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INSIDE THE NEW DORMS—SKETCH SHOWS DETAILS

## We'll Have New Dorms In 2 Years!

### Time's Story Disappointed Most Students

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Aggies are saying "Howdy" again. For the past couple of days the traditional greeting has been rivaled by such phrases as "Have you read that article?" and "Did you see that Time story?"

President Earl Rudder knows his Aggies, or so it would appear from the statement he made concerning the Time Magazine story on A&M. "I am disappointed, as I know every Aggie is..." Rudder said. He was right, Aggies are disappointed and even a little angry in some cases.

The Battalion wanted a first-hand idea of student reaction to the story in the Sept. 28 issue of Time. This reporter spent the past two days eavesdropping on Aggie conversations, as well as asking direct questions.

Only a few expressed anger rather than extreme irritation. Overall, most Aggies expressed an idea similar to that of Robert Parr, junior from Robstown. He said:

"I think a lot of what was in the story is true. The thing I don't like is that there is so much about A&M he didn't say. The story overlooked the important things."

#### 'Not A True Picture'

Freshman Paul Lowe of San Antonio called the article "... a very one-sided story. Not a true picture at all. If I had read that before I came up here, I might have looked for another school for my education."

When asked if he could tell a better story of A&M, Lowe said, "I know I can."

Joe Walden, a civilian freshman who lists Turkey as his home address, questioned, "How could a person write an article like that after being associated with the school for a year."

"He couldn't believe A&M is that bad. I think it's a great place."

While listening to Ags talk one upperclassman said, "We teach those fish that Aggies don't lie, cheat or steal in the same breath we tell them to get their hair cut. The author didn't seem to care about that."

More than a few times was heard "sour grapes," "definite dig," and "not all the story." As the "onion packers" talked one became aware of the reason for so few angry remarks. Aggies are not raging because they are disappointed. They are let down because this story failed to project the A&M they all know.

#### Story Couldn't Dent The Good

The general feeling was shown by remarks from Mickey Durbin, sophomore from Dallas. He said:

"There are some bad things about A&M, but they were not covered in that article and they don't dent the good that can be said for this place."

"I'm surprised that Time ran such a story. A good check by someone of some responsibility in their organization would have presented a better picture," Durbin added.

David Franklin, Squadron 2 sophomore from Houston, said:

"Parts of it are true. But, I just can't stand something like this. It has done A&M a great injustice."

"It's a distorted picture of A&M."

A student from New York City, Ted Jablonski, said:

"I'm from the North and the people up there don't know must be a farce."

#### '... Like I Told My Wife'

"Like I told my wife," said graduate Student Edgar Hock from Mirando City, "it's what we call good-bull on the campus. The only thing wrong is that this guy made it appear as a way of life. Why, he wasn't talking about just A&M; these things occur on every campus."

"I don't believe it's all so serious. I feel like this should encourage A&M to attempt to obtain more positive publicity."

"I feel like A&M is above such small incidents. We've got to ignore the small things and work for the big goals."

Possibly more in recent days than any other time the blessing of belonging has been counted on the A&M campus. Aggies say, "It's nice to know who your roommate is and where he's from."



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### Fish Drill Team To Begin Selecting Members Monday

The Freshman Drill Team will begin tryouts for interested freshmen according to Bill Schmid, junior advisor.

The tryouts will be conducted behind Duncan Dining Hall, beginning at 5 p.m. Fish should be on time and in the uniform of the day, Schmid said.

Tryouts will consist of drill without arms, conducted on a squad level. Drill experience prior to enrollment in the Cadet Corps is helpful, but not a prerequisite, according to Schmid.

"WE WILL be looking for those with drill experience, but we realize that many who try out don't have this experience. Therefore, we will also try to spot aptitude and potential," he said.

The Freshman Drill Team was

originally formed in 1947. Its commander, first sergeant and guidon bearer are elected by the members of the team from their own ranks. Its guidon is redesigned each year, by selection of designs submitted by team members.

Each year, the team travels to various cities in the area to compete in drill meets and parades. The team has taken top honors in meets at Laredo, San Antonio, Galveston and Baton Rouge, among others.

LAST YEAR, the team swept all three first place honors at the Southwestern Invitational Drill Meet at Baton Rouge, sponsored by the LSU Military Science Department.

CAPT. Calvin Reese, sponsor of the team, has already received a

formal invitation to the annual drill meet sponsored by the University of Arizona in Tucson, and challenges from personnel at Purdue University and Cincinnati University.

Whether the team will participate in any of these meets will depend on the financial status and available transportation, said Reese. The team is supported financially by dues and by allotment from the college-owned Exchange Store.

### Spring Branch Ags Sponsoring Dance In Houston Tonight

A "Kick-Off Dance" is on tap in Houston tonight for students attending the Aggie-University of Houston football game Saturday night.

The Spring Branch A&M Club is sponsoring the dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Houston Home Builders Association Hall at Alabama and Kirby streets in downtown Houston.

Admission will be \$2.50 per couple, with proceeds going to the athletic fund. According to club president Bob Lowry, a \$1,000 goal has been set for dance proceeds. All proceeds will go to the fund, with the club footing other bills, Lowry added.

A midnight yell practice is scheduled and the club hopes Coach Hank Foldberg may be able to drop in on the dance.

### Older Structures Due Renovation

A&M plans to build three dormitories and extensively renovate four older dormitories. The air-conditioned facilities will house slightly more than 2,000 students. Completion date for the work has been estimated as early as September 1964.

Anticipated cost to be met by proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds will be between \$4.5 and \$5 million. Students pay rental fees for all costs of living quarters, as state funds are used exclusively for classrooms and laboratories.

On-campus residential facilities are presently filled to capacity. The college has built married students apartments in recent years but has erected no dormitories since early in the 1940s. The college has an enrollment of more than 8,100 students.

### Morale Boost Made Topic Of CSC Plans

Members of the Civilian Student Council met for the first time of the '62-63 school year Thursday night in the Memorial Student Center.

Jeff Harp, president of the council for this year, made opening comments which began the meeting.

According to Harp, one of the things which he will be trying to encourage this year is "the building up of a spirit and feeling of morale among the civilian students." Harp said, "A primary problem in civilian student government is the need for better communication between civilian students and their leaders."

The council began the evening's business by adding an amendment to the CSC constitution. This amendment, made an exception to the constitution's set limit of members on the council and allowed the addition of a representative from civilian Dorm 13 to the council.

Other business taken up at the meeting included discussion on the need for a campus car wash rack or a car wash area, and the passing of a motion to establish a committee to look into the inadequacy of campus parking facilities. The committee, upon conclusion of the study, would then send recommendations to the Student Senate.

Officers of this year's council are Jeff Harp, president; Richard Moore, vice president; Bryan Ralph, corresponding secretary; David Johnson, recording secretary; Don Packer, treasurer; and Don Bell, parliamentarian.

"WE ARE hopeful that providing these air-conditioned living quarters also will attract more summer session students," President Earl Rudder in announcing the project.

An important feature of the new dormitories will be their flexibility to serve the needs of civilian, corps or military, and graduate students. Other features will include exterior hallways, lounges, a bath between every two rooms, acoustical ceilings, rubber tile floors, and many built-in features. Two students will be housed in a room.

"Every effort will be made to assure the earliest possible start of construction," Rudder said.

The next step in bringing the plans to fruition is working out financial arrangement and selling the revenue bonds.

The new dormitories will be located in the northwest area of the main campus, near Dorm 14, 15, 16 and 17, which are to be renovated and air conditioned. The new dormitories will be four stories in height — the same as existing dorms.

NEW CONSTRUCTION will be of the same red brick as in the older dormitories.

Housing for approximately 1,000 students is provided in the four dormitories to be renovated. The new dormitories are planned to house approximately 1,050 students.

College officials will meet with representatives of the Federal Housing and Home Loan Administration to discuss necessary bonds to be sold by A&M. If the bonds are not bought by private investors the federal agency will purchase them.

Architect for the dormitory program is W. R. (Dede) Matthews of Bryan.

### Graduate School Enrollment Rises

Graduate enrollment has shown a marked increase this year, according to Dr. R. W. Barzak, assistant to the dean of the Graduate School.

Enrollment has reached a total of 970 as compared to 725 last year, an increase of about 34 percent. Barzak said the increase is probably larger than that of any other school of the college.

In the 1961-62 school year, 219 students received masters degrees, 57 received doctorates, and 1233 received undergraduate degrees.



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### Wire Review

By the Associated Press  
WORLD NEWS

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Capt. Gen. Augustin Munoz-Grandes, vice president in the Franco government, told newsmen Thursday after a tour of the triangular flood area north of Barcelona he expects the final death toll to reach 600.

As he spoke, the latest official casualty list showed 368 dead, 445 missing, and 200 hospitalized with injuries.

#### U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, in his farewell speech as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Thursday night a single, over-all mili-

tary chief could lead to military autocracy.

"I feel that the single chief of staff concept is not compatible with our traditional governmental system," Lemnitzer declared.

"There is no room in a democratic form of government such as ours for a military autocracy."

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MIAMI, Fla., (AP) The Miami News predicted Thursday that the more than 1,100 Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners will be released by Cuban Prime Minister Castro within two weeks in exchange for a multimillion-dollar package of food and medicines.