

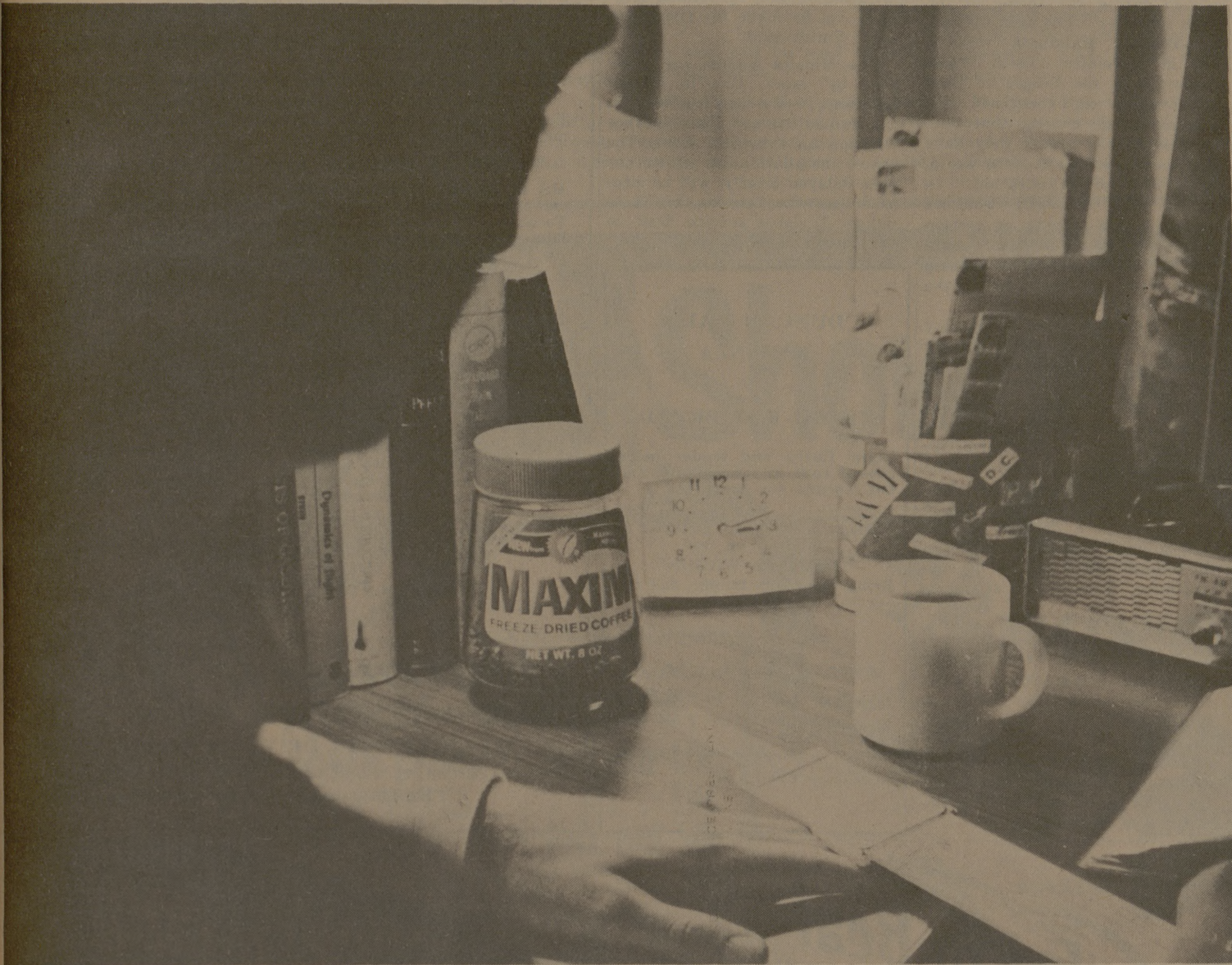
# The Battalion



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### MIDNIGHT OIL

Another Aggie burns the midnight oil as those dreaded finals approach. Many will have to study long into the night before they can catch up on all of that plied up knowl-

## \$750,000 Grant Goes To A&M

Texas A&M has been awarded a \$750,000 grant by the National Science Foundation for second-year operations under the Sea Grant Program, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

The new increase represents an increase of more than 50 percent over A&M's initial award in the NSF program to develop the nation's marine resources. A&M was one of six U. S. universities selected for major institutional support.

Rudder noted approximately 65 percent of the new grant is earmarked for applied research, 20 percent for education and training and 15 percent for advisory services.

Research areas include aquaculture, fishery science, seafood technology, pollution, water and sediment analysis, ocean engineering and resources management and economics.

A&M's Sea Grant Program is directed by Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr., vice president for programs.

"We are developing a program which we hope will do for marine resources what the agricultural colleges did for the development of land resources," Calhoun noted.

The university's five-year plan provides for possible program centers stretching along the Gulf of Mexico from the Mexican border to Louisiana.

While most of the Sea Grant activities are currently being conducted on A&M's College Station campus, Calhoun pointed out two programs are underway in Galveston. One of the projects involves joint sponsorship of technician training with Galveston Community College, on the GCC campus. A&M's Marine Laboratory at Galveston also is participating in Sea Grant projects.

The university is working closely with industry and state officials in planning cooperative projects, Calhoun added.

A&M began its oceanographic work in 1949 and has become to the Gulf Coast what Scripps Institution of Oceanography is to the West Coast. Prior to its selection for the NSF Sea Grant Program, the university had several marine resources studies in progress.

Within the past year, Texas A&M has dedicated a new oceanographic and marine resources campus at Galveston, announced plans to build a 12-story oceanography-meteorology complex at College Station and create a giant coastal engineering lab at its research annex 10 miles west of the main campus.

## Draftable Grads Given Assistance

Many graduate students will be called to military service this summer and the Scientific Manpower Commission is working to match their skills with the needs of the service.

Although the number of grad-

uates far exceeds the number of openings, SMC can sometimes help in matching men with jobs if special training and educational experience are known prior to actual service entry.

This program is offered by the government in order that graduate students may be assisted in finding military assignments in which they can utilize their advanced training.

As soon as date and place of induction are known, potential inductees may contact SMC, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. for assistance.

## Final Exams Start Thursday

One of four annual periods of more intense student concentration starts this week on the Campus.

Final examinations will be given in first summer session courses Thursday and Friday.

Participation in extracurricular activities reaches a low ebb during such periods, which also occur during the last week of January and May at the end of regular semesters and in late August, when the second six-week summer session concludes.

The Memorial Student Center's summer programs avoid scheduling activities during final week and the Grove Theater, Cain pool and other areas expect fewer patrons.

Examinations start at 7 p.m. Thursday and continue at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday.

A&M's record 5,970 first session students will then have a brief pause. Registration for second term classes will begin at 8 a.m. Monday and continue to 2:30 p.m.

Registrar Robert A. Lacey said students whose surnames begin with the letters "P" through "Z" will have the first shot at Sbsa Hall lines. The first seven letters of the alphabet register from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and "H" through "O" sign up for July 14 to Aug. 22 classes at 1 p.m.

Second session classes begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

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## New Apartment Manager Named

Charles C. Haltom, retired Air Force officer, will become student apartments manager at Texas A&M, effective Sept. 1.

The 48-year-old Bryan native will succeed the retiring Calvin E. Moore, landlord of A&M married students 25 years.

College View and Hensel Apartments will house 804 families with completion of seven new units on University Drive. Moore has managed the A&M operation since married students quartered in dormitories.

Haltom will officially assume the post in September but is in the office this summer.

"Colonel Haltom is learning the ropes with me standing by in an advisory capacity," explained Moore, who indicated he will remain in College Station after retirement.

A former student at A&M, Haltom retired last year in the grade of Air Force lieutenant colonel after 28 years service. He entered pilot training in 1942 after three years wildlife science study at A&M. He commanded a squadron of B-24 Liberators during World War II and has served since primarily as base group commander and base executive officer at numerous stateside and overseas fields.

The retired officer has three children, including two married daughters.

## Dominican Commends A&M

Texas A&M international programs aiding agricultural economy of the Dominican Republic have been commended by Fernando Alvarez, secretary of state for agriculture of the Caribbean republic.

"I would like to thank Texas A&M for the outstanding work the University is doing in this land of ours," Alvarez wrote President Earl Rudder.

"I feel the whole agricultural program is coming along beautifully and this is due, in great part, to the type of technical support your people have been giving us during the last few years."

The Dominican secretary also cited A&M's party chief in Santo Domingo, John Holcomb, and indicated the program "with reference to our boys in Texas" is one of his government's foremost.

"The future of the agricultural

sector in the Dominican Republic will depend a great deal on the future work of these Dominican students," Alvarez continued.

Good will reflected in the Dominican official's communication is advantageous to the U. S., particularly in view of recent anti-American sentiments expressed by South Americans toward a U. S. official. The Republic's friendship is also valuable from the standpoint of its nearby location to Cuba.

The Dominican agricultural training program is administered at A&M by the International Programs Office through Agency for International Development contract. Dr. Jack D. Gray directs the program.

Campus coordinator for Dominican Republic programs is W. E. (Bill) Beach.

In process since 1966, programs select and train bright young Dominicans from middle and lower-income level rural families in English and general agriculture degree programs on campus.

Beach noted their training also includes a semester each of practical experience in the Dominican Republic and in U. S. agriculture.

He said 40 Dominican students are currently at A&M, with 38 on a special problems course in the Republic. Additionally, four students are gaining experience in the Soil Conservation Service, Texas Agricultural Extension Service soils and foundation seeds section.

Utilizing summers, the training program requires four years. "Much of the accomplishment

of Texas A&M's mission is due to the moderation and quiet brilliance of Mr. John Holcomb," inserted Alvarez, noting the feeling is shared by him and his associates.

Holcomb has headed the 25-member Dominican party since 1966, taking the party chief post after six years as agricultural education professor at A&M.

He coordinated an A&M-Ford Foundation agricultural education project at the University of Coahuila in Saltillo, Mexico, and was executive secretary of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas.

Holcomb studied at Tarleton State, A&M and the University of Texas, receiving bachelor and masters degrees here. The former Pioneer and Brady school teacher worked with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. His wife Lola is also in Santa Domingo.

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### At The Grove

- Tonight—They Came To Cordura
- Thursday—The Champion
- Friday—Diamond Head
- Saturday—Fall Of House Of Usher
- Sunday—Anatomy Of A Murder
- Monday—Operation Madball
- Tuesday—Dial M For Murder



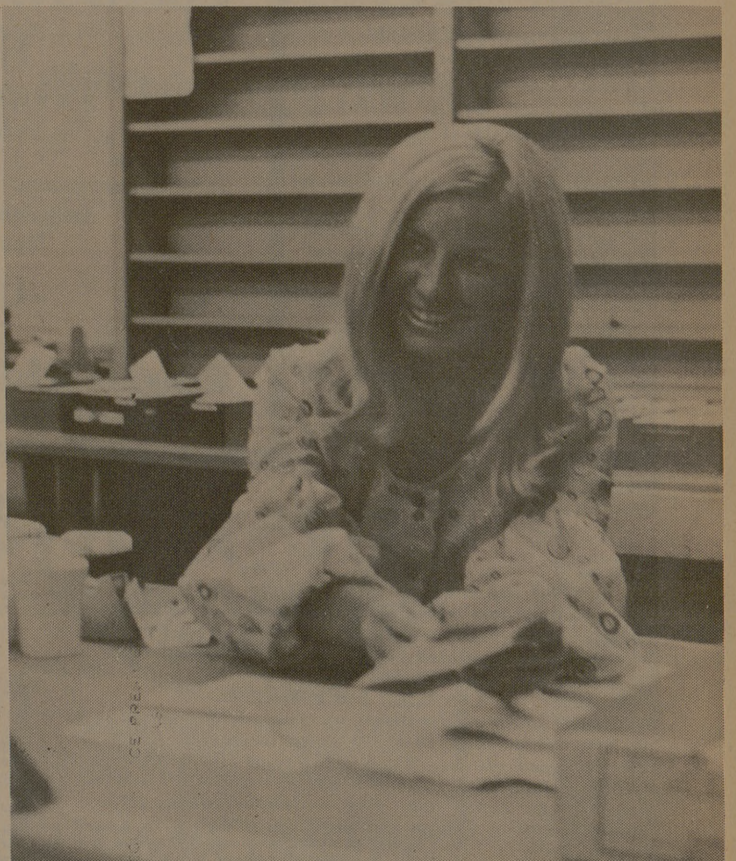
### HELPING HAND

Linda Lyles advises a freshman in filling out his card packet as he learns one of the new Aggie traditions—pre-registration.



### NERVOUS?

What better way to ease the tension of an incoming Corps fish than a little help from Marilyn Melcher?



### ONE MORE THING

Last stop for freshmen preregistering at Cushing Library is Sylvia Mansfield, who checks and keep the students' packets.