

300-plus memorized each semester

Aggie prof 'names names' in classes

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Battalion Reporter



Dr. Murray Milford, professor of soil and crop sciences knows "what's in a name."

usually recall most of them. He has taught more than 5,800 students since he began teaching in 1963.

Before a teacher can remember names, Milford said, "he has to want to do it and think that it is worthwhile." He said he has a better relationship with his students and a better attitude in his classroom because he knows each student by name.

Milford traces some of his skill of remembering names back to when he was a member of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. Remembering names was very important in the Corps, he said.

When Milford had fewer than 150 students in his classes, he could remember the students' names without having to study them. Now, he has a picture of each student, and seating charts in every class to help him learn names.

Milford writes the student's name

on the back of each picture, then uses them as flashcards to help him learn the names.

Milford tries to match physical features with names to help him remember the names. "Mustaches and beards are not good to use for memory devices because when they are shaved off, you don't know who they are," he said.

Milford has read a book on how to increase memory, but most of his techniques he developed himself.

He has the most trouble remem-

bering common and Latin names. "Smith and Robinsons are difficult to remember because there are so many of them," Milford said.

"It pays off" to learn the names of students, and Milford encourages all teachers to try it. He said all college level teachers have the ability to remember names.

Milford said many of the professors in the agriculture department know their students by name and he requires all his lab instructors to know the names of their students.

Clean-cut guys needed, hard to find in jail today

United Press International
SAN DIEGO — There just aren't enough clean-cut, all-American types behind bars these days — and that has become a problem to some lawyers who are trying to create a lineup for a robbery trial.

They need 30 young men of that type to hold lineups for six accused robbers. All but one of the suspects are Marines.

In a lineup, authorities put the real suspect before witnesses, along with five other people with the same physical characteristics. The fill-ins are usually taken from local jails. The victims must pick out the real suspect.

The current case involves six young men, all about 20. Five are Marines from Camp Pendleton and one is a civilian. They are accused of robbing 21 illegal alien Mexicans living and working in tomato fields near the camp.

Defense attorneys have demanded lineups before a prelimi-

nary hearing Nov. 28. The trouble is, the robbery suspects all are young, white, short-haired, clean-shaven and of medium build — "your Joe Average American-Anglo Marine," prosecutor Ron Jarvis said.

Lineups for six suspects require 30 other people. For convenience and security, most lineups employ volunteers from the county jail system.

"There weren't enough clean-cut individuals in the San Diego jail," defense attorney Paul Riddle said.

The most the system could supply was about five, he said.

Prosecutors turned to neighboring Orange county. "They didn't have 10 men who even came close," Jarvis said.

Even the large Los Angeles County jail system could not guarantee it had 30 young men of proper appearance on hand, not to

mention the logistical and financial obstacles.

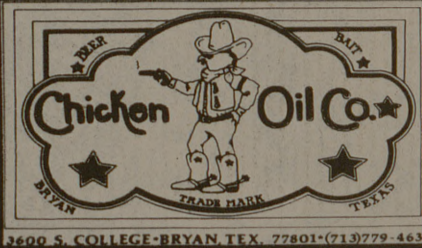
Holding the lineups in Los Angeles would take three nights and cost San Diego County almost \$14,000 in travel expenses and salaries. Oceanside Municipal Court Judge Suzanne Knauf said the court would not approve such an expense.

Lawyers considered holding the lineups at Camp Pendleton, where there are 32,000 Marines. But the Marine Corps balked.

Finally, defense attorneys accepted the responsibility for providing 30 clean-shaven, short-haired, white 20-year-olds willing to stand in a criminal lineup Nov. 18.

The lawyers hired a private detective to find them.

They said the investigator plans to go volunteer-hunting at Camp Pendleton, in criminal law classes at local colleges and at the San Diego Sheriff's Academy.



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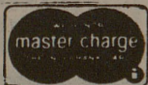
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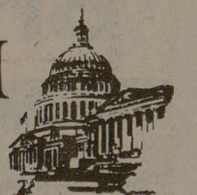
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