

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Have you ever thought about how much trouble would have been saved if they had built the campus six feet above the ground?"

Listen up

Grads and language

Editor:
The Graduate Student Council wishes all students to know that in August a decision will be made here that will directly affect many graduate students both now and in the future. The Academic Council will vote to change or retain the Ph.D. language requirement. The GSC unanimously supports the proposal that originated in the Graduate Council concerning the Ph.D. language requirement. The Graduate Council was overwhelmingly in support of the proposal when it voted to make this recommendation. With Graduate Dean George Kunze's effort and support this plan now has passed the Academic Programs Committee and the Executive Committee of the Academic Council and is now on the agenda of the Academic Council's August 16 meeting and is at the point where it is very nearly University policy. With the approval of the Academic Council it can become so.

For any individual student the change could mean an increase or

McCune receives honorary degree

W. E. McCune, professor in the A&M Agricultural Engineering Department, has received the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree.

The degree, the highest honor given by the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America, was conferred during the Lone Star Farmer Awards Program in Dallas Memorial Stadium.

decrease in the number and/or depth of the languages required for the Ph.D., according to his degree program. Under the proposal the department could set the language requirement for the students in that department. This new policy could take effect as soon as Sept. 1, 1972. We, the officers of this year's GSC, feel that a department's decision will come closer to meeting the needs of their students than a university-wide policy. And we further feel that students have a better opportunity to influence policy to their advantage at this level.

The Academic Council is composed of department heads, directors, academic deans and vice presidents. It is apparent that the department heads make up the majority of the votes and it is fitting that they do so in this instance. A full presentation of the case is to be made by Dean Kunze. By the time a vote comes about they will have all the facts in the matter. And they will have knowledge of the GSC's position. The only information they may be missing is an accurate reading from their students.

The plan we have been discussing officially originated in the Graduate Council. But, the GSC, without being boastful, can claim some influence. Some can recall the council started soliciting student opinion directly related to this issue over two years ago. The GSC provided a student member for the Graduate Council subcommittee that studied the lan-

guage question. And the GSC provides the student member for the Graduate Council. We urge graduate students to support this plan by making your position known to your department head and/or dean in any fitting manner; by action of a departmental club or society, by discussion in a seminar or meeting, or by personal contact. This plan is not in itself an abolition of the language requirement. It is a way for a student's degree program to be more individually planned according to the student's area of concentration.

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It would be a shame for this excellent improvement to fall by the wayside simply because graduate students didn't express their opinions to their department heads. We urge them all to speak out on this matter. —Ed.



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However, there is much more to a university than buildings and an academic atmosphere, although these are important considerations.

It has been said that once you take the first big step of your life—enrolling at A&M—you'll never take another step backward. This is not true in every case, but we've seen it happen enough to be sold on A&M as a maturing grounds.

A&M has a lot of history, and probably the thing that tells the most about Aggieland is the people. People, 15,000 of them, are everywhere. They're at yell practices, football games, and those unforgettable basketball games.

People are studying in the Library, relaxing in the Memorial Student Center and walking around on campus.

Many fine people have graduated from A&M, and these are the ones who have given this school such a fine reputation. There are doctors, lawyers, congressmen, and engineers galore. Former athletes, whether in professional sports or private business, do quite a selling job for A&M. Ever hear of Randy Matson?

Much can be said about A&M. You'll hear a lot, and you'll say a lot. Four years may seem like a long time looking ahead, but looking back, it seems like no time at all. We're glad we stuck it out, and we hope you'll feel the same way.

Good luck in your college career, and we hope that when you graduate as the Centennial Class in 1976, you will have gotten as much out of being an Aggie as we have.

We hope, too, that you'll share our feeling of pride about A&M.

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