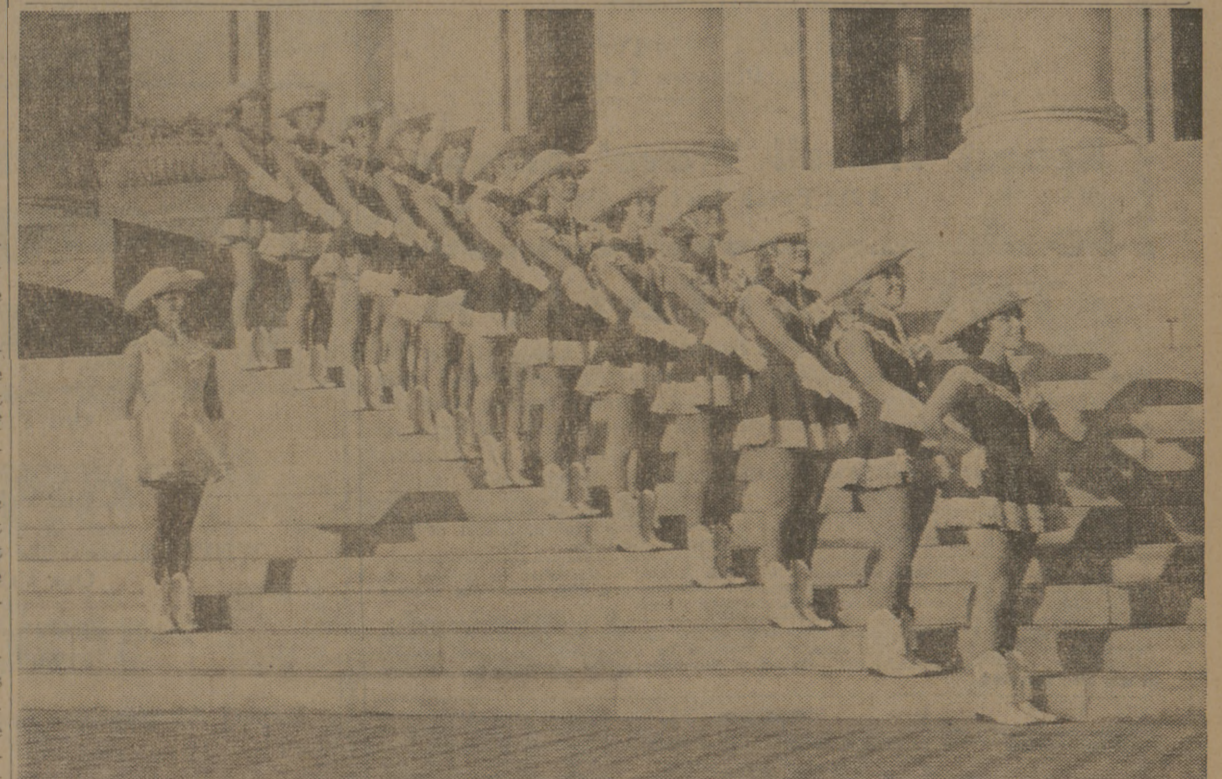
So are many classrooms and laboratories. Enjoy all these new facilities. More are coming," he said.

Speaking in terms of long-range goals, Hannigan warned the entering student not to expect miracles — that the process of building anything is long and tedious.

"A&M produces MEN, but we have no magic formula for 'instant men,'" Hannigan emphasized. "It takes four years to build men. We receive mostly teen-agers as freshmen. We graduate only men."

There are times when the freshmen begin to wonder about his position on the campus, too. Hannigan again had some good advice for him, particularly when looking down the barrel of a red-hot sophomore.

"If a sophomore appears unduly pompous, remember — he's as green at being an upperclassman as you are at being a college student. You both have a lot to learn."



Consolidated Drill Team

This pretty group of misses will be a familiar sight at this fall's A&M Consolidated High School football games as they take the field for the half-time shows. The Bengal Belles, pride of CHS, include this year (left to right) Captain Carolyn Parker, Diane Hooper, Peggy Breazeale, Peggy Ames, Pam Adkins, June Bearden, Jan Butler, Ann Kirby, Julie Goode, Candy Garner, Leslie Kelley, Judy Morgan and Susie Stevenson.