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ASC Divorce: Hour Is Near

The furor over the future relationship of Arlington State College toward Texas A&M has now entered its fourth week of controversy. Debate over the issue has been conducted on various levels, ranging from the rational to the absurd.

The matter erupted when plans for a reorganization of the Texas A&M System were made public. Under the proposed change ASC and the two other members of the system would cease to exist as independent institutions but would become branches of A&M. Thus, Arlington State would become Texas A&M at Arlington and a graduate of that school would be accorded the same status as a graduate of the College Station institution. The administrative headquarters would be located in College Station with A&M President Earl Rudder presiding over the entire operation.

Arlington State immediately voiced its opposition to the move. This indignation has been expressed in terms of student protest groups, local newspaper editorials, and denunciations from Arlington civic leaders, former students, and ASC faculty members. ASC students have vented their spleen through the mode of makeshift signs and emotional declarations of anti-A&M sentiment.

Their goal is immediate and complete separation from A&M. Their cause is the cutting of all links which presently bind the two schools together. Their demands for "independence" have been loudly trumpeted to the world. They accuse A&M of suppressing what they consider their manifest destiny of academic sublimity. Representatives from the Arlington area have publicly announced their intention to introduce a bill in the Texas Legislature which would legally bring about the separation.

"Enrollment" is the magic word in the Arlington State vocabulary. When their enrollment figures first exceeded those of A&M it was viewed there with a singular sense of pride and achievement. The registrar's statistics have produced the phrase, "the tail is now wagging the dog." The obvious implication is that the proposed merger will benefit A&M more than Arlington State.

In fact, the pressure behind the merger proposition is being supplied by industrial and commercial interests in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. There is a vital shortage in that metropolitan region of holders of graduate degrees in technological fields. Arlington State presently offers no graduate program and it is generally agreed that linkage with A&M would greatly hasten the implementation of one.

In reality, what can Arlington State offer to Texas A&M?

Five years ago it was a junior college. It has been an accredited senior college for every bit of five weeks. Ninety per cent of its students come from Dallas and Tarrant Counties. Its state-wide reputation is negligible and its national one practically non-existent. The entity of an Arlington State with 11,000 students is the result of its environment. There was an educational vacuum in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in the field of inexpensive college training. The elevation of ASC to four-year status helped fill the vacuum and in addition its classrooms. Arlington State will continue to grow and will continue to need increasingly greater financial resources.

The burden of financing the necessary building program at Arlington State cannot help but hinder the development of A&M's physical plant. It is an enormous task to develop a topflight faculty at one institution, much less at a widely scattered complex.

Arlington State can offer A&M nothing, either in the way of academic enhancement or in physical facilities. It has gained a specialized function and should be allowed to prepare for its future as an autonomous institution. The attitude of Arlington State is one of resentment and hostility may be made on recommendation and shows little promise of ever changing. It is time for ASC to be cut free and to be allowed to develop as it sees fit.



"It's not a bad notebook, but I misspelled a word on page 232! Do you think I should re-type it before I turn it in?"

New Probation Standards Announced By Wichita U.

by Jim Earle

By Intercollegiate Press

Wichita, Kan. — Dean James K. Sours of the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts, Wichita State University, recently announced new probation and suspension standards, effective June 1965. A student will be placed on probation for the next term in which he enrolls if his cumulative grade index has fallen below 1.700 for 63 hours or 1.900 for 64 or more credit hours.

Further, according to Dean Sours, a student remains on probation if he earns at least a 2.000 index during the semester in which he is on probation, but his cumulative grade point does not meet the required minimum level.

Regulations on hours include that a student on probation may not enroll for more than 12 hours in an 18 week term or he may enroll for only two-thirds of the total number of hours as the number of weeks in the summer term in which he is enrolled. In addition the probation student may add one hour of physical education, military science, or marching band.

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Interest Rates On Rise; Change Due Next Spring

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Financial institutions across the nation are beginning to pass along the higher charges they must pay for use of Federal Reserve funds — they are doing this in spite of the Reserve Board's earlier assurances that its recent hike from 3.5 to 4.0 percent in the discount rate would not result in a general increase in consumer interest rates. The discount rate is the interest that the Reserve Board charges member banks on the money it loans them.

In the wake of the increase in the discount rate, a number of, banks raised their prime interest rate from 4.5 to 4.75 percent. This is the rate charged to the biggest and safest borrowers, such as corporations. All other A student on probation will be it. suspended if his cumulative grade

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Students Eye Legislature For Educational Trends

By The Associated Press

More than a quarter of a million Texas college students will be watching the 59th legislature's actions on efforts to upgrade higher education in the state.

Recommendations made by Gov. John Connally to the legislators meeting Jan. 12 would earmark an increase of about \$97 million in general revenue funds for 22 state supported colleges and universities in the next two years.

However, Connally estimated \$22.3 million alone would be requried just to finance expected enrollment increases, plus the addition of Pan American and Angelo State Colleges as authorized by the 1963 legislature.

How big is the state higher education system now? That's a question many will ask during the next few weeks and months.

During this fall semester there are 146,673 students in the present 20 full state supported colleges and universities, according to the Texas Commission on Higher Education. There are 34 privately-supported colleges and universities with an enrollment this fall of 58.209.

In addition there are 44,251 students in 31 public junior colsupport for academic instruction under Connally's recommendations. Currently the state pays only about 30 per cent of the aca-

demic instruction cost. Texas also has 3,088 students this fall in 18 independent and churchrelated junior colleges .

The University of Texas, with an enrollment of 24,001, is the largest unit of higher education. The university system, which originally was established by the constitution of 1876, also includes at present Texas Western College, El Paso, with an enrollment of 6,632 students; the Institute of Marine Science at Port Aransas, McDonald Observatory at Fort Davis, the Medical Branch, Galveston, with 513 stu-Southwestern Medical dents; School, Dallas, with 410 students; Dental Branch, Houston; M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Houston; South Texas Medical School, San Antonio, scheduled to begin operation in 1965; and Graduate School of

Beiomedical Science at Houston. The Texas A&M System also was created by the constitution of 1876. It includes Texas A&M University with an enrollment of 8,237; Arlington State College with 11,513; Tarleton State College with 1,570; Prairie iVew

A&M College with 3,238; the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension Service, and the Texas Maritime Academy.

Other state supported colleges and their enrollments are the University of Houston, 17,750; Texas Technological College, 13,827; North Texas State University, 11,878; Lamar State College of Technology, 7,771; Texas College of Arts and Industries, 4,231; Texas Woman's University, 3,380; East Texas State College, 5,330; Midwestern University, 2,783; Sam Houston State, 5,738; Southwest Texas State, 4,438; West Texas State, 4,511; Stephen F. Austin State, 4,287, and Sul Ross State, 1,360.

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bud any nation-wide trend to increases for the present. Others predict that a general increase in the prime rate would come in the spring. Whether this will occur or not,

it is consumers who will pay for the Reserve's higher discount rate, starting now. A number of bankers are making efforts to charge more for loans to individual borrowers to make up for the squeeze on the prime rate. Nearly all commercial credit agencies have already raised their interest rates in the amounts that vary according to the length of the loan.

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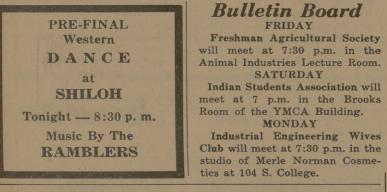
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Moreover, the idea of granting a bonafide degree from Texas A&M to someone who never saw a bonfire, who never witnessed Silver Taps, and who never sang The Spirit, brings complete revulsion.



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standards and he does not achieve a semester index of at least 2.000 for the term he was placed on L.R.P. probation. A suspended student may apply **Bulletin Board** for readmission after a lapse of FRIDAY Freshman Agricultural Society

at least 18 weeks. If he is readmitted he is accepted on final probation and should the student fail to achieve the required cumulative grade point index, he will again be suspended. Application for readmission cannot be made until one calendar year has pass-

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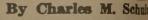
No student who enrolls in fewer than seven hours will be sus-pended for failure to raise his

Appointments must be made with the Aggieland Studio and pictures will have to be made before February 15 anythime between the hours of 8 a. m. One of the most influential financial institutions, the First National Bank of Boston, has rescinded the increase recently in and 5 p.m. response to President Johnson's

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The Aggieland staff has announced that the last date for scheduling Athletic Club pictures for the 1965 Aggieland will be Feb. 10, 1965. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Stu-Publications Office, YMCA dent Bldg.

> ATTENTION Picture Schedule Aggieland '65

Individual pictures for the Ag-gieland will be made at the Ag-gieland Studio according to the schedule below. Coats and ties will be worn.

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