



PRESIDENT EARL RUDDER
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President Rudder Greets Freshmen

"To the students enrolled here for the first time we pledge our efforts toward providing you the faculty, the facilities and the atmosphere for learning necessary for attainment of higher educational goals. These are exciting times at A&M and we want each student to become a part of our movement toward greatness. I extend you this challenge and bid you welcome to A&M."

With these words President Rudder, in reflecting on A&M's progress, stressed that incoming freshmen will benefit from the many advances made by the University in recent months.

"1963 proved to be a year of exciting accomplishments. There was solid advancement in areas specifically delineated in The Blueprint for Progress." The Blueprint, issued by the Board of Directors in 1962, charts the future of A&M and lays emphasis on excellence in every phase of the institution's activities.

President Rudder said that recent major accomplishments included various grants awarded to the institution totaling more than six million dollars, approval of the new College of Geosciences, realization of the Cyclotron Institute and the addition of several distinguished faculty members. "These accomplishments are part of our effort to provide at A&M University an atmosphere for learning unexcelled anywhere," Rudder said.

Of particular interest to students are the new dormitories and the renovation, including air conditioning, of some existing dormitories. There will be air conditioned space for over 2000 students upon completion of this construction program. Classroom buildings also are being air conditioned on a programmed basis to further improve the comfort level for students and staff.

"It is our hope," Rudder stated, "that members of this year's freshman class will have access to the new library and Learning Center long before their graduation." This spring the Board of Directors approved the preliminary plans for the proposed our-story library. Cushing Library will become the new Learning Center. "A University is often judged by the size and quality of its library and we will soon have one of the finest," Rudder said.

Inside The Battalion

This annual freshman edition of The Battalion is designed to give the new student and his parents some insight into the background, size, traditions, facilities and academic quality of A&M University.

The new student might find it helpful to keep this issue of the "Batt" and bring it with him in September to help him in the big job of getting acquainted with the University.

The first section includes current campus news and some feature stories on the institution.

The second section includes information on educational facilities, history and administrative officials.

The third section centers around extra-curricular activities and the fourth and final section deals with spirit and sports.

Doctoral Candidate Appointed To Department Of Philosophy

The appointment of John B. Orr to the A&M University faculty as an assistant professor of philosophy was announced Wednesday by Dean of Arts and Sciences Frank Hubert.

Orr is meeting requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree at Yale University Divinity School. His completed dissertation is entitled "Justice and National Income Security—A Study in Christian Social Ethics."

A&M's Board of Directors recently authorized steps toward establishment of a Department of Philosophy.

Orr received a B.A. degree in psychology with distinction at the

University of New Mexico in 1955, the B.D. degree with high honors from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1958 and the M.A. from Yale in 1963.

He held assistantships at the University of New Mexico and at the seminary.

Orr has traveled in Europe and the Middle East.

He was an assistant pastor of Westwood Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, in 1958-61 and served as pastor of the Cos Cob Community Church in Connecticut.

Dean Hubert said the new faculty member will teach introductory courses in philosophy and the philosophy of religion.

Cushing Library Director Initiates Improved Service



VIEW OF THE ACADEMIC BUILDING
... probably students have attended more classes in this famous Aggieland landmark than in any other building on campus.

Stacks Open To All Users

Cushing Memorial Library stacks are open permanently to all users and the circulation desk has been moved to the main floor lobby as part of a comprehensive plan to better serve the patrons, A&M University Library Director Robert A. Houze announced.

Library users now may fully utilize all library materials and then check out materials from the circulation desk beside the main entrance. This centralizes several functions and frees staff members to work in the stacks and assist students, Houze said.

"The experimental opening of the stacks has worked so satisfactorily that we plan to keep them open permanently," Houze said. The stacks or shelves of books gained improved lighting sometime ago in preparation for the opening of the area to all users.

The improvements aimed at providing "the most efficient service possible" involves a series of moves and changes. Most have been completed, others are planned for the near future and a research study underway may point to other changes early in 1965.

The card catalog cabinets and as many basic bibliographic aids as space allows have been moved to the main floor lobby. The newspapers formerly found in that area have been moved to the second floor alcove vacated by the circulation staff.

Houze said "a large section of the Reserve and Required Reading Room will be remodeled into a handsome browsing room."

Both the government documents division and the reference room may expand into the second floor lobby in coming months. Some steel shelving for government documents has been ordered and the reference room "also may find it necessary to expand into the lobby."

Establishment of an "information and assistance desk" in the first floor lobby is another improvement.

"This station has been established for the express purpose of helping the library patron," Houze said.

Cushing Library... is open 99 hours weekly during the regular semester and almost as many hours during the summer. The record number of hours results from increasing demands upon the library by students and the faculty with new circulation peaks established almost monthly, Houze said.

Dean Hubert Set To Move To New Office

A&M University Dean of Arts and Sciences Frank Hubert and staff will occupy remodeled quarters in the Academic Building Sept. 1 and the dean's present offices in Nagle Hall will be turned over to the Department of History and Government.

The new quarters allow a realignment of functional areas for more efficient handling of workloads and the reception of visitors.

Academic Building Room 102 will house Dean Hubert, Associate Dean Charles F. Squire, Donald F. Simons, assistant to the dean, and secretaries. A small conference room will adjoin the offices.

Arts and sciences students visiting the dean's office will meet Associate Dean George W. Schlesselman in Room 101.

The Department of History and Government will move to the present dean's quarters early in September. Department offices will be remodeled to provide office space for faculty members now housed in the Academic Building.

Graduate Student

Graduate student Lynn Braswell of Angleton has devised a new compiler language dubbed "Aggie" to instruct sophisticated electronic computers at A&M University's Data Processing Center.

The compiler which would cost \$25,000 to \$40,000 commercially, was developed by Braswell as his thesis project for the Master of Science in computer science degree.

NSF Students To Give Show

High school students on the A&M University campus for two National Science Foundation Summer Institutes will present a talent show at 7 p.m. Saturday in Guion Hall. The public has been invited to the free variety show.

Serving as master of ceremonies will be John R. Adams of Houston. He is here for the six-week program in mathematics directed by Dr. William S. McCulley. Professor Fred Smith directs the program in geology.

Instrumental music, a skit entitled "There Is No Truth," and folk singers are on the program announced by Mary Edna Dorsey, social director for the high school student program.

Eminent Lecturers Scheduled '64-'65

The A&M University Lectures for 1964-65 will be given by six persons eminent in as many fields, Dr. R. W. Barzak announced as lectures committee chairman.

"The University Lectures now in their second year are planned to give the faculty, students and general public the opportunity to hear renowned authorities speak on subjects of broad social, political and intellectual interest," Barzak said. He is assistant dean of the Graduate College.

The 1964-65 lectures will begin Nov. 3 with a lecture by Victor Christ-Janer, award-winning architect and an adjunct professor of Columbia University. He is a Danforth Visiting Lecturer.

Lecturing Dec. 3 will be Dr. Jotham Johnson, classical archaeologist on the New York University faculty. He also is a Danforth Visiting Lecturer.

Dr. Talcott Parsons, Harvard University sociologist, will lecture Jan. 12.

Scheduled to visit the A&M campus March 2 is Dr. Melvin Kranz-

berg, historian of science and technology. He is a faculty member of the Case Institute of Technology.

Dr. Gustave Arlt will lecture April 7. He is president of the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States.

Concluding the series will be a lecture May 11 by Dr. Bell I. Wiley, Charles Howard Candler Professor of History, Emory University.

The University Lectures are planned to complement the Graduate Lecture Series, jointly sponsored by the Graduate College and departments of the university. The Graduate Lecture series topics are on more specialized, technical subjects.

Planning the University Lectures is a committee composed of Professors Haskell M. Monroe, Jr., history; Bruno J. Zwolinski, chemistry; J. N. Weaver, entomology; R. D. Turk, veterinary medicine; and Barzak. One committee vacancy is to be filled.

Greenfield Resigns For Teaching Post

Dr. Guy Greenfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church of College Station since June 1962, announced his resignation this week to be effective Aug. 24.

Greenfield has accepted the chair of sociology at Judson Baptist College in Marion, Alabama, beginning Sept. 1. Judson College, a four year liberal arts college owned by the Alabama Baptist General Convention was founded in 1838 by Dr. Milam P. Judd, and has a long impressive history in the traditional deep south.

Greenfield came to College Station from the pastorage of the First Baptist Church, Branfield, Okla. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a B. A. degree.

Heaton Announces

A&M University Registrar H. L. Heaton announced that 535 students have applied for degrees to be conferred Aug. 21 when the summer term ends.

The total includes 323 seeking a bachelor's degree.

Col. Denzil Baker Has 'Mild Attack'

Col. Denzil L. Baker of A&M University's faculty is recovering in the U. S. Naval Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., from a "mild heart attack," University officials learned Tuesday.

The military science professor and commandant of cadets suffered the seizure July 31 while on a vacation trip with his wife. She told A&M authorities that Colonel Baker likely will remain in Memphis until about September 1, then be removed to Brooke Army General Hospital in San Antonio.

Three Year Grant For Sense Study

A three-year grant totaling approximately \$118,000 for a study of sensory perception as affected by gamma irradiation has been made to University Professor Sidney O. Brown as principal investigator. The U. S. Public Health Service grant was announced by A&M President Earl Rudder.

Dr. Brown is a professor of biology and head of the Radiation Biology Laboratory of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. Making the study with Dr. Brown will be Dr. Albert L. Casey, psychologist.



MILITARY HONORS

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ribbons for services before they came to A&M University on student assignments were presented three officers in ceremonies conducted by Col. Raymond C. Lee, right, professor of air science. Honored were, left to right, Capt. Tommy D. Guest of Crane,

Capt. Sidney O. Benard, of Okmulgee, Okla., and Chief Warrant Officer Billy G. Hance of Baytown. All three were assigned to the Third Weather Wing when that Air Force unit devised "the first automated, centralized military weather forecasting service in the United States." (See story Page 5.)