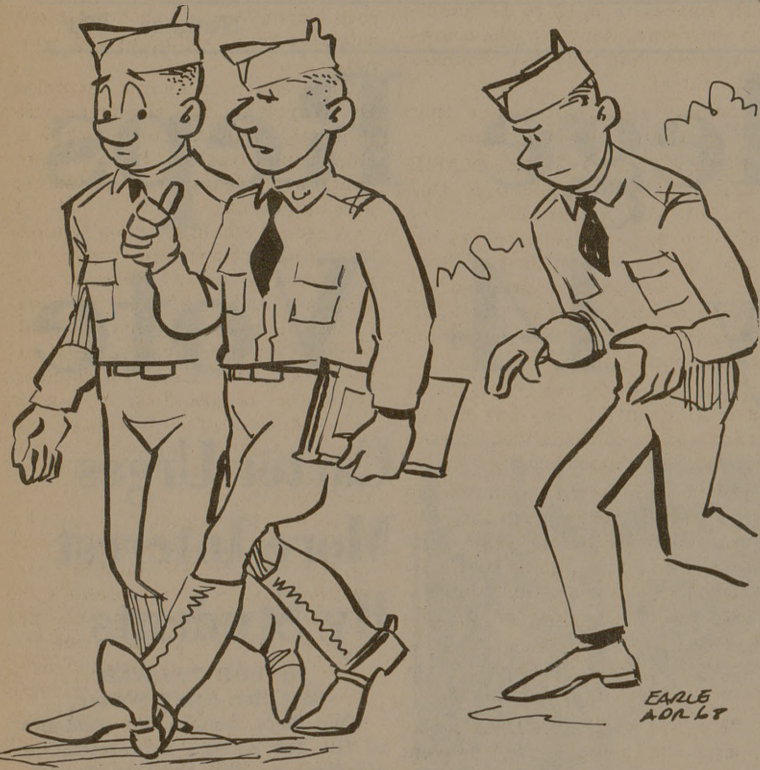


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Don't mind him—he bought my boots and is nervous every time I wear them!"

State Professor Salary Still Lags

Despite record increases in state appropriations, faculty salaries and compensation, state universities still lag behind rates at private universities, according to a study by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

The survey shows that state universities lag most severely in compensation which includes salary plus special fringe benefits.

State universities are least competitive in their pay to full and associate professors and most competitive with assistant professors and instructors.

The difference between full professors at private independent vs. public institutions amounted to more than \$3,280 in salaries and benefits. For associate professors the difference was more than \$2,100.

State university professors were not in the worst position. In fact, they rated favorably against church-related universities, teacher colleges and rated only slightly below professors at private liberal arts colleges.

From 1966 to 1967 salaries at state universities rose 6.6 per cent while those at private institutions went up an average of 4.8 per cent. Yet of the 20 institutions reporting the highest average faculty salaries, not one was a state university.

The AAUP also noted generally lower salaries in institutions which are in Southern and border states.

Attrition of professors due to retirement is reasonable, but if state institutions are to maintain the high degree of competence among staff personnel which they so tenaciously seek, salaries must become more competitive.

Three thousand dollars in extra pay can buy a lot of groceries, and there is little doubt that if there was a choice between two relatively equal academic institutions, one public and the other private, a professor would choose the latter.

Fortunately for higher education, the pay scales for university professors and instructors has been getting increasingly better. Competition for students, and research grants, and the pressure of public sentiment is making the teaching profession commensurate with most civilian job opportunities. It must be maintained.

Bulletin Board

- TODAY: The Texas A&M Sports Car Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 203 of the YMCA. THURSDAY: The Amarillo Hometown Club will elect officers at 6:15 p.m. at the Country Kitchen. The Houston Hometown Club will make plans for a summer party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Physics Building.

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Cain Opposed To A&M Co-education

by Mike Plake

Battalion Features Editor Wofford Cain was born October 19, 1891, in the sleepy Texas town of Athens.

I approached my interview with him the same way I always do with a multi-millionaire, head of two large oil and gas companies and donor of over 100 opportunity award scholarships since 1946.

I stuttered and blew my cool. Cain was appointed to the Texas A&M Board of Directors by Governor John Connally in June, 1965.

Cain pledged a certain amount towards the new addition to Cushing Memorial Library several years ago. He fulfilled his pledge this year; \$250,000 will buy many desks.

AS I walked towards the Board of Directors' house, I thought of questions to ask the man.

When he arrived from his private plane with his personal assistant, when he walked into the

room, sat, and offered me a Coke, his image changed.

He wasn't the bustling executive, with the gruff, busy attitude I expected. He wasn't quoting from a prepared speech, and had no one taking down our conversation in shorthand to make sure everything I wrote would be on the "up and up."

Instead, he was "plain folks"—an ordinary man, with a usual demeanor and a sincere attitude.

So there was no interview, really. No prepared questions.

We talked.

"MR. CAIN, you are the largest single contributor of any type funds in the history of Texas A&M. You've given scholarships to people in every conceivable major and from many different areas. Why?" I asked.

He leaned forward. His stocky body filled the easy chair there in the old-fashioned room. He sipped his Coke, and replied.

"Well, I graduated here. I'm

very fond of the school. I feel that I owe the school a lot. It gave me my education.

"I guess I'm just trying to pay back a little of what it has given me."

That day, Cain finished the proceedings for another donation to his school. In his wife's and two other parties' names, he presented A&M with a \$100,000 thoroughbred race horse, Jedgar Ruler.

HE WASN'T much of a speaker, as such. You could tell that from his replies to other questions in the conversation.

"Since you graduated in 1913, the school had changed considerably. Do you consider students to be any different now than when you attended?"

"Sure, they're different in some respects. When I was here, the school was strictly military. There were no civilians."

"Now, the situation is changed. The Corps of Cadets is optional, I understand."

"Do you think the change from compulsory to non-compulsory membership in the Corps of Cadets will change the school drastically?"

Cain laughed. Another sip of Coke.

"I DON'T really know what the situation will bear out."

I asked him about coeducation. "I'm opposed to complete coeducation," expressing himself mostly with hand gestures.

"I think the present situation, accepting coeds when they cannot practically pursue their course of study elsewhere, is good. I don't think dormitories should be built in the future to accommodate a complete coeducational program."

"What do you think of student sit-ins, strikes, and demonstrations seen on university campuses today?"

"I'm opposed to them. I think it would work out better for the school and for the students to work through conventional channels to express their grievances."

THEN I moved from campus issues to the Texas capital. Since he was giving A&M the race horse, I wondered how he felt about parimutuel betting.

"I'm for parimutuel betting and liquor by the drink. Not that I care that much about liquor, and not because I own some race horses."

"I think both of these things could help the state by bringing in more tourists and more tax money," he said.

And that was that. He left the room, went into the Board of Directors meeting and gave us a race horse.



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Randy Durham '71

Editor, The Battalion: I wish to expand on your article of April 30 concerning the SDS. It contained two points which I feel were not put in their proper perspective.

First, we did not call for the resignation of either Earl Rudder or James Hannigan. We did discuss the effect a change in administration could have on the campus. We reached no conclusion and took no action on the matter.

Secondly, the "demonstration at a Corps of Cadet review" was one of the methods of direct action considered only if all other forms of recourse were closed to us.

The only decision reached by the Monday meeting was to circulate a petition on campus that reads:

"On April 26, 1968, the AAUP censured Texas A&M University. We, the undersigned, demand that the administration take immediate and direct action to correct the situation that brought this condemnation to our university."

I commend The Battalion for its printing of the SDS article, in that it is a step toward a more open political climate at Texas A&M University.

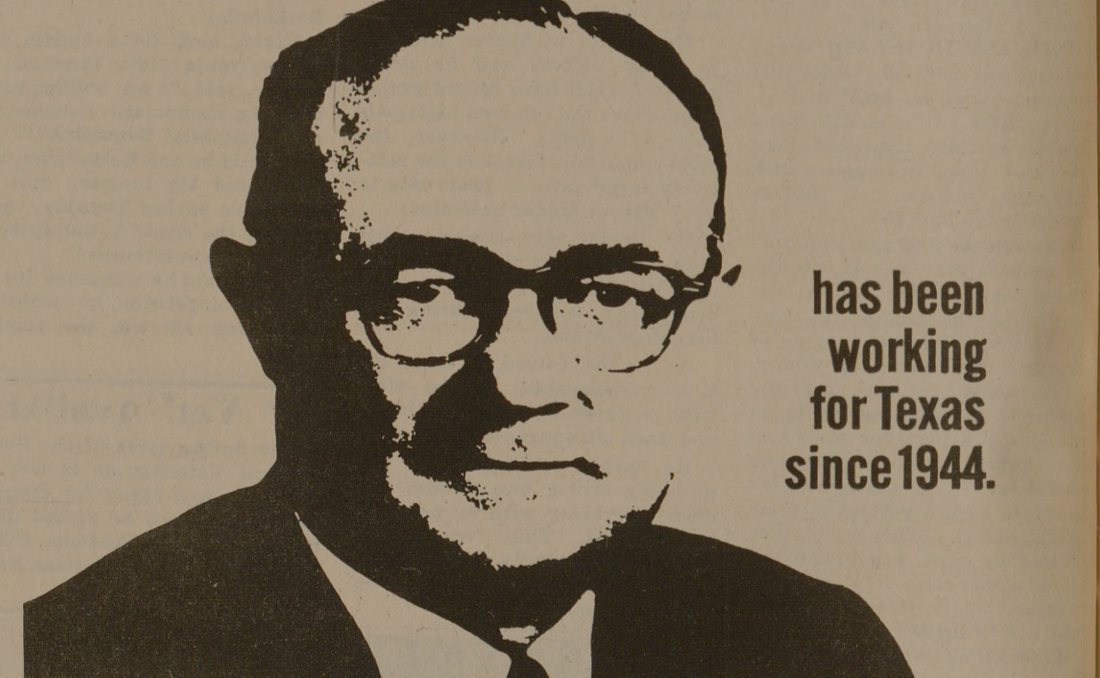
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