

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Freshmen Must Adjust To University Discipline

Incoming freshmen are a big statistic at A&M University.

Not only is the freshman class the largest of the four, but it makes up a high percentage of university dropouts. This problem is not unique to A&M, but affects all colleges and universities.

It may surprise you now, but 35 percent of your classmates, and possibly you, will drop out of the university this semester.

Although the freshman may have spent several periods away from home, the situations that face him are unlike any that he has ever faced before. He is at first, away from close friends to which he can turn if a problem arises.

Incoming freshmen, since the beginning of higher education, have been faced with the same situations, but the freshman thinks he is being affected as no one else. Some students will leave A&M because they are not mature enough for college life. Reasons given will include that the Corps life has too much hazing and takes up too much time, and the professors don't care if the student learns or not or the professor doesn't like the student and is flunking him.

Although these charges are usually false, many parents and friends will hear them echoed as an escape goat for immaturity and lack of self discipline.

The main obstacle for a new student to overcome is the big and somewhat frightening change. After an adjustment, which does not come overnight as many think it should, college life is not so bad.

These problems are not large in magnitude, but they slowly build until the whole world seems to be down and trying to knock the freshman out of his nest of security.

These problems are not unique to college and university life, but may be found in every area where the youth begins his growth into manhood.

The only possible answer to adjusting to the new environment is to get to work, study, pay attention, don't get behind, don't give up, and think before jumping. Given a little time and effort for improvement, the world is always a little clearer.

The problem is not unique. The same problems with which the new student is faced, upperclassmen have endured. Many men have experienced these situations and only the men seeking an education have survived.

The student must decide before hand to master university life and strive to meet the demands.

The students that drop out will give their excuses for leaving but they will know the truth, and many of the parents and friends will also know the truth.

Highlights And Sidelights From Your State Capital

By VERN SANFORD

AUSTIN, Tex. — State Supreme Court took a recess last week after handing down a heavy volume of new rulings including one which in effect upheld the 1959 open beaches law.

High court declined to hear arguments attacking the law guaranteeing free access to the beaches and oceans. It left standing a Houston Court of Civil Appeals decision stating the public is entitled to use Gulf Coast beaches from the water to the vegetation line.

In other cases, the court: Permitted Texas Liquor Control Board to continue regulation of liquor exporters along the Mexican border during court attack on a law authorizing such control;

Set down arguments by State Board of Optometry Examiners to force Judge Dallas Blankenship of Dallas to rule on Dr. Ellis Carp's suit challenging its ethical practices order of 1959;

Overturned a contempt judgment against the city manager and mayor of Hurst, Tarrant County, in connection with a condemnation case involving land for drainage easements;

Agreed to review an Austin district court decision denying a state savings and loan charter to Metropolitan Savings Association of Houston;

Refused review of a \$1,000,000 lawsuit in Hutchison County brought by union members who claimed they were fired for fol-

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"With th' Viet Nam situation lookin' like it is, I'm goin' bring up my grades—they may draft me!"

Bulletin Board

The Association of Graduate Wives Club will meet Tuesday, August 11, in the Brooks Room of the YMCA at 8:00 p.m.

All eligible are invited to attend the meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

Federal Officials Now Utilize LDD

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Federal employees in Dallas can now pick up a telephone, dial numbers and talk with other federal employees in 406 cities throughout the country.

Known officially as the Federal Telecommunications System, the hook-up is expected to save the government \$10 million a year through the use of consolidated circuits.

Phase II of the system went into effect early in July. A network connecting 47 cities — including Dallas — had been in operation since February 1963.

Jesse Bettis, an official of the General Services Administration, said the system works similarly to direct distance dialing. The full mechanics are handled not by the government but by 38 telephone companies.

Bettis said the hook-up is faster as well as cheaper than conventional arrangements.

lowing orders of their officials in a 1958 strike at Phillips Petroleum Company plants in the Texas Panhandle.

APPOINTMENTS

Gov. John Connally appointed James S. Naismith of Corpus Christi and Donald C. Klein of Odessa to the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. Col. Thomas C. Green of Austin was reappointed executive secretary.

Pinky Says

A total of 4,200 visitors were on the campus of A&M University during the month of July, 1964, P. L. Downs, Jr., official greeter of the University, announced Saturday. They were attending short courses, conferences, class reunions and other scheduled meetings.

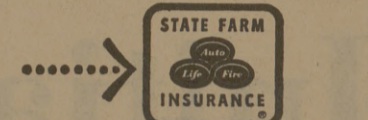
The University had 933,774 visitors on the campus for scheduled meetings and other activities for the 15-year period and two months to August 1, 1964, from June 1, 1949, Downs pointed out. They

spent \$19,609,254, he estimated. There were 24 different groups on the campus last month representing 4,200 visitors.

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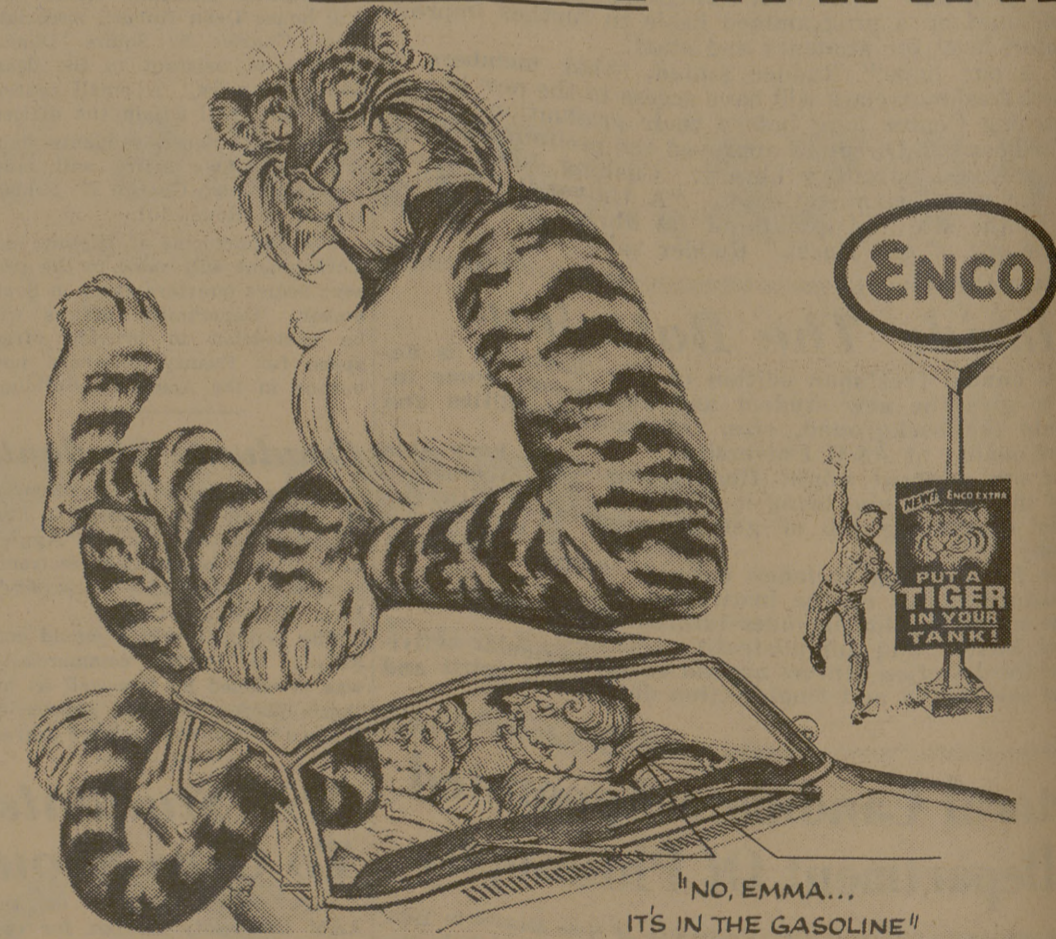
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