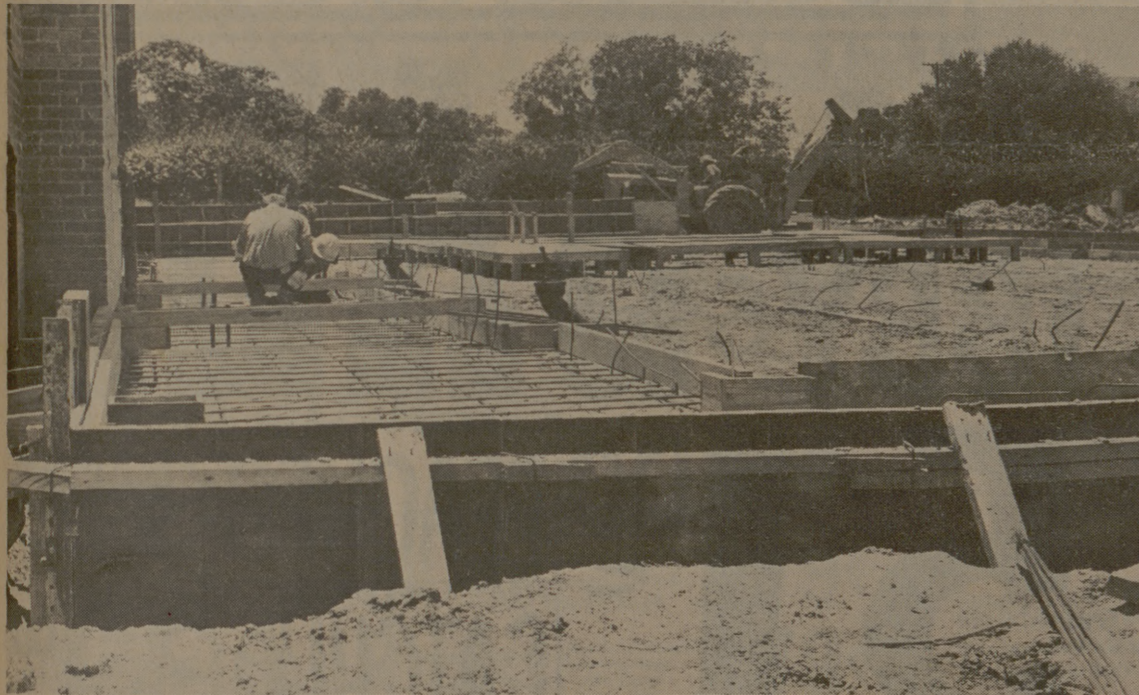


WATCH THAT FIRST STEP — IT'S A LULU . . .

As construction continues on the new lounges in the Corps area, some soil is bound to be moved—away.



FROM THE BOTTOM

Workers put finishing touches on the foundation for one of the new lounges.



Corps Area Lounge Work Continues On Schedule

Construction of six new dormitory lounges for the Corps of Cadets area is proceeding on schedule, announced Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

Dean Hannigan said two of the

lounges in the \$557,150 project should be ready by start of the fall semester. Two more are scheduled for completion in October and the final two by Christmas.

Each of the lounges contain approximately 3,250 square feet of floor space and will have separate rooms for television and other activities.

The dean also noted workers are completing the renovation program begun last summer in the 12-dormitory Corps area. One of the final phases involves installation of vinyl tile to cover cement floors.

Contract for construction of the dormitory lounges was awarded to Vance & Thurmond Contractors of Bryan.

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Board Approves New 100-Acre Sea Campus

Texas A&M will develop a 100-acre marine and oceanographic campus on Galveston's Pelican Island, with construction to begin within a year.

L. F. Peterson of Fort Worth, president of the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors which approved the project Tuesday, said the campus will include facilities for A&M's Texas Maritime Academy, Marine Laboratory and other oceanographic installations.

Peterson said the new campus is made possible through donation of land by George P. Mitchell of Houston, a \$1 million grant from the Moody Foundation of Galveston and \$500,000 provided by the state.

Other action in the board session included:

—Approval of a record \$106,536,327 operating budget for 1968-69, with all major divisions of the system receiving increases over last year.

—Authorization for Texas A&M to seek College and University Coordinating Board approval to establish a College of Architecture and Environmental Design, replacing its current School of Architecture.

—Appointment of a new graduate dean and acting geosciences dean at Texas A&M and a new arts and sciences dean and associate agricultural dean at Prairie View A&M College.

—Award of three contracts totaling \$980,670 for construction projects at Texas A&M and James Connally Technical Institute at Waco.

—A&M's new Galveston facility will be designated the Mitchell Campus in honor of the Houston businessman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mitchell.

Mitchell, a 1940 Texas A&M graduate, donated 40 acres individually and 60 acres through the Mitchell-Dobbins Land Corp., of which he is president.

The Texas Maritime Academy and the Marine Laboratory are currently housed in facilities at Galveston's Fort Crockett. University officials said the new campus also will figure in long-range plans to develop a Gulf Coast marine resources program, for which A&M received a \$475,000 National Science Foundation grant in June for first-year operations.

Texas A&M's operating budget for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1 totals \$50,595,167, with \$10,040,160 allotted to Prairie View, \$3,451,676 to Tarleton State College at Stephenville, \$4,833,571 for Connally Tech and \$1,186,513 for the Texas Maritime Academy.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station received \$12,984,083 and Texas Agricultural Extension Service \$10,644,448. Texas Engineering Experiment Station (including the Texas Transportation Institute) was budgeted for \$5,807,294, Texas Forest Service \$2,248,365 and the Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service \$523,967. Systems offices and departments, only category showing a decrease, received the remaining \$2,965,369.

Dr. George W. Kunze was named graduate dean of Texas (See Board Meet, Page 3)

Students To Have Private Phones

Texas A&M students will be greeted with something new in telephone service when they return to the campus this fall. A completely new telephone system has been installed and for the first time students will have phones in their rooms on campus.

All telephone numbers on the A&M campus were changed when the new system was made operational Monday. The new prefix for on-campus numbers is 845. New telephone directories were delivered to Bryan-College Station telephone customers with the new numbers listed. Those who frequently call on-campus numbers are urged to check the new listings.

The 1.2 million dollar system, called Centrex, was manufactured and installed by Automatic Electric Company, the manufacturing subsidiary of General Telephone and Electronics Corporation. Installation crews have been working for the past 24 months to have the 5,500 telephones ready for service this fall.

The Centrex is a self contained telephone system that operates the same as the ones serving the cities throughout the nation, with some added features.

With the Centrex system, cam-

pus telephone users will be able to reach other on-campus phones by dialing only five digits. Calls to Bryan and College Station numbers can be made by dialing "9" and then the number desired. Calls from off-campus will go directly to the called party without the assistance of an operator.

Other features of the Centrex enables users to set up conference calls with two or more other on-campus phones and transfer calls without the assistance of an operator.

Although the system is fully automated there will be five operators to give assistance when needed. You may reach an on-campus operator by dialing 845-3211.

Other Texas schools with systems similar to A&M's include Texas Tech with a 6,300 phone system and the University of Texas with a 4,500 phone system. San Angelo State College will have a Centrex system in 1969.

Ceremonies inaugurating the new Centrex telephone system were conducted Friday afternoon with A&M President Earl Rudder placing the first call to L. Gray Beck, president of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, in San Angelo.

Great Issues Panel Reviews American Campus Problems

Texas A&M students have attacked one of the problems related to unrest on American campuses with a mode of two-way communication.

A Great Issues panel on "Revolt on American Campuses" itself provided an answer to a basic problem discerned by panelists James P. Hannigan, dean of students; Dr. William C. Gibbons, Political Science Department head, and students Richard L. Engel of Elm Grove, Wis., and Griffin L. Venator of Dallas.

An overflow crowd approaching 250 participated in the communication process with questions and comments. A member of Students for a Democratic Society joined the discussion.

"We hope to schedule several panels such as this on major issues during the coming school year," commented David Maddox of College Station, Great Issues chairman. "Several persons suggested the discussion session be

longer. Since the feedback aspect is important, we will try to work that out on a discretionary basis." "Speaking as vice president of the Student Senate, I am very impressed with the faculty attendance," Maddox continued. The senior management major noted

A&M Final Exams Begin Tomorrow

Final examinations for A&M students will begin tomorrow at 8 a.m., Registrar H. L. Heaton has announced.

The exams will continue at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m.

Students will be out of school until Sept. 13 when registration begins.

Faculty and staff members will continue on the job during the student break. Monday, Sept. 2, will not be a holiday, President Earl Rudder said.

Professor Rode's Last Rites Held

Norman F. Rode, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Texas A&M, died Tuesday in Seattle, Wash., friends here learned.

Services for the professor, who was 70, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Cummings Funeral Home, Seattle.

A longtime resident of College Station, Rode served in A&M's Electrical Engineering Department 40 years until his retirement in 1962. He and his wife recently moved to Seattle.

The Clemson College graduate was active in numerous technical and professional societies and in 1957 received the Former Students Association's faculty distinguished achievement award in teaching.

Rode is survived by his wife Marguerite; a daughter, Mrs. Courtland L. Ashley of Seattle and two granddaughters.

that President and Mrs. Earl Rudder, Liberal Arts Dean Frank Hubert and Journalism Head C. J. Leabo were present.

Panel presentations centered on causes of student unrest and possible solutions. Dr. Gibbons' talk summarized the theme.

"America is a permanent revolution," declared Gibbons, fellow of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"Since the nation's early days Americans have revolted and are revolting "against personal, arbitrary authority, against custom and traditions, against control over many by a few. Americans wish to assert their individuality, which is an essential characteristic of our people," he said.

Gibbons views the revolution as a reinterpretation of the whole American values system and "a wondrous thing, to see the way in which we are questioning institutions and attempting to reshape

(See Great Issues, Page 3)

Peterson Promises Continued Advancement In Agriculture

L. F. Peterson, chairman of Texas A&M's Board of Directors, said Wednesday that agriculture has almost been smothered in recent years by its own abundance but that the A&M Board is vitally concerned with the continued advancement of agricultural technology.

Speaking to scientists at the annual conference of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Peterson cited the recent choice of Dr. H. O. Kunkel as dean of agriculture as an example of the board's concern over the improvement of agriculture's growth. He also reminded the staff of the board's intent to develop a team approach to Texas agricultural problems by the creation of associate dean positions, including that of the station director and the Extension Service director, plus the continued development of an outstanding staff.

He said Texas A&M's research salaries have risen to the point where among 49 states surveyed, "our assistant professors rank third, our associate professors rank seventh, and professors rank ninth."

Peterson said he and the board had several concerns which he hoped could soon be overcome so that agricultural development could progress more rapidly. First, he said there is the false, but popular tendency to equate a declining agricultural industry with a declining farm population. Along with that he suggested, come accompanying tendencies to equate research abilities with less qualified and capable institutions. Second, Peterson said there are difficulties of funding research adequately. He predicted that the situation was unlikely to be relieved until other competing activities, such as the Vietnam war,

were solved. Hence, he said Texas must be prepared to support research on its own, without federal support.

Peterson challenged researchers to improve Texas' national standing as a producer and as a marketer and to find ways of improving the quality of produce.

About 400 persons gathered in the Memorial Student Center here Wednesday morning for the opening session of the annual three-day conference.

Activities through Friday will include talks on the latest developments and scope of agricultural research, special subject matter sessions and symposiums of general interest.

The Wednesday morning meet-



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ing opened with remarks by Peterson.

T. C. Byerly of Washington, D. C., the U. S. Department of Agriculture's administrator of the Cooperative State Research Service, discussed "Research for Our Times."

"The Art of Scientific Investigation" was the topic of Robert L. Causey of the University of Texas Philosophy Department, H. O. Kunkel, dean of the College of Agriculture and acting director of the Experiment Station, outlined "The Broad Base of Agricultural Research." Kunkel said the bank of available knowledge and appliances has never been greater.

J. D. Todd of the A&M Range Science Department and general chairman of the conference, noted State Senator Jack Hightower addressed the conference at the banquet Wednesday night.