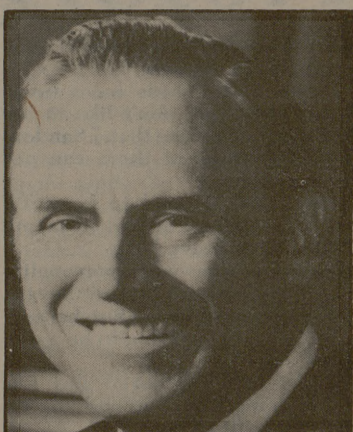


Four graduates to receive awards

Four A&M graduates will receive "distinguished alumnus" designation, the highest honor awarded by the university.

Ford D. Albritton Jr., of Bryan, Leslie L. Appelt and George P. Mitchell, of Houston, and J. Roy Quinby, of Plainview, will receive the awards Saturday.

The award, previously given to only 55 of the institution's 80,000 graduates, is jointly presented by the university and the



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Association of Former Students. The recognition is reserved for former students "whose exceptional contributions to society have singled them out as men of great stature and ability."

Presentation of the awards will be made at Texas A&M's spring commencement exercises.

Albritton, a 1941 Texas A&M graduate, is chairman of the board of the Tipperary Corp., headquartered in Midland, and chairman of the board of the

Houston-based Ashbrook Corp.

He is the only person to have been a member of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, from 1968 to 1975, and president of both the Association of Former Students, 1969, and the Texas A&M Research Foundation, 1970. He also served as vice president and a member of the executive committee for The Aggie Club.

Appelt, also a 1941 graduate, is president of Appelt, Robeau, Womack, Inc., one of Houston's largest commercial real estate firms. He is general partner in five real estate development properties and is a consultant to the Jacintoport Corp.

He served as alumni president in 1971 and is now chairman of the board of trustees for the Texas A&M University Development Foundation. He initiated the idea and provided initial funding for the university's visitor information center, and helped establish Texas A&M's Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise.

Mitchell, a 1940 graduate, is board chairman and president of Mitchell Energy & Develop-



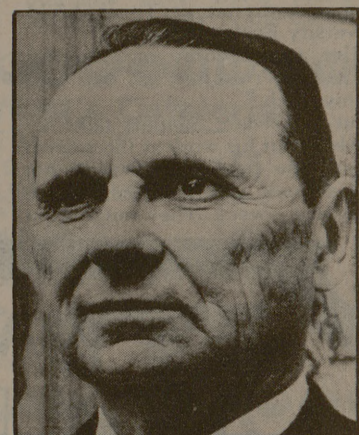
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ment Corp., one of the nation's largest independent oil and gas producers. He is also developer of The Woodlands, a planned community north of Houston.

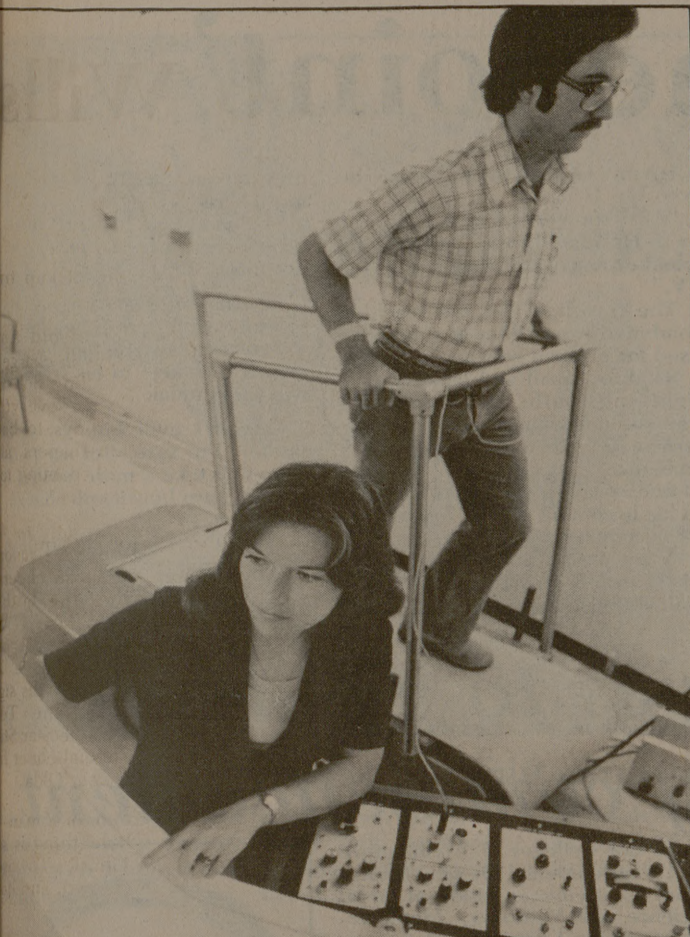
In 1968 he donated the land for the Texas A&M Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources. The site on Galveston's Pelican Island, was named the Mitchell Campus in honor of the donor's parents.

Quinby, a 1924 graduate, served as superintendent and research leader at Texas A&M's Texas Agricultural Experiment Station facility in Chillicothe from 1925 until 1961. Quinby helped develop a hybrid grain sorghum as a significant agricultural crop for cattle, swine and poultry feed.

Since his formal retirement, he has served as a visiting professor at Texas A&M.



QUINBY



BONNIE HUNT

Ph.D. precedent set

Woman receives degree

Bonnie Hunt will become the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University during Friday's commencement ceremonies.

She joins the third generation of engineers in her family — grandfather, Colorado School of Mines, 1908; father, Georgia Tech, 1943; and brother, University of Dayton, 1950 — but took a rather circuitous route to achieve that goal.

My father always encouraged me as well as my brother, to do as much as we thought was possible, as a result there was none of the usual familial pressure to conform to a woman's role," she said.

Hunt's research is in the field of vibrations and their effect on performance and personality — effects which are sustained by truck drivers or plane pilots.

We've noted, for example, that drivers respond positively to the stimulus provided by music played in the car but fall off rapidly as it ceases," she said. "However, we

found that the levels at which people complained was much lower than the levels at which vibrations actually affected them."

Hunt said she had once wanted to join the military or become an air-

line stewardess. She later ran her own foundry, then worked in a steel foundry. The four-foot, nine-inch Hunt also participated in the Texas A&M half-marathon last weekend.

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