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Stop The Presses

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Gentlemen, the Lone Star State stands redeemed. With almost ridiculous ease Friday night, a group of recent Texas high school grads silenced the vocal rumbblings of football superiority which had been filtering down for sometime from Pennsylvania.

The occasion of course was the Big 33 game in Hershey, Pa., the town noted for chocolate bars and Republican bigwigs.

The match pitted all-star football squads from the two states in a duel to decide the old argument over which one produced the best football talent. The final score was 26-10 in favor of the Texans and I trust that the Coal Crackers, as well as the rest of the world, have finally been convinced of a fact that is taken for granted in these parts.

And the rout of the undermanned northerners was especially gratifying to some of us on account of a certain incident which transpired about this same time last year.

On that occasion, you'll recall, the first Texas-PA clash was held, with the final score 12-6 in favor of the other side. There was only one minor fly in this pigskin ointment, however.

It seems that the cream of the Texas schoolboy crop was busily engaged in fratricidal warfare at the time in Fort Worth in the annual North-South all-star contest.

The Texas lads that journeyed to Hershey last summer were fine athletes sure, but when guys like Warren McVea, Linus Baer and Big Daddy Drones weren't around you just didn't have Texas' finest out there.

This year though, it was different. Texas coaches Bobby Layne, Harley Sewell and Doak Walker had the pick of the herd and they came up with 33 honest-to-goodness football players.

As a result of the defeat Keystone State governor Bill Scranton has or will come across with 1,061 apples to be delivered to Texas Governor John Connally. Scranton arrived at the figure of 1,061 apples because that's supposed to be the number of Pa. high schoolers recruited by out-of-state colleges this year. Connally accepted the challenge by doubling the bet, putting up pecans instead of apples.

Scranton's enthusiasm obviously got the best of him, for ever making such a wager. Defeat the best in Texas? Why, who-ever heard of such a thing.

Maybe it was overconfidence. After all, Sports Illustrated, the self-appointed kingpin of all sporting publications, gave last year's affair quite a play. SI, known for about the same amount of objectivity as Time, which happens to be in the same chain — carried pictures, a game account and some rather candid commentary.

The line that keeps edging back into memory said something to the effect that the Pennsylvania victory ended once and for all the long-standing argument over which state played the best high school football.

Come to think of it, their latest issue ought to just be out about now. See you at the magazine stand.

Inside The Battalion

This annual Freshman Edition of The Battalion is designed to give the incoming freshman and his parents a better insight into the history, traditions, scope, facilities and academic quality of Texas A&M.

Many new students find it helpful to keep this issue of the "Batt" and bring it with them in September to help with the big job of getting acquainted with the campus.

The first section includes current campus and local news and a feature story on Silver Taps.

The second section is devoted to sports, including intramurals and athletic clubs as well as the Aggie intercollegiate teams.

The third section deals with extra-curricular life at A&M and discusses some of the school's many well-known traditions.

And the final section is devoted to the administration, facilities, services and history of A&M.



PRESIDENT EARL RUDDER
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President Rudder Greets Freshmen

"In selecting Texas A&M University, you have chosen to attend the state's oldest public institution of higher learning. We feel that you have selected one of the finest institutions available for attainment of your academic objectives. It is my pleasure to welcome you to Texas A&M.

"Though A&M is old in years, it is progressive in its effort to provide students with the finest possible environment for scholastic achievement. Such an environment requires a student body capable of mastering the rigorous educational programs which are offered. Your acceptance into A&M is evidence that you have the capabilities to succeed here and to inspire fellow students by outstanding personal accomplishments.

"Another factor for an excellent educational environment is a capable university faculty. The addition of Horace R. Byers, new Dean of the College of Geosciences and our first member of the National Academy of Sciences, is but one example of the continuous effort being made to expose our students to the highest possible degree of competence among our faculty and staff.

"The finest students and faculty would be ill-equipped to maintain the proper scholastic environment without superior facilities and equipment. As you begin your freshman year, A&M is launching upon a most significant building program. By the end of your junior year, you will be enjoying new equipment and building facilities on this campus valued in excess of 25 million dollars.

"For these and other reasons too numerous to mention we know that your educational experience here will be exciting. We extend best wishes for your success."

Director Of Food Services Named

Sbisa and Duncan Dining Halls are anything but new to Fred W. Dollar, newly-appointed food services director at Texas A&M.

Dollar worked in the dining halls while attending A&M as a member of the Class of 1944. The native East Texan who farmed for two years before coming to Aggieland in 1940 completed studies in agricultural administration.

He remained in the Army Quartermaster Corps after World War II ended and retired as a lieutenant colonel to accept the post here. His last assignment was in Hawaii with the Army's Pacific Command and involved food services throughout the Far East.

His Army career also included attending various service schools, a year at Cornell University for institutional management studies and helping pioneer various innovations. He helped organize the first unified food procurement course for all the armed services.

"I had never even imagined that I would have the opportunity to come back to Texas A&M. I am delighted," Dollar said. He has enjoyed especially meeting old friends on the dining hall staff, he said.

The air conditioning and modernization project nearing completion at Sbisa Dining Hall also pleases Dollar. He "hopes" for additional modernization efforts in the dining halls.

"The quality of food and service here impress me," Dollar said after his first days on the job. He plans "to be cautious" in introducing new items.

Teaching Jobs On Upswing

Texas A&M graduates entering the teaching profession this fall will have a record choice of jobs, believes Dr. Paul Hensler, head of the Department of Education and Psychology.

"There are more than 1,300 job openings listed formally with us," he said. "The openings range from elementary school to colleges and universities."

Only about 5 per cent of the openings can be filled by A&M graduates. Many face military service.

"Compared to the number of people being prepared, chemistry and physics teachers are in most critical demand," Hensler reported. He also noted a "surprisingly large demand" for English teachers.

Activities Scheduled For New Students

The annual New Students Program at Texas A&M formally gets underway Sept. 15 and will continue through Sept. 17.

One of the highlights of the session is an open house for all new students, parents and friends in the Memorial Student Center at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Top university officials and student leaders will be on hand and various booths and exhibits will be set up to explain the activities of some of the activity groups sponsored by the M.S.C.

While the session is in process students desiring to operate automobiles or other motor-driven vehicles on campus are required to register them with the Campus Security Office within 48 hours after the arrival of the vehicle.

Students who will be in the Corps of Cadets are to pick up the part of their uniform issued to them at the warehouse as scheduled and also purchase the remaining parts of their uniform.

Foreign students should register with Robert L. Melcher, Foreign Students Advisor, during registration or in his office in 1A Puryear Hall.

The first of the new students to arrive will be those that have not yet gone through their summer counseling and testing conferences. They are to report on Sept. 12 at the Housing Office for a room. On Sept. 13 they will begin their testing in the Chemistry Lecture Room at 8 a.m.

At 1 p.m. they will be divided into groups according to whether they will be in the Corps for further testing. That evening at 7 p.m. there will be a

group interpretation of the tests in the Chemistry Lecture Room. Sept. 14 will be spent in assigned periods with the students' dean.

The rest of the new students will arrive Sept. 15 and are to report to Sbisa Hall between 8 a.m. and noon. Those students that had arrived for the conferences on Sept. 12 are to report to Sbisa between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

A general assembly for all new students will be held in the Grove after supper, which will be served in Duncan Hall. The assembly begins at 7 p.m. with S. A. Kerley, New Student Committee Chairman presiding. Earl Rudder, president of A&M, will give the welcoming address and Robert Boone of the Singing Cadets will be in charge of the entertainment, which features The Lickin' River Singers.

On Sept. 16 after breakfast there will be assemblies intended to acquaint the new student with his school or college. These should last from 8 a.m. until noon. That afternoon there will be another general assembly, this time in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 1:15 p.m. James P. Hannigan, Dean of Students, will be presiding. At 3 p.m. the civilian students are to meet in the Ballroom of the MSC.

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assembly for all new students Eddie Carpenter will speak on "The Place of Religion at Aggieland."

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At 6:30 p.m. the MSC open house will be held. Sept. 18 will be taken up with Cadet orientation and the organization of units throughout the day. Organized activities will then be suspended until classes start Monday, Sept. 20.

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Rudder Testifies Before Senate Over Track War

Texas A&M President Earl Rudder advocated federal intervention in the NCAA-AAU track feud in testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee Tuesday.

Rudder was invited to address the committee by its chairman, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) Aggie shot putter Randy Matson, currently in Europe, is scheduled to address the body next week.

The committee is currently conducting hearings investigating the dispute.

"An athlete such as Matson may well come to feel that he is a pawn of athletic organiza-

tions locked in bitter conflict," Rudder testified.

"It is difficult to predict the magnitude of confusion which will prevail throughout the nation as we prepare for the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City unless this dispute is resolved."

He also told senators that feuding between national athletic organizations affects a young athlete's performance on the track and in the classroom.

The A&M President told senators: "If the maneuvers of the NCAA and AAU are examples of true sportsmanship, I believe 'sportsmanship' has no place on a university campus."

A former athlete and coach, Rudder described the turmoil of entering Matson in the recent track meet in Russia.

"During mid-season, Matson broke the world record," he related. "As the dispute between the NCAA-AAU intensified, his morale deteriorated and his performance did not approach earlier records."

Rudder added that Matson was not certain he would compete in Russia until the morning for qualification.

"Actual participation was anticlimactic to the effort required to enter the meet," Rudder asserted.

He said Matson's academic record remained high during the controversy but grades for less determined student-athletes might have suffered.

"Such stress deprives Matson—and other students—from full concentration on their primary objective: a superior education," he said.

Rudder urged the Senate to take prompt action to solve what he described as "a national problem, affecting the international prestige of American people and the future of sports in America."

Consolidated Wins Verdict In Tax Trial

A nine man three-woman jury ruled in favor of the A&M Consolidated School District Friday in the tax suit over the district's new assessments for 1965.

The actual verdict, as announced by District Judge John Barron reads: "The A&M Consolidated Independent School District did not deliberately or intentionally omit any tax items from the tax rolls for 1965."

Thus the new assessments were upheld as valid and the district was relieved of any liability resulting from the legal action. The suit had been styled Roy W. Kelly and others vs. the A&M Consolidated School District.

The jury deliberated less than an hour and a half before bringing in their verdict. The suit began the previous Monday and ended Friday morning.

Plaintiffs in the trial had contended that the district's revaluation for 1965 was inequitable and that it had omitted many taxable items of personal property. The issue of whether the district should assess other items of personal property was not ruled on by the jury because of the nature of their verdict in the main issue.

In other recent events involving the district, it was announced Tuesday by Consolidated Superintendent W. T. Riedel that all grades in the CS schools this fall will be racially desegregated.

Room Reservation, Property Storage To Begin Next Week

The Housing Office has announced schedules for reserving rooms and for storing student's gear at the end of the summer.

All students who will live in the cadet dormitories or civilian students who have not yet reserved rooms in civilian dorms should report to the Housing Office between 8 a.m. August 23 and 5 p.m. August 27 to reserve their room for the fall. Civilian rooms will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Also, civilian students who made reservations in the spring should come by to make certain that the Housing Office has received their room reservation cards.

Students who will be members of Squadrons 1, 2, 3 or 4; Company A-1; First Brigade Staff; or First Wing Staff and who wish to store their belongings at the end of the summer session must consolidate their belongings in certain rooms set aside in dormitories 14 and 16. These belongings should be clearly marked and consolidated to facilitate identification at the beginning of school in September.

Students in these units should inquire at the Housing Office concerning which rooms are available for storage. Belongings may not be stored in any rooms in dormitories 14 and 16 except those designated.

Students who will live in any

dormitory other than 14 or 16 must move their belongings to their new rooms by 7 p.m. August 27. These dormitories will be unlocked from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. August 26 and 27.

All dormitories except ramps E, F, and G of Walton Hall and Dorm 22 will be locked after 7 p.m. August 27.

Those students who wish to remain on campus between the terms may register for a room by paying rent of \$18 for Dorm 22 or \$12 for Walton Hall at the Fiscal Department and presenting the receipt at the Housing Office. This registration must be completed by 5 p.m. August 27.



AERIAL VIEW OF TEXAS A&M CAMPUS
... spreading over 5,200 acres, the campus is valued in excess of \$60,000,000.