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'Position a privilege,' Williams tells crowd

By HAYDEN WHITSETT
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Calling his inauguration a symbolic marriage to a university with which he had been living in sin, Dr. Jack K. Williams became the 17th president of A&M today.

"I seek the guidance and assistance, and the good wishes and fervent prayers, of all who love this university," Williams said.

Though he has filled the presidency since Nov. 1, 1970 it wasn't until this morning that he became "legitimate."

The tall, brown-haired educator stood behind the podium dressed in the robes of his office, listening was an audience ranging from the Governor of Texas behind him on the stage to freshmen in the surrounding audience.

Dr. Williams gave his speech after being invested with a gold medallion by Clyde H. Wells, president of the board of directors. The medal, struck just for the occasion, bears the seal of the university on the front side and an inscription on the reverse.

Over 272 colleges and universities and 105 learned societies and professional organizations were represented.

He called himself richly privileged to become president of A&M even though there is "today something less than green envy for university presidents."

"I have had," he said, "from friends notes of commiseration on my promotion and various expressions, written and verbal, which range an emotional scale from condolences to abject pity."

Expressing a more cheerful view of the subject, he disputed the opinion of one university president who said a job should be filled by a "friendless orphan, a bachelor, one skilled in tight-rope walking and bronco busting."

Instead, Williams asserted that "these may well be halcyon days for those who move into university administration."

"Never has the product of education been in higher demand. Never has the role and scope of education been subjected to a more detailed analysis. To be active in educational administration these days is to share in the heady excitement of moving

against unexplored territory," he said.

Williams said that "the atmosphere of education is heady with the smell of change." For some perfume, for others, brimstone.

"Today's students are weary of archaic methodology and meaningless minutiae which too often crowd the pages of our academic rule books," he said.

Along with the changes, Williams foresees a return to stability in on-campus governance. He said that in the future there will be "more efficiency, more firmness and dispatch in decision-making on the part of college administrations." It is the duty of the university, he said, to be competent in the business of education.

Williams called the days of building burning, indecency of speech and act, and unreasoned

harrassment of administrative and faculty personnel to be coming to an end. A "return to reason in on-campus conduct" that is "long overdue" is in the future.

"Police in strength will be called without hesitation, those identified as leaders of felonious conduct and as inciters of riot will be moved off campus, and the injunctive process will be applied to prevent their re-entry," he said.

Williams said he was speaking of "activists and protesters, not referring to those who offer legitimate petition against rules and regulations which are anachronistic or to those who participate with legal base in the giant effort to end war, poverty, and the inhumanity of many against his fellowman."

He counted among A&M's as (See Position, page 3)



Backed by the Seal of A&M, Dr. Jack Williams became the 17th president of A&M in inaugural ceremonies today. (Photo by Larry Martin)

Smith says

Williams a man for the future

President Williams is a man who can rise to the challenge of today's education but one also capable of preserving valuable traditions, Governor Preston Smith of Texas said today at the inaugural ceremonies.

"Dr. Williams, as the new President of Texas A&M, inherits ad-

ministration of a school in which all Texans take great pride," Smith said. He reviewed Williams' life as "an educator, administrator and as a leader."

"I can think of no better credentials for the man to whom the State entrusts the education of the 15,000 students at College Station, as well as the administration of Texas A&M's impressive and far-reaching complex of educational and research facilities," he said.

He began his speech by speaking of the late President Earl Rudder who "guided Texas A&M through one of the most challenging decades in the history of education."

"Everyone who loves Texas A&M will want it recorded that

General Rudder's service to this Institution will long be remembered and cherished," Smith said.

Williams, he said, is very well qualified to follow in Rudder's footsteps.

"What is called for today is an administrator who rises to the challenge of the complex and difficult task of space-age education—but one who is also capable of preserving the traditions which have proved themselves to be valuable," Smith said.

"Such a man is Dr. Williams, an educator, and administrator, and a leader."

Others intimately connected with A&M spoke of Dr. Williams and his future as president.

Dr. Haskell Monroe of the History Department said that faculty

members have become experienced judges of administrators and that they have found Williams to be remarkably talented.

"We are gratified that our new president has shared many of the same experiences as we of the faculty," Monroe said. "It is gratifying to us that this new leader has never lost his primary concern for teaching."

"We have come to expect from him, tireless work, an air of openness, and an atmosphere of trust," he said.

Leslie L. Appelt, president of the Association of Former Students said President Williams "could meet the demands of every possible interest of the nearly 55,000 alumni of Texas A&M."

He said that culturally, academically and administratively Williams is well qualified. He also stated that those who fear the end of the Corps or an unsuccessful athletic program have nothing to worry about, saying that Williams would be a strong supporter of both.

Wayne E. Thomas, Chairman of the Coordinating Board for the Texas College and University System, said that to lead a university is a great honor and an awe-inspiring responsibility.

"A president," he said, "must respond to many publics, students, alumni, parents government and the citizens at large. He must have knowledges and skills rooted in the past but his mind and skills must be applied in the present, and his mind and heart must be dedicated to the future."

Inauguration letters shown in G. Rollie

Formal inaugural greetings from colleges and universities throughout the nation are now on display in the lobby of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The colorful documents, bearing the official seals of the various institutions, were prepared in honor of Dr. Jack K. Williams' inauguration Friday as 17th president of Texas A&M University. Greetings were received from 132 institutions.

They are exhibited in the coliseum display case by geographical areas.

The University of Virginia holds the distinction of having printed its greetings in Latin.

War memorial rededication set for Sunday

A rededication of World War I memorials on the Memorial Student Center parade ground will be held Sunday in conjunction with Parents Day.

The 1:45 p.m. ceremony will be conducted by Xi Delta chapter members of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

It will follow the Ross Volunteer Company's special drill and precede the 2:30 p.m. Corps of Cadets review.

APO President Bill Cronrath of Hazlett, N. J., will describe the chapter project and read the names of 55 Aggie exes who gave their lives in the "war to end all wars."

As each name is called, an APO member will insert an American flag at each of the markers.

In renovating the memorials with Physical Plant Department personnel and Robert H. Rucker, the university's landscape architect, APO members found that three additional markers were needed to go with the original 52.

New markers attached to memorial oak trees planted around the field in 1920 were designed and paid for by APO. They are mounted on spring-loaded bolts embedded in the trees which will allow for normal tree growth.

They replace 52 ground markers erected in 1930. The old markers had generally deteriorated and fallen into disrepair. Some were missing and memorial plates on others had been removed.

APO's Gen. James Earl Rudder Pledge Class received Board of Directors permission in February to move 15 markers on Lamar Street to the drill field proper and to re-dedicate markers surrounding the field.

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A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams (center) and his wife Margaret (right) greet well-wishers Thursday night during a reception held following a preinaugural concert in Bryan Civic Auditorium. Mrs. Clyde Wells, whose husband is president of A&M's board of directors, is on Williams' right. (Photo by Larry Martin)

Drug usage increase caused by buying urge: psychiatrist

By DOUG GIBBS
Battalion Staff Writer

Consumer orientated America is responsible for the increase in the use of drugs today, psychiatrist Dr. John T. Holbrook said Thursday night.

Holbrook's lecture was the first of three to be presented by the Student "Y" association concerning drug abuse.

"We've got to buy things," he said. "Madison Avenue has done a good job on us."

Holbrook lectured classroom style using a blackboard to an audience of 15 persons in a small portion of the nearly empty MSC ballroom. He presented a capsule version of a talk on the psychological affects of drugs he gave at a police academy in Dallas. Afterwards, he answered questions.

Addiction is the main problem associated with drug abuse, Holbrook said, including the prolonged use of such things as alcohol and sleeping pills, which he termed seditivism.

"In frontier days, Americans suffered a lot. Today, it's not cool to suffer, today's culture isn't supposed to have pain," Holbrook said.

Describing himself as having the "middle class hangups" of cigarette smoking and liquor drinking, Holbrook cracked "everybody has become an expert on drugs. Being a physician," he said, "gives me a privilege to proceed with ignorance."

He broke up drugs into five groups: Sedatives, tranquilizers, stimulants, hallucinagens, and a group called by him mind altering drugs, including hashish, and belladonna.

Most Holbrook called good drugs with a good function, excluding the mind altering ones,

which he said have no medical use.

Holbrook said the whole story hasn't been told on any of the drug groups yet, but especially the hallucinagens.

Corrections to some of his chemical formulas came so quickly at one point that Holbrook said, "there are some chemists present here trying to eat my lunch."

He refused to comment on whether marijuana should be legalized, but compared it with the prohibition of alcohol.

"Legalizing alcohol has only produced a nation with the largest incidence of alcoholism in the world," Holbrook said. "It's not really a question of legality or illegality."

Comparing alcohol and drugs, he said the difference between the effects of the two is the predictability of drugs, due to ignorance about the quality and amount of any one portion.

Holbrook was prompted by the audience to describe the physical characteristics of a person on drugs, and students began looking at one another, inspecting.

Holbrook said under Texas law there is no such thing as a privileged conversation between patient and doctor. However, he said he would not turn in a patient that had admitted something criminal to him under the influence of a drug.

"I must remain ethical," he said. "A doctor can't afford the luxury of morality."

SCOPE sets creek cleanup Saturday morning in Bryan

Discarded tires, an antiquated rusty washing machine, cans, bottles, and debris will be the object of a search and destroy mission sponsored by Student Council of Environment and Pollution (SCOPE) this Saturday at Burton Creek.

Burton Creek, the object of the cleanup campaign, flows out of Finfeather Lake, into Country Club Lake, behind Manor East Mall Shopping Center, to Tanglewood Park and Carter Creek.

"Burton Creek is polluted from the water quality standpoint," said Steve Esmond, Chairman of Water Pollution Committee of SCOPE. "The thing that makes this cleanup so important is that it flows through town and these people have to live with it."

The cleanup will begin at 8:00 a.m., April 17, at the east end of the Manor East Shopping Center parking lot, behind Britt's. Anyone who is interested in participating is requested to help, according to Esmond, "at any time during the morning."

All participants are requested to wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, and gloves.

All debris will be sorted. Aluminum cans and glass will be recycled. The rest will be disposed of in the city sanitary landfill.

Burton Creek Cleanup is a preliminary event leading up to Earth Day, April 22.

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