

The Battalion

Final Exam Schedule Set

Date and Hour	Series
Aug 21, Friday, 7 a. m.	Classes Meeting 7-8:30
Friday, 10 a. m.	Classes Meeting 9-10:30
Friday, 2 p. m.	Classes Meeting 11-12:30

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SOVIET SCIENTISTS STUDY LAB TECHNIQUE

Left to right, Yu T. Khutornoy, A. A. Vasilev, I. P. Lupashko—Stalskiy, Dr. Perry Adkissin, and lab technicians Marianne Peterson and Jacqueline O'Hara.

Soviet Scientists Tour Plant Science Facility

Three Russian scientists are currently touring A&M plant sciences facilities under a program jointly sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Soviet Embassy.

A&M President Earl Rudder, when asked to comment upon the presence of the Russian visitors, expressed surprise and said that he had not been aware of their being on campus. He further stated that Chancellor Harrington had not informed him of their visit.

Chancellor Harrington was not available for comment. The Russians, A. A. Vasilev and Yu. T. Khutornoy, agronomists, and I. P. Lupashko—Stalskiy, interpreter and agricultural economist, arrived at A&M from a tour of other land-grant colleges and universities in the U. S.

Faculty, Staff

Awarded Grants

A&M University faculty-staff members have been awarded \$31,500 worth of grants from the National Science Foundation, Coleman Loyd, NSF coordinator at A&M, announced.

The funds will be used to support undergraduate research programs involving departments of physics, chemistry, oceanography-meteorology and biochemistry-nutrition.

A \$10,500 grant has been approved for the 1964-65 year for the Physics Department. Prof. Joe S. Ham will direct the research studies, involving nine students.

Richard M. Adams, administrative scientist for oceanography and meteorology, will head research projects involving six students next summer. The work is supported by an \$8,400 NSF grant.

The scientists conferred with Dr. L. S. Bird and Dr. D. W. Rosenberg, head of the A&M Department of Plant Sciences, regarding techniques for evaluating cotton varieties for resistance for combinations of disease including wilts and to observe laboratory and field research activities.

Until their scheduled departure on Saturday, the Russians will continue touring various A&M facilities. On Wednesday the group conferred with entomologists Dr. Perry Adkissin and Dr. Knox Walker.

"The Russians appear to be greatly interested in the organizational structure of the extension service," said Walker. "It seems that they are mildly surprised that the American farmer cooperates with governmental agencies at all on a voluntary basis."

"We explained to them that the American farmer knows he can trust the various agencies through past experience. Consequently they readily accept our recommendations concerning crop treatment," continued Walker.

Entomology, a division of plant sciences dealing with methods of treatment of insects by insecticide and related research, appeared to greatly interest the Russian visitors, and they frequently asked questions.

The language barrier was efficiently hurdled by interpreter Lupashko—Stalskiy. However, minor difficulties did arise when discussing temperatures. The Russians use the centigrade scale and a conversion table was hurriedly consulted.

Asst. Commandant

Ordered Viet Nam

Major John Vilas, Adjutant and Assistant Commandant of the Corps of Cadets at A&M has received orders to report for 12 months duty in South Viet Nam.

Vilas arrived at A&M in May '62 and was assigned to advance section of the Army ROTC Instructional Unit. Soon afterward, he became adjutant and then Assistant Commandant under Col. Denzil Baker, Commandant.

Select Freshmen

To Benefit From

New A&M Syllabus

Perhaps 100 young men across the state have tentatively passed the first semester of freshman English before they ever attend a class at A&M University. Successful classwork in the second half of the freshman course will confirm the advantage.

The students benefit from a new program at A&M, a program described as one of two in Texas.

Professor Lee J. Martin said the new program involves students making a score of 500 or higher on the English achievement portion of the standard entrance test and writing a satisfactory paper.

"Before this we allowed advanced standing by examination, but very few students took the examination," Martin said.

The student's grade for English 103 is determined by the quality of the written paper as marked by a member of the English faculty. Grades of "A," "B" or "C" allow a student to skip 103 and register for 104.

Weirus Appointed Exec. Secretary

Richard (Buck) Weirus, who 22 years ago worked his way through college here, has been named executive secretary of the 40,000-member Association of Former Students at A&M University.

Weirus, director of the association's fund-raising program for three years, will take over the key position Sept. 1 as a result of action by the Association of Former Student's 20-member executive board.

The board, headed by John Lindsey of Houston, had accepted the resignation of J. B. (Dick) Hervey as executive secretary. He was named vice-president of Col-



'BUCK' WEIRUS

lege Station's University National Bank last week.

Active in the association for years, Weirus received his bachelor's degree from A&M in 1942 after earning college expense money as a student janitor, waiter and Aggeland orchestra drummer.

He also taught at A&M Consolidated School in College Station while attending A&M as an undergraduate. Weirus completed his bachelor's degree in industrial education.

A colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, Weirus served as an advertising executive for an Austin publishing firm until his appointment to the association in 1961 as director of the development fund.

The 44-year-old Aggie earlier received extensive experience with the state adjutant general's office as a staff assistant, organizing national guard units and directing a training program for state employees.

Weirus, a graduate of San Antonio's Central Catholic High, served as an army artillery captain in Europe during World War II for four years.

During his college days, Weirus also found time to compete as a member of A&M's swimming team, and participated in the Singing Cadets and Aggeland Orchestra.

He is a past president of the San Antonio A&M Club and served as vice-president of the association, representing District 8.

Governor Selects A&M

University To Receive Funds To Start Research Institute

A&M University will receive federal funds to establish a water resources research institute, University officials learned recently. Gov. John Connally notified Senator Bill Moore and State Rep. David Haines, both of Bryan that he had designated A&M for the institute.

Legislation recently signed into law by President Johnson authorizes funds to establish a water resources research institute in each state. A&M will receive \$75,000 the first year for the institute, \$87,500 the second and third years, and \$100,000 annually thereafter, Rep. Haines said.

The institutes are to stimulate, sponsor, provide for and supplement present programs of water resources research and training of scientists.

Dr. Ernest T. Smerdon, who came to Texas in 1959 from the University of Missouri, will head the institute.

Smerdon emphasized that in conducting research all existing University facilities will be utilized to the fullest.

"Only in such cases where special facilities are not available at the University will there be any need to use additional equipment," Smerdon said.

"The federal bill is designed to

enlist the competence of university facilities in needed water research work, and, at the same time, to develop and train additional scientists and engineers," Smerdon added.

Smerdon went on to say that it was important that adequate research be initiated as soon as

possible if the population of Texas is to be assured of adequate knowledge to deal with the ever decreasing resources of fresh water.

"By training engineers and scientists we hope to increase the efficiency of water utilization by industrial, private and agricultural consumers," Smerdon said.

House Passes Bill Blocking Apportionment For States

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House passed Wednesday night a far-reaching bill that would strip the federal courts of jurisdiction over apportionment of state legislatures. The vote was 218 to 175.

The legislation—aimed at blocking redistribution of seats in both houses of state legislatures ordered by the Supreme Court on an equal population basis—now goes to the Senate.

A filibuster is already underway there against a milder proposal originated by Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois, the Republican leader, on the same subject. But the Senate bill would only delay the court-ordered reapportionment.

An underlying issue in the fight

is rural vs. urban control of the legislatures.

In a series of rulings, the Supreme Court has held that federal courts have the authority to step in and direct the reapportionment of the legislatures where necessary and that the upper as well as the lower chambers of these bodies must provide representation on the basis of population.

Most of the upper chambers have given rural areas equal representation with more populous areas.

The house bill was introduced by Rep. William M. Tuck, D.-Va., and was rushed to the floor in an impressive power display by Rep. Howard W. Smith, D.-Va., chair-

man of the Rules Committee. Smith invoked a little-used House rule to snatch it away from the House Judiciary Committee.

The House voted 242-148 to take up the measure, foreshadowing its passage.

Much of the debate dealt with the rules committee's unorthodox procedure. Rep. Emanuel Celler, D.-N.Y., chairman of the judiciary committee, said it made the Rules Committee "the poohbah or panjandrum of House proceedings."

Smith, in a fiery speech that brought him a standing ovation from most members, told the House:

"If we don't have the intestinal fortitude to stand up and say to the court 'thus far, and no farther,' this country is in a bad way."

He called the Supreme Court's reapportionment decision "the most drastic assault on the constitution that has happened in my time," and said Congress had a duty to save the nation from becoming a dictatorship.

'Ranger' Indignant; Writes Classic Letter To Soundoff

Ed.—Usually letters to Soundoff are published on the editorial page. We think this letter of such importance, however, that we are putting it on page one.

Dear Sir: Most of the time, which is 99.9 per cent, the Aggies treat me pretty decently. I have no complaints. Without a doubt, the only other people who have as free run of the campus and its buildings as

I are the janitorial staff.

Old Aggeland wouldn't be the same without my familiar stocky body, my drooping jaws—and my fierce look; the look which tells the world, "I'm proud to be an Aggie!"

Yet Monday morning my ears sagged, my legs faltered, and my stub of a tail didn't have enough energy to even faintly wag. The .1 per cent of the time that Aggies don't treat me decently came.

Recently much joking and fun

came of the idea of renting my sides for advertising space. The Battalion even ran a cartoon picturing this humorous idea.

Several fun-loving Aggies couldn't resist the temptation and painted signs on my sides.

I love a good joke just as much as the next Aggie, and I went along with them.

But Monday morning I was shamed beyond barks. A KK arrested me as I was coming out of the basement of a campus building (where someone had dog-napped me).

Think of the outrageous indignity suffered by me, the most important canine on campus, (next to my female friend, whose name also begins with "R"). Arrested! Like a common criminal!

Oh, the shame of it all! I howl every time I think about it.

Humiliated by being taken in a police car to headquarters. They gave me the third degree. But as much as I growled the answers, they still couldn't understand.

They couldn't hear me trying to tell them who painted the filthy, obscene words on my doggy sides—who caused me to get a very unnecessary bath—and who brought dishonor to the name of A&M.

But you know who you are, don't you?

Sincerely,
Ranger.



'RANGER' MEETS THE PRESS

"... you know who painted my hide and caused me to get a very unnecessary bath, don't you?"

Dr. Dan Announces Retirement Following 38 Years At A&M

One of A&M University's best known professors, Dr. Daniel Russell of the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, will retire August 31.

Dr. Dan, as his many former students and other friends call him, has spent 38 years at A&M teaching and researching the often intangible complexities of sociology.

The portly, amiable educator has been busy the past few weeks bringing his office affairs to a conclusion and sifting through a mountain of notes, records, books and mementoes which have accumulated over the years.

One of those mementoes is an age-yellowed newspaper in which an article describes the professor's major extra-curricular accomplishment—A&M's Project House system.

The system, a story in itself, began during the blackest days of

the depression in the early 1930's. Enrollment at A&M and other schools was falling drastically because students couldn't afford much of the expense of attending college.

Russell figured costs could be cut by having student groups pool their money and rent vacant houses in the area, bring farm produce from home, and buy groceries and other supplies wholesale. "House mothers" were hired to cook and keep house. The plan enabled many thousands of Aggies to finish their education.

Soon an entire community of cooperative housing sprang up. The well known Project Houses on the campus' south side is an outgrowth of Russell's efforts. The system was so successful that it was copied by other colleges and universities.



'What's It Like Down Under Sport?'

Chauncey, who has spent the first four months of his life riding about in his mother's pouch, peeks out for his first good look at the world about him—the Griffith Park

Zoo, in Los Angeles—and draws an equally inquisitive look from mama Mathilda. The pair are great Tasmanian gray kangaroos.