

# 'TAMU is going to town'

"I've surely enjoyed my years here at A&M." Thousands of people have made similar observations, but that particular statement was made by Dr. M. T. Harrington, who formed his opinion over a period of more than 50 years and from a varied and unparalleled perspective.

Dr. Harrington has the distinction of being the only person in TAMU's 98-year history to hold every academic rank—from instructor to president and chancellor—and being the first graduate of the institution to become its president.

He also has the distinction of

having a new two-building complex named in his honor, with formal ceremonies commemorating the designation set for 3:30 p.m. Friday. The public ceremonies will be in the facility bearing his name, the M. T. Harrington Education Center.

"What pleases me so much about having this particular facility named after me is that over half of my mature life has involved teaching in the classroom, which is the thing I have enjoyed most during my association with A&M," Dr. Harrington noted, "and this building is an educational center devoted to the teaching function."

The 1922 graduate joined the faculty as a chemistry instructor in 1924. After rising through the teaching ranks, he was named dean of arts and sciences in 1947 and dean of the college two years later. He was named president in 1950 and three years later was selected chancellor, the position he held until 1965 when he became coordinator of programs for the TAMU System's Office of International Programs. Upon retirement in 1971, he was awarded president emeritus designation by the Board of Directors and also received the coveted "Distinguished Alumni Award" jointly presented by the university and the Association of Former Students.

Looking back over his half-century of TAMU service, the 72-year-old Plano native cites the coeducational policy and the development of the international programs activity as being two of the major milestones, along with legislation which provided the institution crucial financial resources. He pointed out the

international programs activity was particularly important because it provided major impetus for graduate studies at TAMU.

While happy with the past, Dr. Harrington is at least equally enthusiastic about the university's future.

"I think we are just 'going to town' and I think the leadership Jack Williams has given is great," he said. "With such leadership, there's no limit to the growth of this institution."

"I'd hate to see us get up to the 40,000-student level," he added, "but I think we are going to twenties and maybe the thirties."

While he thinks TAMU is "going to town," he thinks the university is fortunate not to be in a big town.

"We don't have all the problems that a lot of big schools and big cities have," Dr. Harrington observed, noting TAMU has long been a conservative type of school.

"But we're becoming more liberal all the time," he concluded. "That goes with the bigness, I guess."

## Campus Briefs

### Women's ROTC

A meeting of first-year women students interested in ROTC programs will be held Tuesday.

ROTC opportunities at TAMU for women will be explained, according to Col. Thomas R. Parsons.

The meeting will be in Room 308 of the Rudder Tower. It begins at 5 p.m.

Col. Parsons, commandant of cadets and professor of military science, will discuss how women will fit into the program. Enrollment procedures for the 1974 fall semester will be given.

Representatives of the Air Force, Army and Naval ROTC programs will answer specific questions about each of the services.

### Top students

The College of Business Administration honored 12 students for outstanding academic achievement at its annual student scholarship awards program.

Dean John E. Pearson and heads of the Accounting, Finance, Management and Marketing departments presented \$1,000 in scholarships to the college's top-ranking students.

Larry R. Baldwin, an accounting major, was named the college's outstanding senior and received a \$150 award from Dean Pearson.

Corbett Harkey, also an accounting major, received a \$150 check as the outstanding junior.

The college's outstanding sophomore, marketing major Mary L. Krause, also received a \$150 award.

The top students in each of the college's academic departments received \$50 checks from their respective department heads.

### Senior banquet

The Association of Former Students hosted the largest senior induction banquets in its history Monday and Tuesday nights at the Ramada Inn in College Station.

Each banquet was attended by 760 students, and another dinner is scheduled Monday night to accommodate members of the Class of '74 who could not attend this

week's programs.

Richard "Buck" Weirus, the association's executive director, served as master of ceremonies and introduced AFS personnel to the seniors.

Association officers John Caple '52 of Fort Worth, president-elect, and Doug Platt '53 of Tyler, vice president for membership, shared speaking honors.

## Military take over Niger government

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Niger's military chief of staff formally installed himself Wednesday as president of a 12-man ruling military council and promised "social justice" to the people of his impoverished country.

"Many of the people are deprived of their daily needs," Lt. Col. Seyni Kountie told his countrymen in a broadcast interview three days after he led a military coup which overthrew the civilian government of President Hamani Diori.

"Our principal theme is social justice," he said. Kountie seized power because he said Diori's regime had failed to cope with the devastation of the six-year drought that has parched West Africa below the Sahara and crippled Niger's meager economy.

Niger, a poor land of nomads and settled farmers, has suffered thousands of deaths and the loss of whole herds and crops from the disaster. Tens of thousands of people have been forced into refugee camps where their survival depends on foreign gifts of food.

The Nigerian ambassador to Niger, Sanni Kantagora, returned to Lagos and said he could confirm reports that Diori's wife Aissa had been shot to death in the coup. He termed the death "accidental," but gave no further details. Official radio broadcasts from Niger also reported the funeral of two soldiers killed during the coup. Kountie had repeatedly asserted that not a shot was fired in the coup. Kantagora told newsmen that Diori, who ruled Niger since it gained independence from France in 1960, was under house arrest and being attended by his aide de camp and two servants.

Kantagora arrived with Niger's ambassador to Nigeria, Ibrahim Loutou, to report on the coup to Nigeria's ruler Gen. Yakubu Gowon, a close personal friend of Diori's and chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

Kantagora said Niamey, the Niger capital, was calm. Radio Niamey broadcasts said government offices were operating normally and stores were open. The radio reported that 37 political prisoners had been released.


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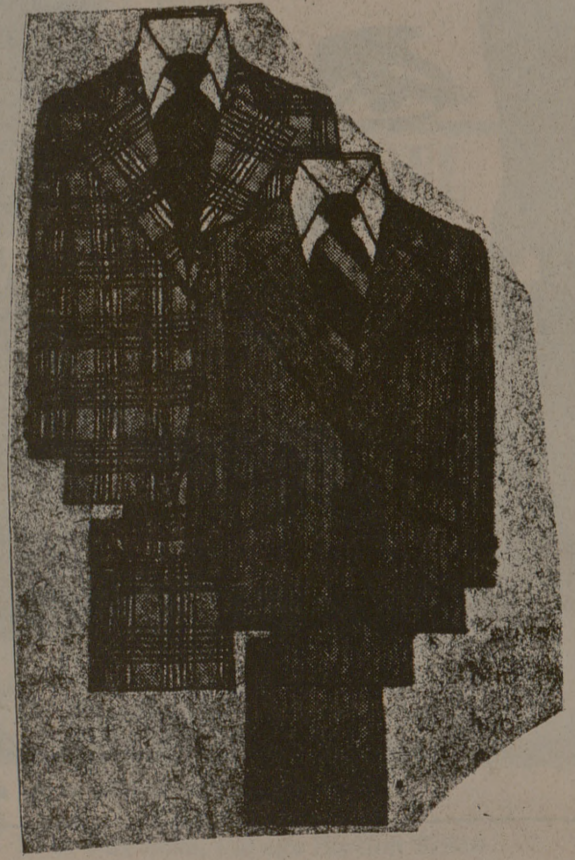
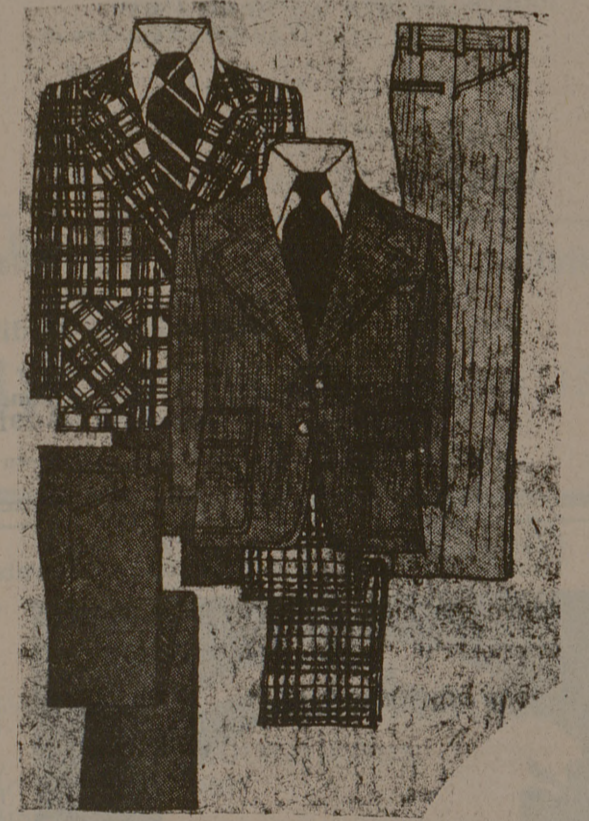


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