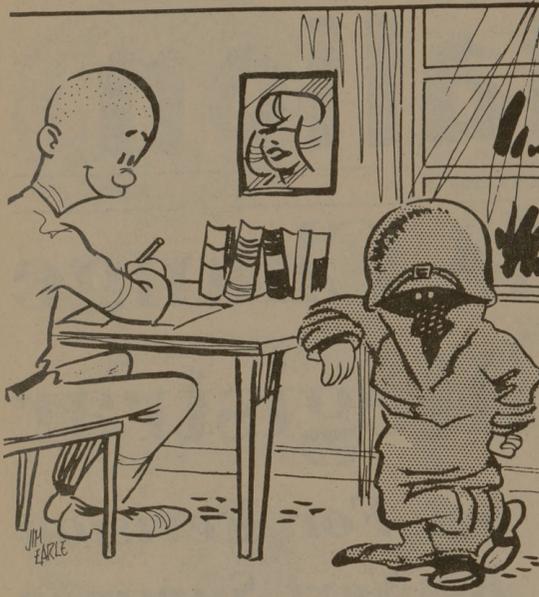


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... WE OUGHT TO GET OUR TUITION BACK FOR COURSES WE FLUNK---WE'D BE RICH!"

Marine NSF Funds May Make College

Texas A&M has been selected by the National Science Foundation to develop a Gulf Coast marine resources program comparable to land programs established by agricultural colleges.

A&M President Earl Rudder said NSF awarded the university a \$475,000 sea grant for first-year operations.

The project, currently termed sea grant institutional support, could eventually lead to formal designation of Texas A&M as a sea-grant college.

Rudder said the institution's five-year plan provides for possible program centers stretching along the Gulf Coast from the Mexican border to Louisiana. Sites under consideration include the Corpus Christi, Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange and Brownsville-Port Isabel areas.

Most of the sea grant activities will be conducted initially on A&M's main campus at College Station, with some phases of the program scheduled for the university's Galveston facilities.

The A&M president said every major division of the university will be involved in the sea grant work, including the Texas Maritime Academy at Galveston and James Connally Technical Institute at Waco.

"We plan to develop a total program which will do for marine resources what the agricultural colleges did for the development of land resources," Rudder emphasized.

Objectives of the new sea grant concept evolve around applied research, technical training and information dissemination.

Projects proposed for A&M's sea grant program include training in underwater technology and mineral recovery, fishing technology and development of courses in coastal and ocean engineering.

Research would include fishery science, marine economics, pollution, coastal engineering, aquaculture and sea food technology.

The sea grant program, Rudder noted, would complement that of A&M's Oceanography Department, which specializes in pure research and graduate instruction.

A&M, a land grant institution, began its oceanographic work in 1949 and has become to the Gulf Coast what Scripps Institution of Oceanography is to the West Coast and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Lamont Geological Observatory are to the East Coast.

In addition to its oceanographic work, A&M already has marine resources projects underway in biology, meteorology, geology, geophysics, civil engineering, wildlife science and parks and recreation.

Also engaged in related activities are the Texas Maritime Academy, James Connally Technical Institute and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

The university currently operates two ships which could be used in the sea grant program. One is the 180-foot R/V Alaminos, a deep-sea research vessel operated by the Oceanography Department, and the other the "Texas Clipper," a 15,000-ton converted oceanliner operated by the Maritime Academy.

A&M is the only university in the South or Southwest designated for sea grant institutional support. Oregon State and the University of Washington on the West Coast and the University of Rhode Island on the East Coast have received similar grants.

NSF awarded the funds under the National Sea Grant College and Program Act of 1966, which was initiated by Congress to encourage development of the nation's marine resources.



Editor, The Battalion:
I read with interest your reflections concerning the renaming of S.H. 6 and the possible passing of a phrase from the Aggie scene. In common with almost everyone who has had the temerity to suggest that this is not the best of all possible states (sic) of affairs, I have heard the phrase often and consider it objectionable, as well as untrue in the sense that Texas A&M offers desirable features not found elsewhere. Furthermore, you may rest assured that the members and ex-members of the Corps of Cadets will either adapt the phrase to be just as effective as it is today, or invent something totally new as well as equally obnoxious.

Perhaps one day no one will bewail the present phrase's passage. In fact, it is possible, though not probable, that one day Texas A&M will grow from a fine engineering, agricultural, and technological college into the true university it is now in the often-painful process of becoming: that one day the administration may realize that it has nether (sic) the need, the responsibility, nor the ability to be father, mother, guardian angel, and decider of mores and customs to each and every student! And even that someday the members of the Corps of Cadets may accept their new position as a distinguished minority, honoring themselves and their school through service to their country, instead of an archaic, moribund gaggle of uniformed "frat rats" scrabbling to maintain their power by fair means or foul. If that day should come, the phrase "Highway (sic) 6 runs both ways!" could

At The Grove

THURSDAY—"Fahrenheit 451" starring Julie Christie and Oskar Werner.

FRIDAY—"Mr. Arkadin" starring Orson Welles and Michael Redgrave.

SATURDAY—"A Ravishing Idiot" starring Anthony Perkins and Brigitte Bardot, plus chapter four of the serial "The Phantom Creeps".

SUNDAY—"The Killers" starring Lee Marvin and Angie Dickinson.

MONDAY—"The Private War of Major Benson" starring Charlton Heston and Julie Adams.

TUESDAY—"The Incredible Shrinking Man" starring Grant Williams.

WEDNESDAY—"This Earth is Mine" starring Rock Hudson, Jean Simmons, Dorothy McGuire and Claude Rains.

MSC Western Feed Slated Next Week

The Student Directorate Recreation Committee has scheduled a "Howdy" western picnic next Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Hensel Park, announced John Bendele, committee chairman.

Bendele said tickets for the picnic may be purchased at the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center, beginning Friday.

He noted a band will be on hand to provide entertainment.

The catered meal will include bar-b-que beef, the committee chairman added.

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Editor, The Battalion:
I thought you might like to know that I sent Olin Teague (Congressman) a copy of your editorial (May 9), accompanied by a letter and here is the reply I got, in reference to the hospital facilities.

I agree with you—I think they (the facilities) are bad, from the viewpoint of one who has worked in hospitals. I'd hate to be a patient in that bleak old dungeon, but I guess it is better than nothing.

Eleanore W. Holland
1019 Harrington Ave., C. S.

(Editor's note: In Congressman Teague's letter to Mrs. Holland he reaffirmed President Rudder's contention that the replacement or extended repair of the present hospital hinged on availability of finances.

"In the meantime, we are expending some funds on repairing the most glaring deficiencies in the existing building," Rudder stated.)

Editor, The Battalion:
The Aggie joke in June 6th's "Sound Off" was the best ever told. I've clipped it out and mounted it on a card, so I can present it for reading to every person who tries to tell me an Aggie joke.

Some enterprising young man could make a bundle by publishing "An Aggie's Aggie Joke Book", containing copies of clippings such as that one, and headlines such as the one on page four of June 6th's issue of The Battalion, headlined "AGGIES HELP — ONE WAY OR ANOTHER" or the one on page one of the same issue: "AGGIE GRADUATE DIES IN VIETNAM".

Incidentally, I object to the term "Aggie graduate". A man may graduate from Texas A&M, but he never graduates from being an Aggie.

John A. Dennis '59
Mineral Wells

(Editor's note: The term "Aggie Graduate" was used in the same manner as "Aggie Student" might be used.)

MSC Wants Grove

'Fun-Time' Ideas

Summer Directorate personnel of Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center are trying to prove that movies are better than ever at the university's Grove Theater.

Ron Hinds, Summer Directorate president, asked that students, faculty and staff members with ideas for a two-hour pre-movie program at least once a week, contact him or members of his staff.

"Students are looking for something to do about that time of day," Hinds explained. "They need something to help them relax after a full day in class, the library and research laboratory."

"We are talking to a local group, 'The Lickin' River Sing-

ers' for at least one entertainment session," Hinds continued. "We hope to set up two or three volleyball nets right outside the theater. Also, there are basketball goals available inside the theater. It would be easy for folks to bring badminton sets a bit of pre-movie fun."

"In addition," the Midland senior said, "we will have some stereo music going and the game bar will be open early."

"If people don't have time to come by the Student Program Office to discuss their proposals," Hinds declared, "they can call phone and leave their suggestions with the Student Program secretaries."

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