

## THE BATTALION

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## Writers Club To Organize With Seminar

The Houston chapter of the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers will conduct a seminar here next week for the organization's Texas A&M student chapter.

James M. Sizemore of Sherman, A&M chapter president, said the Thursday meeting in the Memorial Student Center will include several addresses, panel discussions and a noon luncheon.

A&M students formed the first collegiate chapter of the society last year, according to Dr. John Guinn, English professor and faculty advisor.

Houston professional chapter members will meet with four sections of English courses on technical writing Thursday morning.

Joe Godfrey, with IBM at NASA, will speak at the noon luncheon in Room 2B.

"Technical Communication-Center of a Quiet Storm" will be the topic of a 1:30 p.m. speech by John Colby, with Esso Production Research Co. of Houston.

Panel discussions afterward will deal with types of technical publications in government and industry and academic program planning. Panel leaders will be David Holman, Houston chapter chairman in NASA publications, and Dr. Christine Brannan of the University of Houston. She is program chairman for the Houston chapter.

Journalism Department head C. J. Leabo indicated beginning reporting classes will attend the seminar, along with English Department technical writing course sections.

A former A&M student who helped organize the chapter, Don Janicek, will attend as a Houston chapter member. The former KBTX-TV sports announcer is now with the Texas Eastern Transmission Co. of Houston.

Sizemore is a senior journalism major. Secretary of the A&M chapter is Louis J. VanPelt of Bryan, graduate student in English.

## Greer To Speak At Road Study

D. C. Greer, retiring state highway engineer, has been named keynote speaker for the 1st annual Highway Short Course Nov. 28-30 at Texas A&M.

"A Glance Back and a Long Look Down the Road" will be the topic of Greer's talk, announced general chairman Charles J. Keese, director of A&M's

Texas Transportation Institute.
Course sponsors are TTI and
the Texas Highway Department.

Others slated to participate in opening ceremonies are A&M President Earl Rudder, incoming state highway engineer J. C. Dingwall, and members of the Texas Highway Commission Hal Woodward, Herbert C. Petry Jr. and J. H. Kultgen.

Technical sessions are scheduled for traffic and design operations, materials and construction, pavement design, structures, right of way and economics, maintenance, and management.

Among other session leaders and participants are W. G. Adkins, TTI Transport Operations Department head; W. O. Threadgill, THD right of way research engineer; G. B. Cobb of Houston Natural G as Company; A. H. Christian, THD right of way engineer; W. C. Arnold, highway division chief for the Attorney General's Office; W. E. Carmichael, THD district engineer in Houston; T. K. Wood, THD district engineer in Austin; and R. W. Crook. THD district engineer in Fort Worth.

All sessions are set in A&M's Memorial Student Center.

## Senior Engineer Authors Article

Engineers' problem-solving training should be applied to answering questions in civic, political and community affairs, according to a Texas A&M engineering student.

Views of senior petroleum engineering major Jesse H. Stiles Jr. of Frederick, Okla., appeared in a "Texas Professional Engineer" article.

"Problems encountered in these areas may appear entirely different from those in engineering, however, many of the problems are of such a nature that optimization is required rather than a definite answer—an excellent area in which to use 'engineering judgment'," Stiles wrote.