

## A&M Nuclear Center Names New Official

Assistant Professor John D. Randall of the A&M Department of Nuclear Engineering has been appointed associate head of the institution's Nuclear Science Center.

Dr. Robert Cochran, head of the Nuclear Engineering Department and the Nuclear Science Center, said Randall will assume the duties of Floy W. Smith, former chief of reactor operations, who resigned to return to industry.

"Some of Mr. Randall's responsibilities will be to help people learn reactor use and to interest more people in using it," Cochran said. "He will develop additional services by the Nuclear Science Center. In the near future, we hope to supply short-lived radio isotopes for medical and industrial uses on a routine basis."

RANDALL, A NATIVE Californian, received his BS and MS degree in engineering physics and nuclear engineering in 1955 and 1956 at the University of California. He taught with that university's Engineering Extension Service until 1958, when he came to A&M.

The scientist recently returned from a year's leave of absence on a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship. During this time, he completed all graduate work for his doctorate except the dissertation.

His research experience is that of physicist with the Bevatron experimentation group, University of California Radiation Laboratory, 1955-58; nuclear engineer, Aerojet-General Nuclear, San Ramon, California, 1956-58; and assistant research engineer, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, 1958-60.

HE WAS DIRECTOR of an AGN-201 reactor at the University of Akron in 1957 while on leave from Aerojet-General Nuclear.

Randall is a member of Sigma Xi and the American Nuclear Society, and is listed in "Who's Who in Atoms" and "American Men in Science." He is co-author of eight publications dealing with nuclear science and engineering.

Orange Schools Superintendent M. L. Broekette is president of the district, the largest in the state association both from the number of members and total counties, 26.

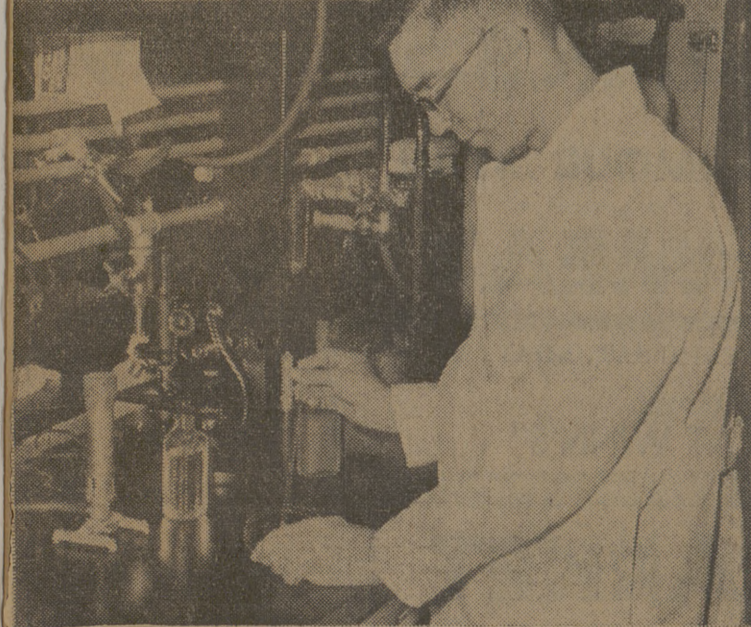
The workshop is for district officers and these representatives of each unit: president, the program, legislative, public relations and membership chairmen, secretaries and treasurers, teacher education and professional standards chairmen, and the sponsors of the Future Teachers of America.

The TSTA local units are organized either on the basis of the local school district or by county groupings.

Dr. Paul Hensarling, head of the Department of Education and Psychology, serves as local arrangements chairman for the workshop. This is the second year the workshop has been held on the A&M campus.

Mrs. Carl W. Landiss, teacher in the Stephen F. Austin High School of Bryan, is president of the Brazos County Teachers, local TSTA organization.

The group plans a hospitality table to serve coffee to visitors as they arrive, Mrs. Landiss said.



PREPARING A CULTURE

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# Arrival Of First Students Starts Week Of Orientation



Landmark Being Demolished

Science Hall, built in the 1890s and the site of studies for thousands of Aggies through the years, is being demolished to make room for a new wing on the Biological Sciences Building. The contract for demolition, in-

cluding the right to salvage old brick was awarded to Hobbs Demolishing Co. of Austin. About 60,000 of the salvaged bricks will be retained by A&M for construction of a new home for President Earl Rudder.

## \$33,750 PRESS ARRIVES SOON

## Batt Staffers, A&M Printers Prepare For New Machine

The Battalion's new \$33,750 printing press arrives this week at the A&M Press. Employees at the Press and "Batt" staffers will spend September getting acquainted with the machine and its offset process in hopes that it can be put into regular use by Oct. 1.

The Goss Community Offset

Press was shipped from Rockford, Ill.

Frank Tucker, general manager of the A&M Press, said the new press is designed to print 8,000 copies per hour. At its top speed, the machine presently being used to print The Battalion will turn out only 3,000 per hour.

THE NEW PRESS is equipped with "units" for printing four, six or eight pages.

Tucker said Henry Kindt, the man responsible for operating the new press, will leave by plane Sept. 15 for Rochester, N. Y., where he will receive special training in the use of the machine from Goss instructors. Kindt is to return Sept. 21.

"I don't know of another college newspaper in the Southwest that has its own offset press,"

## Street Crew Busy Preparing Curbs, Lots For Parking

Add 185 gallons of paint to the long list of materials needed in preparing the A&M campus for the arrival of students.

Busily applying the paint in appropriate places to aid both the campus visitor and those parking regularly on the campus is the roads and paving section crew in the Grounds Maintenance Department.

The 82 acres of parking lots are receiving their annual striping job to facilitate parking. Appropriate markings are being painted on the 23 miles of curbing.

Fees paid by the approximately 4,500 students expected to arrive this September with autos and the faculty-staff parking fees finance improvements of parking lots including the striping job.

Assistant Superintendent James E. Hurt and a five-man crew work throughout the year to keep parking and traffic signs and campus streets in good condition.

Hurt, who has been with the grounds department 28 years, supervises a crew presently composed of Ruben Guerrero, Paul Saldiva, Gary Overmyer, Lester Heath and John Pensinger.

said Tucker. He explained that there are probably a number of school papers which are printed by the process but it is done by hire through independent printing houses.

The new machine's priority job will be to print The Battalion. Tucker said, however, that attempts will be made to find additional uses for the new press.

THE OFFSET printing process works on the basic principle that water and grease do not mix. It grew out of a process known as lithography discovered in 1796. Old lithographers placed the image they wished to print in greasy ink on slabs of stone.

High speeds were developed when the "offset" principle was added around the beginning of this century. On new presses, such as the one coming to A&M, the images are carried by thin metal plates stretched around revolving cylinders.

Tucker said a new, better-quality paper may now be used for printing The Battalion.

## Welcome Agenda Starts Wednesday

The arrival of the first students Sunday starts the week-long process of registration and other procedures before classes begin Sept. 16.

A&M's program of New Student Summer Conferences has already resulted in the pre-registration of about 1,100 freshmen.

The new academic year is notable as the first since A&M became a university in name as well as fact and first in several decades in which coeds register for long-term studies.

Due to arrive Sunday are the new students who could not attend the 15 two-day conferences this summer, plus certain officers of the Corps of Cadets. The new students will take various tests and otherwise prepare to register while the cadet officers will be briefed on assignments.

"We have enjoyed a very successful pre-registration program," Dr. C. H. Ransdell, assistant to the dean of engineering and chairman of the New Student Committee, said of the summer conferences.

"New students already registered will report to the campus Wednesday, Sept. 11, to pick up keys to their rooms and get copies of the schedule of classes," Ransdell said.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL meeting of all new students is set Wednesday evening, when a general assembly will be held in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

President Earl Rudder will welcome the new students. Student Senate President Harlan Roberts will also speak at the general assembly.

The new students not yet registered will sign on the afternoon of Sept. 12 with a general assembly set that evening. Local ministers will be introduced and their churches will hold open houses for the students. New students will complete registration on the morning of Sept. 13.

A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY for all transfer students will be held on the morning of Sept. 13 in the Memorial Student Center. Two special days were set aside during the summer for conferences similar to those attended by the freshmen.

Returning students begin registering at 1 p.m. Sept. 13 while the new students will be attending assemblies.

The MSC will hold an open house for all new students at 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

NEW STUDENTS WILL attend their first cadet unit meetings Sept. 14, while returning students register throughout the day.

Returning students will register on an announced schedule based on the first letter of a student's surname.

Last day for Fall Semester enrollment is Sept. 21.

## Most New Fish Have Already Pre-Registered

Most freshmen planning to enter A&M this fall have already done everything except start classes at 15 two-day conferences during the summer.

The first of the conferences was held early in June. The students chose convenient conference periods. Two special dates were also scheduled for transfer students.

A make-up period for those unable to attend the summer meetings will start Monday morning.

THE CONFERENCES were a cooperative program involving various A&M offices. Helping students make the transition to the campus was the basic goal.

Dr. C. H. Ransdell, assistant to the Dean of Engineering and head of the New Student Week Committee, said persons involved with the conferences had worked "beyond the call of duty."

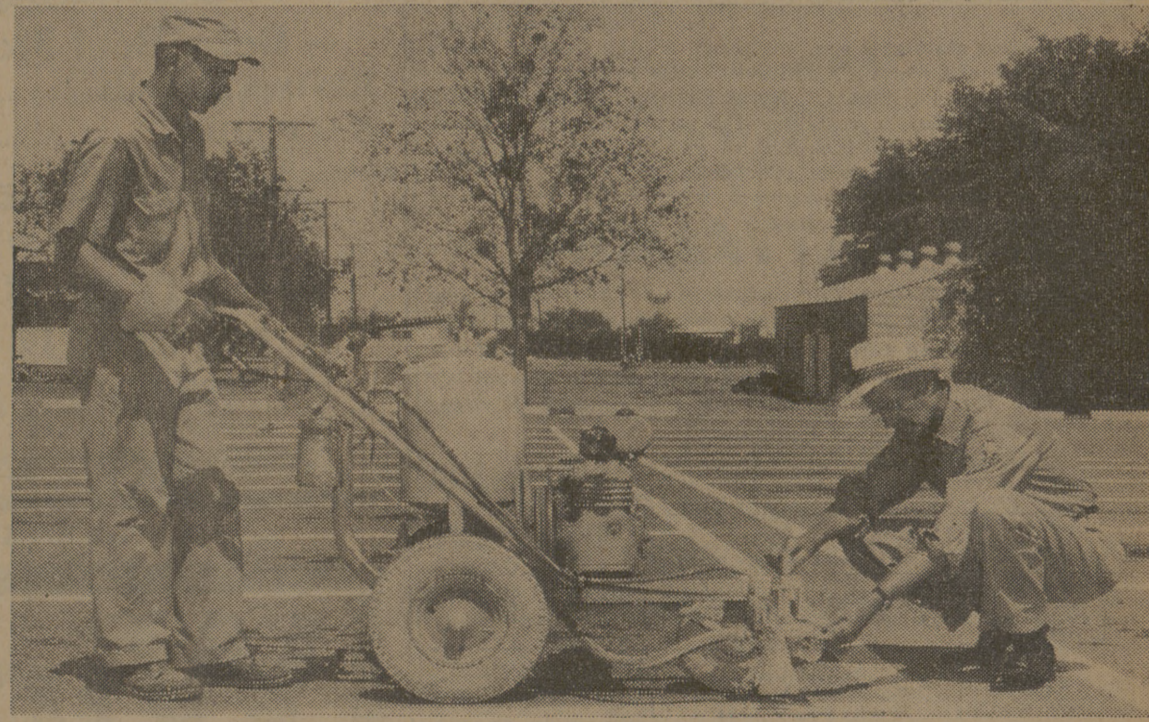
He said the conferences were helped by an extensive publicity program.

Attendance at each conference was limited to 120 students to assure personal attention.

STUDENTS WHO attended the conferences were able to take placement tests, receive counsel on course work and schedules, be assigned to a cadet unit, be fitted for uniforms which will be altered and ready when they arrive, and pay certain fees.

The freshmen also could secure a laundry mark and purchase books and other supplies while attending the meetings.

Planning of the program was accomplished by Ransdell's New Student Week Committee and the Counseling and Testing Center headed by S. A. Kerley.



Big Job

Striping the 82 acres of parking lots and appropriately marking the 23 miles of curbing at A&M is part of readying the campus for the next week's arrival of students. Gary Overmyer, left, and Assistant Su-