

Land-Grant Grads Head Top Firms

As every Aggie knows, Texas A&M is one of many land-grant colleges and universities established by the Morrill Act. Land-grant schools are generally less expensive than privately supported colleges and in some cases have been sneered at for their past lower entrance requirements. But a report by the Office of National Research in Washington, D. C. reveals some startling statistics which should make any Aggie proud to be attending a school in the land-grant tradition.

It noted that more than 350 presidents and chairmen in the nation's 700 largest corporations are alumni of state and land-grant universities.

Although they represent less than five per cent of all U. S. colleges and enroll less than 30 per cent of all students, the 99 institutions of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant College have provided a major source of corporate leaders—more than half in the top 700 companies.

The 1967 "Fortune" magazine corporation directory lists the nation's 50 largest commercial banks, life insurance companies, merchandising firms, transportation companies and utilities.

Alumni of state and land-grant institutions such as A&M head 21 of the banks, 26 of the insurance companies, 15 of the merchandising firms, 23 of the transportation companies and 26 of the utilities.

Among the nation's very largest industrial corporations, eight of the top ten, 33 of the top 50 and 64 of the top 100 companies are headed by at least one alumnus of state and land-grant institutions.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cornell University, both land-grant schools, had the largest number of alumni in top corporate positions, 51 and 36 respectively.

Next were the University of Michigan, 31; the University of Minnesota, 26; the University of California, 24; the University of Illinois, 24; Purdue University 18, and the University of Texas, 15.

Those presidents and chairman of the nation's largest firms do not represent the recently graduating men and women, but generally those graduating a decade or more ago.

A&M is rapidly building toward strength in every academic field, and we look forward to our land-grant tradition producing Aggies heading the top five in ten, 20 in 50, and 40 in 100 of the nation's leading corporations.

Bulletin Board

- TODAY**
- The Mechanical Engineering Seminar Program will hear Richard Ayres, plant engineer for Rohm and Haas Co., discuss roles for the mechanical engineer in a chemical plant in Room 303 of Fermier Hall.
 - The Mid-County Hometown Club will meet in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.
 - The Fort Bend County Hometown Club will have pictures taken for the Aggieband at 7 p.m. on the steps of the Memorial Student Center.
 - The Brazoria County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.
 - The Fort Worth Hometown Club will choose a club sweetheart at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2B of the Memorial Student Center.
 - The Orange Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Academic Building.
 - The San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108, Academic Building.
 - The Galveston Island Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 8C of the Memorial Student Center.
 - The Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Reading Room of the YMCA.
 - The Midland Hometown Club will have pictures taken for the Aggieband at 7:30 p.m. on the steps of the Memorial Student Center.
 - The Corpus Christi Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center.
 - The El Paso Hometown Club will choose a club sweetheart at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3C of the Memorial Student Center.
 - The Garland Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the YMCA.

Through CORPS CHANNELS by Robert Gonzales

Deputy Corps Commander Pat Rehmet announced that the theme for the Combat Ball will be "R & R in Hong Kong." The ball will be set in Sbisla Dining Hall on March 1. The TSU Toronades will supply the music for the 9 p.m.-1 a.m. affair.

Anyone interested in nominating his date for Combat Cutie should contact a Corps Staff member for a nominating form. All forms must be accompanied by a snapshot. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 26. The Combat Cutie will be announced by Rehmet at 11 p.m. during the ball.

Others involved in producing the ball include Bill Morgan, Finance, Carl Feducia and Randy Meyers, Programs and Invitations, Robert Gonzales and Clarence Daugherty, Entertainment and Publicity, and Jim Holster and Howard Hensel, Decorations.

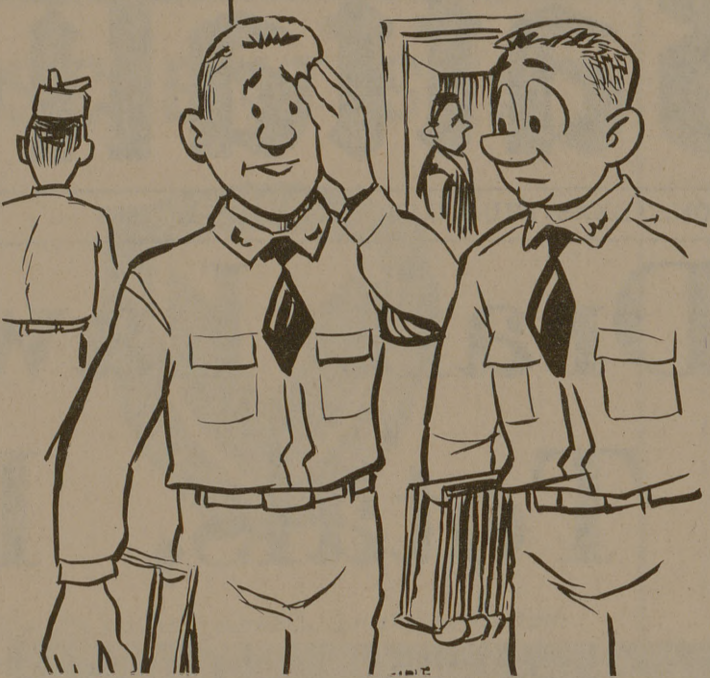
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The Ross Volunteer Company, commanded by Cadet Lt. Col. Francis Bourgeois, is preparing to participate in the Mardi Gras parade on Feb. 27. The company, marching in three platoons, will serve as the official honor guard for King Rex. While in New Orleans the 105 cadets will be housed on the U. S. aircraft carrier Guadalcanal.

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The Fish Drill Team will be competing for honors Saturday at West Texas State. James Vogas, senior advisor to the drill team said the fish will also compete in the Texas A&M Invitational on March 16, the Southern Invitational at LSU on April 27, and the University of Texas Invitational on April 20. The team

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"We've just finished registration and already he's talkin' about quizzes!"

— Sound Off —

Editor,
The Battalion:
Are there really boys at Baylor or is it just a rumor going around?

As of yet we have seen no signs of male life, as we know it, on the campus. If there are any guys around here, they must have fantastic methods of camouflage or else great hiding places.

We are writing this letter to inform you about the situation of the coeds at Baylor. Since we know that there are plenty of boys on your campus, we thought that you might appreciate being informed of our situation. Half of the Baylor coeds spend every weekend sitting in their rooms. The other half has an average of one date per semester unless they are engaged or dropped to someone.

We are appealing to you to rescue us from this disastrous plight. We would greatly appreciate it if about 500 of you would come to Baylor some weekend (next weekend would suit us just fine) and date a few of us who are slowly rotting away in our dormitory rooms. If you do come to Baylor, please have some means of identification because we might not recognize a real boy if we see one. Thank you very much.

3000 Desperate
Baylor Coeds

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter, splashed with perfume, did not contain, unfortunately, a list of the names of the 3000 girls, but if the situation is really like the writer of the letter tells it, it is not likely that one would have any trouble making connections if he were to go to the trouble of walking by the girls' dormitory area after Saturday's basketball

game. The Battalion does not usually run unsigned letters but due to the special interest that this letter will probably cause and the fact that it arrived in an envelope with a Waco postmark, it is being run as a public service.)

also hopes to obtain University permission to attend the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C. on April 5. The team will also perform at the Spring Military Day Review and the Mother's Day Review. Commander of the team is fish Sammy Garcia from San Antonio.

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Twenty army and air force seniors will be participating in the festivities of the Pan American Optimist Club Ball at the HemisFair Convention Center in San Antonio on Feb. 24. The ball is honoring the citizens of Texas who made HemisFair a reality. The Corps of Cadets was requested by the president of the Optimist Club, Peter N. Reed, Class of 1945, to send twenty seniors to serve as ushers for the event.

Marijuana And Narcotic Acts Attacked By Student Paper

(ACP)—"Marijuana is this generation's alcohol." "Kids today smoke pot as avidly as the generation before swallowed goldfish."

That's the way two newswriters expressed their findings concerning the use of marijuana, the Valparaiso (Ind.) University Torch said. The use, sale, or possession of marijuana has greater legal consequences than drinking alcohol. The use of pot has become a source of great concern on campuses across the country.

Why do students smoke it? Some make a ritual of it, some enjoy the intensity of sense perceptions, some are glad for the new perspective of life gained from the deep sleep after a trip. But all run the risk of legal punishment.

The increasing use of pot on campuses was reflected by the insertion in Valparaiso's Student Handbook this year of the clause: "Any unauthorized use of drugs, barbituates, etc., is prohibited by state law and by the University."

One Valparaiso dean regards the clause as a "sign of the times," since pot is becoming an "inevitable part of campus life."

The Marijuana Act of 1937 first outlawed marijuana and the Federal Narcotic Act of 1956 classified selling, using, or possessing

it as a federal felony. It also established mandatory minimum sentences of two years for possessing and five years for selling pot.

The stiff penalties were enacted on the basis of the incorrect classification of marijuana as a narcotic. It is actually a mild hallucinogenic drug which is not addictive, leaves no hangover, and apparently does no permanent physical damage. There are no withdrawal symptoms as there are with narcotics.

The old idea that marijuana leads to heroin has been discredited in reports of the President's Crime Commission and verbally denounced by John Finlator, director of the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control. The problem of pot, then, is more a legal than a medical problem. The White House Conference on Narcotic and Drug Abuse stated in 1962:

"The hazards of marijuana use have been greatly exaggerated. . . long criminal sentences imposed upon the occasional user or possessor are in poor social perspective."

With most of the 15,000 arrests last year among college students, the legality of such severe laws being questioned. In Boston, Atty. Joseph S. Oteri is challenging the law in the Commonwealth vs. Leis and Weiss case. He claims he does not advocate legalizing marijuana but feels the law should include age limits and less severe punishments, something comparable to drinking laws. Similar legal cases are testing the laws in at least ten other states.

It seems likely, the Torch concluded, that the Supreme Court will soon have to deal with the old marijuana law in light of the increased knowledge and more widespread use of pot.

Answers Available On LSD

The Battalion will run a two-part story next week on the effects of drug addiction and the hazards of smoking. Anyone with questions concerning drugs or smoking can have them answered by sending them to The Battalion by 1 p. m. Tuesday.

Authority for the answers will be Dr. Donald J. Meek, assistant professor of health education, who has done extensive research in these fields.

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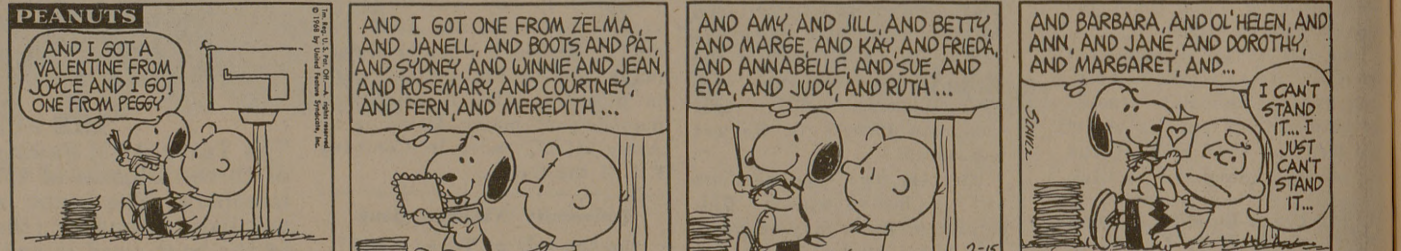
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