

# Construction progress report: everything on schedule

A&M's multi-million dollar building program is on schedule, with several major projects to be completed this year.

Construction Manager Charles Brunt said the 15-story oceanography and meteorology building is 75 percent complete and the five-floor chemistry annex is 90 percent complete, both scheduled for occupancy this winter.

Brunt noted the projects, part of the \$80 million building program for the next four years, have completion dates ranging from later summer to the spring of 1975.

He gave the following summary on each project:

—Student Dormitory Complex. This \$8.4 million facility includes two four-story dormitories and a two-floor commons building serving almost 1,000 students. Work is on schedule and should be completed before the start of classes on Aug. 28.

—Oceanography and Meteor-

ology. Construction consists of classrooms and laboratories in 15 floors. Total cost is \$7.6 million. Structural steel framework and concrete floors are completed. Masonry work is 92 percent complete, mechanical work is 88 percent ready, electrical work is 75 percent complete, windows 60 percent, plastering 50 percent and painting has started.

Scheduled for completion this winter, the overall project is 75 percent ready.

—Chemistry Institute Annex. The \$4 million addition includes a basement and five floors of office and lab space.

The exterior is completed, along with inside partitions, windows and elevators. Electrical and mechanical work is 90 percent complete and lab furniture is 80 percent ready.

Overall the project is 90 percent complete and scheduled for opening this winter.

—Auditorium and Conference

Complex. Construction consists of a building complex containing a 12-floor conference tower, a 2,500-seat auditorium, a 750-seat theater and a 250-seat theater. Total cost is \$10 million.

The conference tower is 65 percent complete. Structural steel, concrete floors, exterior precast panels and roofing are completed. Glass curtain walls are 90 percent complete and mechanical-electrical work is at the mid-way point.

The auditorium and theaters are 45 percent complete. Workers have finished concrete structure work for the large basement, including waterproofing, subsurface drainage and electrical-mechanical layouts. Concrete columns, beams, trusses, multi-level concrete stairs and the large concrete girders are completed.

Exterior precast panel installation and roofing are 85 percent complete.

The project is 55 percent com-

plete and scheduled for use by the winter of 1975.

—Memorial Student Center Additions-Modifications. This work consists of a basement and two-story addition with a renovation of the existing MSC. Total cost is \$8.5 million.

Percentage work completed includes structural concrete, 95; masonry and face brick, 75; dry walls, 40, and roofing, 90. The overall project is 45 percent complete and scheduled for use the summer of 1975.

—8-Story Office and Classroom. The \$3.6 million Phase I includes a basement and eight-story facility. Structural concrete is 98 percent complete, brick work is 90 percent, electrical-mechanical is 65 percent, windows are 75 percent, plastering is 95 percent.

The project is scheduled for completion this winter and currently is 70 percent ready.

—Office and Classroom Phase II. This \$1.74 million facility is

located east of the eight-story Phase I and consists of a basement and two-floor classroom building. It will contain two 250-seat classrooms, two 150-seat classrooms, two 74-seat classrooms and seven smaller classrooms.

Primary use will be by the Colleges of Education and Liberal Arts. Currently the basement is being dug.

—Utilities Expansion. Work includes installing a 3,350-ton steam turbine drive centrifugal water chiller, one chilled water pump, one cooling tower and construction of 2,000 feet of tunnel along Military Walk. The \$2.6 million project is 70 percent complete and on schedule for winter completion.

—University Health Center. The \$1.3 million center is two percent complete. Construction consists of a basement and two-story reinforced concrete building with 36,000 square feet for doc-

tors' offices and hospital facilities.

—Military Walk Mall. Work has just started and should be completed by December on this \$333,213 project. Included are walkways, plazas, a new storm drainage system and redevelopment of the entire pedestrian area lighting.

—Easterwood Airport Renovation. Work is 75 percent complete on the \$800,000 program. Included are 12,000 square yards of reinforced concrete slabs for parking aprons, 6,100 feet of fence and 36,000 tons of hot mix asphalt surfacing on runways. A road around the lengthened runway to the Nuclear Science Center is 50 percent complete.

—Easterwood Airport Hangar. Construction consists of a \$97,000 metal building for airplane storage, with approximately 9,500 square feet of area. The project is one-quarter completed.

# The Battalion

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY — Partly cloudy warm and humid widely scattered thundershowers, wind eastern 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 94, low 71.

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AFTERMATH OF THE FLOOD in Pennsylvania includes state employes cleaning the executive mansion in Harrisburg. Cleanup crews had to wait for water to recede before sweeping the mud from the governor's mansion. The flood left mud and water-logged furniture in its wake. (AP Wirephoto)

## Registration process has been changed

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A solution to the first session registration problems, suggested by the Registrar's Office after consultation with many of the parties involved, was overruled Monday by the Academic Programs Committee.

The committee, which consists of the academic deans, met with H. L. Heaton, dean of admissions and records, and several associate deans to discuss the proposal suggested by representatives of the student body, the Fiscal Office, the Registrar's Office and the President's Office.

Instead of accepting the plan to double the time allotted for registration, the Academic Programs Committee decided on re-vamping of the registration process.

The procedure which will take place July 13 consists of holding registration in two buildings, Duncan Dining Hall and G. Rolie White Coliseum. There will be no extension of time, with the originally scheduled and already proven inadequate four hours allotted.

"This way, we keep all the lines inside," explained Dr. Haskell Monroe, a representative of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. John C. Calhoun. "Sure, the students will have to do some walking, but there is

more walking than that involved in preregistration.

"This means that the students will have to park their automobiles near where they start or where they finish," he said. "Also, if it rains, everyone will be inside."

The plan which will be used calls for the card packets to be distributed in one wing of Duncan and the actual academic registration to take part in the other wing. The fee assessors, cashiers, housing personnel, scholarship representatives and the university Police will be in G. Rolie White.

"What we wanted to do was put the students first," Monroe said. "We don't think that's always been done, because they keep getting the worst of it. Then, we put the faculty second. The other people, such as myself, are last."

"It's time the tail stopped wagging the dog," he explained. Other possible innovations will be marking the students' cards to denote residence and other factors involved in fee assessment, starting registration full speed, with the faculty requested to report promptly at 7:30 a.m., and early release of the academic representatives from registration.

"This way, the working people who are through can leave," Monroe said. "If the part that goes on in G. Rolie White takes longer, then only those people will

be involved."

No compensation was made for late registration that day. On registration day the first session, some 600 late registrants crowded the lobby of the Richard Coke Building. The proposed plan for an eight-hour registration period would have eliminated this problem. Also, Monroe was asked why no students were consulted during the decision-making process for the final plan.

"The Academic Program Committee consists of academic deans and others invited," he answered. "Students are not usually represented there. We had no idea of excluding the students."

Monroe said that the possibility was being explored of allowing the students to complete their fees while waiting in line and having the workers from the Fiscal Office check the assessment before the fees are paid.

### Hannigan suffers fibrillation of heart

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan is in the Community Hospital in South Broward, Florida, after suffering what doctors described as a fibrillation of the heart Monday afternoon.

Hannigan was in Florida on vacation. The former U.S. Army brigadier general had what was termed as a "good day" Tuesday.

Hannigan is in his 13th year at A&M, having joined the staff August 7, 1959, following 30 years in the Army. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1929.

### Bizzell Street is now closed to through traffic, Perry says

A&M permanently closed a portion of Bizzell Street at midnight Tuesday to reduce unnecessary safety hazards and improve campus traffic, Howard S. Perry, associate dean of students, announced.

The street directly behind the

System Administration Building will be closed between Roberts and Hubbard Streets, with street parking modified between Ross and Lamar Streets.

Perry said no parking will be allowed where parallel parking is presently permitted. All angle parking will be converted to "head-in" 90 degree parking.

The 90 degree parking will be on the west side of Bizzell between Hubbard and Lamar Streets and the east side of Bizzell between Roberts and Ross Streets.

Persons using Parking Area 15, on the south side of the System Building, will enter Bizzell from the south. Drivers using Parking Area 16 must enter from the north end of Bizzell.

All persons currently using street parking on Bizzell are advised to plan ahead to avoid conflict with the closing plans.

Perry reported Roberts Street will continue as a one-way street between Bizzell and Spence Streets.

Individual assistance, patience and understanding in the implementation of this improvement is requested, Perry said.

Closing Bizzell Street to through traffic will benefit the university, its employees and its students, Perry said.

The changes in the street system are considered essential for the overall traffic operation and development of the central campus mall, Perry added.

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### Will serve all sports

## Athletic dorm consolidates facilities

"We hope the students, faculty and staff will get together with us on this thing. It'll be a facility all of Texas A&M can be proud of."

The subject is the \$2,938,790 athletic dormitory planned for construction and approved last week by the Board of Directors.

The speaker is Dr. Charles H. Samson, chairman of the A&M Athletic Council and head of the Civil Engineering Department.

Located west of the present Memorial Student Center, the new dorm will incorporate the present living facilities of Henderson and Fowler Halls, the dining facilities of Sbis, the training room of Kyle Field and the film and meeting rooms improvised in various locations, putting these widespread activities all under one roof.

"I think anyone who looks at the situation will find this justified," Samson explained. "We're not going to have gold-plated water faucets and shower heads or any unreasonable things like that."

"What this structure does is replace and modernize what is now in five or so different areas," he added. "This new dorm will last a long time. In addition, Henderson and Fowler will be used by the university as additional housing. So, the non-athlete students will benefit directly."

Samson pointed out that the dorm will house approximately 200, which will easily accommodate all of A&M's athletes in the seven Southwest Conference sports. Henderson Hall, which was built in 1958, holds 96, all of whom are football players.

"Henderson Hall was a fine dorm when it was built," Samson said, "but it is out of date now. There are still community showers and toilets, the closet space is insufficient, the walls are bare brick, and the carpeting is in poor shape."

"One of the things Emory Bellard is working toward as athletic director is equality among athletes of all sports," he continued. "This dorm will help him realize that goal. This will be a first class facility."

Another advantage to students

is the location of the new dorm, Samson said. With the living, eating, training and meeting aspects of the athletes' lives next to the MSC and the coaching function being moved to the new part of the complex, the non-athlete students will be in closer contact and thus more involved with the athletic department.

Each pair of rooms in the dorm will be joined by a bathroom. The individual rooms will have lavatories and large closets, with the total width being 18 feet. Samson explained that the large rooms were necessary in this particular case.

"Many athletes are much larger than the average A&M student," he said. "As a result, we need to furnish the rooms with beds seven feet long and wider than the beds in the other dorms."

The idea behind having a separate cafeteria in the dorm is based on convenience for the athletes and the employees of Food Services. This way, the workout and training schedules of the various teams will not be dictated by the meal serving schedule of Sbis Hall. In the

past, practice schedules had to adhere to the working hours of personnel serving all the students, not athletes exclusively.

The training room will be in the basement of the new dorm. The present facility, located in Kyle Field, forces an injured athlete to go there for all treatments. The new one will enable them to go downstairs from where they live to have injuries attended to.

Another aspect of the dorm is the academic counselor's living quarters and offices. The athletic department's scholastic supervisor, Max Bungardner, lives in an apartment in Henderson Hall and has an office in G. Rolie White Coliseum. His duties include being in charge of study conditions and the athlete's academic life, in addition to performing many of the tasks of a resident advisor.

The new dorm will have a two-bedroom apartment for the academic counselor, in addition to separate office space in the dorm. Also included will be study rooms and areas set aside for tutoring and group sessions.

"We can't apologize for the

academic facilities in the dorm," Samson said. "Athletes are students, too. They have a hard time because of practice and traveling to games, so many of them need help in their studies."

Among the other features of the dorm will be the film room, complete with auditorium-type chairs, blackboards and movie screens, television and recreation rooms and two lounges.

One of the lounges will be a public area. This will be for guests, with the idea that it serve as a greeting area for dates, parents and friends. The other lounge will be more casual, an area for informal gatherings and relaxation.

Included in the move to the new MSC complex will be the football, basketball, baseball and track coaches and the associate athletic director. This will leave only the business office and the sports information office in G. Rolie White Coliseum.

What is now the main coaches' office will become the sports information office and press conference room, with the physical education department taking over the offices which are now occupied by the coaching staff.

### Worker dies at MSC site

A construction worker was killed and another escaped injury Wednesday when scaffolding broke loose on the 12th floor of the Continuing Education Tower under construction at A&M.

University Police Chief O. L. Luther identified the dead worker as Arlen Leon McKinley, 39, of 1529 E. Admiral Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was employed by Sta-Dri Co. of Dallas, a waterproof caulking material firm. McKinley and his wife were living at the State Motel while he worked on the A&M job.

Jessie J. Koontz of Rt. 4, Box 295, Bryan, was with McKinley on the southeast corner when the scaffolding gave way at 9:55 a.m. Koontz' leg was caught in the cable, and he pulled himself to safety.

McKinley fell and hit the second floor patio before hitting the ground. He was dead at the scene. Services are pending at Cal. Lawry Jones Funeral Home.

Manhattan Construction Co. is general contractor on the tower-theater facility.