

72 RVs Inducted Tuesday

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The optimism of Lawrence Sullivan Ross changed the image of Texas A&M University many years ago, a Tuesday night. And that optimism is still prevalent on this campus, said Ed Davis, assistant president for business affairs. Ross was speaking to Ross Volunteers at an induction ceremony in the Memorial Student Center.

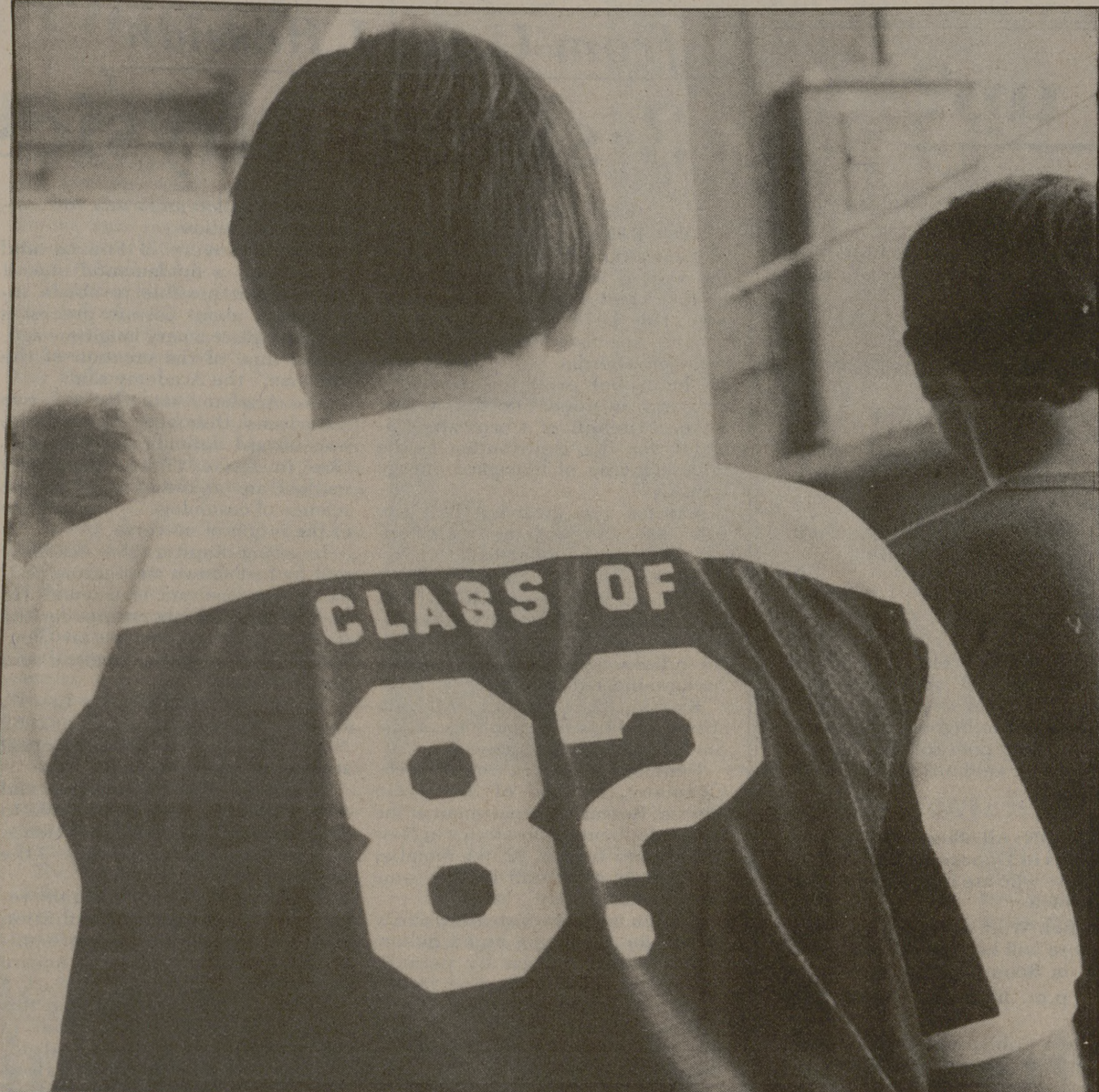
The old Ross Volunteers selected juniors in the Corps of Cadets about 200 who applied. They were chosen on standards of character, leadership, military bearing and small achievements.

Davis, a graduate of the Class of '82, and the Corps Commander contrasted the pessimism in the United States with the optimism shown by the Corps of Cadets, the Ross Volunteers and Texas A&M.

He cited Lawrence Sullivan Ross, whom the Ross Volunteer Committee was named, as an example of optimism. Before Ross became the president of Texas A&M, the college was thought of as a reform school for delinquents. But after Ross came out, the image of Texas A&M changed, Davis said.

After his first year here, Ross returned to the U.S. Congress that Texas A&M was not a reform school that had many good students. "More people wanted to go to Texas A&M, but there was no room for all those who applied."

Ross' optimism gave Texas A&M a new image, Davis said. At the end of the banquet, each member was presented with a ribbon and certificate. The ribbon and white cord, which signifies the company, was placed on the new Ross Volunteer by a senior member of the outfit.



Battalion photo by Michelle Scudder

Your guess is as good as his

This fellow seems to be expressing the doubt some college students have, at least occasionally. He does appear to be taking it in good humor, though. This week may not be one of the best for joking about grades as mid-term reports will arrive in the mail any day now.

The deadline for Q-drops is also approaching. Monday is the last day students may drop a class without penalty, a Q-drop. If a student drops a class after the deadline, an "F" will be recorded for that course in most instances. Keep smilin'.

Congress creates 'fishy' obstacle

Snail darter faces another test

WASHINGTON — Congress has passed environmentalists to fight yet another battle to block completion of the \$123 million Tennessee Dam, the habitat of a species of fish called snail darter.

Federal courts have stalled work on the dam since last November when it would destroy the home of the snail darters in the Tennessee River, in violation of the 1973 Endangered Species Act.

Many congressmen thought this carrying species protection too costly. The dam had already cost \$111 million. When the act came up for an 18-month extension last weekend, a majority voted to remove

snail darters from protection. But Sen. John Culver, D-Iowa, achieved a reprieve for the fish with a winning compromise that placed their fate in the hands of a new, cabinet-level commission that must decide the fate of the dam and the fish in 90 days.

Environmentalists spoke up to fight the battle again, after winning in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year and the Supreme Court last April.

Rep. John D. Dingall, D-Mich., who backed Culver's compromise in the House, defended the new bill as possibly the best legislative form that could be arrived at in view of

the "adverse mood" of Congress then. "We found the mood of Congress was much worse than expected," Dingall said. "It would be a tragedy to have it vetoed. We see next year as much worse than this year."

Rep. John Duncan, R-Tenn., who sponsored the exemption amendment, said in a telephone interview from his office in Knoxville, Tenn., he will reintroduce it next year if the commission votes against Tellico.

Spokesmen for environmentalists nevertheless set out to try to win their case before the new commission.

"We will involve ourselves to the maximum extent we can in the proceedings," said Michael Bean, chairman of the Environmental Defense Fund's wildlife program.

Fishing may still be harmed

Britain gives in to protests, sends hunters from seals

United Press International
KIRKWALL, Scotland — Bowing to "widespread public concern," Britain has canceled a contract for Norwegian marksmen to shoot 5,000 gray seals to protect the fishing industry in Scotland's Orkney islands.

The British government announced Monday night it was sending home the Norwegian hunters hired last week to kill the seals, which were consuming 60,000 tons of fish a year.

The announcement of the planned mass killing set off protests led by the California-based Greenpeace conservation group which hired a trawler to shadow the Norwegian seal hunters.

Other volunteers camped on rocks near the Orkneys, vowing to

stand between seals and the Norwegian hunters, causing government to postpone the start of the kill rather than risk human life.

Monday night, Bruce Millan, the Labor government's secretary for Scotland, announced the hunters were being sent home despite his belief the seals, whose population had doubled in 10 years, were harming the fishing industry.

"Although I believe the plan (to go ahead with the killing program) is correct, I am conscious of the widespread public concern on this matter," Millan said.

But Millan said about 2,000 seal pups would still be killed by local men. But the plan to shoot a total of 5,000 seals — including 900 breeding adult females — would be scrapped.

Greenpeace officials hailed the government's decision to back down and said they would not object to the lesser killing, which has become an annual event in recent years.

"We are all overjoyed," said Pete Wilkinson, spokesman for the Greenpeace base at Kirkwall. "Why couldn't they have announced this last week and saved all the trouble?"

A spokesman for the Royal Society for Protection of Animals, which last week appealed to Prime Minister James Callaghan to stop the kill, said: "We are delighted that humanitarianism has prevailed at last."

"In these times of commercially orientated actions it is gratifying to know that nonviolent, reasonable protest and public reaction can still cause government departments to reconsider their decisions."

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