

# 'Students of all ages freely mix studies, jobs'

Broader-based graduate education is in the offing with students of all ages freely mixing their studies and jobs in new learning environments, said Dr. Boyd Page, president of the United States Council of Graduate Schools in Friday's commencement address. Page commented on changes he foresees within the next 15

years at exercises for approximately half of the record 2,074 students receiving degrees this weekend, including 80 doctoral and 304 master's degree recipients. Dr. Page said too much emphasis in graduate education has been placed on narrow specialization and development of special skills.

"This is not to criticize," he stressed. "It was the direction in which greatest individual rewards could be obtained and was a clear response to the stated needs of society as well as the aspirations of individuals."

He said societal change has now outstripped the capacity for accommodation, with the result being that serious imbalances exist. "There will continue to be need for high specialization in

some disciplines," noted Dr. Page, who was graduate dean and dean of the college at TAMU during the late 1950's, "but what will be needed by many students is a more adaptable graduate experience, help-

ing them better to know which questions to ask, which problems to attack and judge what is germane and what is superfluous." He said continual resident instruction will probably be limited largely to undergraduate students.

"Post baccalaureate students of all ages will move freely into and out of graduate programs, mixing on-the-job experience or self-directed study with sessions of intensive study, frequently in satellite centers near the student's home," he predicted. "Society will support the training in resident status of the few highly qualified students in specialty areas of basic research and learning on the basis of perceived national need."

He said competent professionals will be heavily relied on

for service on faculties both on and off campus, with many gaining faculty appointment.

Dr. Page speculated that in the future much learning will be derived from "stand-alone" institutes, industry-centered schools and educational enterprises or on the basis of self-directed study.

"The university will, I believe, be thrust into the key role for credentialing of students who can present evidences of competency, however derived," he explained.

Formal training for advanced degrees may come to represent a much smaller total activity than non-degree continuing education which will be widely available to the public at large, he added.

Dr. Page foresees fewer universities in the future as a result of consolidation or broadening of the organizational base.

## Shaff named nation's top NROTC instructor

Lt. Terry Shaff has been named the nation's top Naval ROTC instructor.

Lt. Shaff will become the second TAMU officer in two years to receive the award. Last year Major James McElroy received the honor.

He and his wife Peggy will go to Washington, D. C., May 21 for presentation of the Codd Memorial Award. It is presented by the American Defense Preparedness Association. NROTC instructors throughout the U. S. are con-

sidered. The 1974 Codd Memorial Award recipient was Maj. James McElroy, also in the Naval ROTC instructors detachment at Texas A&M. Col. C. E. Hogan heads the program.

Lt. Shaff, 28, is in his third year at TAMU. The Navy officer has instructed freshman naval orientation and engineering courses since the NROTC unit was opened here.

He is military advisor to Companies H-2 and K-2 in the Corps of Cadets, and serves as cruise coor-

dinator for all cadets' summer training, on the academic review board, as freshman counselor and in several other responsibilities.

"We have an outstanding staff, and Terry typifies it," Col. Hogan commented. "We think he is an exceptional young man. All cadets now in the Navy program are a product of Terry's tutelage."



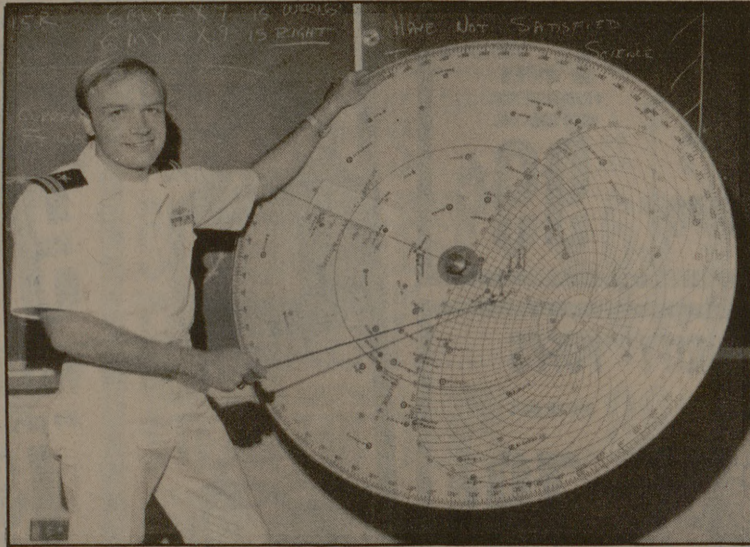
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## Austin borrows 2 tons of liberty

A bit of Aggeland goes on display in the State Capitol today.

The two-ton Liberty Bell replica that has dominated the rotunda of the Academic Building for a quarter-century has been temporarily moved to Austin as part of the state's observance of the nation's bicentennial.

TAMU officials emphasize the bell is strictly on loan and will be returned to its traditional location following the year-long celebration of the nation's 200th anniversary.

Texas National Guard Col. James Starr, was given the responsibility of transporting the bell from College Station to Austin. He dispatched a National Guard truck to pick up the bell and take it to Camp Mabry for an overnight stay before moving it into the west wing of the capitol Wednesday morning.

The move was arranged by the American Revolution Bicentennial

Commission of Texas in cooperation with the Savings Bond Division of the U. S. Treasury Department.

The Treasury Department had 52 of the full-scale replicas struck in 1950 and presented one to each state plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

All the other Liberty Bell replicas were placed in the states' capitals, but then-Texas Gov. Allan Shivers presented Texas' bell to Texas A&M in recognition of its 75th anniversary and the role of its former students in the service of their country.

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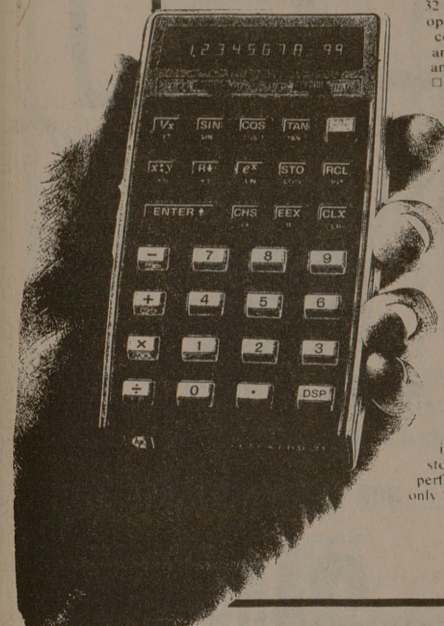
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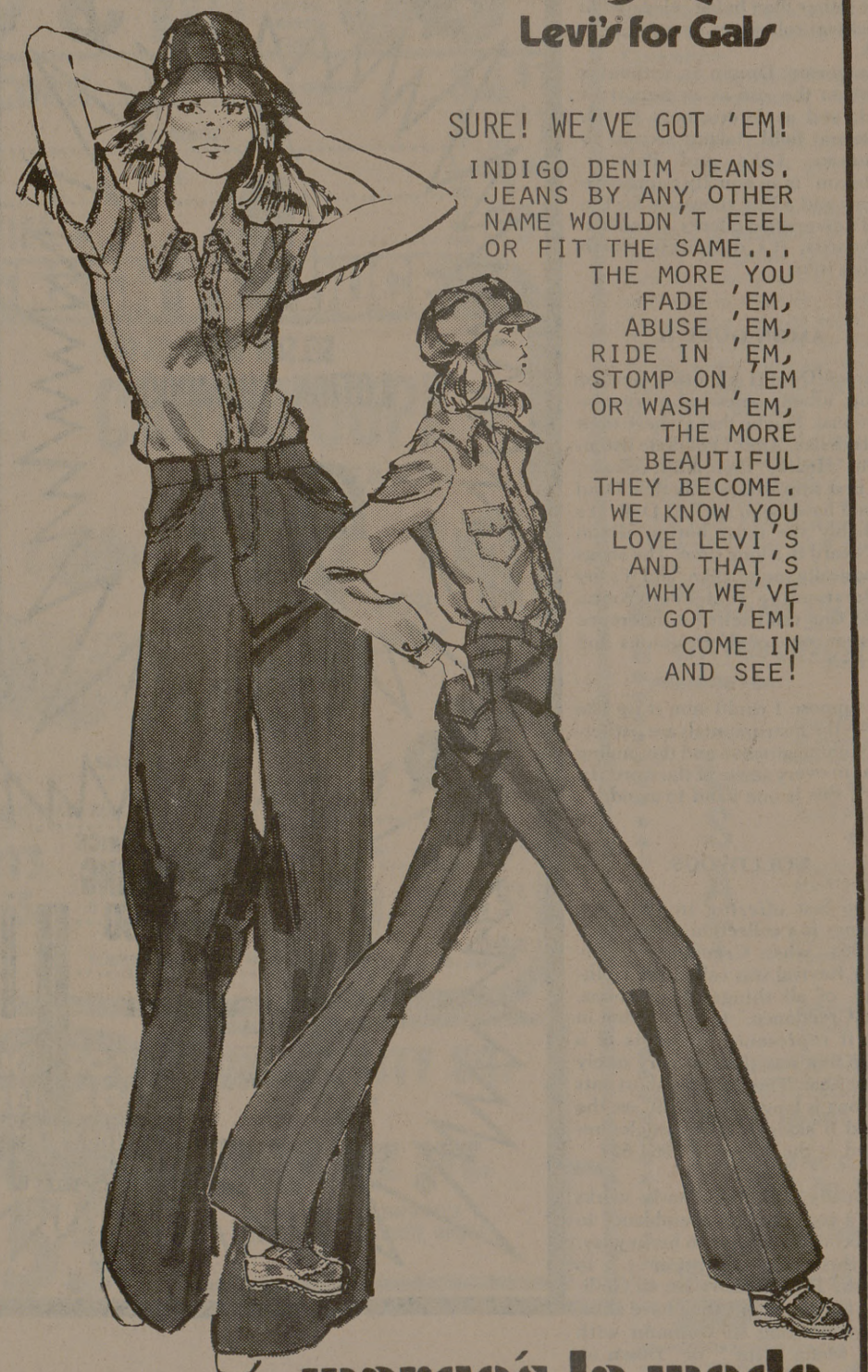
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