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Hobby addresses graduates

by DEBBIE NELSON

Battalion Staff About 3 p.m. on Friday, the first aduate of the Texas A&M Univery's Class of 1980 received his di-

Nearly 20 hours, two graduation nies and 3,130 degrees later, e last diploma had been awarded dthe last whoop of the ceremonies dreverberated in G. Rollie White

gie spirits, from President Jarvis tember. ler's opening "Howdy" to the finpenediction.

There were many proud and ching moments during the three traditional 'your education is just benies, held Friday at 2 p.m. 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 9

metime during the ceremonies, 100,000th degree was presented. ller offered some perspective on University's growth, saying half those degrees have been prented since 1970, while only 20,000 grees were presented in the plained rod from the University's origin Hob

1876 to 1950. Sara Joanne Feldman, a finance

nd accounting major, and William

Carl Altman, a December 1979 graduate in electrical engineering, won the Brown Foundation Earl Rudder Outstanding Student Award, to hon-

or the memory of former Texas A&M President Rudder. Feldman and Altman won \$5,000 each as outstanding graduating seniors, based on leadership, patriotism, courage and humility

judged by an anonymous committee. Altman is also a Rhodes scholar, with The graduates were in typical high his fellowship to begin in Sep-Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby addres-

sed the second and third graduation ceremonies on what he termed "the

inning' theme." Hobby startled the audience by saying, "The world, quite frankly, doesn't give a damn that the class of 1980 at Texas A&M is about to climb on board.

"You will have to prove yourself to a world as uncaring and skeptical of you as you are of t.u.," Hobby ex-Hobby said the "energy mess" will be a growing concern for the next

generation You will sire and raise the first

generation of Americans since the technological revolution to have lived without energy abundance.

"That's where the Aggies come in," Hobby said. He told the gradu-ates they will be responsible for finding energy solutions and making decisions that will affect future generations.

Hobby concluded, "Exactly one year from now there will be thousands and thousands of young men and women sitting where you are now who are primed and ready to take your jobs. You've got a one year head-start. Get busy. We're counting on you.

Dr. Haskell Monroe, dean of faculties and vice president for academic affairs, addressed the first ceremony, at what he termed was also his own graduation.

After 21 years on the Texas A&M faculty, Monroe is leaving to assume the presidency of the University of Texas at El Paso. "We are now about to become part

of a maroon line which for 104 years has symbolized high achievement, diligent concern for others and the defense of freedom.

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Emotions soar at Final Review

by DEBBIE NELSON

Battalion Staff With the familiarity and exhiliaration accompanying most tradi-tion-filled ceremonies, the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets celebrated commissioning and Final Review on Saturday. Gen. Bennie L. Davis, commander of the Air Training Command, headquartered at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, presented commissions to 122 cadets at commissioning ceremonies held at 1:30 p.m. in C. Bollia White

Before the ceremony Aggie spirit swept the audience as the Aggie Band pounded out songs in anticipation of final review and every outfit proudly proclaimed it was "the best damn outfit on the campus."

the William T. Doherty Award given to a commissioned graduating senior. Selection was based on high moral character, outstanding academic record and respect of officers in the Corps. Davis praised the newly commissioned officers for accepting the

Davis praised the newly commissioned oncers for accepting the "commitment of officership." "You have all had friends," Davis said, "who changed their minds about becoming officers. They found the price was too high, the demand was too great, the sacrifice was unacceptable." Davis urged the cadets to be innovative, yet to avoid rigidity, and to

be cool-headed, yet not cool-hearted. Commissioning, as well as the Final Review which followed, was a

General Davis reviewed the cadets for the first review, as senior Shutters clicked and movie cameras whirred. After the last outfit had passed by the reviewing stand, the non-graduating cadets changed into their 1980-81 uniforms so they could pass in review for the senior

boots for the first time. Many a senior cadet posed for pictures with his

As the band played the Aggie War Hymn, the returned seniors, arms around each other's shoulders, marched across the field toward the reviewing stand and turned to review the "new and incomparable

&M reaches 'milestone'

lexas A&M University is in "exent condition," President Jarvis ller said in his annual state-of-theversity address last Thursday.

"The numbers and quality speak rhemselves," he said, referring to record 31,000 student body, and urrent academic standards.

Calling graduation of the Univeris 100,000th student last kend a major milestone, Miller id the number of graduates has ost doubled since 1973 and insed five-fold since 1950.

The class of 1980 alone equaled e total number of students who duated in Texas A&M's first 50

ars, he said. willer challenged the faculty to intain the atmosphere of a school here students know the faculty s, where young minds can grow.

"This kind of attitude sets this University apart." Vice President for Academic Affairs J. M. Prescott, Student Body President Ronnie Kapavik and Asso-

ciation of Former Students President 'Raul Fernandez joined Miller in his address to the faculty. Fernandez presented Distinguished Achievement Awards and \$1,000 checks to 15 faculty and staff members on behalf of the University's

95,000 alumni. Prescott said, although prospects are not bright for initiating new programs, "I propose that we place emphasis on improvement in quality good faculty, good students, good facilities.

Miller and Prescott also saluted Dr. Haskell Monroe, Texas A&M's "It is a school where a very ill young woman received cards from dean of faculties and associate vice three of her professors," he said. president, who is leaving to become president of the University of Texas

at El Paso.

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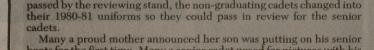
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William Dugat of Weslaco, the 1979-80 corps commander, received

proud and joyous ceremony, with smiling parents and friends, the singing of the Spirit of Aggieland and the National Anthem and the

precision and perfection of the Corps. The Corps marched onto the drill field at 3 p.m. with horns blaring, flags unfurled and senior boots shining

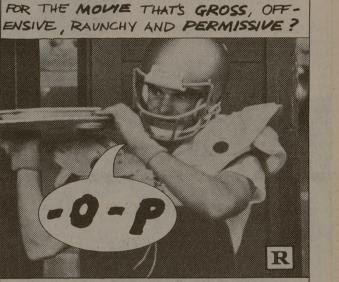
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