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Scholar program attractive Top-quarter graduates increase

By VICKIE ASHWILL
Battalion Staff Writer

Scholastically speaking, the typical Texas A&M University student has changed.

The number of students entering from the first quarter of their high school graduating class has increased from 35 per cent in 1963 to 67 per cent in 1974. Altogether, 92 per cent of the 1974 entering freshmen were in the upper half of their high school graduating classes.

Bobby Johnson, supervisor of financial aid, said the President's Scholar Awards program may be a factor in the increase.

Presently there are 113 President's Scholars attending A&M. Started in 1968, these awards are designed to recognize and honor outstanding high school students in Texas. Each year 30 to 40 new recipients are named by the university.

Recipients of the awards receive \$1,250 per year for four years on the condition that they maintain a grade point ratio of 3.00 or higher.

Johnson said many of the recipients accelerate and finish school in three years or less.

Robert Logan, director of financial aid, said the students were nominated by their high school principals at the end of the junior year.

"A subcommittee of the University Scholarship Committee reviews the nominations and selects prospects for the awards," Logan said.

"The Scholarship Committee makes its final decision in August and notifies the recipients at the beginning of their senior high school year."

Logan said financial need was not a requirement for the awards. He said that the decision was based on high school grades, class standing, scores on the National Merit Qualifying Tests and Preliminary Standard Achievement Tests, leadership capacities and extra-curricular activities.

Johnson has done past research that indicates these award recipients also bring other students with them from their high schools.

"The purpose of the program was to encourage these people to come to A&M," Logan said.

Johnson added that his research shows that recipients tend to bring good students with them and those who score highly on the SAT.

"But we still get a lot of outstanding students who don't necessarily score high on standardized tests," Johnson said.

Logan said the average grade point ratio for the award recipients is approximately 3.7.

Ten of the recipients are funded by the university and the remainder are funded through endowments from the Former Students Association.



Zachry's foamy fountain

The fountain in front of the Zachry Engineering Center is now very clean thanks to some anonymous social worker who dumped some detergent in it. The clean-out reached its peak around noon yesterday.

Drive continues \$135,925 sought

By PAULA GEYER
Battalion Staff Writer

The largest single fund-raising drive in the county is in progress by the Bryan-Brazos County United Way, Bookman Peters, chairman of the drive, said Thursday.

The drive, aiming to collect \$135,925 before Oct. 31, was launched Sept. 15 by more than 600 volunteers.

The money collected from the drive will be distributed to 15 local charity agencies, Peters said.

Last year the Bryan drive collected \$131,000 in a 45-day period.

Peters said the Bryan-Brazos County United Way drive saves contribution dollars by combining potential funding campaigns into one drive.

The funds support agencies which provide programs for the elderly, the handicapped, young people, the sick and the needy, Peters said.

The agencies are chosen to participate in the drive by the Budget Committee of the local United Way, he said.

Peters said the agencies submit budgets to the committee which decides how much money to allocate each agency out of the total amount of funds contributed.

College Station and Texas A&M University also began fund-raising projects Sept. 15 for the United Way.

The College Station United Way has set a goal of raising \$35,000 before Oct. 31 for many of the same agencies supported by the Bryan drive.

The Texas A&M campaign will raise money for both the College Station United Way and the Bryan-Brazos County United Way, Dr. Haskell Monroe, head of the campus campaign, said.

The main agencies supported by this year's United Way fund drive are: Boys' Club of Bryan, Inc., \$38,000; Boy Scouts of America, \$17,000; Girls' Clubs of Brazos County, Inc., \$16,500; American Red Cross, \$13,500; Brazos County Rehabilitation Center, \$12,000; and the Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council, \$11,000.

Other agencies receiving funds are: Salvation Army, \$9,500; Central Brazos Valley Mental Health Center, \$4,000; Youth Center, \$2,700; Retired Senior Volunteer Program, \$1,300; and Junior Museum of Natural History \$1,200.

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