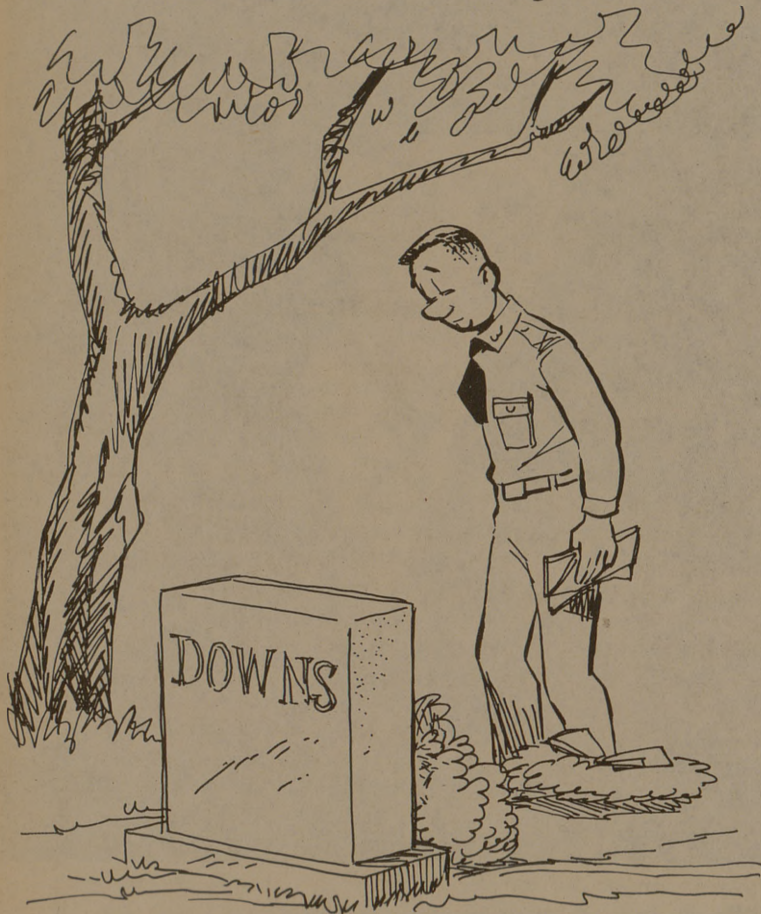


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Goodbye to the Aggies' Best Friend

'Pinkie' Leaves Many Memories

More than six months ago, P. L. Downs made a visit to The Battalion office to welcome officially members of this staff into their new positions.

He said he only wanted to take a minute to chat with us about A&M, but his "minute" became five, then 25, and soon an hour had passed before we realized it. Being new on the campus myself, I was told many interesting things about Aggieland, things which can't be found in any freshman handbook.

His association with A&M since 1902 had brought him many memories, both good and bad, of the thousands of students he has seen pass through its doors.

"Pinkie" told us of how he and his wife had encouraged many discouraged students to remain here in school and to meet their problems head on, not dodge them.

He told of the delight he got from bringing a busload of patients from Temple's VA Hospital to A&M for a home football game each year, and gathering fruit for those veterans each Christmas.

Many students don't realize that Pinkie was the originator of the thumbs-up "Gig 'Em, Aggies" admonition, nor do they know the interesting story behind it.

"Pinkie" praised A&M's leaders, both student and faculty, saying that they are some of the "finest people you'll ever know."

He demanded us to visit him if we ever needed "a friend," and that his door was "always open" to "any Aggie—at any time."

Pinkie urged Aggies to "never forget" to read their Bibles and "go to church regularly." Pinkie was very active himself in the Methodist Church.

Pinkie concluded his "little chat" by saying that he could "go on and on," singing the praises of A&M. It came natural to him.

"If anyone loved A&M more than me," he said, "he'd have to eat it."—W.G.

MSC Council To Be Revised

A reorganization on the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate becomes effective April 20 at the Spring Awards Banquet.

Approved by the MSC Council, the new plan will relieve the president and vice-president of many time-consuming chores and leave them more time for creative work.

"The new structure facilitates

a great deal more activity for public relations committees and a more intimate relationship between the executive and operating committees," Roberts said.

The new organization provides for the grouping of all the committees into two categories, operations and programs, with an executive vice-president at the head of each.

"Because of the expansion of

the MSC programs over the years, it was necessary to modify the executive structure of the council," Roberts explained.

"The original structure was adopted in 1949," Roberts continued, "when there were three committees in the program. Today over 560 students participate in 15 directorate committees, with a composite budget in excess of \$100,000.

"With the quality of personnel staffing the new positions, we are looking forward to our best program in history," Robert said.

Ronald Zipp will be executive vice-president of operations and Benjamin Sims will be his assistant. The head of programs will be David Gay and James Willbanks will be his second.

All of the committees are responsible through their main divisions directly to the president, as opposed to when they went through the vice-president, Wayne Prescott. This leaves Prescott free for executive functions.

"More juniors will be trained to step into leadership positions their senior year," Roberts said, pointing out an additional feature of the new plan.

Freshmen Tour Beaumont Area

Seven Texas A&M freshmen have received a broad view of agri-business in a tour of Beaumont industries and businesses.

The Dominican Republic first year students toured Bethlehem Steel shipyards, the Rice Pasture Research and Extension Center, a Beaumont bank, M and M Air Service (a rice seeding and fertilizing firm), and Port of Beaumont and Beaumont High FFA chapter farm and projects.

The four-day tour was arranged by J. Earl Brickhouse, manager of trade development and civic affairs of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. The chamber's hospitality committee, Beaumont A&M and Mother's Clubs arranged sleeping quarters and luncheons.

Making the tour were Gus Berges, Juan Ceballos, Juan Cuello, Gus Nunez, Carlos Pellerano, Julio Polanco, Manuel Bautista, and international training assistant David Sandefer of A&M's International Programs Office.

"The tour gave these Dominican students a broader look into U. S. agriculture than they get through their degree work on campus," explained William E. Beach, campus coordinator of Dominican Republic Programs.

Liquor Agent To Present Talk Tonight

James W. Bundred, head of the local office of the Texas Liquor Control Board, will discuss vice at a 7:15 p.m. program tonight at the Methodist Student Center.

Bundred, who has been with the Liquor Control Board for 14 years, will recall some of the people and events he has encountered as an agent.

He will show weapons he has collected while working with the board as an undercover agent in the Corpus Christi area, along the Mexican border, in San Antonio and in East Texas.

Bulletin Board

TODAY Aggie Wive's Bridge Club will meet in the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Hillel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillel Foundation, 800 Jersey. C. K. Esten will review the book of Genesis. The public is invited to attend.

THURSDAY The Corpus Christi Hometown Club will meet in room 2-A of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Late registration for the Women's Self Defense course announced in the Battalion on March 14 will be conducted at the second class session on April 1. As announced, classes will be held on five consecutive Saturdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in room 253 of G. Rollie White Coliseum. To be sure that you will be included in the class, contact Captain Dibrell at 846-4846.

Coordinator Addresses Lions Club Tonight  
Mrs. Lorene Roby of Texas A&M will be the featured speaker tonight at the College Station Evening Lions Club. The Lions are honoring the city's school teachers.  
Mrs. Roby, public relations coordinator and a doctoral student in A&M's Education and Psychology Department, wrote an article appearing in a recent issue of "TESA Talks." The Texas Educational Secretaries Association publication article advocating personal public relations is titled "Time Enough."

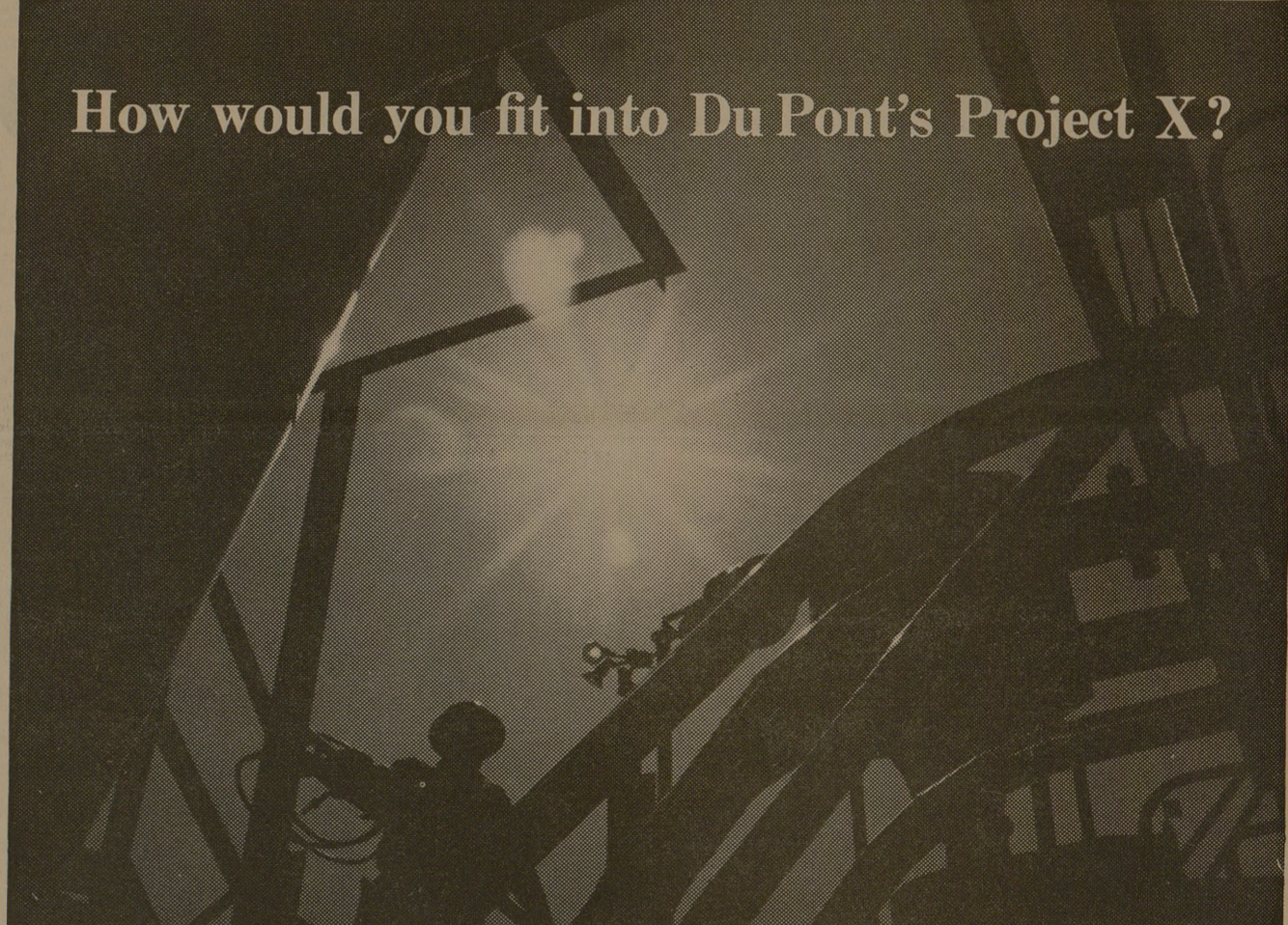
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By Charles M. Schulz

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