

University System Affects All Texans

Freshmen entering A&M this fall are enrolling in one of nine major parts of one of the largest educational, research and extension organizations in the south. The A&M University System, established in 1948, is a statewide organization, charged with the responsibility for education, research and extension services in the broad fields of agriculture and engineering and in such other areas as the Legislature of the state of Texas may assign it from time to time.

The System's four schools are Texas A&M University, oldest publicly-supported institution of higher learning in the state; Prairie View A&M College, at Prairie View; Arlington State College at Arlington; and Stephen F. Austin State College, at Stephenville.

The five service organizations are the Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

In terms of size, the System has more than 6,400 full-time employees; its work is conducted in 254 Texas counties; its staff works on problems ranging from control of insects to development of better traffic control systems.

During the long terms, the colleges provide educational programs for more than 15,000 Texas men and women.

The service organizations, and the colleges, provide adult education training programs for about 35,000 persons annually. Courses range from those for civil defense crews concerned with radiation to firemen, vocational teachers, bankers, egg-

graders, beef producers and schoolmen.

The System is headed by a board of directors, consisting of nine members, appointed by the Governor with consent of the Senate.

The Board members hold office for terms of six years, with appointments staggered so that each two years three members retire and three new members begin their terms of office.

Chief executive officer for the System is Chancellor M. T. Harrington, who is directly responsible to the Board. In charge of each part of the System is another executive officer—for the schools, presidents; for service organizations, directors. These men are responsible to Harrington for the efficient operation of their particular schools or service groups.

The System's work affects Texans in three major ways—through education, research and extension.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station engages in research ranging from development of better range grasses to eliminating insect pests; from improving beef cattle production to developing better types of grain, fruit and vegetables for Texas production.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, through its county agricultural agents and home demonstration agents working in 254 counties, brings information on latest research to farmers and ranchers.

The Texas Engineering Experiment Station engages in re-



SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ... nerve center of vast organization

search ranging from finding better processing methods for cottonseed to highway design and construction work.

The Texas Engineering Extension Service provides training at short courses on the campus and through programs held in Texas towns and cities. Itinerant teachers provide information in fields which include the natural gasoline paint industry, police and firemen's training, supervisory training and instruction for municipal water and sewage plant operators.

It is impossible to briefly out-

line the work of the System as it affects the people of Texas. It is best to show the scope of this work by an illustration:

The Texas Forest Service, for example, engages in forest fire prevention and suppression, breeding of better pines, finding new uses for forest products and education of the people in the best uses of natural forest resources.

To do its work it may call on the Engineering Extension Service—to train its crew leaders; it may use the facilities of one of the Agricultural Experiment Sta-

tion's greenhouses; it may ask agents of the Agricultural Extension Service to carry special news on forestry to the people of East Texas counties. It may also need help from the System's schools in persuading more young men of the state to become interested in careers in forestry and in offering pre-forestry courses.

Thus, the A&M University System may affect vast numbers of people and may call for co-operation of all or part of the schools and services in the completion of one particular piece of work.

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Rice Professor to Lecture at 8 Monday

Rice University Professor G. G. Walters will lecture at 8 Monday as another in a series of lectures for National Science Foundation Summer Institute participants and others. The lecture will be given in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building.

Walters will lecture on "Lasers and Optical Pumping." He joined the Rice faculty in 1953 as professor of physics. In 1958 he completed undergraduate studies at Rice and in 1956 received his Ph.D. degree in physics from Duke University. He was a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at Duke, where he continued his work on magnetic properties of liquid helium solutions at very low temperatures. In 1957 he joined Texas Instruments, Inc., as a section head and later was promoted to senior scientist and then to corporate research associate.

Chemistry Receives Government Grant

The Department of Chemistry received a National Institutes of Health grant of \$19,200 for further study of "Amino Phosphonic Acids," President Earl Rudder announced.

Dr. A. F. Isbell, professor of chemistry and supervisor of the research project, said the program is in its third year of NIH support. He said the research deals with attempts to synthesize certain phosphorus-containing amino acids which do not normally occur in nature. Amino acids, he said, are often called the "building blocks" of proteins.

The National Institutes of Health is a division of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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