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Money Always Scarce For Students
Aggies Work At Many Jobs To Meet Financial Burdens

By ED SMITH
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What does it take to go to college?
Money!

You don't have to be rich or have a lot before you start (although it would be nice) but you do need some means of getting it as you go along.

Lack of funds seems to be the generally acknowledged plight of most Aggies. Poverty seems to have found a happy resting place in student life.

Much student conversation revolves around this problem. Fish Jones wonders how he will get the money to buy his date a flower for the ball. Junior White is putting away a dime a week to pay for his senior ring and fifth year undergraduate Brown's wife is going to have a baby.

Married students seem to feel the pinch a little more than the single fellas. These men are faced with multiplying problems and expenses.

Regardless of their motives, Aggies work. When the loan falls through and the scholarship money is spent, work is all that's left.

AN AGGIE can work in one or more of three areas. He can get a job with some local business, can work for himself or for the university.

It seems that whatever his choice might be, Aggie salaries average about the same. Most salaries range between 90 cents and \$1.25 an hour.

Gary Pierson, fifth year industrial technology major from Beaumont, went the local business route.

Pierson is night manager at the Saber Motel. He's married and finds his job essential to his getting along.

"I work about 48 hours a week and it's about the best thing I ever did," Pierson said.

Pierson's job allows him a lot of time to study. He works every other night from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and is able to study a good part of this time.

Charles McAllister, senior electrical engineering major from Dallas, also chose to work for a local business.

"I'm a soft drink machine repairman," McAllister said.

"I like my job real well. If I have a quiz coming up the boss doesn't press me; they let the other man do it," he added.

McAllister works about 20 hours a week but is on call about 30 hours. He is married and with two paychecks manages to take care of all the expenses.

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of several other Aggies, Neal Boortz is working his way through school as a radio disc jockey. Boortz is known by his listening audience as Randy Neal.

A junior journalism major from Santa Ana, Calif., he averages about 25 hours a week on the job.

"My job ties in so well with what I'm studying I think it has helped my grades rather than hurt them," he said.

Bill Swanson, junior industrial technology major from Brownsville, is a jack-of-all-trades.

"I have worked in both chow halls, at the Tastee Freeze, at the Memorial Student Center and now I'm working at Gibson's," Swanson said.

Swanson sacks for the checkers and puts out merchandise in the soft goods department.

"AS FAR as part time jobs are concerned this is the best I have had," Swanson said.

He spends about 24 hours a week on the job and is working just for spending money.

Several Aggies have been able to wrangle a way to work for themselves and still make money.

Hector Gutierrez, senior agriculture husbandry major from Laredo, saw an opportunity and took advantage of it. The result: Hector's Curious, an imported goods shop, at north gate.

"I spend about 40 hours a week here at the shop and I believe it has hurt my grades very much," Gutierrez said.

GUTIERREZ needs the money made at the shop so that he will have to rely on his parents, who are saving to put his sister and three brothers through school.

"In the summer of 1964 when I started the shop I invested \$10,000," he noted.

Bob Yaskovic, fifth year electrical engineering major from Brownsville, is another Aggie who has the risk of working for himself.

"I lease and manage the Sinclair station at North Gate and I also sell cars for Corbush Yaskovic said.

Yaskovic works about 70 hours a week and feels the job doesn't hurt his schoolwork at all.

"I can study here at the station and the practical management experience gained here has impressed several potential employers," he added.

"You get a better idea of what goes on behind the scenes of business operation and employees consider this experience at his time."

THE UNIVERSITY itself has long been a source of jobs for Aggies.

Louis Kolinek, freshman electrical engineering major from Waco, is a waiter in Shiba Dining Hall.

"I work about 21 hours a week and still keep most of my weekends free," he said.

Kolinek's job doesn't bother his schoolwork and he is now looking for another since he feels he can handle two.

"My job will pay about a fourth of my school expenses. Last semester it paid for books and other smaller necessities," Kolinek added.

Kenny Ward, second year veterinary medicine student from Fort Worth, has a job closely related to his studies.

Ward is a research assistant at the Research Dog Colony at the School of Veterinary Medicine.

"I TAKE CARE of the general health of the animals, give them shots and look after the pups," Ward said.

Doug Lott, sophomore mechanical engineering major from Brownsville, is a student assistant at the library. He spends about 10 hours a week on the job and his money goes for general spending.

"Keeping hours on the job down to 15 doesn't hurt my grades but this is about all I would like to handle," Lott said.

SO IT SEEMS that an Aggie at the school and a job can be made to work together for the good of all concerned.

There is also evidence that it does take money to go to college but these Aggies prove that you don't have to be rich to make it through.

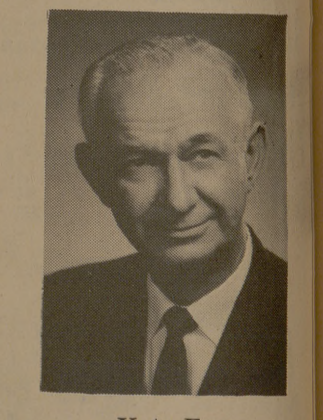
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