

Time To Wake Up

The time for A&M to break out of its shell and see how far it is behind the rest of the world is way past due.

It no longer is fashionable to sit back and pretend the lives we lead in our shelter of apathy are so beneficial and outstanding.

For years we have hung back and enjoyed the privilege of being unique, which indeed is a privilege if not done strictly for the purpose of being different. But we no longer can justly claim that our originality, which now is on the threshold of antiquity, is paying all the benefits we believe.

Proof of our insecurity and desire to hang with the past is the rabid fear that grips us every time we encounter something new which we feel might tilt our precarious perch on the past.

An example of this is the attitude of some of the Corps members regarding the Kyle Field seating plan offered by the Student Senate.

"We will not be split," they say. "It will ruin our appearance on TV."

First of all, what happened to that equally famous Aggie tradition that says Aggies cannot be split but are united in the world's biggest fraternity? This same tradition goes so far as to include members in the Former Students Association who only spent one year living at Aggieland. The TV appearance gripe is ridiculous. Do the dates wear khaki?

Civilian students also show a lukewarm interest in progress. They should be tired of living as an unwanted stepchild. They will never be classed or recognized as equal until their interest in campus affairs equals that of the Corps.

This narrow trend is not limited to the students. It also permeates the faculty and staff.

An example of this is that classical remark made by the head of one of the Liberal Arts departments who cracked "typing is not higher education" and therefore we shouldn't have to teach it. "If a student wants to learn to type, let him teach himself."

Naturally this is not true of every student, faculty or staff member. But the number fitting this cement shoe outnumber the others to the extent of being able to tie the hands of those who would seek to advance at the risk of doing something for its merits, and not how it measures with the past.

A good many of the seniors, with life in the big, outside world staring them in the face, are able to see the dangers of continuing in a rut. But by then it is too late. They no longer have the power nor the influence to overcome the very laws by which they have lived for four years.

It is then up to those who would be leaders next year and the years to follow to begin looking at any idea on its own merit, both for the present and the future.

—JB

Danforth Award Presented To David Ellison

David Ellison, freshman preparatory veterinary medicine student from Longview, has been awarded the William H. Danforth Scholarship which provides two weeks leadership training at the American Youth Foundation Camp to be held at Camp Miniwanka, Stony Lake, Mich. Aug. 12-25.

The scholarship, made possible by the Danforth Foundation is presented each year to the outstanding male freshman intending to major in veterinary medicine at each of several selected and leading schools.

Ellison will receive \$50 which, for one person, will cover the full camp expense of training, board, lodging and social recreational activities, according to Allen E. (Bud) Denton Jr. of the Basic Division.

The American Youth Foundation, through which Ellison's training will be given, is a non-denominational Christian leadership training organization in its 39th year of service. It has no propaganda, does not promote a program of its own in the local field and serves wholly through existing organizations working with youth, according to Earl A. Sincouse of the Danforth Foundation. It is comprised of a group of specialists in youth training and its purpose is to assist young people to discover and develop their best selves, better equipping them to guide others.

Selective Service Deadline Monday

College students interested in taking the Selective Service College Qualification Test have until midnight, Monday, to submit application to the Examining Section, McHenry, Ill., Frank E. McFarland of the Basic Division, has announced.

Application blanks will be secured in the Registrar's office. The test center in this area will be in rooms 2C and 2D of the Memorial Student Center on May 16.

To be eligible to apply for the test, a student must intend to request deferment as a student, be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of instruction, and must not have previously taken the test. The purpose of the testing program is to provide evidence for the use of local boards in considering deferment of a registrant from military service as a student.

Vet Check Deadline

Friday is the deadline for veterans attending school under the GI Bill to sign for their April payroll forms without receiving their checks late.

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Fish Drill Team Wins First At San Antonio

"We beat the h... outta everybody," said Phillip Pond, a member of the "fish" drill team, after returning from the drill team competition in San Antonio Saturday.

The A&M "fish" drill team brought home their first victory of the year after competing against some of the best teams in Texas at the Fiesta Flambeau Parade Saturday night. The Flambeau is part of the 62nd Annual San Jacinto Fiesta, a celebration of the victory of the Texas Republic at the Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836.

The whole parade was highlighted by a "Fight Texas Aggie Yell Practice" in front of the judging stand which was located in front of the Gunter Hotel on Broadway Street.

All of the drill teams were supposed to give a two minute performance in front of the stand. Many of the teams did two or three marching movements, but the Aggie team, knowing that there were Aggies on the judging stand, startled the spectators with the yell practice, according to the drill team commander, Don Breland.

The Texas College of Arts and Industries was second behind A&M in the college competition, while UT was third and the Central

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governing body should be formed with both students and faculty members, with equal status.

Members of the committee are Joe Sorrels of the Civil Engineering Department, William P. Ewens of the Education and Psychology Department, W. L. Penberthy of the Student Activities Department, Robert L. Melcher, W. D. Hardesty of the Student Activities Department, Gerald Van Hoosier, Herbert W. Whitney of the Agricultural Economics Department, Jon Hagler, L. E. Sheppard and Ed Stinnett.

Birds are able to sleep on a swaying twig because their toe grip automatically locks.

Local Reserve Unit Offers New Army Plan for Civilians

New opportunities for civilian students facing draft after graduation to fulfill their military obligation were announced by Lt. Charles Hornstein, counselor for Dorm 9, yesterday. He said there were two main routes available to students for serving their six-year term in the Armed Forces.

The first alternative is to be drafted for two years active duty, followed by two years in the ready (active) reserve and two years in the stand-by (inactive) reserve.

The second possibility is to join a ready reserve unit, whereby a man serves six months active duty plus five-and-a-half years in the unit.

Hornstein said the second plan affords a much better way of fulfilling the obligation. The main inducement under this plan, he said, is that the man is away from home only 6 months and can serve

the remaining time by attending two-hour weekly meetings with a Reserve Unit in his home town.

To qualify for the latter plan, warned Hornstein, a man must take action to join a reserve unit well in advance of any action by his draft board. He cannot be accepted for it after his draft board has notified him of pending induction for the two-years of active duty.

Hornstein said each man received a full day's pay for each meeting, and the plan "insures the opportunity for a man to pursue his civilian job with the least possible interruption by military service."

Any further information may be obtained at the weekly Thursday night meetings of the 358th Infantry Regiment (90th Division) held in the USAR armory from 7:30 to 9:30. The armory is located three blocks south of Kyle Field on Welborn Road.

Tau Beta Pi Slates Annual Initiation

The Texas Delta Chapter of the Tau Beta Pi Association will hold their annual initiation ceremony at 5 today in the Chemistry lecture room. The banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC ballroom.

Tau Beta Pi is the fraternity for engineering majors of junior and senior classification.

Ray N. Finch, president of the Texas Delta Chapter will serve as toastmaster. Making the presentation of awards will be T. Carr Forrest, Consulting Engineer from Dallas.

Fred J. Benson, Vice Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station will give the welcoming address. He will be followed by the main speaker for the evening, Eugene P. Fortson, Jr., of the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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