



The Battalion

Weather
 FRIDAY — Cloudy to partly cloudy with thundershowers. Wind southerly 10-15 m.p.h. High 87, Low 73.
 SATURDAY — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Wind southerly 15-20 m.p.h. High 84, Low 72.

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the outside world Spring Semester Closes With Final Examinations

VIETNAM
 U. S. air aviators and Marines battled North Vietnamese troops Wednesday in two engagements 300 miles apart while Navy jets, pursuing the war north of the border, bombed two fuel dumps near the port of Haiphong.

WASHINGTON
 The State Department said today it has no knowledge of a reported Turkish pledge to Egypt that it would not permit the use of American bases in Turkey if war broke out in the Middle East.

INTERNATIONAL
 The idea is gaining ground that the Soviet Union is maneuvering the crisis in the Middle East to put pressure on the United States in Vietnam.

Britain warned Egypt Wednesday any closing of the Gulf of Aqaba would be an act of belligerence. But President Gamal Abdel Nasser showed no weakening of a determination to keep Israeli shipping out of the gulf.

NATIONAL
 A. J. Foyt, never quitting in spite of an apparently hopeless battle against a fantastic aircraft engine, won the rain-delayed 500-mile Memorial Day auto race Wednesday for the third time.

TEXAS
 Governor John Connally said Wednesday he thinks that the special legislative session for taxing and spending can get by without a sales tax increase.

A long-standing Texas legal rule that a property owner must warn employees of a contractor of hidden dangers on the property was scrapped Wednesday by the Texas Supreme Court.



FINISHED FINALS AND LEAVING TOWN!
 Three Aggies load car with boxes, books, clothing and other accumulated items as they prepare to depart for summer vacation after finishing finals Thursday. More unlucky students will be able to leave Saturday when semester officially ends. (Photo by Russel Autrey)

379 Cadets Attend Army, Air Camps

Texas A&M's four-year ROTC program will send 379 cadets to summer camp in the next three months, Military Science Department records show.

Encamped at Fort Sill, Okla., for six weeks beginning June 12 will be 261 Army ROTC cadets.

The Air Force program will scatter 118 future officers to 13 bases in 12 states. Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies, said 65 AFROTC students will attend summer camp during the June 18-July 15 period.

The second period, July 30-Aug. 26, will activate the other 53 cadets.

ROTC cadets who will be seniors next fall will train at Amarillo, Charleston and Myrtle Beach, S. C.; Eglin, Fla.; Hollo-

man, N. M.; Little Rock, Ark.; Plattsburgh, N. Y.; Scott, Ill.; the Air Force Academy; March, Calif.; Pease, N. H.; Richards-Gebaur, Mo., and Gunter, Ala., Air Force Bases.

Three A&M students will attend an accelerated three-week course at Gunter and be commissioned during the summer, Colonel Head noted.

The summer training is required of contract ROTC students who will be commissioned upon graduation.

Band Members Check in Early For Fall Opener

Texas Aggie Band members will have a shorter summer vacation than most A&M students.

While most students will report back for the fall semester Sept. 14, bandmen will check in 10 days earlier, according to Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, director.

The 255-cadet organization will use the time to prepare a half-time show for the nationally-televised A&M-Southern Methodist football opener at College Station.

"We hope to accomplish in that time what we would normally do in four weeks," Colonel Adams said. "We'll work out like the football team, except the band will be putting in five or six practices a day."

The colonel said the band cadet staff and drum majors Richard Westbrook of Beaumont, Marc Sheiness of Alice and James Criswell of Brady will check in Sept. 2. Freshmen will check in Sept. 3 and other returning students will move back in Sept. 4.

The A&M-SMU game is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 16.



COFFEE BREAK
 Study-weary Aggies take a coffee break in the YMCA during finals. The "Y" will continue selling coffee and donuts from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. through tonight.

Council Submits Meal Plan To Board For Consideration

Griff Venator, Civilian Student Council president, said Wednesday that a "five-day meal plan" was the only practical alternative to the present seven-day plan now being used at Texas A&M.

The plan, to be presented to board of directors in early July, means essentially that students leaving for the weekends would not be charged for meals missed.

"It would be based on 60 per cent participation of the students on the five-day plan. This would yield about 6,300 students participating in the fall and 5,400 in the spring semester," Venator explained.

"The other 40 per cent would be those who decided to eat on the seven-day plan," he continued.

People on the five-day plan would pay \$182 per semester; the seven-day plan board fee would total \$216.

"This would give a total figure of about \$2,250,000, for both semesters, enough to cover the projected deficit caused by the new minimum wage law," Sam Reeves, a member of the committee, said.

A resolution to be submitted by the council to the A&M board reads:

"We understand that student representative bodies to write you concerning the recent decision to enforce compulsory board payment for all dormitory students.

"We understand that student opinion cannot and should not be obtained on all decisions made by the board of directors, nor can those opinions serve as the policy of a university on any single issue. However, in this instance, it is believed that the students' comments could have been beneficial. A large percentage of the enrollment is opposed to the compulsory board ruling. This opposition stems from the fact that while students would be required to pay for 21 meals a week, many students are not on campus a large number of weekends and would thus be paying for meals they could not eat. As a result of this situation, many students have found that they could be more economical in their subsistence by paying for their meals as consumed. Also, compulsory board would tend to eliminate competitiveness in service and quality of the university dining facilities.

"In the course of discussion on the ruling, the point has been made that equity between the civilian students and the Corps of Cadets is impossible under the present system. However, it is believed that if equity is necessary, it can be accomplished by some method other than compulsory 7-day board for all students.

"A student committee has been appointed by the Civilian Student Council to work with the university officials to investigate possible alternatives that would best serve all interests of the university, both from an administrative and student viewpoint. We respectfully request that at the next meeting of the board of directors, that the ruling on compulsory board be held in abeyance until such time as the committee can resolve an equitable working

alternative for the subsistence of dormitory students."

Sincerely yours,
 Gerald W. Campbell, President, Student Senate; Lewis G. Venator, President, Civilian Student Council; and Charles E. Knowles, President, Graduate Council.

Officials Revise Air-conditioning Shut-off Plans

The Texas A&M campus will have air-conditioning next week, according to a revision of plans announced Wednesday afternoon by Tom D. Cherry, vice president for business affairs.

A spokesman for the university's Physical Plants Department said earlier in the week all "comfort" air-conditioning on campus would be out of operation from Saturday, June 3, to Sunday, June 11, while repairs were being made on the university's main power generator.

Although the university will be tied in with the Bryan electrical system during the period, A&M officials originally anticipated there would not be enough power to operate the air-conditioning systems throughout the campus.

Cherry said it now appears there will be adequate power to furnish air-conditioning, provided all departments conserve as much power as possible by turning off all unnecessary lights and equipment.

If the voluntary reductions in power are inadequate, Cherry added, the cooling capacity of the air-conditioning system will be reduced, thereby raising the temperature throughout the campus.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M" —Adv.

Summer Classes To Begin Tuesday

Texas A&M students, many already past the mid-way mark in spring semester examinations, began leaving the campus Wednesday for summer jobs and vacations.

Final examinations, which began last Friday, are to continue through 4 p.m. Saturday. Most are three-hour sessions.

The trickle of cars leaving the campus Wednesday for the open road is expected to swell to a mass exodus by Friday. All should be quiet on the campus by late Saturday, with the majority of activity being faculty-staff reading for opening of summer school Monday.

Summer school enrollment may soar to a record 5,300 predicts Registrar H. L. Heaton.

"Increased interest of freshmen and transfer, plus continued growth of the Graduate College are major factors leading to the enrollment gain," Heaton remarked. "About one fourth of the enrollment will be graduate students."

Registration begins Monday for the first summer session. The term ends July 14, with registration for the second session to begin July 17. Closing date for the second term is Aug. 25.

Heaton noted students enrolling for National Science Foundation programs and other special study projects will contribute heavily to registration figures.

As in past years, Heaton anticipates a decrease in enrollment for the second summer term.

"I expect registration to drop to about 4,600 for the second semester," Heaton said. "A number of high school administrators and teachers can't spare another six weeks. Some of our own people — county agents, extension workers and faculty-staff members have to get back to their full-time jobs."

Summer school students should note that all classes will begin an hour later than listed in the official bulletin, reminded Heaton.

The university's Academic Council recommended the one-hour-later class plan after studying effects of Daylight Saving Time under which Texas is operating for the summer, Heaton pointed out.

Services Held For Col. Williams

Graveside services for Army Lt. Col. Edward L. Williams, 39, a 1951 graduate of Texas A&M, were held this morning at College Station City Cemetery.

Colonel Williams, a veteran of three wars, died Sunday of a heart attack at his home in Falls Church, Va. The College Station native was the son of Mrs. Jane Williams of College Station. His wife also survives.

Among Williams' numerous medals was the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Col. Baker Receives Award During Corps Final Review

World War II and Korea during his service.

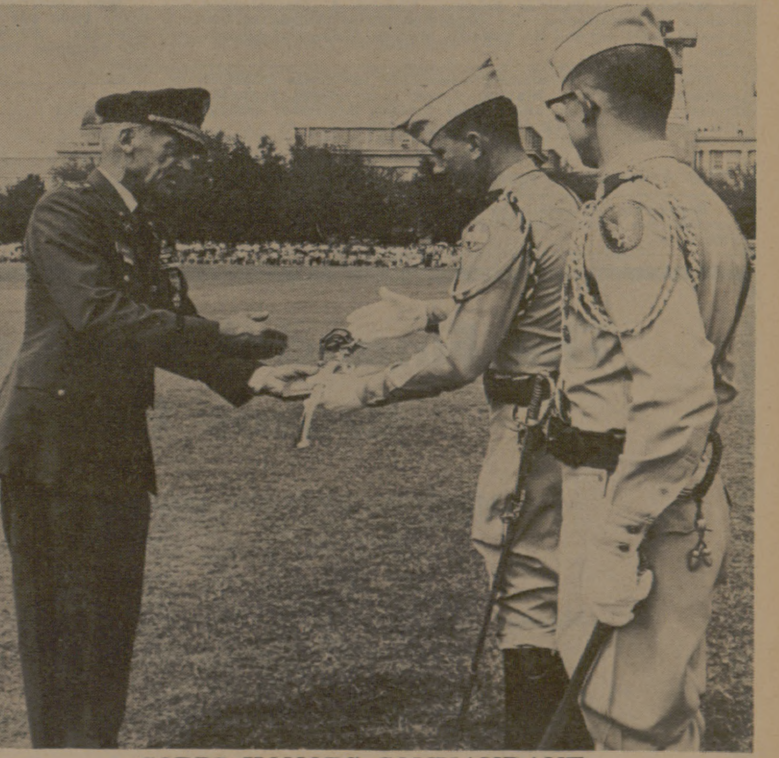
The much-decorated Infantry officer came to A&M from the Office of Army Personnel in the Pentagon where he was chief of the special review division.

He entered active duty in 1941 and in 1943 joined 3rd Army Headquarters. He served as a staff officer in the European Theater until the end of World War II.

In 1949, he assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, and served in that capacity through 1951, the unit's

first year of combat in Korea. Other assignments included commands of an Infantry battalion at Camp Robinson, Ark., and the 27th Infantry Regiment. He was assistant chief of staff for plans and assistant chief of infantry officer assignments in Army Headquarters.

The Advanced Infantry Officers' Course, Command and General Staff School and Army War College graduate also wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star with "V" device and two Oak Leaf Clusters.



CORPS HONORS COMMANDANT
 The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets presented Col. D. L. Baker a saber and plaque commemorating the retiring commandant's four years at A&M. Awards were presented for the 3,000-cadet corps by Corps Commander Eddie Joe Davis of Henrietta, Deputy Colonel of the Corps Robert A. Beene of Big Spring watched the Final Review ceremony, at which the colonel was decorated with the Legion of Merit.