

OPPORTUNITIES EXPANDED

# Interdepartmental Program Started

A program to encourage and facilitate interdepartmental promotions for classified college employees became effective Aug. 1.

C. C. Munroe, Director of Personnel at A&M, said the new program will expand opportunities for all employees and should increase levels of experience in high-rated

classifications. The plan will at first be confined to positions on campus.

Basic to a workable program by interdepartmental promotion is campus-wide advertisement of all position vacancies, the director said.

"THE MEDIUM used for this advertisement is a 'Job Opportunities Bulletin' which will be issued periodically by the College Personnel Office," Munroe explained. "This bulletin will list all classified vacancies by title, indicate the pay range and give a brief description of requirements. Each vacancy will also be given a code number."

He emphasized the following three requirements for interdepartmental promotion applicants:

1. THE POSITION for which application is made must carry a higher classification than the employee's present position.
2. Regular budget employees should have been on their present jobs for at least six months. An hourly employee may apply regardless of length of service.
3. Unless otherwise specified, applications will be accepted only from persons who will be resident in the area for at least two years.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS are these: Applications must be submitted on the standard "Application for Employment" form available from the College Personnel Office. Applications will be accepted from present employees only for specific vacancies as advertised in the Job Opportunities Bulletin.

Each application must have attached to it a letter of concurrence or recommendation from the employee's current supervisor. These can be sent direct from the department to the College Personnel Office.

MUNROE SAID the bases for selection are the following:

1. Applicants will be considered according to their qualifications for the advertised position and their record of past performance, including attendance.
2. Other factors being equal, preference for all vacancies will be given to college employees.
3. The responsibility for final selection of applicants rests with the department in which the vacancy exists.

## \$4 Million, Plus, Awarded In Contracts

A total of \$4,011,566.60 in contracts was awarded for construction projects and \$411,151 in funds were appropriated at the June meeting of the Board of Directors.

Among the contracts awarded were:

To H. A. Lott, Inc., of Houston, \$3,112,425 for construction of new dormitories and lounges at A&M.

To J. M. Odom Construction Co. of Austin \$596,000 for renovation of existing dormitories at A&M.

To W. E. Kutzschbach Co. of Bryan, \$172,755 for utilities for dormitories at A&M.

To McCann Construction Co. Inc., of Fort Worth, \$31,346 for utility extension at Arlington State College.

Among the appropriations approved by the board were:

At A&M University: \$95,000 for waterproofing of masonry of six buildings.

\$22,000 for construction of an Activation Analysis Research Laboratory at the research annex.

\$800 for plans for a seismic station at the Junction Adjunct.

At Arlington State College: \$200,000 for moveable equipment for the library.

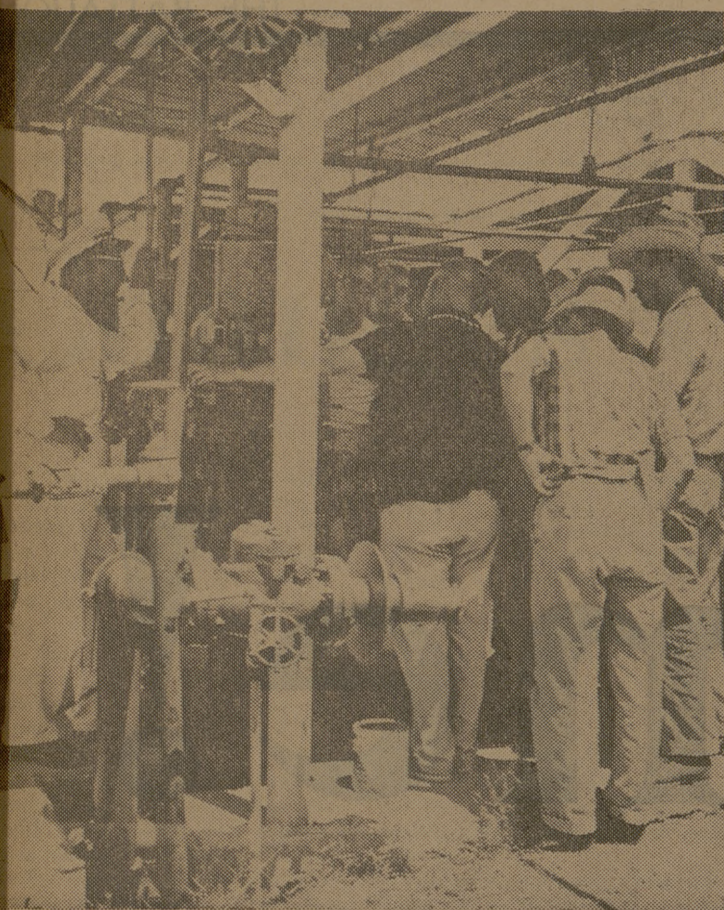
\$17,000 to supplement previous appropriations for utility extensions.

\$18,451 for construction of parking lots.

\$8,600 for plans and preliminary expenses for central utility plant expansion.

At Prairie View A&M College: \$11,000 for storm water drains.

\$1,000 for preliminary plans for warehouse and computer center plans.



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## 1,500 Attended Firemen's School

About 1,500 firemen from more than 400 Texas towns participated in A&M's 34th annual Texas Firemen's Training School in July.

There were also men from about 10 states, Mexico, Venezuela and Netherlands Antilles.

Their schooling was varied. Some climbed ladders to learn rescue operations, then moved to 6-acre Brayton Training Field, near Easterwood Airport, to fight all types of fires.

OTHERS LEARNED to repair equipment, offer first aid, and use latest fire-fighting gear, including foam makers, fire-resistant materials and chemicals that disperse flammable materials.

Still others listened to tips on fire investigation, learned to handle arson cases and received instruction on courtroom procedures and public relations.

Classes were held all over the campus, in the air-conditioned Memorial Student Center, in the shadows of Kyle Field Stadium and on the hot training field near the airport.

Ladder rescue operations were taught outside dormitories.

THE FIRE FIGHTERS battled every type of fire instructors could dream up. This year's repertoire included house, airplane, oil pit, automobile, butane tank and overhead pipe fires.

Henry D. Smith was director of this program sponsored by the Texas Engineering Extension Service. Two-hundred-ninety veteran

firemen and manufacturers served as instructors.

A second week of training was offered this year for industrial firemen.

As it does each year, industry loaned more than \$200,000 worth of equipment for use during the school. Smith said the program used 70,000 gallons of petroleum in fire fighting courses.

TWO NIGHTS during the training school the firemen and instructors put on public demonstrations of new equipment and techniques.

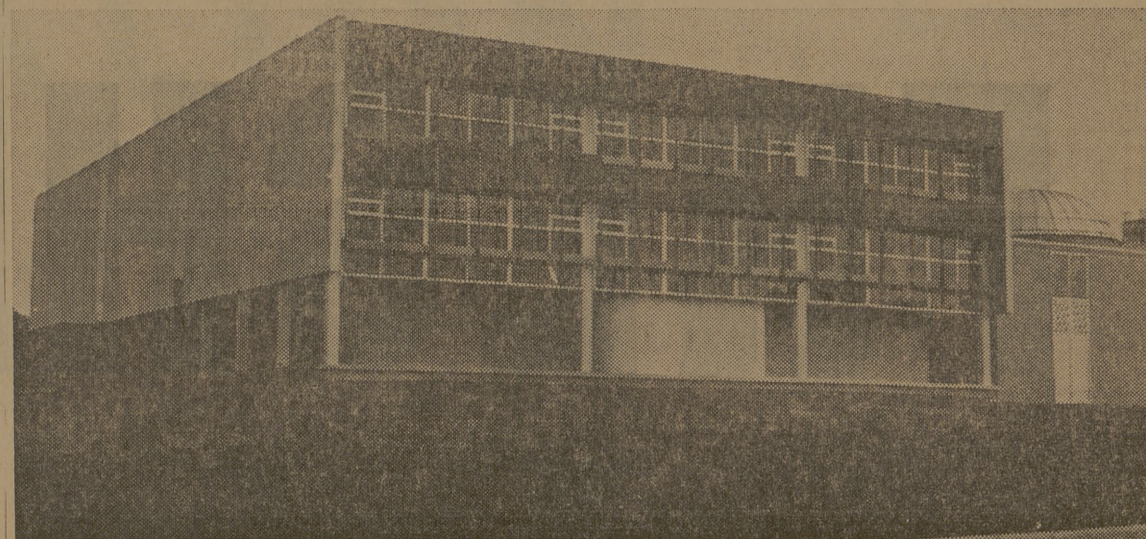
Spectators saw a chemical powder that converts ordinary water into a gelled material used to coat building walls and roofs to prevent spread of fire. They also watched underwater rescue operations in a glass tank atop a special truck.

Special fire trucks were on display and the crowds also saw special clothing, foam makers and a new fire-resistant plastic that will withstand heat from a butane torch.

AT THE SECOND demonstration people saw an airplane rescue operation. There was a special saw capable of cutting through a brick wall or easily removing doors from automobiles.

Also at the second demonstration were a portable winch, a smoke ejector and various chemicals.

The firemen were housed in A&M dormitories, motels and hotels. Most of the men ate in Sbis Dining Hall.



\$900,000 ARCHITECTURE BUILDING Building was occupied in second week of June

## Architects Have New Home With 47,000 Square Feet

The School of Architecture set up housekeeping in its new \$900,000 home during the second week of June.

The three-story building contains 47,000 square feet of enclosed space, which provides an estimated 30,000 square feet more space than the school had in its old quarters on the top floor of the Academic Building.

THEO R. HOLLEMAN, head of architecture, said there is actually only one more classroom in the new facility but there is now much more space for design laboratories.

A 200-seat auditorium for lectures and special programs is located on the first floor of the new

building. Across the hall is a 12,000-volume library.

An adjoining facility to the classroom building is the research center, a silo-shaped structure capped with a dome to provide a "simulated sky" effect.

With the additional floor space, Holleman mentioned specially designed movable partitions that will enable the school to vary floor area to accommodate different sized classes.

Another of the unique features of the structure is the use of "gray glass" that stretches almost the entire length of the building. Holleman explained that the tinted

glass, separated from the windows, allows natural lighting and prevents glare.

TWO LARGE courtyards will be a new aid to landscape architecture students. Holleman said they are slated for use as "experimental labs" for the landscape students, as well as for displays.

Holleman pointed out that a steadily increasing enrollment in the School of Architecture was one of the major reasons for construction of the new home. Three-hundred-seventy students registered in architecture last September and the total is expected to reach 400 this fall.

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