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Three speakers tell 3,046 graduates to be bold

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A total of 3,046 graduating seniors and their friends and relatives heard three different speakers Friday and Saturday in separate graduation ceremonies held in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

At the first ceremony Friday afternoon, Arthur Levitt Jr., president of the American Stock Exchange, told the members of the graduate, agriculture, science and veterinary medicine colleges that the spirit of adventure characterizing pioneer independence has faded.

"Today's fail-safe society seems to have generated a cult of mediocrity — a willingness to settle for whatever life provides instead of exerting every effort to get more, to reach the peak," Levitt said.

He urged the graduates to "be bold." He urged, "Be brave enough to live life creatively."

He said job security is nothing when work becomes meaningless drudgery. "There is no such thing as job security," Levitt said, explaining that many aerospace engineers work-

ing for NASA felt secure in their jobs in the early 1960s. "There is only being able to do a variety of things and being able to do them better than others."

Less than five hours later, Abilene Christian University President-elect William Teague told Class of '81 engineering, geosciences and liberal arts students that their journey had just started.

Former vice president for Kerr-McGee Corp., Teague said that the graduates were probably smarter than they gave themselves credit for, and that the people they would be working with soon are "dumber than you think they are."

He used a parable of flying in a friend's plane to illustrate his points of making plans, setting goals and succeeding.

He told the graduates to keep their perspectives and not be dominated by nonsense and nostrums. "You are better equipped than 99.99 percent of all the people in the world," he said.

Saturday morning the first woman to address a Texas A&M graduation ceremony came to the podium.

Dr. Virginia Trotter, vice president of academic affairs for the University of Georgia, said that education is a process, not a destination.

She carried the same themes as Levitt and Teague, encouraging the group to "approach the future boldly and imaginatively."

Her 16-minute speech to the architecture, business, education and Moody colleges ran about five minutes longer than those of Levitt and Teague.

"We cannot afford to let technology become outmoded and outdated," she said. "We need the idealism and commitment of youth."

Of the 3,046 degrees awarded Friday and Saturday, 87 were doctoral degrees, 283 were master's, and 2,676 were undergraduate. One-hundred thirty seven seniors graduated summa cum laude, 218 magna cum laude and 346 cum laude.

Distinguished Alumnus awards presented during the ceremonies went to R.A. Murray Fasken and Clayton Williams Jr., both of Midland; C.E. "Pat" Olsen of Clifton and Joe Denman Jr. of Diboll.

Class of '39 member finishes what he started at Texas A&M

A 62-year-old grandfather said he had to bite the bullet and take correspondence courses from a rival university to complete what he set out to do more than 40 years ago — graduate from Texas A&M University.

"Hello, I'm Bill Burton," he told a group of young people suiting out in caps and gowns in preparation for commencement Friday.

"I'm going to graduate with you today — started school in 1935, but never quite finished. I joined the Army instead."

The El Pasoan who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics started out as a member of the Class of '39.

Burton lacked only six hours to complete his degree at Texas A&M in 1939. Two years ago he decided to finish the requirements by taking correspondence courses from the University of Texas at Austin.

"That didn't matter," he said, "just as long as I got the degree from Texas A&M. Here's where I started it and

here's where I wanted to graduate."

Burton took his final examinations this spring, but he said his wife, five sons, one daughter and four grandchildren never kidded him about the delay.

Burton served in the armed forces between 1941-46. After serving as a hospital administrator for 30 years, he worked as vice president of administration for a business school in El Paso.

He presently works in the El Paso County attorney's office.

95 candidates receive commissions

By TERRY DURAN
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"Discipline is a state of mind," the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps told Texas A&M officer candidates Saturday.

Gen. Robert H. Barrow, Marine Corps commandant and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was greeted with a standing ovation as the guest speaker at commissioning exercises held in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Barrow told the 95 officer candidates — 43 Army, 36 Air Force, 16 Navy and seven Marine — "How well you serve will be determined at least in part by how well you work with people."

Barrow focused on what he said perhaps the most important

— and the most misused and misunderstood — facet of leading people: discipline.

"Discipline," he said, "is not punishment; it is not harsh, it is not an unreasonable curtailment of freedom; it is not maintained by force or fear."

Rather, he said, "Discipline is the heart and soul of every military service. It is the activating spirit that makes the individual do his best and more, to subordinate personal desires for the common good. It is the cause of teamwork, sacrifice, pride, enthusiasm, efficiency and self respect."

Barrow said discipline in civilian and military organizations "is often not that different" except in degree.

However, he said, there are three major differences in the military: "If you object to an order, you can't just quit." The consequences of noncompliance or failure could be grave and perhaps measured in human lives, he said, and military leaders must work with unusual attention to achieve and maintain discipline.

Before the officer candidates received their commissions, Barrow charged them to "place honesty and moral integrity above all else," and to "be a leader, not just another officer."

Before Barrow spoke, Dr. Charles H. Samson, acting president of the University, awarded

the W.T. Doherty Award to Cullen H. Shiffrin, a petroleum engineering major from San Antonio.

The Doherty Award, a certificate and \$3,000 check, is awarded at each commissioning ceremony to a senior of high moral character and strong patriotism who has been in the Corps for four years, a senior who has won the trust and admiration of both the Corps and the University.

Shiffrin, an Air Force commissionee, was the 1980-81 commander of the Combined Aggie Band.

Phi Theta Kappa to hold transfer orientation camp

By CATHIE FEIGHL
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During conferences held this summer at Texas A&M University, transfer students will have the opportunity to attend a program similar to Student Y Fish Camp.

The Texas A&M chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for junior and community colleges, will conduct programs and activities for transfer students that have previously been available only to incoming freshmen at the Texas A&M Student Y Fish Camps each summer.

Fish Camp is a four-day introduction to Texas A&M held at Lakeview Methodist Assembly in Palestine, Texas. Mixers, intramurals and small group discussions are some of the activities available for the incoming freshmen.

Mike Brown, president of Phi Theta Kappa, said the present orientation program for transfer students, which is held on the University campus, lacks the in-depth look at the personal side of Texas A&M found at Fish Camp.

"We went through the orientation program," Brown said, "and the only exposure we got to the opportunities for student activities, the history and the traditions of Texas A&M, were three very short speeches."

The one and a half day orientation program for transfer students includes meetings and registration, and a 40-minute presentation by the Department of Stu-

dent Affairs on student life at Texas A&M.

Junior Ritchie Priddy, a transfer student from Howard Junior College, said that after his orientation session he still felt lost.

"I knew about some of the traditions and history of Texas A&M, but I still felt left out because I didn't know anybody," Priddy said, "and I didn't know about many campus activities."

Brown said Phi Theta Kappa wants to conduct a program that will introduce transfer students to the history and traditions, the organizations and unique atmosphere at Texas A&M. He said the program will be held in conjunction with the University conferences, but Phi Theta Kappa members developed the program and will be coordinating it themselves.

The transfer student orientation program will be held before the transfer conference begins at 3 p.m. on August 9. It will include a mixer at the Memorial Student Center August 8, and a three-hour orientation session with speakers addressing topics such as: adjustment to college life, student opportunities and Texas A&M history and traditions. Brown said the speakers have not yet been confirmed.

Also, Brown said, a yell practice will be held at the Grove and campus tours will be available to the transfer students. All the activities will be available free of charge, he said.


A schedule of events is being sent to the 300 students who will

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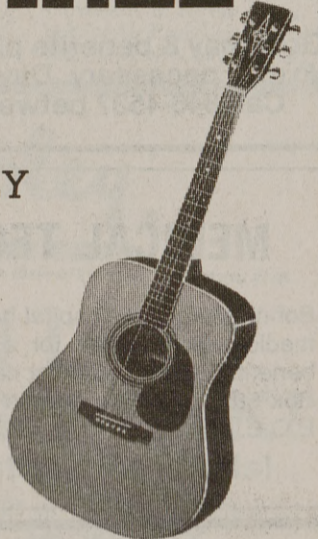
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attending the new student conference but it is not known yet how many students will be attending the session, Brown said. Students will be housed in the Commons.

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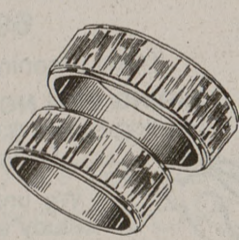
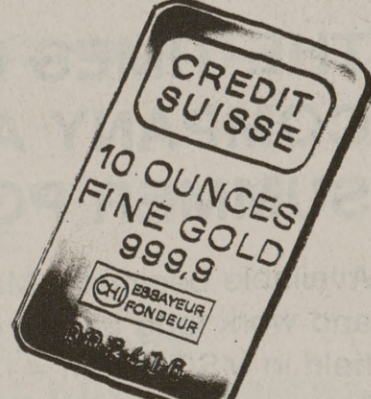
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