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# Welcome to Texas A&M University, Class of 1976

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## Moody College formed from Galveston facilities

A&M's Galveston-based teaching and research activities are being realigned to form the Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources, announced TAMU President Jack K. Williams.

The new designation was formally recognized in the appropriations bill just signed by Gov. Preston Smith.

Dr. Williams said the new designation is made in recognition of the valuable support which the

Moody Foundation and individual members of the Moody family have provided for the maritime and marine-related programs of the university.

"Without the generous financial assistance of the Moody Foundation, we could not be operating in Galveston at our current level, nor could we be involved in our present plans for expansion," Dr. Williams emphasized.

The Moody Foundation recently announced the award of \$250-

000 to TAMU to assist in construction of the first dormitory on the university's new Pelican Island campus. The foundation had previously given the university \$1 million for construction of the campus' first two buildings, which were formally dedicated last spring.

"We think it particularly appropriate to honor Mrs. Mary Moody Northen, who easily qualifies as the 'patron saint' of the Texas Maritime Academy," Dr. Williams said. "She has taken a

very personal interest in the academy and its cadets, and they, in turn have made her an honorary sea-going Aggie."

TMA is one of three divisions of the Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources. The other divisions are the Institute of Marine Sciences and the Galveston Coastal Zone Laboratory.

Dr. William H. Clayton, dean of the college, noted the institute was originally named the Moody Marine Institute in honor of the late William Lewis Moody Jr., Mrs. Northen's father.

"In the process of realigning portions of our Galveston programs, we felt it would be appropriate to have the Moody name more prominently identified with our total scope of activities," Dean Clayton explained, "and to recognize the contributions of the entire Moody family, in addition to honoring the late Mr. Moody."

In addition to the funds provided for Pelican Island construc-

tion, the foundation has also made available annual scholarships and fellowships for marine studies and provided financial support for several other projects, including purchase of oceanographic instrumentation valued at \$88,000 for one of the university's research vessels.

Most of the Moody fellowships were awarded to students studying at A&M's Galveston Marine Laboratory, which has been incorporated into the Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources.

The teaching and basic research activities of the original laboratory form the basis for the new Institute of Marine Sciences. The applied research functions have been shifted to the Galveston Coastal Zone Laboratory, which will provide readily available research and advisory facilities for helping develop the nation's vast marine resources—both in the sea and in the bay and estuarine areas.



Dr. Jack K. Williams

## President Williams greets freshmen

I am happy to have this opportunity to say welcome to each new student entering Texas A&M University. You join a great group of students who are already here. Together, you and the upperclassmen are undergraduates in the remarkable Aggie fraternity of men and women who number 60,000 and are located in all parts of the world. They are men and women working in leadership roles, engaged in compassionate service to others, and attached always to this university by strong bonds of loyalty and affection.

You will soon catch the spirit of this campus—its friendliness, its informality, its dedication to scholarship and the rule of reason.

I would remind you that this is now your university; and its reputation and accomplishment are in your hands, for from this day you are stamped with the unerasable mark of Texas A&M. From this day in August 1972, your works and accomplishments will reflect or detract from the honor and image of your university.

When you are seniors in 1976, you will be graduating in the 100th year of Texas A&M's existence as a citadel of learning and of loyal service to Texas and our nation. The primary purpose of this university when it began life in 1876 was to provide a foundation of intellectual maturity on which young people might build their lives. Its basic mission was to stimulate and promote within each student a lasting spirit of intellectual curiosity, which is the one necessary ingredient of progress. I welcome you warmly as members of the 96th freshman class of students enrolled here in hopeful fulfillment of that purpose and mission. May happiness and friendship and the satisfaction of growing in knowledge crowd your days.

Jack K. Williams  
President  
Texas A&M University

## At Spanish school

## Firemen work well together

If ambassadors got together to solve problems like the Latin American officials attending the fire training school for Spanish-speaking firemen here, there probably wouldn't be any wars, the head of Mexico's safety congress contends.

Jorge Suarez Peredo of Mexico City, head of the Mexico Association for Health and Safety, said the training is very important—particularly since most Latin American countries are experiencing tremendous industrial expansion—but equally important are the friendships kindled during the one-week school.

Attending the program at A&M are 210 industrial and municipal Spanish firemen from North, Central and South America.

Peredo coordinated bringing a charter flight with 74 Mexican government and private industry safety engineers to TAMU for the school. He first attended the municipal fire school 15 years ago, assisted in organization of the industrial school in 1962, and the Spanish school seven years ago.

Peredo reported Mexican industries and the government are interested in increasing accident

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prevention, thus decreasing loss of lives and property. Most of the personnel attending, he noted, are graduate professional safety engineers who will return to their plants trained in proper fire prevention and control to train workers within their plants.

Peredo said more and more hazardous materials are being invented and produced in Mexican industry. The higher risk affects the industries, transportation systems and the people, he said, bringing greater demands for improved fire prevention and control.

"Every fire activity in Latin America, including cooperative programs between industry and municipalities and between countries, is related to this school," Peredo contends.

"Chief Henry Smith (TAMU fire school head) and his staff have given us the finest training anywhere," he added. "Henry is our brother from Texas and we thank you all for his friendship and hospitality."

Alfonso Esquer Sanchez, chief of the Mexicali, Baja California, Fire Department is a Spanish school instructor and recently elected president of the Municipal Fire Chiefs of Mexico Association. The association cosponsors the Spanish school with various Latin American organizations.

Chief Sanchez, who has visited fire training facilities throughout the world, said the Brayton Firemen Training Field here is the best in the world. But he quickly adds that the knowledge of Chief Smith and his staff is of particular interest to Mexican community firemen.

Participation at the school has provided mutual agreements between industry and municipal governments, Sanchez said, and the friendships made at the school are very important.

He reported Mexico President Luis Echeverria personally called Sanchez to Mexico City to learn about fire service problems in the cities. Sanchez said President Echeverria knows about the program at A&M and probably will support national legislation requiring municipal fire departments to send one or two men each year to the school here.

Sanchez will meet with the president again later this year.

Mike Perez, chief of the Laredo, Texas, Fire Department, is one of the key organizers of the school. He suggested the training program's greatest asset is the friendship extended by Texans to Mexico and Latin America.

Chief Perez, whose father first came to the municipal school in the 1930s as Laredo fire chief, said the Latin American students

have nothing but praise for the training and the friendly United States people.

Dr. Adolfo Valbuena Bravo, director of the Venezuela Association for Health and Safety, Caracas, said expanding oil production, petro-chemical and steel industries have resulted in a need for better fire-fighting techniques and new developments in fire prevention.

Attending the school for the first time, Dr. Bravo said he finds the training "very positive, particularly because understanding is the product of our learning."

He is serving as pump operations coordinator. Dr. Bravo has a Ph.D. in engineering and will host a six-nation South American fire-fighting congress Aug. 20-26 to understand national relationships and improve professionalism through administrative techniques and technical procedures.

Among activities this week are a watermelon supper Wednesday night hosted by the Bryan Amigos Club. Pete L. Rodriguez of the TAMU Chemistry Department is coordinating the activity for the club.

The school ends Friday, with 74 Mexican industry engineers leaving by charter flight for two days of sight-seeing in San Antonio before returning home.

## Texas Clipper returns from Mediterranean cruise

GALVESTON—The "Texas Clipper," Texas Maritime Academy training ship carrying 128 students, returns Sunday from a two-month, 13,000-mile cruise to the Mediterranean.

Dr. William H. Clayton, dean of A&M's Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources, said the ship is currently in port at New Orleans and will make an overnight visit Saturday to Freeport before returning to Galveston about 1 p.m.

TMA officials have invited numerous legislators and other dignitaries to board the ship for an orientation cruise on the jaunt

from Freeport to Galveston. Legislators planning to make the trip include Senators Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells, W. T. (Bill) Moore of Bryan, A. R. Schwartz of Galveston and J. P. Wallace of Houston and Representatives Ed Harris of Galveston, Bill Prenal of Bryan and Bill Swanson of Houston.

While in New Orleans, several of the TMA cadets are attending a radar school conducted by the U. S. Maritime Administration.

Dr. Clayton, who also serves as acting TMA superintendent, noted the "Clipper's" visit to Freeport is being co-hosted by

the Brazos River Harbor Navigation District and Brazosport College, with arrangements coordinated by the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to 63 TMA cadets, the "Texas Clipper" has aboard 65 recent high school graduates participating in TAMU's "Summer School at Sea," a program through which the students earn six hours of college credit while visiting foreign ports.

This year's cruise, which originated in Galveston June 7, included visits to Spain, Yugoslavia and the Balearic and Canary Islands.

## National veterinary official to speak at commencement

Dr. Donald A. Price, executive director of the American Veterinary Medical Association, will be the commencement speaker for the A&M College of Veterinary Medicine graduation ceremonies Friday.

Veterinary Medicine Dean A. A. Price, no relation to the speaker, said the 8 p.m. exercises in G. Rollie White Coliseum will be highlighted by award of 126 Doc-

tor of Veterinary Medicine degrees.

The guest speaker, who earned his D.V.M. at Ohio State University in 1950, has been a member of the AVMA staff since 1958 and was named to his present position this year.

From 1950 until 1955, he served as a researcher for A&M's Texas Agricultural Experiment Station facilities at Sonora. He later was

a partner for three years in a veterinary medicine practice at San Angelo.

The Bridgeport, Ohio, native was presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award by Ohio State's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1966. Two years earlier, he was elected a fellow in the American Medical Writers Association.

## Inside The Battalion's Freshman Edition

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 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 later this month to help him in the big job of getting acquainted with the university.

The first section of today's paper is the regular edition of campus news and features. During the summer The Battalion is published weekly, but during the school year it comes out four times a week, Tuesday through Friday.

The second section is a look at Aggie sports. All the Southwest Conference sports are featured, and there is a list of football recruits, Aggies in the professional sports ranks and an explanation of Athletic Department administrators and personnel. All this should help familiarize the new student with A&M athletics.

The third section of the paper explains a few of the basic aspects of student life. The history, traditions and activities of A&M are featured. This is a brief background to give the new student an idea of what life is like at Aggieland.



SOME KEATHLEY HALL COEDS enjoy one of A&M's oldest sport, water fighting, in the true spirit of summer school Monday afternoon. The girls reportedly had quite an operation going, and they received cooperation from several passers-by, who joined in the fun of getting their companions—and each other—wet. (Photo by Darrell Cobb)