

## Williams sees more students, 'controlled' growth for A&M

A&M President Jack K. Williams predicted "controlled" growth for the university at the 6th annual Century Club Luncheon here Sept. 11.

Dr. Williams' address, entitled "A Few Modest Remarks About the World's Greatest University," included his predictions on higher education for the next five years.

More than 500 former students and friends of A&M packed the west wing of Sbis Dining Hall for the annual dinner honoring individuals who contributed \$100 or more to the Association of Former Students' Annual Giving Fund.

Dr. Williams said he expects approximately 20,000 students will be enrolled at A&M by 1975. He reported the student mix should include not less than 4,000 students in the Corps of Cadets, 4,000 graduate students and 4,000 coeds. The remaining 8,000 will be civilian undergraduate students, he said.

The president suggested junior colleges will enroll about 75 percent of the freshmen and sophomore students in the state, with about half of the junior college students going on to senior colleges.

"This means colleges like Texas A&M are going to be left free to grow at a controlled rate," Dr. Williams noted. He said it would lead to better student-teacher relationships.

Dr. Williams also predicted students will be completing bachelor degree requirements in three years, mainly through longer college calendars. Master's degrees will be required for specialization in any field, he said.

Other predictions included more programmed learning through films and television, better

student-teacher ratios, improved teachers, better curriculums where students are given more choices to seek their special interests and an increased role of universities in solving the problems of society.

Dr. Williams said A&M's designation as a Sea Grant College last week opens additional directions for leadership in Gulf of Mexico and Southeastern United States marine resource research.

He stressed A&M will cooperate with all institutions who wish to cooperate with A&M on marine programs. He also outlined the recent contracts between the university and several medical schools.

During his talk, Dr. Williams noted the retirement of Dr. M. T. Harrington, former chancellor and president of A&M who retires this month. Former students gave Dr. Harrington a standing ovation.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and State Sen. W. T. (Bill) Moore also made brief remarks. Robert L. Walker, associate executive director of the former students association, and association president Leslie L. Appelt of Houston served as master of ceremonies and

introduced speakers.

Former student activities actually began Friday night when the Northwest Houston A&M Club hosted 200 former students and guests in Houston to honor six Distinguished Alumni.

Sen. John Tower was the guest speaker and Dr. Williams made the introductions.

Distinguished Alumni honored were W. T. Doherty, J. H. Gallo-way, M. T. Halbouty, Dr. J. M. Knox, W. C. McGee and E. J. Mosher, all leaders in business, industry or medicine.

Sen. Tower said A&M's Sea Grant designation is "richly deserved" and he predicted it would "open a new era for Texas A&M and Texas."

The senator stressed throughout his travels he has never heard Aggies called anything but "superior" or "quality" people.

His talk emphasized keeping faith with America and not giving up its leadership role in the world.

Dr. Williams noted Sen. Tower was still an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy Reserve. He bestowed the honorary title of admiral in the Texas Aggie Navy on the Wichita Falls Republican.

## Phillips Petroleum awards development funds to A&M

Phillips Petroleum Company awarded a \$3,000 grant to A&M Friday from the company's Professional Development Fund.

The sixth annual award was presented in ceremonies at A&M President Jack Williams' office.

"This check reflects your faith in this university and your interest in the product we are turning out," Dr. Williams said. "The funds will be put to an excellent purpose, the training of young people."

Two Phillips officials came to A&M from Bartlesville, Okla., company headquarters, for the ceremonies.

M. R. Hayes, General Services Department manager, and James P. Jones, corporate recruitment and placement director, said the

company asked that both faculty members and students benefit professionally from the grant.

Phillips established the Professional Development Fund in 1966. In addition to grants from this fund, A&M has received a \$3,500 fellowship in chemistry and other support for educational programs from Phillips.

Hayes noted the Phillips funds support development of students and faculty in engineering, the physical sciences, business administration and related fields of study which are of critical importance to the petroleum and petrochemical industries.

Hayes and Jones were guests at a luncheon attended by University deans and Department heads from areas benefited by the Phillips grant.

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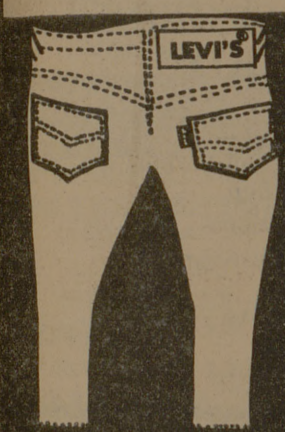
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