

Calhoun, graduation speaker

Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., executive vice chancellor for programs for the Texas A&M University System, will be commencement speaker May 14 at Tarleton State University. Tarleton registrar John Whiting announced that 263 undergraduate and 32 graduate students have applied for degrees. Graduation is scheduled at 3 p.m. in Wisdom Gymnasium.

Calhoun is a native of Pennsylvania and received B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Pennsylvania State University. He holds an honorary Doctor of Science from Ripon College. From 1963 to 1965 he served as an assistant and science advisor to the secretary of the interior and as acting director of the Office of Water Resources Research.

Washers and dryers might be installed in dormitories

By PAUL BARTON
A resolution to install washers and dryers in dormitories that do not have them is expected to pass the student senate at its Wednesday meeting, said Kevin Patterson, vice president for student services. He said the bill will be presented for emergency consideration.

Patterson lists two reasons why he thinks the proposal will pass. He says, an opinion poll taken by student government last fall "substantiates a need" for the machines, and many senators live in dorms that would be affected and can see the positive effects of the bill. Only seven of 31 dormitories have

washers and dryers, said Ron Sasse, assistant director of student affairs in the housing office.

Jim Bob Huff, former head of the laundry subcommittee of student government, said laundry problems of on-campus students were a major topic at a meeting of resident advisors and dorm representatives held before the spring break. Many complained that commercial laundromats were dirty and the machines were frequently out of order. Others objected to the inconvenience of having to go off-campus to wash.

Students who do not want to wash their own clothes may subscribe to a semester laundry plan offered by the University and Fabric Care Service Inc. of Bryan. Cost is \$53.00.

Ron Vandiver, president of Fabric Care, says students not on the plan can still bring clothes to a laundry substation on campus and have them cleaned on a cash-and-carry basis at below market prices. Shirts, for example, cost 35 cents each.

Vandiver added that the cost of the semester plan will probably increase next fall, mainly because of the faces increased labor costs from the new minimum wage law.

Corps Commander Mike Gentry said he thinks on-campus students are ready for another laundry option.

"In my opinion, the majority of students don't feel the present laundry plan is economical. That's why a large number have dropped off. Most would like to have washers and dryers on campus."

Vandiver said that the same amount of clothes that cost an average of \$3.35 a week on the semester plan would cost \$11.30 off campus and \$7.95 on the cash-and-carry

basis. A poll taken by student government last fall indicates that many students feel as Gentry does. The survey was given to 851 Corps members and 1,024 civilian students.

In response to the question, "Would you be in favor of installation of washers and dryers in your dormitory?" 82 percent of Corps members said yes. Seventy-five percent of the civilians said yes.

Another question asked students if they would be in favor of installing washers and dryers in one of the dorm rooms. Sixty-three percent of civilians said yes. In the Corps, 65 percent said yes.

If the laundry resolution is passed, it would be sent to Dr. John Koldus, vice-president for student services. Koldus said he would have to study the feasibility of the proposal with Howard Vestal, vice president for business affairs.

Koldus said an agreement also would have to be reached with Vandiver before any action could be taken. Vandiver holds a five-year contract with the University.

Ed Davis, also of the Business Affairs office, said the bid specifications sent to laundry contractors a year ago stated the University would not provide additional washers and dryers to compete with the laundry service. He said it was the only way they could get anybody to bid on a contract.

Vandiver said his contract with the University gives him the option of running any new machines installed on campus. He added that Fabric Care and Texas A&M are presently analyzing the feasibility of putting additional washing machines on campus.

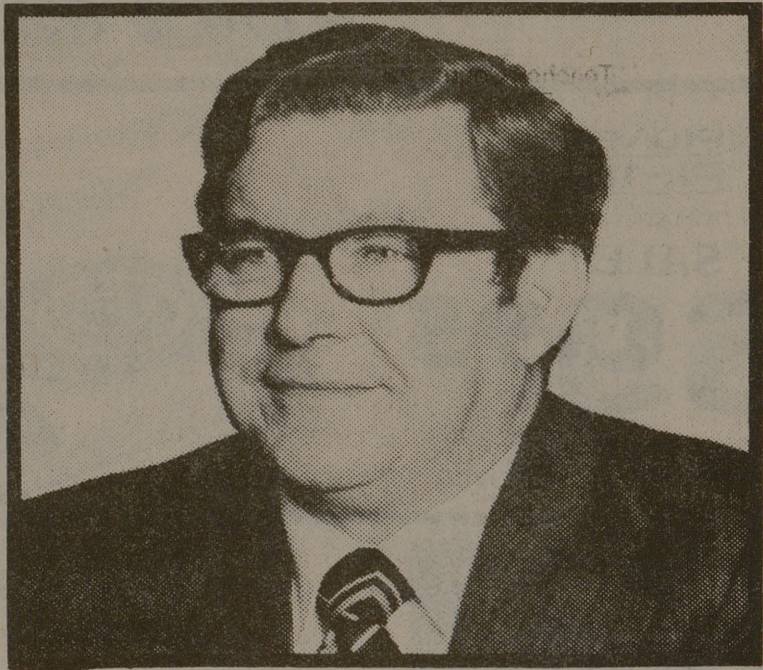
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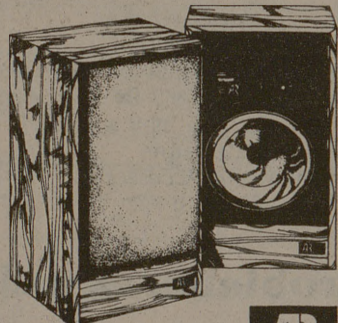
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The minority engineering program was funded with \$10,000, up \$3,000 from the Exxon gift in 1977. The money is divided into \$750 to

\$500 a year scholarships restricted for minority students.

A \$3,000 Exxon donation, an increase of \$1,000 over last year, will aid operating expenses of the JETS program. The state office of the Society which informs high school students of engineering career opportunities, is located at Texas A&M. The program is coordinated by Dr. Charles Rodenberger, assistant dean of engineering who accepted the Exxon grants.

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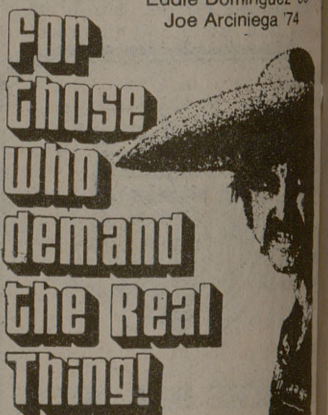
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