

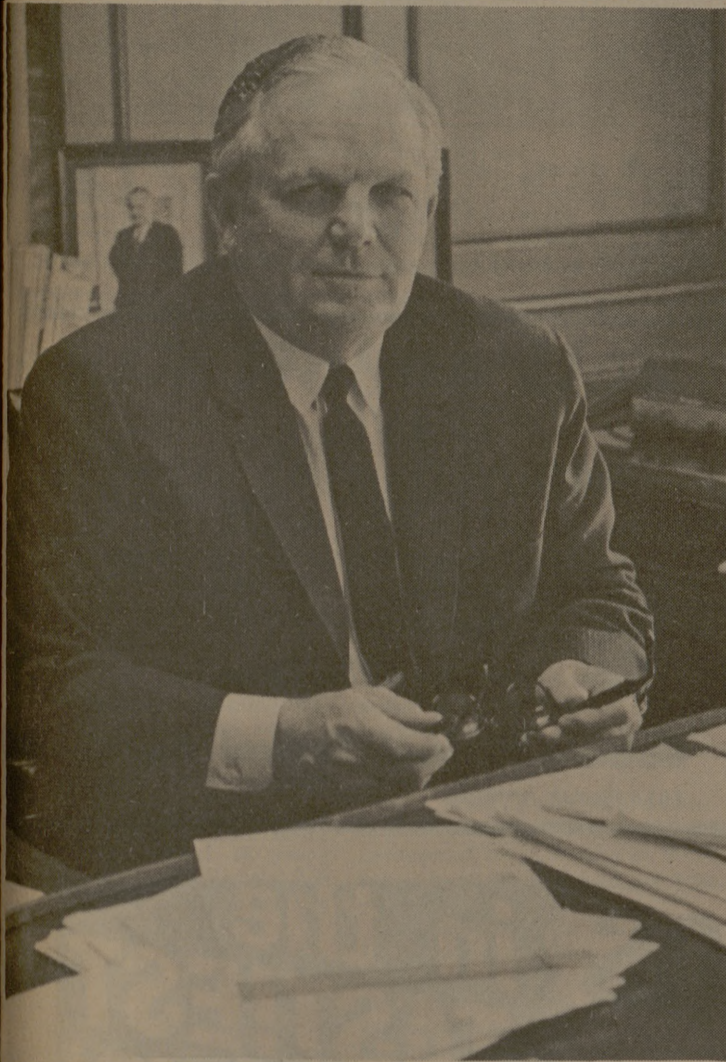
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Texas A&M University President Earl Rudder

President Rudder Greets Freshmen

It is a sincere pleasure to welcome you to Texas A&M University, the states oldest public institution of higher learning. This institution will continue to play an increasingly important role in the advancement of higher education in Texas.

You will be impressed with the environment which exists on this campus. Such an environment has been created by an outstanding faculty and staff, by an inspired student body, by fine teaching and research facilities, and by educational programs of the highest caliber. Your acceptance into A&M indicates that you have the capability to contribute in a meaningful way to this environment for learning. Your attitude, your diligent effort and your every action can be of lasting benefit to yourself and will contribute also to the enhancement of the university.

The difference in outstanding success, mediocrity or failure for the student is determined largely by the student. The scholastic record you achieve will be the basic standard by which success is measured. This record will begin your FIRST DAY on campus and will follow you throughout life. We hope that you will accept scholastic achievement as your primary mission while at Texas A&M.

We place great confidence in the A&M Class of 1973. You have our best wishes for success and for an exceptionally challenging educational career at Texas A&M University. We commend you for selecting Texas A&M for the attainment of your educational objectives.

One Half Of Seats To West Point Taken

Texas A&M will have many supporters at the Oct. 4 A&M-Army football game at West Point, N. Y., thanks to a program coordinated by senior class officers and supported by former students.

Jimmy Dunham of Baytown, senior class president, reports over one-half of the seats on the 198-passenger jetliner have been reserved and he expects the charter flight to be full by early September.

The trip is estimated to cost \$120 per student for all transportation and two nights lodging in a New York City hotel.

Former students have been asked to contribute to the trip. "Tickets for the Army game will be on sale at the campus so the only cost a student should have on the trip is meals and personal expenses," Dunham explained.

Students have until Sept. 23 to pay the total cost but are asked to register as soon as possible. A \$30 down payment must be made with each reservation at the Student Finance Center, Memorial Student Center.

Dunham reported the group will leave Houston Oct. 3, stay at the Manhattan Mid-Town Hotel, attend the A&M-Army game at West Point and return to Houston Sunday, Oct. 5.

"The trip is open to any A&M student, male or female, and the student's wife or husband," Dunham pointed out.

The trip would cost over \$200 per student without the charter benefits, he noted.

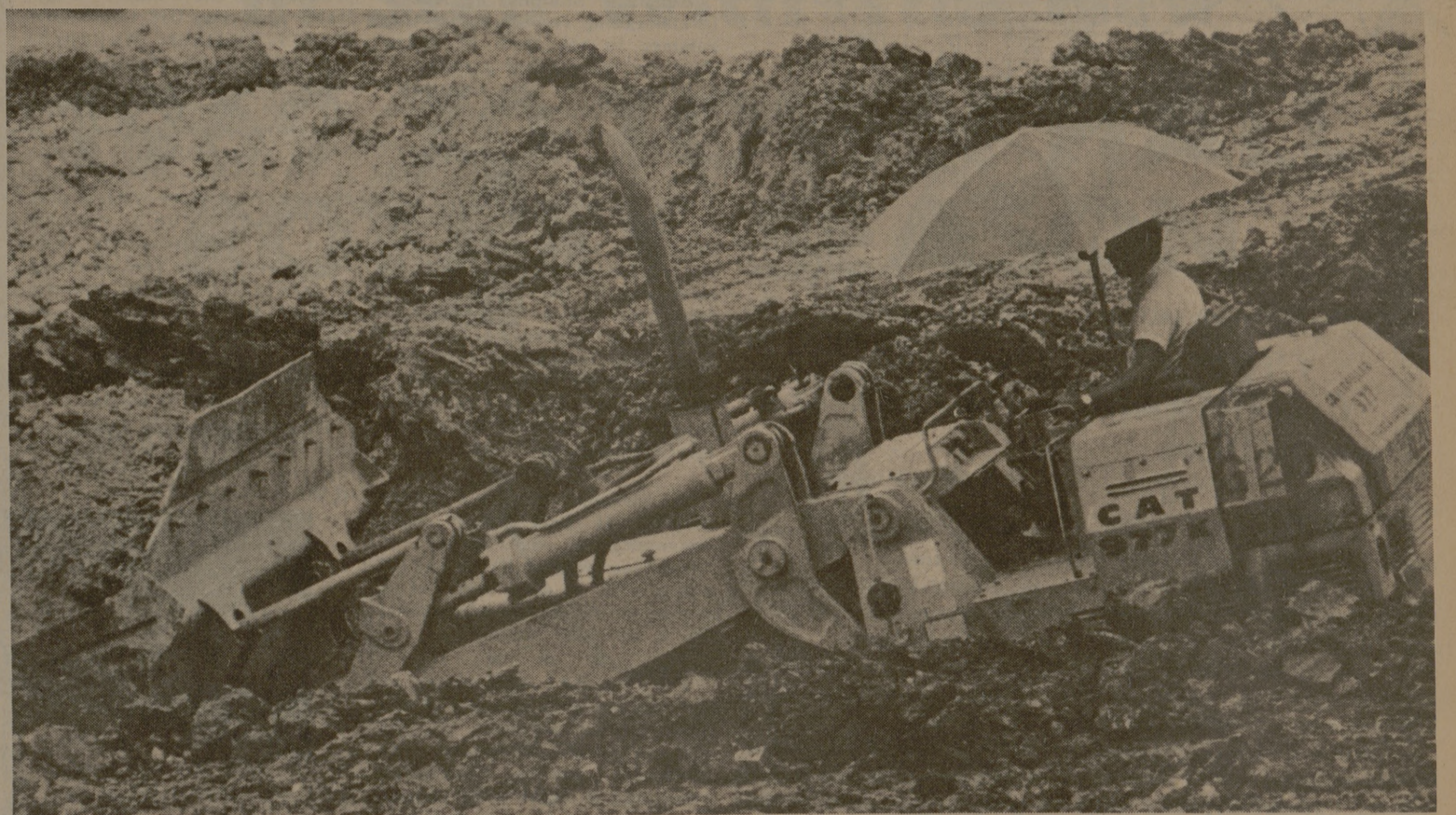
Texas A&M Athletic Director and Head Coach Gene Stallings was the first to donate funds for the trip. Coach Stallings gave \$100.

Dunham said donations received will be used to lower the cost of the trip for the entire group. No individual students will receive money to cut expenses, he noted.

Dance On Aug. 14

Shiva's Head Band, the top name band to play at a dance at Texas A&M this summer, will highlight the Memorial Student Center's last Directorate gathering of the summer next Thursday, Aug. 14.

Composed of four members, they play the organ, bass, electric piano, drums, guitar, electric violin, and recorder. Dress is casual for the 8-12 p.m. fling in Sbsa Dining Hall. The cost will be \$1.50 stag, \$2.50 drag, and magsies will get in free with their A&M I.D.



\$7.5 MILLION ENGINEERING CENTER

Site preparation for the \$7.5 million engineering complex will house graduate and undergraduate instruction, is expected to be the summer of 1971. (Photo by Monty Stanley)

A&M Donated Fourth Ship

Parker Brothers & Co., Inc., of Houston announced it will donate a ship to Texas A&M for use in oceanographic research.

C. T. Parker, president of the building materials firm, identified the vessel as the Mary Gene II, a 110-foot converted World War II submarine chaser.

The ship has a 2,500-mile range and is rated at 150 gross tons. Its air-conditioned facilities will accommodate 17 scientists and crew members.

Dr. Richard A. Geyer, head of Texas A&M's Oceanography Department, said Mary Gene II will be primarily used for research along the continental shelf of the Gulf Coast.

Such operation, Geyer noted, will free the university's present oceanographic research vessel, the 180-foot R/V Alaminos, for deep-water projects and long duration cruises.

Mary Gene II will be Texas A&M's fourth sea-going vessel. In addition to the Alaminos, the university operates the "Texas Clipper," a 15,000-ton converted oceanliner used as a training

ship for its Texas Maritime Academy, and a 55-foot Chris Craft Constellation which has been transformed into a pollution research vessel. The Chris Craft was recently presented by Houston oilman H. Merlyn Christ.

Texas A&M, only institution in the state with sea-going capabilities, also is scheduled to receive two new oceanographic research vessels under a special ship-building program proposed by the Navy for the early 1970s.

Formal ceremonies for presentation of Mary Gene II to the university will be held soon, noted the Parker Brothers president.

Three of the firm's top officials are Texas A&M graduates. They are W. R. Parker Jr., executive vice president; Dan R. Parker, vice president; and George G. Smith, vice president. Other company officials include R. H. Parker Jr. and Briscoe Parker Jr., also vice presidents.

Mary Gene II, presently docked at the Parker Brothers shipyard in Houston, will be berthed with the Alaminos at Galveston.

At The Grove

AT THE GROVE
Tonight—All The Young Men
Thursday—Ten Little Indians
Friday—El Cid
Saturday—Rebel Without A Cause
Sunday—Flying Leathernecks
Monday—Thunder Bay
Tuesday—Cape Fear

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ETV Step Closer With \$66,193 Gift

Texas A&M's proposed community-wide educational television station moved a step closer to reality with announcement by Cong. Olin E. Teague that federal funds totaling \$66,193 have been made available for the project.

Mel Chastain, AM's educational television director, said the grant is being furnished through the Educational Broadcasting Facilities Program of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Chastain said the next and final step involves issuance of a construction permit by the Federal Communications Commission.

"We don't foresee any problems with the FCC application," the ETV official said. A&M submitted its application to the FCC more than a year ago.

Chastain said the Texas A&M station could be on the air by the end of the year, barring unforeseen difficulties.

The station will operate on Channel 15. Facilities will be located in Bagley Hall, campus headquarters for ETV's current closed-circuit operations.

The new station will require an expenditure of approximately \$88,000 for purchase of a transmitter and construction of a broadcast tower. The HEW grant will be supplemented by \$22,000 in local funds.

When in operation, the Texas A&M station will provide local interest and local educational programs for both the university and community, as well as carrying National Educational Television (NET) programs.



SEND AN AGGIE HALFWAY

Texas A&M senior class president Jimmy Dunham, left, accepts a \$100 check from Athletic Director and Head Coach Gene Stallings for the "send an Aggie halfway" project. The senior class is asking former students to help fly 198 Aggies to the A&M-Army football game in West Point, N. Y., Oct. 4. Coach Stallings graduated from A&M in 1957.

Inside The "Batt"

This annual freshman edition of The Battalion is designed to give the new student and his parents some insight into the background, size, traditions, facilities and extra-curricular activities of Texas A&M.

The new student might find it helpful to keep this issue of the "Batt" and bring it with him in September to help him in the big job of getting acquainted with the university.

The first section contains the current campus news and feature stories.

The second section includes information on the 1969 football team and what is in store for them in the fall.

The third section centers around the history, traditions and extra-curricular activities available to the students of A&M.



MISS WORKSHOPPER

Karen Day, South Houston High School senior, was crowned Miss Workshopper at the 1969 High School Publications Workshop sponsored by A&M's Journalism Department. She won the crown over 24 other contestants.