

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Program For Beginners Was Success From Start

The announcement Wednesday that college officials have been completely satisfied with this summer's new counseling and testing program for beginning students hardly come as a surprise.

Allocades for the program have been readily heard from all corners all summer, especially from the beginners who have now had a chance to familiarize themselves with the campus, meet and talk with their scholastic advisors and even be assigned cadet units.

Even more benefits will no doubt be realized immediately after the freshmen and transfer students arrive next week for New Student Week. No longer will campus maps be in such dire demand, no longer will lines at the bookstores and other area business be so long, and, of course, no longer will many freshmen get off to such poor starts academically that it will take them sometimes as much as two years to catch up.

It was also encouraging to see such a high percentage of this fall's beginners participate in the programs. Probably each and every one will be able to attest that only two days were never more wisely spent.

The administering of tests during the two-day programs, however, may prove in the long run to be the most valuable aspect of all.

Sad, indeed, is the tale of woe many students can relate about a freshman year literally wasted in a field that tests later proved they were not cut out for. Besides time and effort saved, the tests may also prove a most economical step, especially when students that would have graduated in five years begin receiving degrees in the usual four years.

It is, without a doubt, difficult to find any fault with the program. The Battalion rejoices with college officials that the initial step was made with such success, and hopes for an even better, more productive program in the future.

Texas May Get More Workers

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy on a late August afternoon urged a group of college students working as summer interns in government agencies to consider government careers.

Texas Rep. Lindley Beckworth contends that if summer government jobs are as important an introductory step toward federal service as the President indicated, they should be equally apportioned among the states.

Officials estimate 5,000 college students were on Uncle Sam's payroll the past three months. According to Beckworth, 70 per cent came from the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. He bases his figure on data obtained through correspondence with 23 departments and agencies.

A BILL BECKWORTH introduced would amend the civil service act of 1883 so as to require that these temporary summer jobs in government be apportioned among the states on a population basis.

The Beckworth bill was approved by a 15 to 1 vote of the House Civil Service Committee and is expected to come up on the House floor about the middle of September.

The lone vote against it was by Rep. Joel T. Broynhill, a Republican who represents northern Virginia.

"If it is good for these young people in this area near Washington to know something about

their government," Beckworth said, "it is just as good for those living elsewhere throughout the nation."

"AND THE OPPORTUNITY to come here and work in government jobs would mean much more to one who has not grown up in Washington or its suburbs."

Concerned about this job issue for along time, Beckworth had to write all the agencies separately and get the Library of Congress to tabulate the results in order to learn the distribution of jobs by states.

"They are the hardest figures in the world to get," he continued.

"The figures I obtained are for the year 1959—the latest available. So far as I know there is no breakdown by states for any year except this I have obtained."

Here are some highlights of that 1959 study: There were 2,321 summer government jobs for students. It showed that 490 went to District of Columbia residents, 546 to Virginians and 628 to Marylanders. Next ranking state was New York with 110. Half of the states had fewer than a dozen. Texas had 14.

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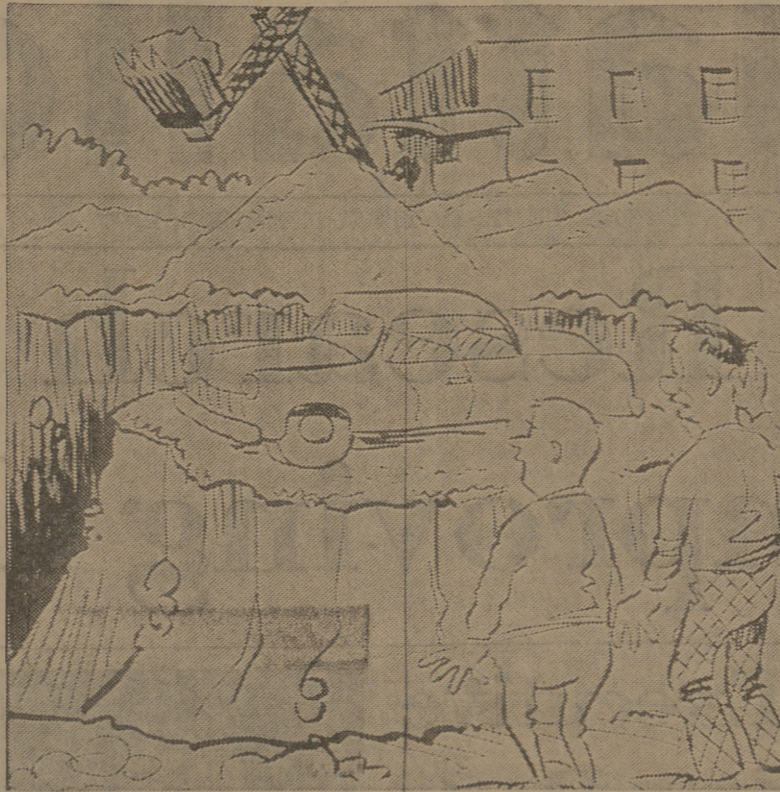
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"... At th' time I thought it was a good parking place!"

Science Teachers Arrive For Study

Junior high school science teachers from 19 states have arrived here to participate in an academic year institute sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Coleman Lloyd, NSF programs co-ordinator, said the 29 teachers will do advanced study in general science subjects to upgrade science education in secondary schools.

The teachers, who have a total of 153 years of teaching experience, are taking leaves of absence to attend the institute under a \$189,000 grant to A&M.

Each participant will receive a living allowance plus funds for dependents, tuition fees and books.

During the first semester of study in the institute, the teachers will take courses in biology, chemistry, analytical geometry and calculus, physics, oceanography and meteorology and a seminar. The second semester will include courses in calculus, organic chemistry, physics, geology and seminar studies.

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Sea Water Study To Be Explained

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Experiments in measuring the lipids (fatty oils) in sea water will be described by an A&M scientist at the International Conference on Organic Geochemistry in Milan, Italy, Monday through Wednesday.

From experiments that may have far-reaching effects in learning more about life cycles of marine organisms, Dr. Donald W. Hood, chemical oceanographer, will report how the lipids were extracted and measured in ocean water.

So far as is known, Hood's report is the first in scientific literature on the composition and content of hydrocarbons in ocean water. Assisting him in this Office of Naval Research sponsored project were Lela M. Jeffery, research scientist in oceanography, Brian F. Pasby, doctoral graduate student and Bernadette Stevenson, research assistant.

A GREAT DEAL of interest in these fractions of organic water has developed because of their apparent significance to the growth of marine organisms," Hood said.

The amount and kinds of lipids apparently influence the migration and schooling of fish. Oys-

ters and barnacles tend to feed when the water contains a certain amount of organic matter.

Research of this type on ocean water has not been done earlier, mainly because the means of measurement were not available.

Using samples of sea water taken from the Pacific Ocean near San Francisco and the Gulf near Port Aransas, analysis was conducted by thin-film chromatography, gas chromatography, infrared analysis and miscellaneous chemical tests.

THE SEA WATER samples were shown to contain hydrocarbons, sterol esters, triglycerides, free fatty acids, free sterols, diglycerides, monoglycerides and phospholipids, along with many other unidentified constituents.

These, in turn, were separated into eight major fractions. The concentrations and individual constituents of the eight fractions varied in surface water samples and between surface water and bottom water taken from the same station.

Hood said other researchers have indications that sea life, such as oysters and barnacles, responds to the effect of these lipids in the ocean water.

A grant of \$5,379 for the publication of two architectural research reports has been received by the A&M Research Foundation from Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc.

Dr. Archie M. Kahan, foundation director, announced receipt of the grant.

The reports, "Shelter for Technical Education" and "Lift-Off Construction," have been read by 17,000 persons. The new will supporting reprintings of search reports also financed the New York concern.

Water Conference To Be Held Later

The Short Course Office closed Tuesday that the Water for Texas Conference will be held today and Friday, as previously announced.

No new date has been set for the course.

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