

"Search of the Century" — By A&M

The "Search of the Century" is now under way throughout Texas and the search is being conducted by A&M College.

The College is searching for 100 outstanding men and women to man its Century Council. The Council will spearhead a two-year Century Study aimed at developing the College to the fullest in line with the needs of the State and in keeping with A&M's role as part of the coordinated system of higher education in Texas. The combined findings and recommendations of the Century Council and appointed faculty committees working concurrently will form a basis for a "blueprint for progress" development plan to be drawn up by the College Board of Directors following completion of the Century Study.

The A&M College Board has initiated the study during the Centennial year of the U. S. Congressional Morrill Act to which the College owes its existence. The fifteen-year "blueprint for progress" plan, when developed, will guide the College to 1976, its 100th anniversary of service to Texas.

The 100 Texans to be appointed to the Century Council will represent all phases of Texas indus-

try, the professions, and principal fields of interest. They will be named from nominations made by citizens of Texas to the Board of Directors.

For Texans
"A&M was created of, by, and for the people of Texas," Board President Eugene Darby stated in announcing the Century Study. "The declared purpose of the College has been to aid the agricultural and industrial development of the State and the providing of soundly educated citizens. These purposes have not changed. Times have changes and A&M College will change with them. It is important that the College ascertain now the expected challenges Texans will face during the next fifteen years, and move to research, and supply through instruction answers the people must have to successfully meet each challenge. We are asking the people of the state, who own this institution, to help us in planning A&M's future within the role and scope established for it by the Texas Commission on Higher Education. In this way, we can be sure the College channels its development in the direction of greater service to citizens."

Nominations of outstanding Texans to serve on the Century Council may be made in writing to the Board of Directors, in care of R. L. Hunt, Jr., Texas A&M College, College Station, Texas. Deadline for nominations is July 1.

Today A&M College sustains the philosophy projected by the Morrill Act offering to the youth of Texas quality education at the lowest possible tuition cost. An open door is maintained for those who can benefit from the educational programs A&M offers.

In its observance of 85 years of service, Texas A&M is looking more to the future than the past, fixing its eyes on the future in a realistic appraisal of its roll of service to citizens of Texas. "We are just now getting under way several major programs of research and teaching in nuclear engineering, data processing, oceanography, and other fields," Darby points out. "These new A&M efforts are vital to the future economic development of Texas. We believe these new educational tools will be of greatest value when integrated in a long range plan to guide A&M's service to Texans over the next fifteen years. We are soliciting the help of all Tex-

ans who will ultimately benefit from research and the talent A&M trains to participate in planning the development of this school."

100 Years Old
The A&M College of Texas will be 100 years old in 1976. It was created by an act of the Texas Legislature in 1871. That same year, the State authorized the sale of 180,000 acres of land scrip at the rate of 87 cents per acre, the proceeds of which were invested in seven-per-cent gold frontier bonds in the amount of \$174,000, this constituting the original endowment of the College.

A year later, the Legislature accepted an offer to locate the proposed College at College Station in Brazos County on a 2,416-acre plot of land donated by interested citizens. After other Legislative appropriations and construction, the A&M College of Texas was formally opened on October 4, 1876, with six students. From this modest beginning, 85 years ago, the College has grown to a student body of over 7,000 and a physical plant on the main campus valued at approximately \$50,000,000.

A Broader Approach
Originally, A&M College offered

instruction principally in the agricultural and engineering sciences. As a broader educational approach was needed to accomplish fully its objectives, the College began the expansion of curricula to include full professional training in the liberal arts, the sciences, veterinary medicine, architecture, education preparation, and business administration. The Graduate School offers work in 65 or more areas of study at the master's level, and 44 or fields of study leading to the doctoral degree.

Traditionally, A&M College has been an all-male, military college

as stipulated by the Texas Legislature. Through the years, the A&M Corps of Cadets has provided valuable military and citizenship training to more than 45,000 cadets. Its graduates have an enviable record of leadership in peace and war.

Looks to 1976
Texas A&M as it looks to 1976 is asking the people of Texas to help determine the kind of trained citizen the A&M graduate must be to meet the challenges of tomorrow; what shall be the mission of the College during the next fifteen

years; the quality of college operation required; what should be the anticipated scope and size of the College; and what development policies and goals should guide the destiny of the institution.

"Any Texas man may nominate a citizen to serve on the A&M Century Council," Darby said. "Such nominations should be made in writing, outlining qualifications of the person or persons being nominated, and mailed to R. L. Hunt, Jr., Director of the Century Study, College Station, Texas, before July 1, 1961."



Design Winners

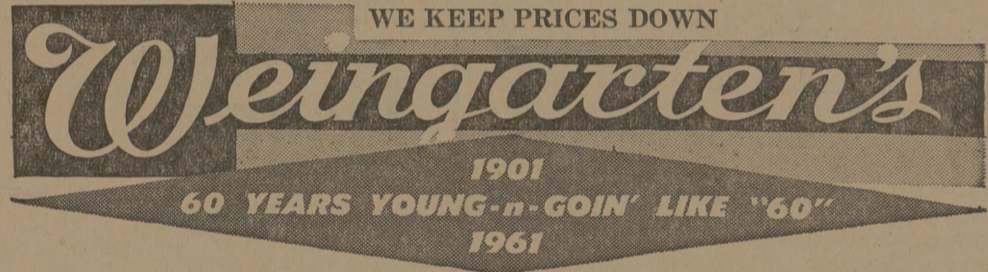
Paul D. Rushing of Bryan, left, peers happily at a \$125 check for first place in an agricultural structure design contest sponsored at Texas A&M College by the Texas Concrete Masonry Association. Second place and \$75 went to Robert J. Rektorik of Robstown, second from left, and third place and \$50 to Donald F. Wanjura of Weimar, third

from left. Handing out the prizes is Robert Batten of Austin, the association's executive secretary. The three students are agricultural engineering seniors. The annual awards were established to encourage creative thinking. They are based on structural, economical and functional adequacy and completeness of building specification.

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