

Welcome freshmen to Aggieland

The Battalion

Warm,
cloudy,
humid

Thursday & Friday — Partly cloudy, afternoon thundershowers Friday. Wind Southeast 10-12 m.p.h. High 93, low 72.
Saturday & Sunday—Continued partly cloudy, scattered thundershowers in afternoon.

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Texas A&M President A. R. Luedecke

Luedecke greets seniors of 1974

The administration, faculty and staff of Texas A&M University welcome you as the newest members of the oldest public institution of higher learning in the state. We believe you will find an attitude and environment conducive to the advancement of your higher education.

The fact that you have been accepted into Texas A&M University is evidence to us that you have the capabilities and a desire to achieve an education. In so doing you will contribute to the University's goal of maintaining a standard of excellence of which we all can be proud. Your own success will be determined primarily by your attitude and the diligence of your effort. It will be our role to provide the necessary resources, guidance and encouragement. Your scholastic record will be one of the basic elements of the standard by which your success is measured and that record begins with your first attendance at class.

We are confident that we have the fine teaching and research facilities, the competent faculty and staff, and the fine student body to provide the opportunity for a challenging educational career for you. We also have full confidence that you, the members of the A&M Class of 1974, will accept this challenge and devote your full energies to the attainment of your educational objectives.

Basement features special programs

Special entertainment will be presented Wednesday at the Basement, Texas A&M coffee house being held this summer on the terrace near the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room.

Music will be provided by "The Third Generation," Larry Ludwig, "Spring" and John Pinno and Vicki Hampton, announced MSC summer special events chairman Allen Huddleston.

"These are real good groups," Huddleston emphasized. "I doubt that the Basement will have any to compare with them again for quite a while."

Member of the Texas coffee house circuit, the Third Generation includes Bob Robinson and Travis Miller. They played at the Basement last Wednesday when more than 200 persons including High School Publications Workshop participants attended.

Singer Larry Ludwig has appeared previously at the Basement, as has "Spring," a local high school group of David Pfannstiel. Vocalists with the group are Sheri Lindquist and Debbie Walker.

Pinno is an accomplished guitarist who shares the microphone with singer Vicki Hampton.



Miss Workshopper—Julie Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Thomas of 2309 Harper, Pasadena, was selected Miss Workshopper at the 12th annual High School Publications Workshop here.

A&M to mark its 94th year

Texas A&M University begins its 94th year of classes in August with around 15,000 students expected in the fall semester enrollment.

The state's oldest public institution of high learning will mark its beginning 100 years ago during the 1970-71 school year. The Texas Legislature approved an act establishing Texas A&M on April 17, 1871.

Around June 21, 1871, state officials and Bryan residents who deeded land to the college located the site of the first building.

Classes began formally Oct. 4, 1876.

The radical difference in starting dates then and now is the result of the university's departure from standard semester scheduling.

Fall semester classes will be completed before the Christmas holidays, with fall commencement on Dec. 12. The 1970-71 spring semester will be from Jan. 18 to May 15.

Returning students who did not pre-register last spring will enroll for fall classes Aug. 24-28. New students who attended summer conferences have been pre-registered and have only to pick

up their room keys to be set for the Aug. 31 start of classes.

Other freshmen check in Aug. 24 for the conference procedure and new student orientation during the first part of the week.

Students in the professional veterinary medicine curriculum start the fall trimester Sept. 7.

Returning students will find new facilities, features and improvements.

The \$9 million engineering center is nearing final exterior proportions. Contracts for the \$6.8 million 15-story oceanography-meteorology highrise and \$7.2 million low-density dormitory complex have been let, with construction to begin soon.

A mall surrounding the university library is getting final touchup. The Texas Aggie Band's sparkling new rehearsal hall and the 12-dorm services building are in use.

The proposed Memorial Student Center-auditorium expansion is in the final design stage.

University organization has achieved a new department, with sociology and anthropology becoming operational in the College of Liberal Arts Sept. 1.

TMA training ship completes journey

Racing into port only hours ahead of an anticipated storm the "Texas Clipper," training ship of the Texas Maritime Academy, eased up to its new Pelican Island dock Sunday night.

The 15,000-ton ship's tie-up at the new 100-acre Mitchell Campus facility completed an eight-week, 12,303-mile journey.

More than 2,000 persons lined the Port of Galveston dock to welcome the TMA cadets and spring high school graduates enrolled in the "summer school at sea."

Hurricane Celia was watched closely as the Clipper steamed for Galveston Sunday from Port Lavaca-Point Comfort. The ship had made goodwill visits to Brownsville and the new deep-water port at Point Comfort.

Joining the 180 students who participated in the entire cruise was a delegation of legislators and other guests who boarded at Port Lavaca Sunday morning.

State lawmakers taking part in the one-day junket up the Texas coast were Sen. D. Roy Herrington of Port Arthur and Reps. Rufus Kilpatrick of Beaumont and John Poerner of Hondo. Several Calhoun County officials, including Port Lavaca Mayor K. A. Wallace, were guests. A National Geographic magazine representative was among several newsmen making the final leg of the cruise.

In the Batt

This annual freshman edition of The Battalion is designed to give new students and their 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 '70 football team and what is in store for the fall.

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

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TMA Cadet mans the wheel of training ship Texas Clipper
Cadets, crew, fish host delegation of legislators, other guests

Summer school at sea relieves Atlantic cruise

By FRANK GRIFFIS
Battalion Editor

One hundred-eighty cadets and spring high school freshmen spent two months at sea this summer. Two months . . . that's a long time to spend looking at the same faces day after day.

One thing which did relieve the boredom was summer school. All of the freshmen were required to take six hours or two classes.

Classes in freshman English, algebra, and history were offered.

No classes were held while the 180 cadets and 40 crew members toured Europe.

Freshman Richard Raun of El Campo described the Irish as being warm and friendly compared to the rest of the Europeans they met.

From Cork, Ireland, the first stop, the vessel cruised to Le Havre, France, where the cadets took an overnight tour into Paris.

"We got to go into a nightclub called Lido's Follies—it was quite a place. It's kind of like a topless Ed Sullivan," Raun said.

The tour was expensive. The trip cost \$35 which didn't include \$1.40 apiece for cigars and extra champagne at \$20 a bottle.

"There were magicians, dancers, and two white stallions on stage," he continued.

After eyeing the follies at Lido's, the cadets took a bus tour of Paris. "We just took pictures, but a couple of us rode a French train back to the ship so we could stay longer and see the Eiffel Tower," Raun recalled.

From Le Havre, the Clipper steamed into Hamburg, Germany, the biggest port city the cadets visited. "There were all kinds of night life there. It was the most jumping port we visited. I mean it was wild."

After two days in Hamburg, the ship sailed to Aalborg, Denmark where the cadets and crew attended a July Fourth celebration commemorating the U. S.-Danish friendship. Raun said there were many Americans at the dedication of the Rebild National Park.

Raun has some distant cousins in Copenhagen, so he flew there to see them for a day.

The fish had two days of classes between Denmark and Plymouth, England. "England was great—we took the \$35 tour of London and saw the Piccadilly, the Ingham Palace, Westminster Abchurching of the guards at Buckbeary, and two American movies, including 'Woodstock!'"

"We also visited the famous Wax Museum while in London. It was one of the best parts of the trip. The figures were so realistic I found myself thinking museum pieces were real and the real people were wax," Raun said.

After England, the ship began its 10-day voyage back to the states. On the way back, the Clipper stopped at Ponce, Puerto Rico. There the cadets and crew relaxed in the clear waters of the harbor.

"I swam about a half mile across the harbor to the yacht basin with a bunch of others, but I forgot my life preserver when I got across, I realized I had a hole in the pocket of my swim suit and had to swim all the way back for some money. Naturally, I got my life preserver for the trip back," he said.

The ship had all the comforts of home—a complete medical staff, worship services every Sunday, ship's store, barber and beauty shops, and a bar. The sign on the bar says: ask for beer (root), screwdriver (orange), Scotch (pepsi), moonshine (Mt. Dew), and Martini (Teem).

"Another feature is the rail around the bunk. They're pretty (See School, page 2)



Maritime Academy cadets strain at the ropes on board Clipper
Anxious cadets hustle to bring vessel into new dock at Pelican Island