

New A&M VP Gets Involved

Dr. John Koldus is not just saying what he is going to do on campus but has already involved himself with students and their affairs.

Koldus, the new vice president for student services, has spent his first two weeks attending such functions as fish camp, student leadership camp, commander's retreat, Resident Hall adviser workshop and the Memorial Student Center leadership picnic.

"I've tried to meet as many people and students as possible," said Koldus. "I'm most interested in communication for I feel that is the key to understanding."

The new vice president's position was created in conjunction with the retirement of Dean of Students James P. Hannigan Aug. 31 and at the suggestion of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' visitation committee. SACS also advanced the idea that the student services of the Counseling and Testing Center, Student Financial Aid and Placement be transferred to the Department of Student Personnel under Koldus.

"The purpose of this newly created office is to give it the importance it should have," continued Koldus. SACS suggested putting all student affairs together under the wing of the vice president."

One of Koldus' duties is providing student services when the need arises at a minimal cost to the students. This includes any need outside of the academic area such as housing, entertainment and protection.

Koldus will have an advisory relationship with the Student Government and has set up weekly luncheons with student leadership to discuss the problems and needs on campus.

The first association Koldus had with Aggies was at a 1952 summer camp at Ft. Sill, Okla., which many cadets attended.

"I wouldn't have come if I hadn't thought A&M was a great place to begin with," remarked Koldus. "The possibility of creating a student personal services program is greater here than at East Texas State University where I served several years."

"Of course in all practicality one has to consider the salary and the opportunities which lie ahead when one changes jobs," said Koldus in reference to his move here from ETSU.

Koldus served as vice president for student affairs and dean of students at ETSU since 1967 where he had been a faculty member since 1963.

Prior to his association with ETSU, Dr. Koldus was an instructor at the University of Arkansas and earlier taught and coached in high schools in both Texas and Arkansas.

A native of Gary, Ind., he received his undergraduate degree at Arkansas State University of Arkansas.

In 1971 he received the ETSU student government's award for "distinguished service to students" and the J. Mason Brewer Award for "outstanding contributions to humanity."

Koldus said his office is always open to any one needing his help, no matter what the problem.

Williams Sees A&M As No. 1

President Jack K. Williams yesterday predicted A&M's football fortunes are on the upswing and the student body is No. 1 during a talk at All University Night.

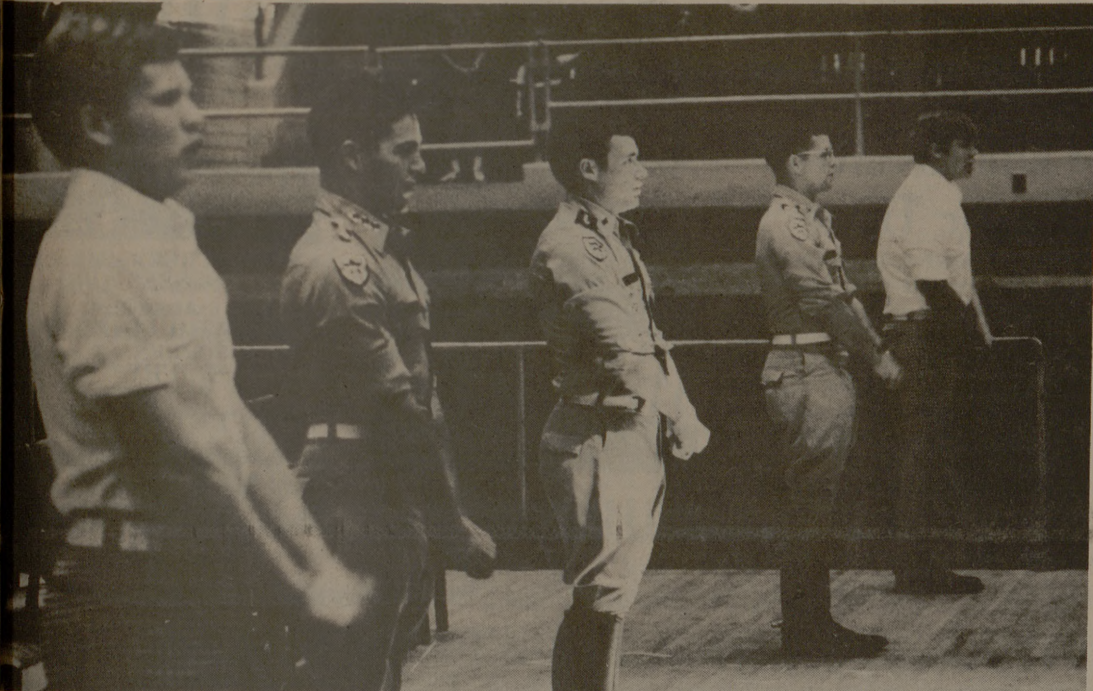
Following a disappointing year, Williams predicted great things for the coming season before a fair-sized crowd in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Emory Bellard was on hand to introduce the football team and to ask for student support until the team had a chance to prove itself on Sept. 15 against Wichita State.

Bellard said the team faced a "heck of a challenge" the coming season but that the players had a burning desire to compete and felt a great deal of responsibility to the student body.

Bellard said that he does not go along with the "we are behind you win or lose attitude." He simply said "let's get on with winning."


In his introductory speech, Williams announced a record enrollment of 18,000 students, 2,000 more than ever before. With three major buildings under construction and A&M's 100th anniversary next year, A&M students have a lot to be proud of, he added.



THIS YEAR'S YELL LEADERS get in a little extra practice in G. Rollie White. They are: (right to left) Joe Hughes, Bobby Sykes, Griff Lasley, Mark McClean and Ron Plackmeier.

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