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First Summer Commencement

Abbott Speaks To Graduates

A veteran educator warned A&M graduates Friday night that their freedom to make mistakes was limited in this highly explosive world.

"Don't tear down a fence until you know the reasons why it was set up," Dr. John Paul Abbott cautioned 732 candidates for degrees at the University's first formal summer commencement.

The distinguished professor emeritus of English at A&M contrasted the 48 years since his graduation in 1925 with possibilities of the same time span to 2021.

"You will not have the same freedom to make mistakes," he said.

Dr. Abbott's references to "fences" or restrictions ranged from simple virtues to the major problems of today.

"Another fence out there places strict limits to the question: 'Am I my brother's keeper?'" he said. Idealism may also cause resist-

Dean Hannigan To Be Honored

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan will be honored Sept. 5 with an appreciation dinner at Briarcrest Country Club.

A member of the A&M administration since 1959, Dean Hannigan retires Aug. 31.

"Students, faculty-staff and friends will want to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to Dean Hannigan," urged Howard Perry, associate dean.

The dinner will be at 7 p.m. A short program will feature representative speakers of the A&M administration, students, faculty and friends.

Tickets at \$6 per person will be available Aug. 22-31 at the Association of Former Students offices in the Memorial Student Center. Persons wishing to attend the dinner are requested to purchase tickets by Aug. 31.

Dean Hannigan was recently elected to a Board of Directors resolution for "distinctive service" and "immeasurable contributions to the development of this university through supervision of student affairs."

Students Win Bendix Awards

Six students in A&M's Aerospace Engineering Department have been awarded first place in the 1973 Bendix Design Competition.

The students' design for an unmanned, instrumented Venutian lander was chosen by judges in the competition as the best of 25 designs submitted by students from throughout the country.

The spacecraft design was the result of a term project assigned

the students by Stan Lowy, associate professor of Aerospace Engineering and project advisor. The team members completed the project for Aerospace Engineering 401, Aerospace Vehicle Design.

The 172-page report submitted by the students represents a preliminary study of an unmanned research mission to Venus, including a mission event time line, launch vehicle characteristics,

control and propulsion systems, structural analysis, vehicle configuration, and a program plan and cost schedule.

The students' mission plan calls for lift-off on the Venus vehicle Nov. 10, 1981, covering some 60 million kilometers before setting down on the planet's surface.

The design was judged by representatives of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and Bendix, co-

Highway Projects To Move Forward

AUSTIN — Dozens of logjammed major highway projects will move forward now that President Nixon has signed the three-year \$20 billion federal highway act.

In addition to funds for mass transit, the act also provides \$2 billion for safety projects.

State Highway Engineer Luther DeBerry said replacement of narrow bridges is high on the priority list. Hazardous intersections and rail crossings will also be eliminated as facilities are designed with modern built-in safety features.

"This act does not solve all our money problems, but even though it is not everything we need here in Texas, it is a good act," said DeBerry.

Highway trust revenues will remain as they have been in the past during fiscal 1974. Up to \$200 million in urban funds can be used either for roads or purchase of buses in fiscal 1975. By 1976, all or part of the urban

Calendar To Be Distributed To Faculty, Staff Members

A&M's 1973-74 All University Calendar will be distributed to faculty and staff members Monday through Friday (Aug. 20-24).

Department representatives may pick up the calendars at the Browning Library Desk, Room 223 of the new Memorial Student Center.

Departments should limit the number requested to the number of offices rather than number of

people employed, noted Carolyn Adair, MSC assistant program coordinator.

He served as dean of arts and sciences from 1949 to 1953 and then served three years as dean of the college. He took leave of absence in 1956 to accept an appointment as program examiner for the Texas Commission on

Higher Education before returning to A&M in 1957 as distinguished professor of English.

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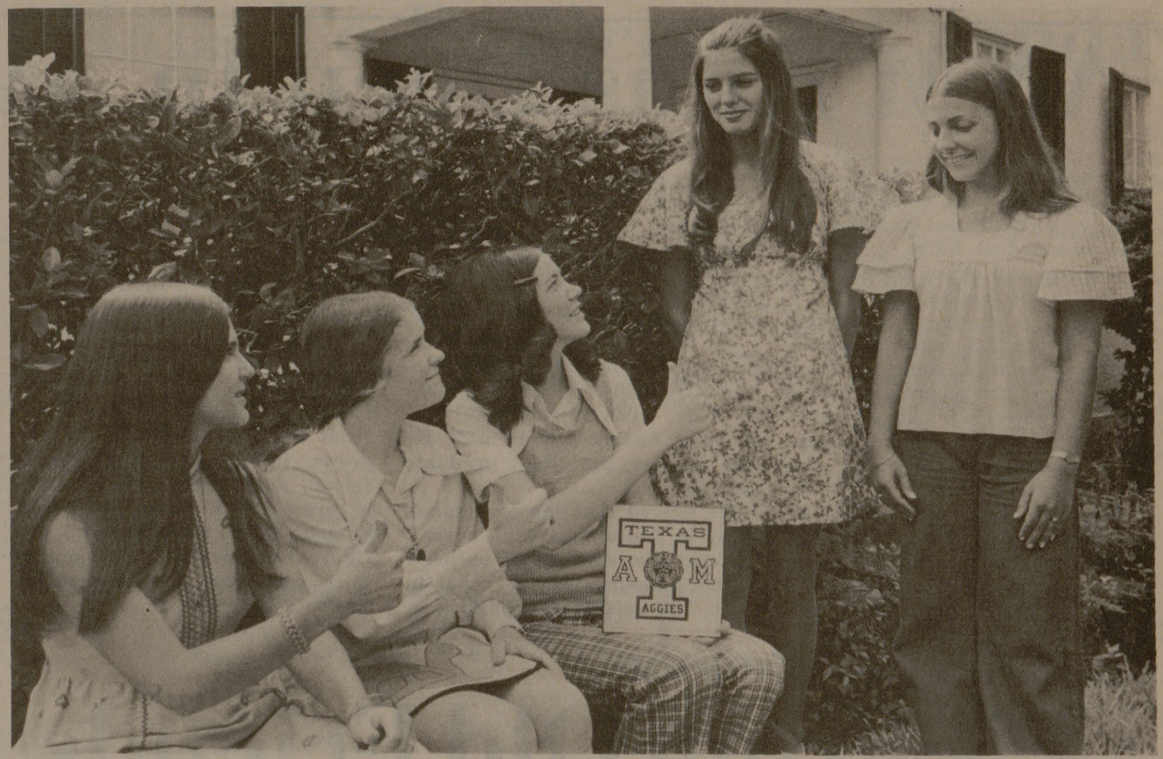
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Interstate highway construction is financed with 90 per cent highway trust fund money and other federal construction gets 70 per cent aid. The new act provides money for bicycle trails and metropolitan transportation studies. It also permits building the San Antonio North Expressway with state funds (if lawsuits don't stop it again).

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He reminded that all student calendar distribution will be through the offices of the Dean of Men and Dean of Women.

The calendar runs from September, 1973, through August, 1974. It lists major student organization activities, athletic events and conferences and short courses, among others.



UPPERCLASSMEN Teri Loomis, Ann Harris and Sally Hamilton show the "Gig 'em sign" to incoming freshmen Cynthia Gregg and Rosemary Traverso.

Coeds, Mothers Attend Tea

GALVESTON — Fifty-seven A&M coeds and their mothers attended a tea here Saturday in the home of State Rep. Ed Harris (D-Galveston) in honor of A&M Dean of Women Toby Schreiber and Counselor of Women Patricia Self.

The 57 "Maggies" were all from the Galveston area (Galveston 8, Texas City 15, Port Bolivar 1, Hitchcock 2, League City 5, Friendswood 7, Dickinson 4, LaMarque 3, Alta Loma 3, Alvin 2, Nassau Bay, Webster and Kemah 7).

The students met in the Harris home at 18 Cedar Lawn Drive South for three hours to meet each other and to learn about coed life at A&M, Mrs. Self said.

"The girls were interested in every facet of life in Aggieland," Mrs. Self noted. "Questions from the soon-to-be freshmen ranged from football and the social sphere at Texas A&M to life-styles and academics."

The counselor also expects the event to become annual, and she hopes that other cities will hold get-acquainted teas.

The Galveston Aggie Mothers Club assisted Mrs. Harris at the tea as hostesses. Ten of the 90 students who attended the tea will enter A&M this fall.

Revisions Offered For Constitution

Urban planning students at A&M made their own recommendations last Tuesday for Texas Constitution revision in a formal presentation of their report to local politicians.

The students, members of two urban planning courses taught the second summer session at A&M by Prof. Claude Davis, analyzed the present constitution and made recommendations for change from a planner's point of view.

On hand for the formal presentation were Sen. W. T. (Bill) Moore, D-Bryan; Rep. Bill Presnal, D-Bryan; Judge W. C. "Bill" Davis; Justice of the Peace Judge B. H. Dewey, and Brazos County Commissioner Bill Cooley.

The student recommendations for constitutional change include four-year terms for the Legislature, joint election of governor and Lt. governor, unlimited number of terms for the governor, and restructuring of state boards and commissions.

"I want to commend you on your efforts on this report," Presnal told the students. "More

time needs to be spent in several of the areas in which you have made suggestions, but you have done a remarkable job considering the time you had to research the facts."

The 23 students worked on the recommendations for six weeks, according to Davis, with research teams working on assigned areas before placing recommendations before the entire class for approval.

"I am extremely pleased with the students' good department and mature debate in the process of writing the recommendations," Davis noted. "Everyone got a piece of the action, and I believe everyone got a good insight into the workings of a modern constitution."

The report prepared by the students came out in strong favor for local Home Rule for counties and municipalities, a position praised by Brazos County Commissioner Cooley.

"I am well pleased with your changes in local government," Cooley told the students. "I think the position you took on the subject would be well received by local officials all over the state."

The report will be made available to the Texas Constitution Revision Commission, the Governor's Office, and other offices concerned with the pending constitution revision, Davis noted.

Holiday Set For Monday

Most A&M employees will have a holiday Monday in observance of the late President Lyndon Johnson's birthday, but all previously announced activities, including delayed registration for the fall semester, will be conducted as scheduled.

A&M President Jack K. Williams announced the modified plan in light of the state attorney general's recent interpretation that Senate Bill 60 designates Aug. 27 as a legal holiday, beginning this year.

Classes will not be affected since the university is between semesters, but Monday is the first day for delayed registration and for adding or dropping courses for the fall semester. These activities, along with various functional services, will be in operation, but most administrative offices will be closed.

15 Graduates Commissioned Into Army

Fifteen new Army officers were commissioned Friday at Texas A&M University.

Seven were Regular Army and Eight U. S. Army Reserve second lieutenants, according to Col. Thomas R. Parsons, professor of military science.

He administered the oath of office to most of the new second lieutenants, all scheduled to receive degrees at Friday commencement.

"This is an exceptionally large number of summer commissions," Col. Parsons observed. "It is actually more for our 'off season' than most colleges and universities commission regularly."

A&M usually commissions about 130 officers in December and more than 200 at the end of the spring semester. Summer commissions are given to those cadets who complete academic requirements during the period.

Numerous parents, wives and sweethearts were present at the Commandant's Office for the oath taking and to pin on the second lieutenant's gold bars.

Commissioned in the Regular Army were 2nd Lts. Kimball B. Bannister, Old Ocean; Mark A. DeHarde, San Antonio; Robert E. Howard III, Shreveport; Harry E. Meisell, Columbus; Richard J. Ross, Temple; Edward P. Rumold, Phillipsburg, N. J., and Gregory P. Walk, Houston.

Clipper's Cruise Unusual This Year

This summer's cruise of the "Texas Clipper," training ship of the Texas Maritime Academy and Texas A&M, was a little out of the ordinary, reports ship's Captain Alfred Philbrick.

Capt. Philbrick said the voyage to the Mediterranean was lengthened by a stop off the coast of Africa to study a total eclipse of the sun. The "Clipper" was adorned with antennas and other gear used in the study.

"We want to emphasize," Capt. Philbrick pointed out, "that the experiments performed on the ship in no way interfered with the training program. It was business as usual for the TMA cadets."

One of the more interesting experiments conducted on the ship, according to the captain, was performed by Dr. Elizabeth M. Kampana of Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

While retaining its traditional maroon cover with a metallic embossment of the Aggie ring, the new yearbook features a more contemporary design with emphasis on color and special effects, Arredondo noted.

The Aggieland is being distributed in the Student Publications Office on the second floor of the Reed McDonald Building. Arredondo said a student who ordered the book last year need only present his university identification card to obtain a copy.

"They did not rise that evening," he continued, "which came as a surprise to all of us. It appears that they have a determined cycle, and once that cycle is complete, they remain at lower depths for at least 12-15 hours."

'Aggieland' Now Available To Students

Aggieland '73 is now being distributed to A&M students who previously placed order for the yearbook, announced Joe Arredondo Jr., editor.

The book contains a record 608 pages but use of a new type paper makes it less bulky than the previous edition.

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"On the side of Texas A&M." University National Bank Adv.



DESIGN TEAM WINS AWARD — Shown left to right studying Venutain lander design are Roger Leick, Gary Oldham, project advisor Prof. Stan Lowy, and Mike Slack. The remaining team members are now employed in the aerospace industry.