



WASHING "SULLY" IS NOT AN OFFICIAL PART OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES, but is definitely a part of the students' activities. An unidentified group of freshmen prepare "Sully" for the weekend visitors.

## College Graduates Have 'No Worries With Diploma'

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Let's look in on Joe College about July first of the year in which he has graduated from college or university. Chances are that he is happy about the whole thing, for he has probably finagled around among the many recruiters who have been seeking his talents, and has worked out a "deal" that shows promise not only of a good salary but fairly rapid advancement (at least that is the impression left with him by the recruiter).

If he is not already married, he probably will be before another thirty days have passed. This, too, is one of the happiest prospects in life and should be savored properly. If he is married, he and his wife can look forward to "living a bit higher off the hog" than they have been able to do while he was in school.

Even the prospect of serving a "hitch" with the military before really getting started on the new job does not seem too grim. In other words he has "got it made," and is ready to cut a wide professional swathe in the organization of his new employer.

Don't lose that enthusiasm, Joe. It will be of invaluable help to you in the process of establishing yourself in your professional life, a process which many experienced people tell us takes an average of at least five years. It is only fair to warn you that many pitfalls and privations lie ahead, and that the way in which you avoid or overcome them will be a measure of your success.

Failure to solve these problems correctly as they occur will have a much more far-reaching effect than your failure to pass some of those quizzes that have been annoying you for the past several years.

Several thought-provoking articles have appeared recently in various technical journals and popular periodicals. Two which are strongly recommended for your detailed reading are "First Five

Years" in the April 8, 1957 issue of CHEMICAL AND ENGINEERING NEWS, and "Which Route Is Up" in the June, 1955 issue of FORTUNE.

The following excerpts from these articles illustrate some of the points to be considered in planning for a "running start" in your professional career:

"Technical advancement has not made the Golden Rule obsolete."

"There is almost no aspect of technical work in which teamwork is not important. Those who do not fit well with their co-workers cannot contribute the maximum to their team. It is almost certain that the greatest cause for dismissal (or failure to be promoted) is inability to fit smoothly into an organization. . . ."

"The technical man does not have a ringing reputation for his understanding of human problems. The beginner should make a definite effort to know more about the ideas of nontechnical people—at least enough to enable him to give those ideas some consideration."

Both nontechnical study and association with people outside one's field help to round out a solid background."

"Adaptability is a desirable characteristic of the successful technical man. On entering an organization, the beginner should learn as much as possible about its system of operation and try to fit into it. Even though he may not agree with the methods by which the organization operates, he must realize that changes for improvement can be introduced effectively only by one who is well acquainted with the system and is a successfully operating part of it."

"The industrial world operates on a business basis and business principles are not always in coincidence with the best fundamental scientific practices. Some understanding of economics, accounting, and general business practice is valuable to the technical man in industry. Not only will such an understanding improve a man's approach, but it is likely to give him

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## 'Tex' Finds Out Hard Way How A&M Differs From High School

By DAVID BAGLEY

Are you the boy who dreams of being an Aggie? There is a great deal for you to see during your initial days at Texas A&M. If you'd like to have a preview of your first days, come along with Tex and meet AggieLand with him.

Tex drove onto the campus and began to look around for the school official that should have been standing at the entrance to welcome the freshmen that were big wheels in high school.

What kind of a place is this that doesn't have a welcoming committee for the one and only Tex? "Don't they know how good a student they are getting when they get me?" Tex mumbled.

Despite his disappointment Tex decided to go on and try to locate someone to explain this impossible situation to him.

Tex finally stopped and asked a boy on the street to tell him which way to go to find that place that the advance information booklet had called the Housing Office.

Luckily the youth had just come from the basement of the YMCA, where the housing office is located, so he was happy to direct Tex there.

While on his way, Tex abruptly realized that he was alone and for the first time he was unsure of himself. Upon arrival at the housing office he was promptly ushered into a line of men. And now here he was being thrown in with a mass of strange men, and Tex wasn't too sure that he was in favor of such a move.

The noise and bustle in the crowded room began to make him nervous, and just a little scared, but there was no alternative so he just stood there.

After what seemed like a thousand lines and a million miles of standing in line, a well battered Tex staggered away from the last of a dozen desks where his entry process had been worked out. Tex could feel that he was sure to have nightmares about those snaky lines for weeks.

With help from earlier arrivals who had found their rooms, Tex finally discovered where his room assignment was and how to get there. Tex dragged his gear in and then discovered that his room, 424, was located on the very top floor and that it took three flights of stairs to reach it.

He was already dead on his feet but there was no elevator service he soon learned, so he started his climb. When he finally

found the top floor and located his room, our boy was shocked when he opened his door and the dust billowed out over him.

That room looked awfully desolate and empty. The beds looked lumpy and the chairs were "hand-carved" and the windows were dirty.

There wasn't anything to do but carry in the rest of his junk so old Tex hauled that in and then began to survey his situation.

About that time Tex either had his problems solved or else they were just beginning, that was a matter of opinion, because the door banged open and there stood Tex's First Sergeant.

Tex didn't know it but a good Top Kick (First Sergeant) is a cross between God and Satan and no freshman is ever sure just which side is winning, but any fish can tell you that the top kick has the answers and knows where every grain of sand is blowing on the campus at any given time.

Well Tex's First Sergeant was true to his breed and helped Tex decide what to do next by bellowing that the room looked like a pig pen, and that he thought it would be a good idea for poor scared Tex to get to work with a mop, broom, and plenty of soap, water, and elbow grease and clean up.

Tex was shaken to say the least but you never saw dirt melt so fast as it did when that scared freshman started to swing that mop. By the time the Top Kick made it back to check on him, Tex

had done a fair job of spring cleaning.

As soon as the room was cleaned Tex heard the hall explode with the Top Kick's announcement that all the freshmen would fall out in the hall to meet the Commanding Officer of the outfit.

When Tex hit the hall he was again shocked to find the hall full of men just like himself and men who were just as scared and just as surprised. There wasn't much time to wonder about that though because there was the First Sergeant who herded a lost bunch of boys down to one end of the hall where a man was standing.

When he looked Tex saw his commander and was immediately impressed by the full dress uniform worn by the Cadet Officer. Tex thought that it looked pretty good, but that was all he had time for before his introduction to AggieLand began.

After the upperclassmen had finished their lectures they told the freshmen to get to know each other. Then Tex and his fish buddies began to go back to their rooms and meet the men around them.

It didn't take the men long to discover that they were meeting some fine boys. Friendship blos-

somed quickly and the fish were off to a start at AggieLand.

Tex met his roommate and they soon learned to like each other. They found that they had some good neighbors too and as several days passed Tex became proud of the men he was associating with.

They all discovered that their problems were common to the whole unit and that by working and sharing their experiences they could all benefit.

When it became evident that they were all in a strange new situation they began to help each other, and here Tex discovered the phenomenon that is known as the Spirit of AggieLand. The Spirit can't be put in words, but until you come to understand, just consider it as a love that a real Aggie feels for the men of AggieLand and for the school that is a part of them all.

Tex didn't know all the regulations at A&M before he came and neither did his buddies. Consequently he was reprimanded by irate upperclassmen at times.

Of course Tex was human and wanted to do a good job, and when things went wrong it scared, and hurt, Tex just as it has thousands of other men before him. Like them, Tex saw the time when he

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