

Briscoe, Hobby Hail Record Graduates In Ceremonies



College graduates today are finding a medium between the desire to attain financial security and helping their fellow man, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Friday.

Hobby spoke at the first of two commencement ceremonies held this year because of the record 1,750 students which graduated. Gov. Dolph Briscoe delivered the main address at the Saturday program.

Hobby pointed out that for many years following the depression, the majority of college students sought financial security, with representatives of big business besieging applicants on campus.

"Then as the memory of the depression deprivations faded

and social consciousness grew, college graduates shunned material success and sought means to help their fellow man," he recalled. "Big business had a hard time locating more than a handful of applicants on their campus recruitment visits."

The lieutenant governor said graduates have now come to understand that the best goal lies somewhere between these two absolutes.

With specific references to Watergate and Sharpstown, Gov. Briscoe said that "our country can survive any crisis save one—a crisis of confidence."

"Where public trust is violated and where wrong-doing is revealed, we should respond with

indignation but should not despair," the governor emphasized in his address.

"Public officials, unlike their counterparts in private industry, are constantly subject to the white hot glaring light of scrutiny by the press, and rightly so," he said.

"There is almost a double standard in operation when it comes to public officials," he concluded, "and if it is a double standard, I think it is a good one."

Following the commencement program Saturday, Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Army chief of staff, spoke at ceremonies commissioning 175 of the new graduates into the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps.

General Abrams told the new officers the trust represented in their commissions "comes from the people, not some bureaucratic agency in Washington."

"It's a special trust," he added, "and it carries with it a little more responsibility than that expected of the average person, and you are expected to have a code of ethics a bit above average."



Caperton Leaves For Law School

By VICKIE ASHWILL

Kent Caperton, assistant to TAMU President Jack K. Williams, will be leaving his office May 16 in order to attend law school at the University of Texas.

A 1971 graduate of A&M, Caperton was the first civilian Student Government (SG) president and has been assistant to Williams since the position was created in December of '71.

"I do anything to make Dr. Williams' job easier," said Cap-

erton. "This includes such things as working on special projects to research to escorting guests around the campus."

Caperton said he assisted SG leaders as much as he could so that "their thoughts were and are represented and respected."

"In a sense, I am an ombudsman," said Caperton. "I am there to help individual students with their problems, helping to weave through a bureaucratic maze that frustrates students sometimes."

Looking back at his own period in office, Caperton noted that with one exception, everything his administration worked for had been implemented.

It was during Caperton's year as SG president that the Board of Directors first accepted the responsibility to house women. Caperton had pushed toward housing women in the Keathley-Hughes-Fowler area, but did not succeed.

"The most important change that started during that year is the creation of a new atmosphere at TAMU. Up to that time there had been very little student input," said Caperton. "During that year, which was Dr. Williams' first year, student input increased and a large number of students were placed on University committees."

Caperton, who classifies himself as moderately progressive, feels the "TAMU" concept is long over-due.

"What has happened at A&M as far as the student body composition is concerned is exactly what it has needed to make it a University," commented Caperton. "We have for so long been classified as a conservative school but I feel most every element of society is now being represented on the campus."

Caperton also said he felt the Corps of Cadets will always be an important part of A&M, but no longer remain the dominate element on the campus.

Caperton does not consider the things he has done as personal achievements. "The fact was that I was there to be of service and I

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'Cloud 11' To Open Soon Road Overpass In Offing

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Dining on "cloud 11" will add a new dimension to campus food service when the 11th-floor Conference Tower dining facilities are opened later this month, announced Tower Dining Manager, Betty Young.

Young explained the Tower dining facility will offer a buffet breakfast and luncheon and will provide table service each evening. She pointed out service will be available to all members of the university community, including the general public.

She noted the Memorial Student Center Cafeteria will close after the evening meal, May 13 due to construction in the MSC. To span the period between its closing and opening of the Tower facility, three meals a day will be served at Peniston Cafeteria in Sbis Hall for the convenience of faculty-staff and students.

The "sidewalk cafe" snack bar in the old MSC lobby will be relocated in the expanded portion of the MSC, across the corridor from the new post office.

This fall Aggies will have the opportunity to experience a walk over the top of Wellborn Road and the railroad tracks west of the campus without ever touching the road or the tracks.

How? Simple — the completion of a pedestrian overpass this fall will allow students to cross the two obstacles to a 500-car parking lot located across the tracks.

The overpass is a part of a four-part project including the 500-car parking lot, a 230-car lot on the north side of the Systems Building and a termination of Bizzell Street on the west side of the Systems Administration Building.

The \$649,161 project has been awarded to R. V. Butler Inc. of Bryan, who will begin work as soon as its equipment is ready, according to Executive Vice President Gen. Alvin R. Luedecke.

Luedecke also pointed out that the pedestrian overpass would be covered with some type of grill-work since a state law requires

total coverage to protect both pedestrians and cars traveling beneath the pass.

It has not yet been decided as to who will be allowed to use the parking lot.

"Whoever it is," said Luedecke, "will be required to move their cars for all home athletic events so visitors can use the lot."

In looking at all of the projects now under construction and the ones soon to be underway, Luedecke said he hoped most everything will be done by 1976, A&M's centennial year. "Of course," he continued, "we're limited as to how much we can do at one time. There is only so much construction that can go on and keep down high costs and continue with good construction."

Luedecke also said much outside construction was behind schedule due to bad weather. "Since that time, only one in about three and a half days has allowed outside construction to carry on," commented Luedecke.

Questioned about rumors concerning a cracked foundation on the Oceanography Building, Luedecke said none of them were true.

"Ever since construction began on the building in 1969, there have been rumors concerning what was wrong with its construction," said Luedecke.

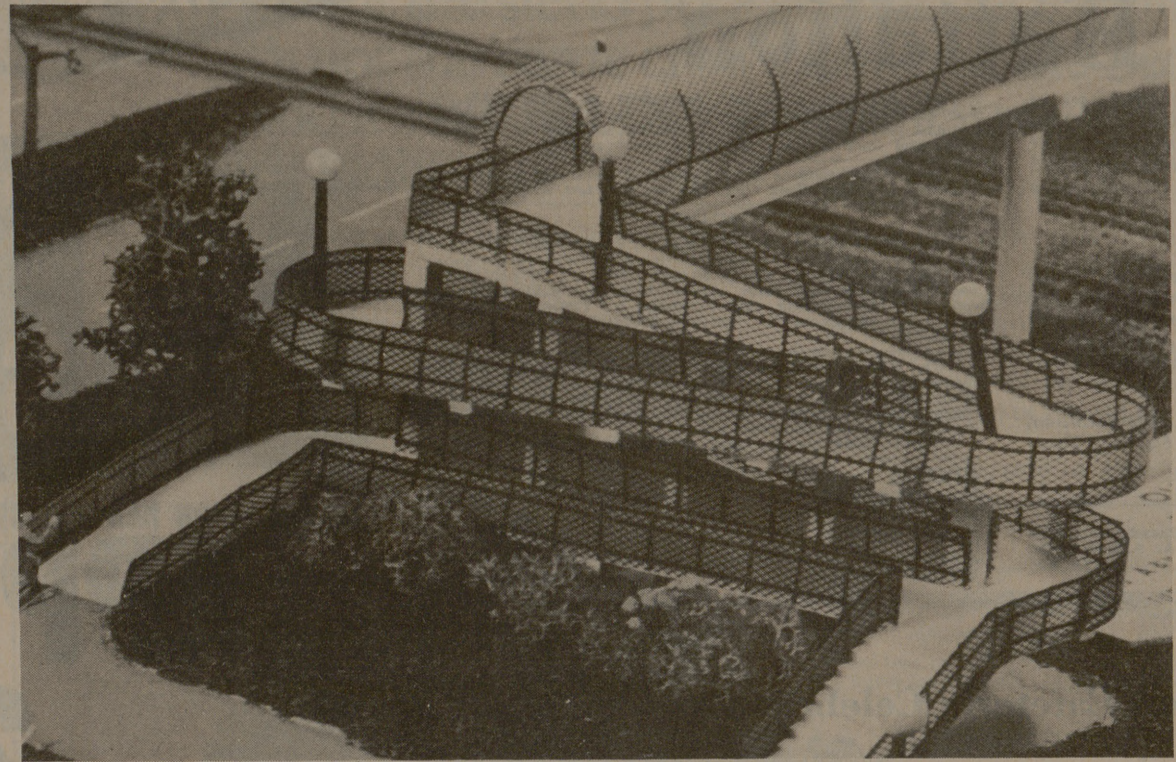
Luedecke said there has never been anything wrong with the building which is scheduled to

open the latter part of this month.

A contract for additions to the Krueger-Dunn Complex will be scheduled later this year, said Luedecke. After this, approxi-

mately 23 months will follow with construction.

The two new additions to the complex will house 1,074 students and will be of the same styling as Krueger-Dunn.



A PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS entrance is shown here as it will look after completion next fall. The elevated pathway will be constructed near the Wofford Cain Pool to facilitate passage to the new 500-car parking lot which will be completed near the beginning of the fall semester.

Cousteau Visits TAMU Campus

Famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau visited here today for sessions with officials, faculty and students and a tour of the new oceanography - meteorology building before flying to Galveston to meet his ship and crew at TAMU's Mitchell Campus.

The Frenchman, known worldwide for his television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau," met with TAMU President Jack K. Williams and other university officials.

He spoke to faculty and students in the Zachry Engineering Center and concluded his visit with the tour of the university's newly completed oceanography-meteorology building.

Cousteau was accompanied by his son, Philippe, his chief underwater cameraman and director of the television series, and Freder-

ick Hyman, president of the Cousteau Group, Inc.

The trio, joined by Capt. T. K. Treadwell and Dr. E. L. Beckman of TAMU, departed for Galveston this morning to meet Cousteau's vessel, the "Calypso," as it docked at TAMU's Pelican Island facilities.

Cousteau and his associates have just completed a nine-month cruise to Antarctica and the seas off the coast of Chile. Cousteau flew into Houston Tuesday to make final arrangements for ship repairs caused by a sudden ice and snow storm while below the Antarctic Circle.

The ship will be repaired at Todd Shipyard in Galveston and then be berthed at TAMU's docks while the crew returns to France for a brief rest.

TAMU and Browning-Farris Industries, Inc., of Houston are cooperating in the arrangements for Cousteau's Texas visit. Cousteau was formally greeted by Houston officials Tuesday morning and will be guest of honor at a reception hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Waters. Waters is chairman of the board of Browning-Farris.

Controversy Sparked By Hunewell Will

(Note: The following was written by Bill Atkins, assistant editor of the J-TAC, the campus newspaper at Tarleton State College. His investigative report is reprinted with his permission.)

When D. G. Hunewell willed nearly 1,200 acres to Tarleton State College upon his death in the late 50s his intentions seemed quite clear.

Hunewell loved music. So much so that profits from this donated land were to go into a permanent "Hunewell Band Fund." Scholarships to promising band students would be given, and excess amounts could be used to aid other operations of the TSC band.

If the Texas Legislature acts favorably, however, some \$50,000 of the total TSC budget request will be spent to renovate the run-down farm, and perhaps eventually turn it into one of first-class status.

But it is a complicated situation.

When Hunewell died, his will stated that trustees of TSC (the A&M Board of Directors) would be given the right to "manage, hold, control, exchange, lease, alienate, mortgage, invest, or reinvest" the property.

The will went on to say that "neither the donation nor any fund or property arising therefrom . . . shall ever be any part of the Permanent Tarleton State College Fund, nor shall the legislature have power or be in any-wise authorized to change the purposes hereof . . . from purposes here set out."

The music department was naturally pleased with this donation. Six hundred acres of the land was leased for cattle grazing. By the end of 1972, the land was giving the band scholarship fund about \$1,000 per year.

But then somebody added two plus two together. Here was nearly 1200 acres of land, but only \$1,000 was being reaped from it.

"The land set out for 10 years and nothing was done," said Dr. Curtis D. Owen, assistant professor of music and director of the band scholarship fund.

The agriculture department, in February of 1973, began leasing the Hunewell Ranch for \$2,500 a year, a sizeable increase in the band offer. The arrangement had to be approved by the A&M Board of Directors and it met their approval. According to President Trogdon, sealed bids had not offered more than \$2 per acre to lease the place, and this offer was better than \$2 per acre.

Now the school and A&M Board of Directors is asking the state for \$50,000 to make improvements to fences, control brush, build cattle pens, and other things necessary for efficient cattle production. Profits, says Dr. Jesse Tackett, head of the School of Agriculture and Business, will be plowed back into the ranch for more improvements. Some day, according

to Tackett, the ranch may be a model commercial operation.

Other departments are already receiving benefits from the ranch. Some biology students are currently studying rats, and studies of the earth may be made by earth science students. Several small lakes are proposed for the site, which would provide for certain types of wildlife studies. The Tarleton ROTC has conducted maneuvers at the ranch.

Tackett said that about 65 to 70 head of TSC-owned cattle are now on the ranch.

But as far as turning the ranch into an ideal agricultural producing-wildlife habitat combination . . . is this what Hunewell wanted?

Section eleven of the will states that, immediately following the TSC acquisition of the land that "a few years be used for improvement of the land. It is our wish that the net revenue be used for cash awards to Tarleton Band men as far as it will go as herein directed."

J. Louis Evans, one of the administrators of the will, said that at an A&M board of directors meeting last year, he recommended that the land be sold and the money received put into some type of interest-earning asset, such as a savings account or bond.

At \$150 per acre (a conservative value of the land, according to an area realtor), proceeds from the sale of the land drawing five percent per year (a conservative interest rate for a sum of money this large) the land would give the band fund \$8,850 per year.

But the board turned down his proposal, and the agriculture department was given permission to lease the land for \$2,500 per year to be taken from their "farm operations" account.

Jack Harding, another Hunewell administrator, said that he would be in favor of selling the land if money derived from the sale was used to draw interest payable to the band fund, with

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Weather

WEDNESDAY — Fair. High 91, low 67.
THURSDAY — Partly cloudy. High of 89.

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