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of doctoral grads**

A&M has earned high marks from its doctoral degree recipients responding to a request to rate the institution's highest level graduate programs.

The project was initiated as part of a Ph.D. dissertation requirement undertaken by Curtis E. Schatze, assistant professor of English, in cooperation with the Graduate College.

Schatze said responses were received from 573 of 833 A&M doctoral degree recipients mailed 15-page questionnaires.

The questionnaires were sent to persons earning their doctorates between 1940, when the first such degree was conferred, and 1968.

The degree total has since risen to 1,500.

More than 90 percent of the doctoral graduates said that if they had it to do over, they would again earn the doctorate. Approximately 70 percent said they would study in the same or a closely related discipline.

Majority of the responders—many of whom earned their undergraduate and master's degrees at other institutions—stated they would again seek their doctorates at A&M.

Results of the study have been published in booklet form by the Graduate College and are being distributed to various interested groups on and off campus.

Officials of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, have requested copies to send as examples to all institutions of higher learning in the state, as well as to coordinating agencies throughout the nation.

Copies of the booklet also have been furnished by the university to institutions belonging to the Council of Graduate Schools of the United States, said Dr. George W. Kunze, graduate dean.

In addition to learning the views of the school's doctoral degree recipients, Dean Kunze noted the study also has provided a wealth of information about the individuals. Such information includes types of positions currently held, rate of advancement and salaries.

A&M, which has the state's highest ratio of graduate students in proportion to total student body, now offers Ph.D. degrees in more than 60 different fields, the dean said.

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BATTALION CLASSIFIED**Air Force aid reaches new high**

U. S. Air Force financial assistance to students totals almost half a million dollars for the 1970-71 school year.

Col. Keith C. Hanna revealed the figure in an inventory of scholarships and fellowships for the Faculty Scholarships Committee.

The professor of aerospace studies indicated 328 students receive assistance totalling \$479,800 through Air Force financial assistance grants and subsistence allowances.

The Air Force plays quite an active role in providing financial assistance to A&M students, both in number of grants and monetary value," Colonel Hanna said. "Even so, there are still even more opportunities available to qualified applicants, to include a certain amount of graduate education."

He said that scholarship-type assistance and commissions are available even to graduate stu-

dents, provided applicants have at least two years academic work remaining at time of entry into the two-year AFROTC program.

A&M has 219 students receiving subsistence allowance, which amounts to \$600 per year for the two-year Professional Officer Course (the last two years of the four-year program). Under the two-year program, similar subsistence is paid after the student has qualified for the program.

Air Force scholarships, totaling \$1,004 per year for from one to four years, are held by 108 cadets who will be commissioned Air Force second lieutenants upon graduation.

Air Force scholarship cadets are enrolled in eight colleges. Sixty-two are in engineering; 18 each in business administration and science; seven each in agriculture and liberal arts; four geosciences; two, architecture and environmental design, and one, education.

Appelt elected head of Former Students

Leslie L. (Les) Appelt, a Houston realtor, Saturday was elected 1971 president of A&M's 55,000-member Association of Former Students.

The 51-year-old president of Appelt, Robeau, Balch, Inc., a Houston-based industrial and commercial real estate firm, will assume the Board of Directors office Jan. 1.

Members of the association's 350-member Council voted on the 14-member board during the annual Fall Board of Directors and Council Meeting Saturday morning.

President-elect is J. R. (Bob) Latimer Jr. of Dallas, president of Permeator Corp.

Program vice presidents are Melvin (Mel) Maltz of Houston, activities; Charlie Kirkham of Dallas, community affairs; Don Garrett of San Antonio, fund raising; John D. Janak of Dallas, high school program; Ben Ledinsky of Houston, membership; and John E. Whitmore III of Houston, public relations.

Appelt was president-elect of the association during 1970. He served as the association's public relations vice president in 1968 and 1969.

Appelt moved to Houston in 1945. He has served the Houston Chamber of Commerce as chairman of the Market Development Committee and member of the Gulf Coast Industrial Development and Ports and Waterways Committees.

He is a past president of the Houston Board of Realtors and the Houston Chapter, Society of Industrial Realtors. In addition, he was a national director for the Society of Industrial Realtors. He was selected Houston Realtor of the Year in 1970.

He is a President's Endowed Scholarship donor, a \$25,000 investment for Texas A&M students.

Appelt and his wife, Wilma, have three sons and one daughter.

Latimer, 47, received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engi-

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