

ASC Learns The Hard Way

They said it wouldn't be done. Back early last year supporters of Arlington State College succeeded in removing the school from the Texas A&M System and placing it in the University of Texas System.

The bitter infighting that preceded the separation was caused by a proposal to align ASC with A&M more closely. One part of the plan which galled Arlington boosters so badly was the suggestion to change the college's name to Texas A&M University at Arlington.

We'll lose our separate identity, backers squawked. Who wants to be called Aggies, anyway? We don't want our programs to be run by some dean 200 miles away. Arlington for Arlingtonites. We're Rebels with a cause.

And so ASC and its supporters, loudly condemning A&M while basking in the fruits of a \$2 million plus building allotment from their former affiliate, hooked up with the UT System, confident of much

better treatment and bolstered by a pledge of autonomy.

That's why we can't help but chuckle over the proposal offered last weekend by the UT Board of Regents which, if sanctioned by the next Legislature, would take a giant step toward turning the university into a multiversity along the lines of the sprawling University of California System.

Under terms of the plan Arlington State would have its name changed — of all things — to the University of Texas at Arlington. Other UT System units would be similarly affected.

But as news of the centralization proposal circulated throughout the state, there were no squeals of anguish from ASC.

At latest report ASC officials and former students were studying the matter. No nasty name calling, no ballyhoo, no nothing. Just silence.

What else can they do but go along this time? Arlington can't very well ask to join the Texas Tech System.

The situation reeks of hypocrisy.

General Dunn

Senior ROTC cadets commissioned into the armed forces Saturday were rewarded with an unusually crisp and challenging address by Lt. Gen. Thomas Dunn.

Unlike most commissioning speakers, who put members of the Corps and even prospective second lieutenants to sleep before the first joke, the Fourth Army Commander had something to say and a most impressive manner of saying it.

His forceful yet crowd-pleasing manner of delivery yet put his message across effectively, but the strongest factor in the general's favor was that he brought with him a genuine message; not just a congratulatory charge to a group of seniors, but a speech that held meaning and inspiration for all in attendance.

His poignant example of an early failure and the drastic consequences which resulted should serve as a prime example of what can happen from neglect of responsibility.

And the general's five-point program for

the successful officer can well be adopted by any young man who hopes for a successful, enriching life.


One of the five — believe in those things to which you belong — was aptly demonstrated by the general's every action. His pride in his native state, the field artillery, and his country permeated every syllable that he uttered.

His every action while on the speaker's stand and later at Final Review left no doubt that the general is an officer who practices what he preaches — and does it in a manner which commands considerable respect.

At Final Review he said he was honored to stand on the same field with the Corps. But it was the Corps, and, indeed, the entire university, that should feel honored.

General Dunn's first visit to Texas A&M was worth the wait. We hope he is back very soon.

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What I Learned This Year

By JOHN FULLER

I think I can speak for all, if not most, of my classmates when I say that this first year of college has taught me a great deal. And so, to steal a well-known device of the late Robert Benchley, I'd like to enumerate Things I Learned My Freshman Year:

1. There is no such fraternity as Gamma Alpha Sigma.

2. You don't have to shine shoes every day once you develop a "base coat."

3. A "base coat" takes weeks and weeks to achieve, and you're liable to sweat tears of blood until that glorious day when the leather doesn't look like leather anymore.

4. A "moose" is a type of blind date.

5. "Fish" is never capitalized.

6. Lack of ascorbic acid produces weak capillaries.

7. If you put a dime in a pay phone and it doesn't go all the way in, don't try to force it in by putting in another dime. This never works.

8. A "C" is a perfectly respectable grade.

9. Most people stop getting kicks out of writing to The Boy Away At School after the first

three months or so. After that point, consider yourself lucky to get a "Box Rent Due" slip from time to time.

10. Never let any upperclassmen know that you can type.

11. Girls lie a lot.

12. You can carry fantastic amounts of food out of the mess hall when you're wearing the gear.

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