

Connally Tech Comes Of Age, Leaves System

James Connally Technical Institute officially blossomed into the Texas State Technical Institute Monday with a warm farewell from Texas A&M officials who organized the vocational-technical school in 1965.

"We at Texas A&M University are pleased to witness this exciting day in our state's education development," A&M President Early Rudder said at an August luncheon celebrating the occasion. "Future generations of Texans will recall it as the start of a new era in educational and economic opportunities."

The Legislature, which gave A&M responsibility for organiz-

ing and governing Connally Tech four years ago, decided last spring that Connally Tech should be a separate institution with its own governing board.

"As we take our first steps forward alone," noted Dr. Roy Dugger, "we will continue to look toward our mother institution for guidance and counsel."

Dugger, now TSTI president, has served as director of Connally Tech since its formation. He also has served during the same period as a vice president of Texas A&M.

"We at Connally Tech wish to express our deep gratitude to Texas A&M University for the

enthusiastic support and cooperation given by President Rudder and the Board of Directors, and the faculty and staff," Dugger added.

Throughout the process of establishing Connally Tech, A&M has recognized the great value of technical - vocational training to the future development of Texas, Rudder pointed out.

"We at A&M, along with the administration of other state schools, elected officials, educators, business and industry leaders, recognized that not all young people today want, can afford or wish to invest the time required for a four-year degree program."

"In the interest of improved working and earning opportunities for these Texans, a sound economic system for the state and nation and an indestructible free system for all men," Rudder added, "A&M wishes James Connally Technical Institute and its embryonic sister campuses continued success and growth."

The institute now has 500 students enrolled at its Rio Grande campus at Harlingen. It is negotiating with the federal government to purchase parts of the old Amarillo Air Force Base for a Mid-Continent campus. Dugger noted the Harlingen facility has a waiting list of 1,100 applicants.

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Liberal Arts Sets '70 Course Revamp

An undergraduate curriculum concept designed to broaden Texas A&M's liberal arts students' education will be initiated in 1970.

The new concept for the College of Liberal Arts was approved during the summer by the Academic Council.

Installation will begin in 1970, with the transition to cover four years. Freshmen entering A&M in September, 1970, will follow the entire program, according to Dr. Charles McCandless, assistant dean of liberal arts.

"Liberal arts seniors in 1970-71 will use the fourth-year part of the program, juniors the last two years and sophomores the last three," McCandless explained. "Our students of the class of 1973 will be the last to take courses under the present degree program structure."

The concept, which moves away from a lock-step curriculum, embraces majors in and Departments of Economics, English, History, Journalism, Modern Languages, Philosophy and Humanities, Political Science and Psychology. Education received recent approval for college status this fall.

McCandless said Dr. Manuel Davenport, philosophy head, and C. J. (Skip) Leabo, journalism head, led development of the program.

Its principal features are flexibility for arrangement of courses, strengthened language requirement and limitation on the

number of semester hours (24 to 33) a student may take in his major.

"We are quite pleased with the program," McCandless said. "It will prepare liberal arts students with a broad cultural education and assures familiarity with the various areas of knowledge."

"What is most pleasing," he observed, "is that it is for the whole college. The pattern is quite flexible, allowing each department to tailor the curriculum for its majors. This is despite a considerable variety of liberal arts degree programs."

From the student's standpoint, more courses in which the individual is interested can be taken.

Besides state-required history and government, liberal arts majors will meet the following general requirements:

- English — second freshman semester composition and rhetoric plus six hours of literature;
- Modern language—13 hours beyond the first course, inserted as an equalizer for students with fewer high school language credits;
- Mathematics — advanced algebra plus options for a second course from math, philosophy of logic or statistics.
- Physical Education;
- Economics, psychology and sociology — at least nine hours in no fewer than two of the areas;
- Science — 10 hours, with at least six in biological or physical sciences including a laboratory course.

The remaining 61 hours of the 124-hour degree program include electives and the 24 to 33 hours in a major. A second field (minor) calls for 12 hours credit, with at least six in junior and senior courses.

ETV To Offer Local Service By End Of Year

A community-wide educational television station (ETV) owned and operated by Texas A&M should be in operation by the end of 1969 if everything goes as scheduled.

According to Mel Chastain, ETV director, all that now needs to be done is to construct an antenna tower and install the transmitter.

A&M was granted a license to broadcast on channel 15 (UHF) and given permission to construct an antenna tower by the Federal Communications Commission in August, Chastain said.

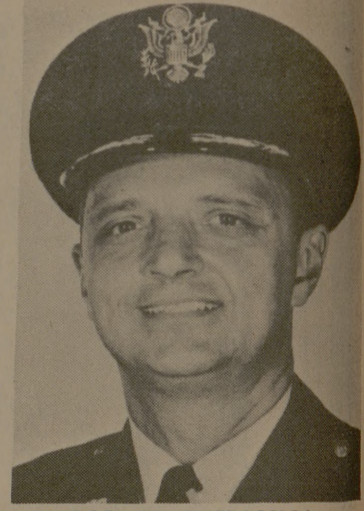
Chastain also said that the station received federal funds totaling \$66,193 from the Educational Broadcasting Facilities program of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Station facilities will be located in Bagley Hall, present headquarters for ETV's current closed-circuit operations.

When it begins operation, the station will provide local interest and educational programs for both the university and the community. It will also carry National Education Television (NET) programs.

During July ETV purchased a 33½-foot mobile unit from KTRK-TV (Channel 13) in Houston. Used as a black-and-white unit by KTRK, the unit has been converted to color use by A&M engineers. It is one of only four or five university-owned color mobile units in the United States, Chastain noted.

The unit will serve as the production center for both studio and remote tapings and broadcasts, Chastain said. He added that the unit will give A&M the capability of recording any type of activity on campus or in the community in full color. All three of the university's color cameras can be used for either live or taped programs, he said, noting that the new van, larger than the trailer now in use, makes it possible.



COL. K. C. HANNA
Col. K. C. Hanna Selected Head Of Air ROTC

Air Force Col. K. C. Hanna has been appointed professor of aerospace studies and commanding officer of the Air Force ROTC detachment at Texas A&M, President Rudder announced in August.

The 26-year military veteran succeeds Col. Vernon L. Head as the ranking Air Force officer at A&M.

Colonel Hanna, 44, previously was assigned to Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon as operations staff officer and division chief.

He graduated last June from the National War College, senior Department of Defense school for military officers.

The Indiana native whose home of record is Greenville, Tex., holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska. He completed requirements for a master's degree to be awarded in September by George Washington University.

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