

Campus Tour Inspires Poem

(Editor's note: The following poem was written by the wife of a participant in one of the many six-week courses offered by A&M during the summer.)

How well I recall that very first day
We came to A&M; six weeks to stay.
Our College View apartment looked a little bare,
Found dust and dirt just everywhere.

As we began cleaning up a bit,
I'd forgotten a few essentials — mop? Even it!
Had a week-end's washing for our family of seven,
No soap or clothes pins! Off to seven-eleven!

Finally registered, we began to explore
To learn about A&M with its Cadet Corps.
While Dad's in class, here's a verbal view
Of things a Mom and five children found to do.

Picnicking in Hensel Park we found plenty of shade.
Sat and talked while the children played.
Long ago planners had fore-sight indeed
Secured land for A&M's every need!

In the academic building there's a replica of the Liberty Bell
If these buildings could talk think of the history they'd tell!
Students mill about waiting for the next class
Hoping on test day they're going to pass.

Drove out through part of the farm,
Seems a busy place, especially the barn.
With vet students sprinting here and there
How about those white suits they must wear!

The swimming pool is a real delight,
Will there be a diving meet one night?
With the big attendance 'spect being a lifeguard
To such a crowd is mighty hard!

We walked into the Coliseum one day
Found many famous athletes had passed that way.
The Physical Ed curriculum was interesting to me
Wonder if our four boys will ever make Aggie history?

The Architectural building is a marvel in itself,
It looks modernistically great from stair to shelf.
With the amazing interior and lovely design
One surely leaves it in four years with a well developed mind.

Sat for a moment in a lounge chair
Gazing into a rock garden that had the best of care.
Displayed on this very same floor
Were projects that spoke for the department; I could not add more.

The A&M Press rang a curiosity bell,
We asked to tour and were received well.

Found the workers there fun to meet,
Each felt his job just couldn't be beat!

The intricate machines worked with amazing speed,
Each was developed to meet a need.
The workers have talent and Freedom of Press,
"God-speed" as they meet deadlines and make each Battalion the best!

The Geology nook has rocks, shells and fossils to see,
When the lights are switched, fluorescent rocks glow magnificently!
The freight elevator looks like a cage
Still serving faithfully in this space age.

The exchange store invites you to come in and browse
There are books, clothes, souvenirs, but no longhorn cows!
One day we had a treat with Dad at the M.S.C.,
Enjoyed the "old guns" and mobile, from floor number three!

Cushing Memorial Library is an interesting place,
Bet those who work and study there are praying for space!
A gentleman noticed as we gave the paintings an admiring look —
Very graciously gave us a little book.

Reading about the Krueger Collection was a thrill,
Aroused our curiosity about artists until —
We made it a point while at Jr. High
To get a book about young artists and find out why.

Some were so great and are famous even now,
They had God-given talent, then worked daily to gain know-how.

At M.S.C. paintings were displayed by an artist we didn't know,
Found it a delightful, one-man show.

When visiting the beautiful "All Faith's Chapel" it was deserted; so quiet.
If it were spread around that Jesus was appearing in person, there'd be a riot.
He's there for all, every day —
If we but take the time to stop, and pray.

I'm glad to see that in this college,
With all its academic degrees and knowledge
The religious centers are doing their best
To see that Christ is presented, along with the test!

Our six weeks stay has been an interesting one
Tho' somewhat hampered by a very small son!
Whether in athletics, cadet corps or the huge marching band
I'll be happy if someday, our sons choose Aggieland!
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