

BATTALION EDITORIALS

A Short Vacation

There is not much time until Friday morning—time enough only for a short break.

But there is time enough to die or cripple oneself for life.

A car traveling at high speed needs only a split second to turn itself into a twisted, smoldering coffin. Only a moment's neglect of the business of driving can send an automobile out of control or crashing into another.

Holiday traffic will be thick. A safe but unhappy prediction can be made that most of the drivers will be in a hurry. Likewise, it can be predicted that most of the drivers will be thinking about where they are going, who they will see, what they will do.—Not the job at hand.

According to safety officials' forecasts 550-650 American travelers will die over the Fourth of July holiday. One statement foresees 50,000 casualties altogether. A record was set last year and they expect it to fall.

The carnage forecasters are regrettably accurate. It would be relatively simple to prove them wrong. Drivers could slow down. They could pay attention to what they are doing. They could be considerate and mindful of traffic.

We hope The Battalion won't have to report the loss or injury of any students or area residents next issue.

There is not much time until Friday morning. But isn't it worth it to take a little more time and care to make sure you do get to your destination?

Former Students Keep Attack Alive

(Editor's Note: The following story was sent Friday from Ronnie Fann, a junior journalism major at A&M and news editor of The Battalion during the regular school year. Fann is serving his newspaper internship on the Beaumont Enterprise this summer.)

Beaumont—"The great history of Texas A&M has not been written in home economics, hair dressing and pin cushions," Rep. Will

Smith '39 told the Beaumont A&M Club this week.

The state representative, in his introduction of Bob Rowland '57 to the 250-man rally, advised Aggie-exes throughout the state that the fight to reverse the board decision of April 27, has just begun.

ROWLAND, THE NEWS director of radio station KFMK in Houston, spoke to the group of his personal efforts to get the Board of Directors to reverse their decision admitting coeds in the regular term. He was hailed by exes from throughout the state when he presented board chairman Sterling Evans his ring, saying A&M would mean nothing to him after the decision to enroll coeds.

Pressing his attack, Rowland has sent out approximately 15,000 letters of protest to senators, congressmen, industrialists and exes to gain support to have the decision reversed. Considered by many as the East Texas General in the anti-coed fight, he boasts the support of 9 out of 10 former students.

Also attending the meeting was Travis Smith Jr. '98, who withdrew his support from the college after the board's decision. The Houston oilman had proposed building an addition on the Memorial Student Center, but told the board he would continue with his plans only after he had received in writing a guarantee that women would not attend A&M.

WHEN ASKED whether he might not reconsider his refusal in the light of seemingly impossible odds, Smith told The Battalion he had two grandsons and two grandnephews at the college and would take that into consideration.

In closing the meeting, Rowland told the group that the House of Representatives had voted 4½ to 1 to keep at least one state institution all male.

"I think A&M is worth saving," he said, "and the failure of A&M exes to fight the board's decision will cause the loss of respect the people of Texas have had for Aggie-exes so far."

Grove Movies

Wednesday—"Beneath the 12 Mile Reef"
Thursday—"Roman Holiday"
Friday—"North to Alaska"

Monday—No Movie
Tuesday—No Movie

Wednesday—"World the Flesh and the Devil"

THE BATTALION

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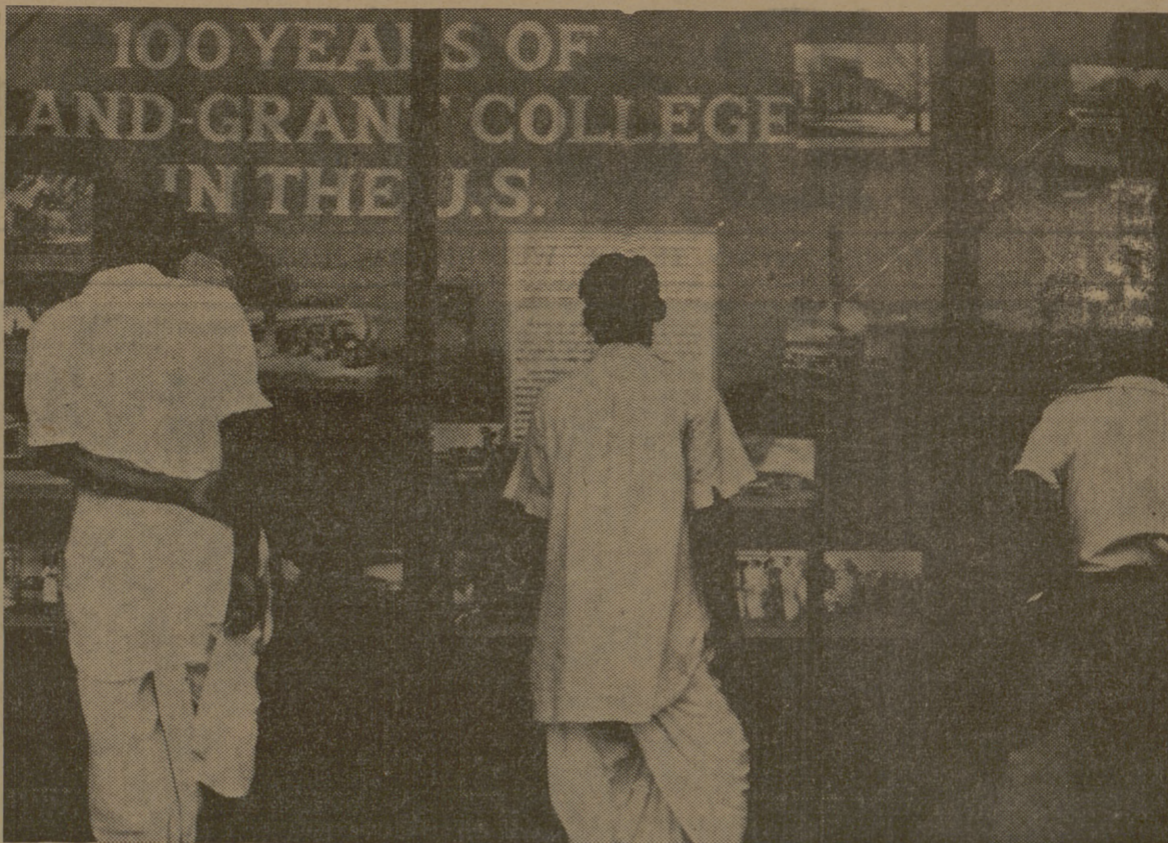
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MSC Pictured in Calcutta

Indians gaze at this U. S. Information Agency display on educational institutions here. To the right of the center man, all is a picture of the A&M student center.

Requests From 47 Nations Prompt Peace Corps Test

Requests from 47 nations for additional Peace Corps Volunteers late this year have prompted the addition of a July 20 date for national administration of the Peace Corps Placement Test.

Dr. Ed Henry, director of the Peace Corps selection division, said the non-competitive test will be given by the Civil Service Commission in more than 800 communities on Saturday, July 20, and again on August 24. Both start at 8:30 a.m.

"In order to meet even the most urgent requests from Latin America, Africa and Asia, we plan to start training programs each month from August through December," Henry said. "I hope all interested college students who complete degree requirements during summer sessions will submit

their applications and take one of the tests."

More than 2,000 prospective Volunteers will enter training during the last five months of 1963 to supplement the 5,000 now in the field and the 3,000 in training during the summer.

Students can obtain the location of the nearest test site by calling the local CSC. Only requirement for admission is that the applicant has already submitted a Peace Corps Questionnaire or brings his completed application with him.

The test, which can't be "passed"

4,004 Visit A&M During Last Month

A total of 4,004 visitors were on the campus of A&M during the month of June, 1963, P. L. Downs, Jr., official greeter of the college, announced Monday. They were attending short courses, conferences, class reunions and other scheduled meetings.

The college had 859,157 visitors on the campus for scheduled meetings and activities during the 14-year period and one month to July 1, 1963, from June 1, 1949, Downs pointed out. They spent \$18,042,297.00, he estimated. There were 17 different groups on the campus during the month of June, 1963.

Aggie Enrolls At West Point

William Scott Benson, who spent last year as a freshman pre-law student at A&M, enrolled Monday at the United States Military Academy.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Benson of San Saba. His parents were notified of the appointment last week.

Benson was a member of Company A-1 while in the A&M Corps of Cadets.

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| | Mon. - Fri. | Sat., Sun. |
| Breakfast | 6:15- 9:00 | 8:00- 9:30 |
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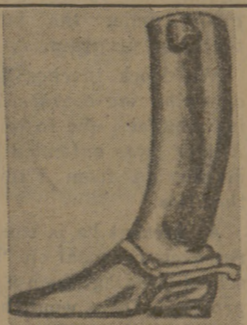
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New System May Speed Up Harvest

Two A&M agricultural engineers have worked out a system which they believe can put mechanical cotton harvesters into the field much sooner than usual.

Backing up their conclusions are tests they conducted at experiment stations at College Station, Pecos and El Paso. Results show that harvesters can go to work two weeks earlier with no reduction in cotton yield or quality.

THE TWO ENGINEERS, Associate Professor Lambert Wilkes and Instructor Bill Cochran, rushed things up by combining bottom defoliation of the cotton plant with bottom picking.

Bottom defoliation, Wilkes says, is not new. Farmers are already practicing this technique. On the other hand, bottom picking is something Texas Cotton patches haven't seen yet.

Wilkes explained that hand pickers can start work in a field when only 15 to 20 per cent of the bolls

are open. But the mechanical harvester is obliged to wait until the crop is 60 to 70 per cent ready, a period of two to three weeks.

HERE IS HOW the engineers devised the system to speed up some of that delay:

Bottom Defoliation — Mechanical harvester has three to five nozzles which spray each side of the plant, one on bottom. Wilkes removed the bottom nozzles except the bottom nozzle on each side. The result is a lower canopy which reaches only the lower third or one-half of the plant. This was helping the harvester pick faster.

Bottom Picking — The engineer removed the top six to eight inches of spindles in the picker. The bolls open before the upper part of the remaining spindles pick the ripe cotton. At the same time the machine takes in fewer leaves and bolls, injures the less, and saves wear and tear on the unused spindles.

Class Schedule Changes

The Office of the Registrar has announced the following changes in the schedule of classes for the second summer session:

Education

Course 427 — Principles of Guidance. (9-0) 3. Section 1. Daily, 11-12:30. Room 160 Academic.

Psychology

Course 301 — Educational Psychology. (9-0) 3. Section 1. Daily, 9-10:30. Room 105 Academic.

Mechanical Engineering

Course 328 — Thermodynamics. (9-0) 3. Section 1. Daily, 9-10:30. Room 208 Fermier.

Course 340 — Physical Metallurgy. (6-9) 3. Section 1. Daily 7-8:30, TTh 1-5:30. Room 5 Fermier.

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