

College Station-Bryan Area Realizing Growth Potential

CADET SLOUCH

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Robert P. Gerholz, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, has stated that industries which depend heavily on engineers and scientists are being attracted more and more by communities which boast institutions of higher learning.

The College Station-Bryan area is such a community.

But other factors also tend to attract skilled workers and the companies which seek to employ them — clean, safe, attractive communities with better school systems, good shopping conveniences and variety of recreational spots.

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In the field of education, especially higher education of engineers and scientists, this area can proudly boast of Texas A&M. It also contains Allen Military Academy and a number of business schools to round out its post-high school facilities. There is, in addition, a large body of full and part-time employees.

The public school systems are outstanding and constantly striving to improve themselves, and entrepreneurs are continually expanding and improving retail shopping

outlets. The area is virtually surrounded by recreational areas, with three major cities within an hour-and-a-half drive, and fishing and hunting locations nearby.

Civic improvement is also a hallmark of the area, with streets, parks and new public buildings gracing the landscape. There is no shortage of choice sights for potential industries.

Gerholz goes on to say that every community has an opportunity to grow and prosper if it takes bold, forward steps to make itself a better place in which to live, and that communities without natural advantages of climate and landscape use imagination to make themselves distinctive, interesting and attractive.

With the manifold advantages of College Station-Bryan to potential residents and industries, the continued application of a far-sighted approach can not help but make this an ever growing commercial and industrial center of South-Central Texas.

Hard Work Pays Off In AIBS Convention

Cooperation and hard work do pay off. Texas A&M University and the College Station-Bryan Chamber of Commerce strived together for three years to have this campus chosen as the meeting place for the 1967 convention of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

As a result, a flood of some 6,000 delegates from all over the world will descend on the Brazos Valley in mid-August next year, boosting the economy of the twin cities by an estimated \$1,500,000 in one week.

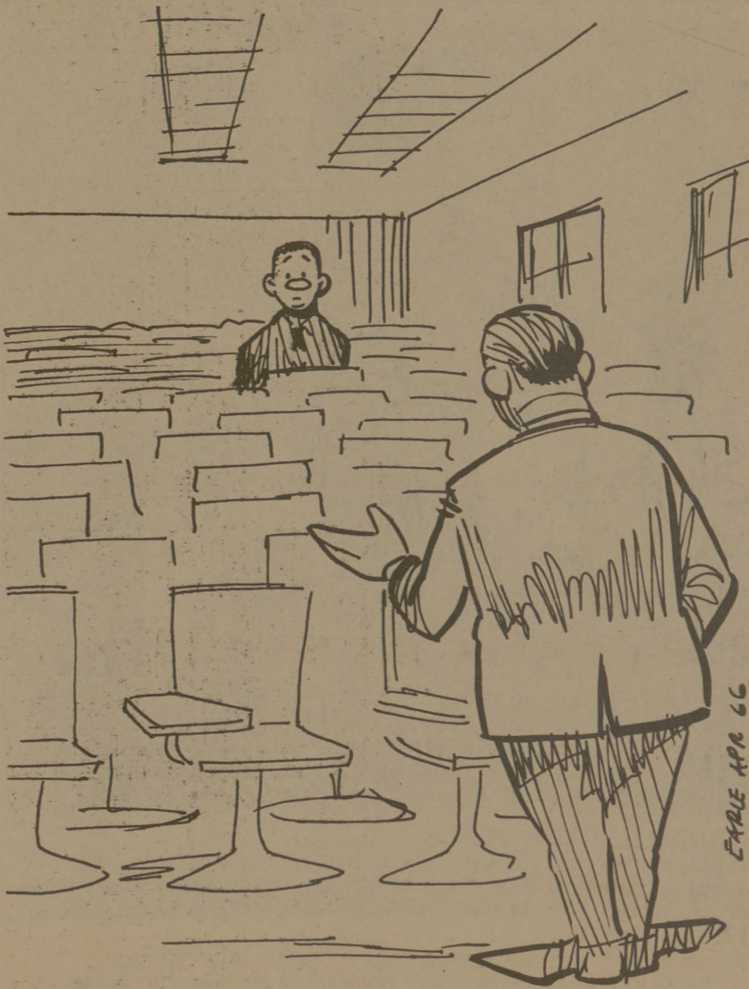
The announcement was made by President Earl Rudder and Dean of Agriculture R. E. Patterson, who said this was the first time the 70,000-member organization had convened in Texas.

The work is, of course, not over. It actually has not really begun. Preparations will have to be and are being made for the luncheons, speakers, reunions, smokers, banquets and exhibits that will make up the convention.

The end result will be both a tribute to the AIBS, Texas A&M and the surrounding community. The national body chooses as its annual sight a campus that excels in education and research in biological fields. It is indeed an honor for this campus to be chosen.

It is, too, a tribute to the research and teaching of biological subjects at A&M.

But, most of all, it is a tribute to the perseverance and dedication of the staff of Texas A&M and the Chamber of Commerce of College Station-Bryan.



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Budget Bureau Threatens Educational Aid Programs

A strong movement is afoot to sharply curtail federal aid to education at some levels, according to Sen. Ralph Yarborough.

Included in these are the National Defense Education Act which has helped more than 800,000 students gain college educations, the impacted areas law which gives money to school systems educating dependents of Federal installations, the school lunch program and the land-grant college program.

The latter is what is left of the original land-grant bill which established Texas A&M and Prairie View. If the bill is ended, as is proposed, Prairie View would lose \$106,924 and A&M would lose \$320,774. The Bureau of the Budget has recommended the cutting of \$12 million throughout this system.

This would be a crippling blow to the land-grant colleges of America and to the two such institutions in Texas.

Cutting the National Defense Education Act from \$180 to \$30 million a year would also have effects locally. More than 40,000 Texans have been aided by this bill, including countless Aggies over the years.

Texas, its citizens, and A&M in particular would be losers if such programs are abolished. This is no time for Texas or the nation to suffer in the field of higher education.



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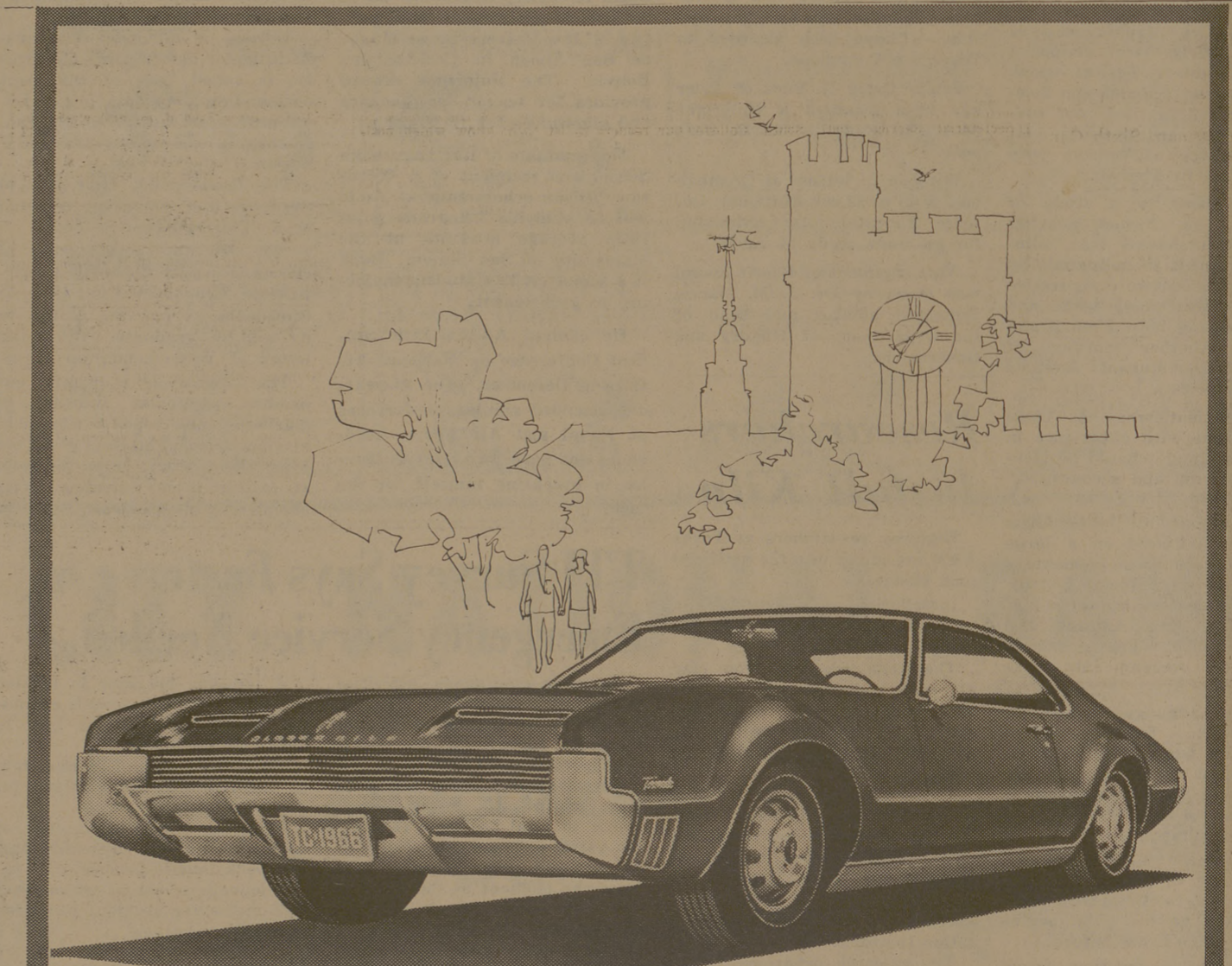
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