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President Williams enjoys friendship found at A&Mpay l

Some university presidents hole up in their offices at the beginning of the fall semester and seemingly don't come out until spring. Others skitter nervously across the campus on necessary errands, casting furtive glances at suspicious-looking students as they go. But Texas A&M University President Jack K. Williams actually enjoys circulating among the students — he says he likes to walk around the A&M campus to see what's going on.

"In my business, not very many college presidents of institutions of our size have any relationship with students at all," Williams said in a recent interview. He said that his colleagues are often surprised to hear that he can stop and say 'howdy' to an A&M student, and that the student will stop and say 'howdy' back.

"That's a friendly approach that I hope A&M students will always have, for each other and for everybody, because it's the key to the whole thing. It's the key to not losing your individuality as a university. We start our spirit and traditions first by people saying 'hello' to each other. You can go to a city and walk around all day and nobody will ever say boo'to you; they won't even say 'excuse me' if they knock you down," Williams said. But not so at A&M, where despite a recent acceleration in the growth of the university, Aggies have managed to remain friendly, and have faithfully continued to observe such traditions as Aggie Muster, always Williams' favorite. While many institutions may try to mimic Muster with varying degrees of success, there's nothing like the original and Williams believes that the unique Aggie spirit has enabled A&M to preserve it's annual event.

"It has a relationship to what I think is the essence of Aggie spirit; that is, that it lasts, for most Aggies, as long as they live. There's a special feeling about having been an Aggie, and Muster is a link between that

Muster on April 21 — you really have it wherever you have Aggies," by the person who wishes to become a part. If you sit in a corner somewhere and wait for A&M or

Many Aggies (and many others)
have expressed concern that with
the growth A&M is experiencing,

Williams stresses that while more dehumanization will result and the and more students appear to be restudent body will devolve into fusing involvement, traditions today splinter groups. While Williams believes that growth often leads to a first came to A&M. Recent decrease in closeness, he thinks that graduates will remember that a there will always be a corps of Ag- group of students bearing signs and gies who will value their years at

seem to be stronger than when he

Williams, who was born in the hill country of Galax, Va., attended Emory and Henry College where

establishing lasting friendships is

what really makes college worth-

while, and says that by meeting his

wife in school he was doubly

"I think that this will happen more and more here. As I wander

about the campus I notice that sev-

Following is a list of Aggies who

have died over the past year. Their names will be called at muster

ceremonies all over the world on Thursday. Friends, relatives and classmates will answer for the ab-

sent person.
Roll call for the absent is the high-

light of muster ceremonies. It serves each year to honor deceased Aggies.

1977 MUSTER DECEASED LIST

gies who will value their years at A&M far more than for their mere educational value. "I don't really think size is going to cause any detering their support of Williams and think size is going to cause any deterioration of our meaningful traditions.

I expect that size will mean that a lot of people who are Aggies might drop off and not participate, but they came here because of a program and not because of A&M as such, and they didn't become a part of A&M while they were here," Williams wife, Margaret. The 57-year-old administrator believes that

Active involvement essential

This active involvement in college life is essential for a student to eral warm friendships are being take full advantage of his school struck up..." Williams said thoughtyears, and Williams says that oncampus dorm associations and special interest groups are helping stu-

dents become more active.
"The Corps of Gadets, for example, will always be a unified group

— they will always have a sort of a fraternity because they've been members of the same group and worked in the same situations that are outside the classroom." he said.

Although the off-campus student faces more obstacles to becoming a viable member of the university community, programs such as Has-sle Free help increase the students' awareness of activities.

"An amazing number of people come to A&M because they hear what A&M is — because they hear that it is a friendly place. If you and Muster is a link between that past and the present. You can have five or six Aggies somewhere and they'll all get together and have a come for that reason, you will make yourself part of it," Williams said. "It's like anything in life: the move to become a part must be initiated

'77 muster outside 1977 MUSTER DECEASED LIST
A&M men deceased since the last Muster. Prepared from Association of Former
Students' records as of November 1, 1976.
For your convenience, this list is prepared
alphabetically by class year.
Suggested methods for calling the roll Dr. Jack K. Williams, president

Taps" to an anticipated crowd of six to eight thousand Aggies expected to gather on the System Administration Building's lawn for Thursday night's Muster ceremonies.
Considered one of Texas A&M

Unseen buglers will play "Silver

University's greatest traditions, Muster is held every April 21 to pay homage to Aggies who have died within the past year. Services are held worldwide, but the campus ceremony is the largest. It is planned by a student committee and financed by a student government fund.

This year's chairman, Dan Kasper, was interviewed and selected by student government. His volunteer committee was organized last October and began will call role for their own areas. working in November, he said.

This is the first Muster to be held

Muster was planned for the lawn, but was moved to G. Rollie White

Coliseum because of bad weather. Coliseum the morning of Muster instead of trying to predict the

weather three days ahead of time. Classes will be dismissed be-tween 5:00 and 6:15 Thursday night so students and faculty can attend scheduled to begin at 5:30.

of Texas A&M, and Dr. Jack M. Knox, president of the Association of Former Students, will welcome the

Maj. James Edwin Ray, who spent seven years as a North Vietnamese prisoner of war, will be the guest speaker.
Ray is a former president of Memorial Student Center, Ross Volunteer and member of Who's Who.

After Ray's speech, Head Yell Leader Joe D. Mickler will call the roll of the absent, the names of students and members of the Brazos A&M Club who have died since the last Muster. Other representatives will call role for their own areas.

For each of the dead Aggies, some comrade will answer "Here."
The Ross Volunteers will then fire a 21-gun salute.
The buglers will play "Silver Taps" from inside the second floor window of the Systems Building and the Singing Cadets will follow with "Auld Lang Syne."

This year, a poem will be read are:

Carl Y. Davis '05, Dallas Arthur C. Burns '07, Cleburne James C. Edgar Jones '08, Bryan C. Edgar Jones '08, Bryan Avery C. Barron '10, Austin J. Henry Crouch '10, Houston J. Henry Crouch '10, Austin J. Henry Crouch '10, Aust

on the lawn of the Administration some comrade will answer "Here."
Building since the 1960s. Last year's

The Ross Volunteers will then fire

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Kasper said this year's committee window of the Systems Building and the Singing Cadets will follow with Auld Lang Syne. This year, a poem will be read

aloud at the end of the ceremony. Marshali M. Coope '21, Abilene Albert M. Cooper '21, Abilene Harry G. Bimmerman '22, Sarasota, FL Chester H. Chambers '22, El Paso John F. Currie '22, Houston Paul W. Drummert '22, Houston "In Memoriam" by Capt. David Harrigan '68 is in memory of classmate Kevin Rinard who was the services. Ceremonies are killed in Vietnam. It will be read by Mary Ellen Martin.

John R. Guynes '22, Dallas
Edward W. Hanly, Jr. '22, Eagle Lake
M. V. Farr Smith, Jr. '22, Nashville, TN
B. L. Bradford '23, Iowa Park
Edward H. Gohmert '23, Eufaula, OK
Olan H. Hamilton '23, Stillwater, OK
Wendel A. Stiles '23, Dallas
Daniel F. Burkhalter '24, Pasadena
Albert H. Torian '24, San Angelo
Edwin P. Ruhmann '25, Kenedy
George T. Saunders '25, Cushing
James C. Appleman '27, Menard
John T. Evans '27, Brenham
Allen J. Florey, Jr. '27, Brownwood
George S. Fuller '27, San Antonio
Richard A. Self '27, Dallas
William Wendt '27, Houston
Thomas H. Anderson '28, San Antonio
Robert M. Craig '28, Navasota
Hilbbert Brinkoeter '29, Beeville
Betram C. Broad '29, Brady
Joe Corman '29, Houston
Lee N. Hellums '29, West Columbia
Leeland T. Jordan '29, Lufkin
Robert L. Pike '29, Jacksonville, FL
Royall M. Strode '29, Dallas
Herman W. Toepperwein '29, Kerrville
Doyle Williams '29, Austin
Sam L. Moseley '30, Garden City, KS
O. J. Rea, Jr. '30, Tomball
Joseph A. Revak '30, Beaumont
Gerald R. Schumann '30, Bellville
George D. Mulloy '31, College Station
Robert C. Nettles '31, Hot Spring Village,
AR
W. Hal Phelps '31, Little Rock, AR

Manuel L. Ortega '20, Mexico City Joe L. Scudder '20, Big Sandy Marshall M. Cook '21, Orchard

AR
W. Hal Phelps '31, Little Rock, AR
Jess M. Russell '31, Levelland
James E. Wells '31, Teague
Charles B. Beard '32, Hugo, OK
Robert B. Collier '32, Houston
J. Harry Hebert '32, West Monroe, LA
John A. Pranglin '32, Houston

Horatio Durst, III '33, Gretna, LA
George H. Fairbanks '34, Glendale, CA
Winfred G. Ross '33, Dallas
Archie Hatcher '35, Beeville
Milton O. Hood '35, Abernathy
Lawrence A. Rothe '35, D'Hannis
Carl G. Taylor '35, Las Vegas, NV
F. W. H. Wehner, Jr. '35, Colorado
Springs, CO
Robert M. Atkinson '36, Houston
James F. Hudson '36, Houston
Robert L. Jackson '36, Bryan
Robert A. James '36, Dallas
Joe C. Stine '36, Houston
J. Cullen Sowers '36, Commerce
William R. Knight '37, Houston

Although he is not a native Texan, Williams said that ever since he's heard about colleges, he's heard about Texas A&M.

People know A&M

You'll find that wherever you go in the United States people know A&M, and know it in a nice way," Williams said proudly. The former Marine officer has been working with Texas A&M since 1966, when he became Commissioner of the Texas State Coordinating Board and helped build some of A&M's current academic programs.

Williams said he first became involved with higher education as a professor at South Carolina's Clemson University because he enjoys watching young people grow as they pass through college and carry their acquired knowledge out into life. He says that traditions often help maintain a lifelong relationship to a college, and apparently many Ag-gies have successfully attained his

"I don't believe any institution in the country has this kind of feeling — I don't know of any where the people have the same relationship teaching and researching; it is also

Muster 1977

Roll call honors dead

Jack Neal '37, Comfort
Ernest V. Walton '37, College Station
John V. Laird '38, Stephenville
Robert C. Mackey '38, Casper, WY
H. B. McElroy '38, College Station
W. L. Robert '38, Bryan
Miguel Saldana '38, Laredo
Paul Christian '39, Waco
Lucien J. Coquet '39, Dallas
Warren C. Kiser '39, Dallas
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Arthur S. Witchell '39, Dallas
Wayne W. Brown, Sr. '40, Beaumont
Billy J. Joyce '40, Winters
Robert W. Lewis, Jr. '40, Oklahoma City,
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Robert W. Lewis, Jr. 40, Oklahoma City, OK
Jarvis S. Pinchback '40, Beaumont
Walter K. Shelton '40, Rockport
James N. Thompson '40, Alexandria, VA
Fred Urbanovsky '40, Mesquite
Judson C. Womble '40, El Paso
Tommy C. Davis '41, Shreveport, LA
Garland G. Gibbs '41, Marlim
Aaron B. Penland '41, Bay City
Thomas C. Waddell '41, McCamey
Richard E. Woods '41, Woodlake
William Blessing '42, Dallas
Arthur K. King, Jr. '42, Boling
William C. Moughton '42, Fort Smith, AR
Gustin C. Schmidt '42, Houston
Tom C. Welsh, Jr. '42 Houston
Henry E. Crew, Jr. '43, Idaho Falls, ID

Lawrence K. Hannon '43, Austin
Louis M. Hovorak '43, College Station
Harry H. Pelot '43, Waco
William S. Talk '43, Arlington
John Nickleburr '44, Nederland
Robert E. Scott '44, Mexico
John W. Smylie '44, Marietta, GA
Robert B. Berryman '45, Houston
William V. Braley '46, San Antonio
Leroy H. Giebel '46, Brenham
Louis J. Kozelsky '46, Edna
Donald D. McKinney '46, Carlsbad, NM
Purcell L. Geistman '47, Corpus Christi
Richard E. Schruggs '47, Lindenhurst, NY
Monroe W. Pressler '49, Devine
Carroll C. Smith '49, Smithville
Harold B. Stone '49, Dallas
Walter L. Caldwell, Jr. '50, Abilene
Samuel L. Neal '50, Paris
Guyle E. Cavin '51, Amarillo
David P. Norcom '51, Berkeley Heights,
NJ
Truett Smith '51, Winters

David P. Norcom '51, Berkeley Heights, NJ
Truett Smith '51, Winters
Robert C. Williams '51, Spring
John B. Henry '52, Paris
Albert R. Berry '53, Arlington
Aubin O. Ferguson '57, Friendswood
Billy J. Bailey '58, Sherman
Royce F. Hudson '58, Bryan
Bill J. Thornton '58, Bryan
Bill J. Thornton '58, Houston
Robert E. Harris, Jr. '59, Corpus Christi
Phillip W. Cox '60, Brazoria
Tommy L. Snow '60, Houston
Weems M. Avant '61, Tennessee Colony
David K. Keeler '61, Springs, AR
Thomas D. Perry '64, Rochester, MN
John M. Davis '66, College Station
Terrance D. Myers '70, Wichita Falls
Richard E. Taylor '70, Houston
Larry W. Froeschl '71, Texas City
E. Dudley Watkins '71, College Station
Michael Censullo '72, Bergenfield, NJ
Van Edward Scroggins '72, Houston
Edward D. Haines '73, Greenville
James E. Penland '74, Bay City
Daniel N. Joaquin '75, Marshall

1977 UPDATED MUSTER LIST

This list is added to the previous list. Here are deceased since November 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977. For your convenience, this list is prepared alphabetically by class year.

Jonas M. Isbell '03, Wichita Falls
Gale Oliver '05, San Antonio
Houston A. Brice '10, Birmingham, Ala
Ray S. Williams '10, Mount Dora, Fla
Joe C. Lauderdale '11, Somerville
Harold Thaxton '12, Pacific Grove, Ca
Roger E. Knolle '13, Brenham
Robert H. Miller '13, Largo, Fla
Raphael B. Simon '13, Houston
Arthur H. Irby '14, Beaumont
William S. Gillespie '15, Houston
Hugh B. Killough '16, Stuart, Fla
Adam J. Bennett '17, Harlingen
James E. Brewster, Jr. '17, Temple
Rodgers P. Brown '17, Dallas
Louis H. Huebner '17, Seattle, Wa
Hugh O. Schulze '17, Mason
J. B. Russell, Jr. '18, Laird Hill
Noyes W. Willett '18, Clifton
Grady S. Appling '19, Victorville, Ca
Charles H. Clark '19, Hillsboro
Maynard I. Landa '19, Greenwich, Conn
William E. Livingston '19, Dallas
Clinton S. Wolston '19, Beaumont
Robert L. Carson '20, Fort Worth
Arthur I. Edwards '20, Coleman
Leroy A. Buescher '22, Mission
Curtis B. Delhomme '22, Houston
Rudolph A. Weisbrich '22, Carland
Edward D. Brandt, Sr. '23, Houston
Charles Wellborn '23, Cladewater
Paul E. Cassidy '24, Dallas
Leonard P. Davison '24, Houston
Walter H. Davidson '24, Houston
E. King Gill '24, Rockport
Sanford E. Ogle '24, Beaumont
D. M. Russell '24, Stephenville

for a day, you get counted,' Williams said.

Williams believes that this indomitable Aggie spirit has contrib-uted to the institution's recent surge in growth, a development he discounts as being nothing more than

the normal growth of a university.

And although the Admissions office is still receiving more applica-tions than it can accept, he expects enrollment to top out at about 30,000 students, and said that facilities are being built to handle about that number.

"Despite what some people think, we are an underbuilt college, because of the slowness and red tape involved in putting buildings up. We don't have sufficient office space for our faculty, we have insufficient classrooms — we need to busy ourselves with the construction of some good academic buildings," Williams said.

He added that state policy has slowed on-campus construction ("We have to go through all kinds of red tape and hoopla") and that studies labeling A&M 'overbuilt' are largely inaccurate.

A&M is more than a university,

Jordan L. Clarke '25, Lake Jackson Jack E. Finks '25, San Antonio Addison Y. Gunter '25, Gainesville Blum E. Hester '25, Houston Louis G. Kuempel '25, Taylor Albert M. McNeel, Sr. '25, San Antonio Bert R. Powell '25, Lamesa W. Ray Smith '25, Hillsboro Steven A. Debnam '26, Bella Vista, Ark Martin B. Killian '26, San Antonio William S. Price '26, Kernes John W. Sprott '26, Arlington Volney E. Brightman '27, Houston William R. Coker '27, Verona, N.J. Joe E. Furneaux '27, Waco Orville D. Morris '27, Houston Howard L. Ridout '27, Dallas Albert J. Bierschwale '28, Alpine John H. Cuthrell '29, Rosenberg John R. Garrett '29, Texarkana J. M. McKittrick '29, Judson John H. Wyly '29, Mesquite James A. Rutherford, Jr. '30, Warren Ohio Ed Thompson, Jr. '30, Carrollton James M. Tomme '30, Temple John Roy Varnell '30, Temple Elmer D. Barker '31, Houston Walter C. Butler '31, Clifton Lenox M. Ligon '31, San Angelo Marcuss Mauritz '31, Ganado Edwin P. Palmer '31, Nacogdoches Wilford F. Pickard '31, San Antonio Henry F. Rumfelt '31, San Diego, Ca David W. Sherrill '31, San Diego, Ca David W. Sherrill '31, San Diego, Ca Carrick H. Braswell '32, Caldwell Charles I. Halliman '32, Dallas Lester F. Lawhon '32, Fort Worth Joseph R. McMahan, Jr. '32, Midland

Clarence E. Rabb '32, Dallas John M. Arnett, Jr. '33, Colorado Springs,

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Everett H. Cain '33, Liberty
Ross B. Jenkins '33, San Antonio
Rhey E. Nolan '34, Robstown
Roger R. Shannon '34, Normangee
Charles W. Bridges '35. Midlothian
Alvin L. Huth '35, San Antonio
Jewell D. Daugherty '37, Houston
John Bruckner, Jr. '38, Waukegan, Ill
J. Harry Bryant '38, Bedford
William S. Connolly '38, Whitney
Russell C. Hillier '38, Bryan
Robert R. Nelson '38, Fort Worth
Morgan Ricks '38, Hempstead
James E. Thomas '38, Dallas
John W. Funderburgh, Jr. '39, Fort
Worth

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Kenneth Koonce '39, Henderson
Herschel H. Payne '39, El Campo
James Dinsmore '40, Houston
Travis L. Fike '40, Wheatland, Ca
George F. Pappas '40, Bellaire
Marion Pugh '41, College Station
William R. Spencer '41. Pittsburg
John E. Buehrig '42, Tomball
Clyde W. Graham '42, Temple
Cornwell B. Longyear '42, Dallas
Green D. McClain '42, Dallas
David F. Roddy '42, Midland
Charles F. Thompson '42, Pearsall
Hugh T. Lyle '43, Durnas
Johnnie P. Davis '45, Lubbock
Raymond L. Hewell '45, Houston
Robert A. Magers '45, Sherman
Carl M. Cater '46, Bryan
Ernest A. Elwood '46, Houston
Robert B. Evans III '46, Concord, Tn

Robert E. Newton '46, Richardson
Albert L. von Rosenberg '46, Arlington
Randolf Blumberg '47, Houston
David Crawford '47, Houston
Jonas I. Strieback '47, Houston
Bruce F. Edwards '48, Sugar Land
Dewey P. Compton '49, Houston
Charles L. Jones '49, Denison
Newton O. Duncan '50, San Antonio
E. Lee Gilliland '50, San Antonio
Howard M. Lohmann '51, Mission
James J. Moore '51, Corpus Christi
Ellis M. Taylor '51, Lockney
Robert W. Fowler '52, Kilgore
Lawrence G. Renken '52, Carland
Charles E. Walker '53, Temple
Jack L. Fowler '54, Memphis
Thomas M. Hall '55, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
David Y. Fawcett '56, Plano
Charles H. Pollard '57, Arlington
David E. Frazier '59, Houston
Charles E. Brunt '60, Bryan
Ned F. Keahey '60, Houston
Karlton E. Kothmann '62, Mason
James E. Parker '65, Farwell
Walter L. Winnette, Jr. '65, Pasadena
Murray Wortham '65, San Augustine
Lawrence T. Baugh '66, West Columbia
Francisco P. Vergara '66, Philippines
James D. Talasek '67, Rosenberg
Ronald J. Schreiber '68, Houston
James E. Duval '70, Abilene
Thomas P. Howie '70, Texarkana
John T. Whipple '71, San Antonio
Roger H. Gray '73, Houston
Annette S. Thieleman '73, Bryan
Larry G. Pizzini '74, Universal City

to each other as they do when they finish at A&M. If you're ever here cies. The experiment stations, extension services, forest service, predatory animal control service, diagnostic laboratories - all of these things are space-users, and yet we get counted over and over again as having vast amounts of space per student. They divide our

> for all purposes, and say that A&M is overbuilt," Williams said. "I'm not really complaining, be-casuse you're spending taxpayers' money and there ought to be stops along the way to justify, to explain, to defend — and there have to be approval groups and you have to make sure that nobody's in a position to make any sort of a rake-off.

build the institution. "Each year for the six years I've been here we have built what is

They're just protections for the

money that the people have generated through their own hard work to

versity. We have had from 2, 3,000 new students come in year and we've had to prepar them. We have to supply the fa as possible to take care of some as proposals the size of Rice University each each year. and get buildings in shape as number of students into the total number of square feet on campus,

each year.

"When people talk about he of the prediction of the stattle of the say, 'We build a Rice every we williams said.

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plant, he still rates the student hen Carter used the biggest attraction.

"You can walk over to the here, and even when they remained to and fro and jumper their bikes and taking off, the still say 'hi' to you," Williams attes also are it's the feeling that if you compare place.

it's the feeling that if you con A&M, it's a friendly place of there are so darned few fits Sen. Dewer places on the globe that I aid the President blame them for coming here for the country of the countr



DR. JACK K. WILLIAMS

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was far from the solemn occasion we

cadets, Muster was a time to be jolly and remember the "good ole days" at Texas A&M. These parties were usually held during commencement

day from classes.

When the bandmaster sounded the call to classes on April 21, 1903, the 300-member student body marched in formation to the home of the school president in protest.

The students were forced to return to classes, but the cadets vowed that in years to come the anniversary of the battle that gave Texas its independence would be a celebrated occasion.

of 1903-06 began the tradition. According to University Ar-

call for the absent was read.

Wright said. On the island of Corregidor, A 21, 1942, 25 Aggies mustered bomb-proof tunnel called "the m

while Japanese artillery shells be electricited all around them.

Asked above the shells are the shell are the shell

grown in strength.

The tradition symbolizes Aggie Spirit which binds all Agg



Photo courtesy of University Aggies get together in Guam.

know today.

Aggie Muster on June 26, 1883.

Vas far from the solemn occasion we mow today.

In that early meeting of exadets, Muster was a time to be jolly and remember the "good ole days" to Texas A&M. These parties were smally held during commencement civities.

In the early 1900s Aggies began would answer "here" when the miles of the coll for the absent was real.

sary of the day Sam Houston's small band of volunteers defeated Santa Anna's troops, with a track and field day.

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Musters were held overses the first time during World With the electrical But not until World War II basement.

Aggie Musters gain worldwide. That was

Traditionally, April 21 was a holi-

True to their promise, the classes

chives, informal gatherings in many to each other and to their school

ed all around them.

Fifteen days later, Corregidat right said longed to the Japanese. The war brought Aggies all ment but that the world together and generated sense of optimism at home. Anytime sense of optimism at home. Since World War II, the Martinay flood held on the University campus remember is become more ceremonial and or four time



JAMES EDWIN RAY