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In the Batt today

This annual freshman edition of The Battalion is designed to give new students and their parents some insight into the background, size, tradition, facilities and extracurricular 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.

Feels like showpiece

Women's dean officially here

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"I guess the biggest thing is that I feel like sort of a showpiece," Texas A&M's new dean of women said Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Schreiber began work Monday and attended a morning reception in her honor. Her appointment as the first woman's dean at the university was effective Aug. 1. She will work with Pat Self, women's counselor at Texas A&M since January 1970.

Mrs. Schreiber will be working with the women student body of the university, one which will comprise more than 10 per cent of this fall's estimated 15,000 enrollment.

Mrs. Schreiber formerly was dean of women at Southwest Missouri State College 9,000 enrollment in Springfield, Mo. At the time of her July appointment, she was Mrs. Toby Rives. She has since remarried.

The new dean, originally from East Texas, looked at her job carefully.

"I guess the biggest thing is that I feel like sort of a showpiece, because people haven't really got used to the idea of a women's dean, yet," she said.

"I'm pleased with things that are already underway and the organizations that are here and functioning—like University Women and Omega Phi Alpha (National Service Sorority)," Mrs. Schreiber said. "These things are things that I think are important to girls.

"I find myself excited by my opportunities and the challenge in front of me here; I'm thinking of all the things I can find to do," she said.

"There isn't a written job description for my position," she said of her job, "but I visualize it will call for a lot of working toward the overall picture of women here. I hope to lend woman's view to the total aspect of Texas A&M University."

The new dean expressed several general opinions concerning her policies for the girls on campus next year. She said she foresees a semi-open house policy on campus, one with set visiting hours. "I don't favor complete open house, at least now. A partial open-house policy, like on Sunday afternoons from 2 until 6 or something would be quite all right. I think it should really be left up to the residents of the halls," she said.

Mrs. Schreiber said she sees no particular need for a dress code of any kind if the women dress like women.

"Things like that I think should be decided by each individual professor," she explained, "because he is really the only one that knows what you need to wear in his class.

"It is a fantastic time to be on campus and to experience all the changes taking place around us," she added.

"I haven't accepted the term 'Maggie' yet," she emphasized. "I think we should be called Aggies, too."



Mrs. Earl Schreiber (right) chats with A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams and Pat Self at a reception Monday honoring the first dean of women.

Ping-pong diplomacy practiced

Clipper due in Houston next week

GALVESTON—Houston will be the first home port call for the Texas Clipper following the Texas Maritime Academy training ship's 10-week, 13,000-mile European summer cruise.

The ship carrying 159 Texas A&M students and TMA cadets will berth in Houston at 3 p.m. August 13.

Following a two-day layover, the Clipper will sail for Galveston on the final leg of its 1971 cruise.

The Maritime Academy played the second round of ping-pong diplomacy last week during the cruise.

The setting was Las Palmas, Canary Islands, where the Texas Clipper stopped enroute home from Europe and tied up next to a large Russian oceanographic research vessel.

Many of the 159 cadets aboard the Clipper, as well as the 40-man crew, inquired about touring the Russian vessel and were warmly welcomed.

A ping-pong match was arranged between Capt. Alfred Philbrick, master of the Clipper,

and the captain of the Soviet ship. Philbrick lost the match—diplomatically or otherwise—by a score of 21-15.

All was not lost, however, as the seagoing Aggies came away with a Russian flag and a host of new friends.

The Texans, in turn, invited the Russians aboard their 15,000-ton converted oceanliner and showed them a couple of movies, "Texas Across the River" and "The Great Race."

Philbrick said the TMA band also serenaded the 50 Russians with several pieces, including the Aggie War Hymn.

The captain related the events Thursday night to a Texas A&M spokesman via a telephone patch arranged by Linton Jones, a ham radio operator in Bryan.

Philbrick said the two vessels dipped their flags in a final gesture of friendship as the Clipper sailed for the Virgin Islands enroute home to Galveston, while the Russian vessel, the "Priliv," headed down the west coast of Africa and then on to the Philippines.

The goodwill visit at Houston will include Saturday public tours of the 15,000-ton training vessel, shore leave for cadets and a reception of Clipper officers by Houston's Propeller Club.

Adm. James D. Craik (USCG-Ret.), TMA superintendent, said the Clipper will tie up at Berth 3 East at the foot of 75th Street. Saturday tours for the public and guests will be from 1 to 4 p.m.

Several legislators, state officials and other guests are expected to participate and make the Houston-to-Galveston jaunt on Sunday, Aug. 15. The Clipper

is scheduled to dock at Mitchell Campus facilities on Pelican Island in Galveston between 3 and 4 p.m.

She sailed from Galveston June 7 and has made stops in the Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland and Spain. The ship left Cadiz, Spain, July 23.

It returned via Las Palmas in the Canary Islands and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. On board are 70 Academy cadets and 89 participants in Texas A&M's "Summer School at Sea," a college-credit program highlighted by foreign port visits.

Vet College will graduate 126

The College of Veterinary Medicine will graduate 126 students with Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees during commencement ceremonies at 8 p.m. Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Dean A. A. Price said the third-year class includes five vets.

Congressman Graham Purcell

of Wichita Fall will give the graduation address.

The Rev. Larry Grubbs, campus minister for the A&M United Methodist Church, is invocation and benediction speaker. A&M Board of Directors Chairman Clyde Walls of Granbury will bring greetings from the board. The college has one graduation exercise each academic year.

Students entering colleges must have 4 immunizations

All students entering public or private institutions of higher learning in Texas must now be immunized against four dread diseases.

The new immunization requirements were included in two bills passed by the 62nd Legislature.

Diseases for which shots are now required are polio, diphtheria, tetanus and smallpox.

Students will be allowed to enter colleges and universities during the fall term provided their immunizations against at least one of the diseases will have been started by January 1, 1972, and

all completed as soon as medically feasible.

According to the State Board of Health's rules and regulations, immunization against diphtheria and tetanus, with a minimum of three inoculations, will be required. The last immunization must have been within 10 years.

At least three doses of oral polio vaccine, with one or more doses received since the fourth birthday are required. Persons 19 years of age or older, however, are not required to have the vaccine.

A vaccination against smallpox

is required within the past 10 years.

Students may be excused from compliance with the requirements for medical or religious reasons. For exclusion, students must submit either an affidavit signed by a physician that the immunizations would be injurious to the student's health, or an affidavit signed by the student, or if a minor, by his parent or guardian that the immunization conflicts "with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the applicant is an adherent or member."

A&M's president believes in working with the students

Texas A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams is a man who believes in reasonable student representation in university academic affairs, yet he is firmly committed to strong executive leadership.

"I think reasonable, effective student assistance in university governance is called for," he says. "Student membership on committees should be an automatic process."

He was named president of Texas A&M University and the University System by the A&M System Board of Directors on Sept. 11, 1970. He succeeded the late Earl Rudder, A&M president for 10 years.

The A&M System includes Prairie View A&M College at Hempstead, Tarleton State College at Stephenville and the Texas Maritime Academy at Galveston.

Also the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas Transportation Institute and the Texas Forest Service, all headquartered at College Station.

Williams maintains an open door policy, one which was a point of pride with Rudder.

"Never had anything else but an open door in my work," he says. "Students, faculty, former students, people who have an interest in A&M and want to talk about it should know that I'm going to listen to them. I'll evaluate what they have to say as carefully as I can. I've tried to make a practice of that—largely it requires that you keep your mouth shut and listen. Master that listening bit and you can learn some amazing things."

"I believe in strong executive leadership," he adds. "I believe without it education is in deep trouble. So while I am willing to listen, I will also try to separate the wheat from the chaff."

The 51-year-old educator was born in Galax, Va. He earned a B.A. in history at Emory and Henry College and master's and Ph.D. degrees in history from Emory University.

He also has honorary doctoral degrees from the University of Florida, Emory and Henry College, and Austin College.

Williams began teaching in a Virginia high school immediately after receiving his undergraduate degree. He was named principal a year later.

He enlisted in the U. S. Marine

Corps during World War II. He was a captain four years later, and left the service a major. His decorations include the Purple Heart for combat wounds in the South Pacific.

Although he entered as a private, he became a private first class when the Marines learned he had a college degree. He then was sent to officer's training for 10 weeks. Next came 12 weeks of reserve officer's class.

"One thing I didn't do at all well in all my training was firing machine guns," he related. "I had difficulty with my machine gun when I fired the range. The traversing mechanism was jerking and I was missing the target. I squeezed off a minimum score and that was about all."

His first assignment, of course, was to head a machine gun platoon.

Williams joined Clemson University in 1947. Ten years later he was named dean of the Clemson Graduate School. In 1960 he became dean of faculties and was promoted to vice president for academic affairs in 1962.

He became the first commissioner of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System in 1964. He directed the

planning and development of long-range academic goals for Texas' public colleges and universities.

He left the Coordinating Board in 1968 to become vice president for academic affairs for the University of Tennessee System in Knoxville.

Early in 1970 he was given the added responsibility of chancellor pro tem for the University of Tennessee's five-college Medical Units campus in Memphis.

Williams strongly supports the civilian students—the majority of the student body and women students. He also supports the Corps of Cadets and Texas A&M's ROTC program.

"I think ROTC is one of the fundamental, basic programs at Texas A&M," he has said, "and under no conditions would I entertain argument with people who would want to close it out."

The Texas A&M president doesn't place much stock in the claim of some students that their generation is entirely different from any other.

"Youth have always felt about like young people feel today," he says. "They have always changed their dress style and their speech habit—and their hair style, too."

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