

# Welcome To A&M, Class Of 1977

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## Weather

WEDNESDAY — Partly cloudy with occasional showers and thundershowers. High of 93.

Freshman Edition

Section One

## 17,000 Expected For Fall Enrollment

A&M starts its 98th school year Sept. 3 with a constantly improving and increasing ability to meet the needs of its students.

An enrollment of more than 17,000, twice the size of the Texas A&M student body of a decade ago, is expected.

It will include, in the Class of '77, A&M's 101st graduating class.

Established in 1876 as Texas' first public institution of higher education, A&M also continues to serve the state and nation through teaching, research and extension. It has carried out the traditional land grant role while expanding into new fields, such as oceanographic and marine-related activities.

A proud heritage and traditions unique to A&M have been

maintained, however, in the midst of change that has revitalized the university and altered its physical face in the last 10 years.

Students here for the 1973-74 school year will be the first to use new facilities including the 15-story Oceanography-Meteorology Building and the eight-floor Education-Liberal Arts Building. They are two of numerous construction projects completed or nearing completion for TAMU's 1976 centennial celebration.

The Continuing Education Tower is also in use, relieving the Memorial Student Center of conference, short course and seminar pressure.

A glittering new auditorium complex will become available this fall. Part of the University

Center including the expanded and renovated MSC, the three-theater auditorium complex will open with a series of nationally prominent artists through the Opera and Performing Arts Society.

Also due acceptance during the school year is the new University Health Center.

Students will encounter some inconvenience with other construction, such as the new athletic dormitory. Plans are under way for more residence hall space, expanding the Krueger-Dunn Hall complex.

Women were admitted to previously all-male Texas A&M 10 years ago this fall. More than 3,000 of the university's projected fall enrollment is expected to be

women. Besides residing in Krueger Hall in their "sophomore" year of on-campus housing, women will also reside in renovated residence halls on the west side of the campus.

Keeping pace with enrollment increases, the TAMU faculty has increased 50 per cent in the last five years. It now includes more than 1,200 members. Two-thirds hold doctoral degrees.

A&M is Texas' leading university research center, according to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. A recent report shows projects valued at \$30.9 million, more than 40 per cent of research funds reported by the state's 24 public senior colleges and universities.

Through 10 academic colleges, TAMU offers undergraduate degrees in more than 70 fields and

105 degree options at the graduate level. The academic colleges, double the number of a decade ago, are the College of Engineering, Agriculture, Business Administration, Liberal Arts, Science, Education, Architecture and Environmental Design, Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources, Geosciences and Veterinary Medicine.

The university with campuses at College Station and Galveston is part of the Texas A&M University System. The system includes Prairie View A&M College, Tarleton State College, Texas Forest Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Texas Transportation Institute.



Dr. Jack K. Williams

## President Williams Greets Freshmen

I am glad to have this opportunity to welcome each new student entering Texas A&M University. You join a great group of students who are already here. Together, you and the upperclassmen who have enrolled before you are members of the remarkable Aggie fraternity of men and women who number 65,000 and are located throughout the world. These are men and women working in leadership roles, engaged in compassionate service to others, and attached 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 remind you that TAMU is now your university. Its reputation and accomplishments are in your hands, for from this day you are stamped with the unerasable mark of Texas A&M. From this day in August 1973, your works and accomplishments will add to or subtract from the honor and image of your university.

You will be upperclassmen in 1976 when TAMU celebrates its 100th year as a citadel of learning and loyal service to Texas and our nation. The basic 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 primary mission was to stimulate and promote within each student a lasting spirit of intellectual curiosity, which is a necessary ingredient of progress. I welcome you warmly as members of the 97th freshman class of students enrolled at College Station 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

## Graduate Salary Increase Seen

Salary offers to new college graduates increased noticeably during 1973 for the first time in four years, notes A&M Placement Director Louis Van Pelt, citing a new College Placement Council Salary Survey.

A&M was one of the institutions participating in the survey. The higher salary averages appear to be a result of a resurgence of college recruiting characteristic of the late 1960s. A heavy demand for candidates in technical disciplines was apparent once again, with the biggest surge in activity noted in the number of offers to engineering graduates at the bachelor's level.

In the previous three years of curtailed recruiting activity, percentage increases in salary offers hovered around the 2 per cent level, Van Pelt noted. This year beginning salary averages moved upward at a rate of approximately 4 per cent.

The past season also included marked efforts by employers to improve the employment status of women. This reflected in the fact that percentage increases in salary offers to women bachelor's-degree candidates generally

were larger than for their male counterparts. These increases, however, still did not bring the actual dollar averages up to the level of men's offers except in the high demand categories such as engineering and accounting. Nine of the 14 women's categories were under the \$718 average for male humanities and social sciences majors, the lowest figure in the men's survey.

Although the women's survey showed a substantial gain in activity, the actual number of offers to women bachelor's candidates remained far below the number to men. One reason is that, for the most part, women still are not majoring in the technical areas currently in high demand.

Each year the council conducts studies on salary offers to male and female graduating students as reported by selected college placement offices. The council is the international non-profit organization which provides services for colleges and employers to assist students in their career planning and employment.

In the men's study, chemical engineering remained at the top in dollar value of offers at the

## Vet Commencement Held

The ranks of professional doctors of veterinary medicine were increased by 126 last Friday night as A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine held its commencement exercises.

Brig. Gen. Charles Van Loan Elis, the Army's top veterinarian, welcomed the graduates into the profession in his commencement address in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"Having preceded you as a graduate from this university thirty years ago, with a degree in veterinary medicine, I am especially grateful for this opportunity tonight to welcome you men and women into this noble profession," he told the graduates.

"You have worked long and hard for this day. I'm certain that some of you occasionally thought, during three academic years of professional study, that graduation would never come; that it was merely some impossible dream. But it has arrived."

Gen. Elis charged the graduates to keep pace with change in

the veterinary medicine field of practice and to strive to keep an open mind to fresh, creative ideas.

"You are among the elite of the generation which will soon usurp my own generation's positions of prominence. I look upon the generation gap we so often hear about not as an extremely precarious gap, rather as a space—a space to grow in—room to experiment and learn."

Gen. Elis remained the new veterinarians that no matter how "specialized" they become, they should still continue to share with their colleagues the basic veterinary training, the proud history and rich tradition of veterinary medicine.

"Lastly," the general noted, "the veterinarian is bound by a common code of ethics, and by a common oath to honor his profession and to serve his fellow man."

## Scott Injured In Auto Accident

Ira Scott head of the Police Training Division for A&M's Engineering Extension Service, received minor injuries in a one-car accident Wednesday afternoon on the West Bypass.

Scott was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital where his condition was described as "good" Thursday morning.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said Scott's car struck a tree after he apparently lost control while passing another car on wet pavement.

The accident occurred about 1:30 p.m. near Leonard Road.

## A&M Again Offers Insurance Plan

The Texas A&M University Administration and student government again are making a comprehensive accident and health insurance plan available to students this year.

The optional plan will augment regular University health services, and is made available to students, their spouses and dependents at group rates.

All benefits will be processed through the R. M. Jackson Agency of Bryan, representing the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company. Mutual of Omaha has student insurance plans at more than 5,000 institutions.

Full-time students and their dependents who enroll in the plan will be insured during the period for which the premium has been paid, including travel to and from A&M during holidays, between semesters, and on summer vacations.

The plan covers expenses incurred for accidental bodily injuries and sickness. Accident, accidental death or dismemberment and sickness benefits are available, and the plan also offers optional maternity benefits.

Representatives of the R. M. Jackson Agency will be at A&M Aug. 27 to Sept. 7 to answer questions and allow students to sign up for the program. Their booth will be across from the post office in the new Memorial Student Center.

## Milling Appointed VP's Assistant

Student Body Vice-President S. Shariq Yosufzai announced the appointment of Randall Mark Milling as a Special Assistant to the Student Body Vice-President.

"While I shall strive to be in the office of the Student Government at all possible times," Yosufzai said, "The fact that important and urgent business might come up when I am in class, in conference or in a meeting must be taken into consideration."

The duties of Milling will primarily be to improve communications with the student body, expedite resolutions to be presented on the senate floor, assist Senate Recorder Merrill Mitchell in clerical and administrative matters and to assist Yosufzai in various legislative matters.

Milling is a senior from Ft. Worth majoring in Food Technology. "We are happy to have Mr. Milling in this position, and hope that he will be able to provide an even more efficient and continuous method of communication between the student body and the vice president and will cut through any bureaucratic red tape which has existed in the past," Yosufzai concluded.

In other action, Larry Dooley, a junior agriculture economics

major from San Angelo, was named refrigerator manager for the fall and spring semesters.

As managers, he will be in charge of distribution of refrigerators and collection of fees.

He begins his duties Aug. 17.

## MSC Committee To Hold Dance

The Memorial Student Center Summer Directorate has announced a free dance for students August 10 from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

The dance, according to MSC Directorate Summer President Shirley Ashorn, will be held in the mall in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum and will feature "Texas Blend," a group from Austin.

The dance is sponsored by the Dance and Special Events Committee of the Summer Directorate, a new committee that will hopefully become a permanent segment of the MSC organization this fall, Ms. Ashorn said.

Soft drinks and nickel ice cream will be available at the dance. The public is invited to attend.

## Watermelon Feed Held

Sticky fingers and chins were a specialty Tuesday at A&M.

Watermelon, at ten cents a slice under trees near the Academic Building, was the culprit.

The melonfest was a function of the Summer Directorate of the Memorial Student Center. Three thousand pounds of ice to cool the melons didn't last long, but the watermelon was disappearing

into the students between classes.

Several faculty-staff joined the feast too, as did workmen on coffee break from their jobs on the Military Walk mall.

Don Webb, Rich McHenry and the MSC crew offered the sliced watermelon on paper towels.

They didn't have finger bowls, but an afternoon rainshower took care of that.



WATERMELON TIME — Debbie Welch and Joel Loehman enjoy a slice each at yesterday's MSC-sponsored watermelon feed.