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Kent Caperton speaks at vet school graduation

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State Senator Kent Caperton told graduates of Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine Friday that they were members of a constantly changing profession and challenged them to continue to learn even after their graduation.

Caperton, a former student body president at Texas A&M, was the featured speaker at the college's 61st commencement during which 138 new doctors of veterinary medicine received diplomas.

"Your education is not complete," he said. "When you stop educating yourself, you become a liability instead of an asset."

The Bryan Democrat compared himself to the graduates saying

that both he and the new doctors had given a considerable part of their lives to a profession. "You will probably learn more in two years of practice than in the 20 years you have spent in school," Caperton said.

He said Texas A&M has graduated 3,742 veterinarians since the school's beginning. "This program is well known nationally and you owe allegiance to it."

James S. Moore, president of the Association of Former Students, told the graduates they would soon begin re-payment for what they have learned and requested them to support the Association of Former Students in the future.

"You are the best educated, best equipped class of veterinarians to graduate up to this time,"

Moore said. "You will be expected to do more because you have given more."

Also speaking at the commencement, Dr. John B. Coleman, a practicing physician and member of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, said his profession and the veterinary profession complement each other since one often benefits the other.

Dr. Ben Johnston, president of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, told the graduates that they should view themselves as great athletes who have been in training for several years. "Tonight you go into competition," he said.

"You are the new roots of our profession," Johnston said. "You are our future."

New SPO carpet already experiencing problems

By DENISE RICHTER
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The face-lift that the Memorial Student Center's Student Programs Office received has been marred by a few wrinkles.

Beige, low-pile carpet was installed in the office over the weekend but when office furniture was moved across the carpet Monday, some of the squares, which had been tacked down with adhesive, started to curl up.

James Randolph, associate director of the MSC, said the carpet was chosen because it could withstand high traffic and could be easily cleaned. The carpet was installed in 1 1/2-foot squares and each square was glued down so when one begins to wear it can be easily replaced, he said.

Two days after the job was complete, however, some of the

squares started to peel up around the edges. Carpet Services, the Houston company that laid the carpet, had to be called back to re-glue the squares.

Bill Hensel, manager of the University Center complex, said: "Since the Student Programs Office is one of the University Center's tenant area, the money for the carpet came out of the University Center budget. The new carpet will cost about \$20,000 but we still haven't paid them (Carpet Services) because we aren't satisfied with the job they did."

"Until we get the final bill and everyone is satisfied with the job they did, I'm not letting go of the money," Hensel said.

Randolph said the life expectancy of the carpet is about 10 years and that eight extra boxes of carpet squares were ordered to be

used to replace worn squares.

Paul Fisher, vice president for operations in the Student Programs Office, said the office will re-open for business Friday.

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Dates to remember for next semester

- The following is a list of fall semester dates and deadlines for Texas A&M students, faculty and staff to mark on their calendars.
- Aug. 24-28 — delayed registration, adds and drops
 - Aug. 31 — beginning of fall semester classes
 - Sept. 4 — last day to enroll in the University and last day to add new courses
 - Sept. 11 — deadline for applying for graduate and undergraduate degrees to be awarded in December
 - Sept. 15 — last day for dropping courses with no record
 - Oct. 2 — last day for dropping courses with no penalty (Q-drop)
 - Oct. 19 — mid-semester grade reports
 - Nov. 26-29 — Thanksgiving holidays
 - Dec. 11 — last day of fall semester classes; commencement
 - Dec. 12 — commencement
 - Dec. 14 — first day of fall semester exams
 - Dec. 18 — last day of fall semester exams

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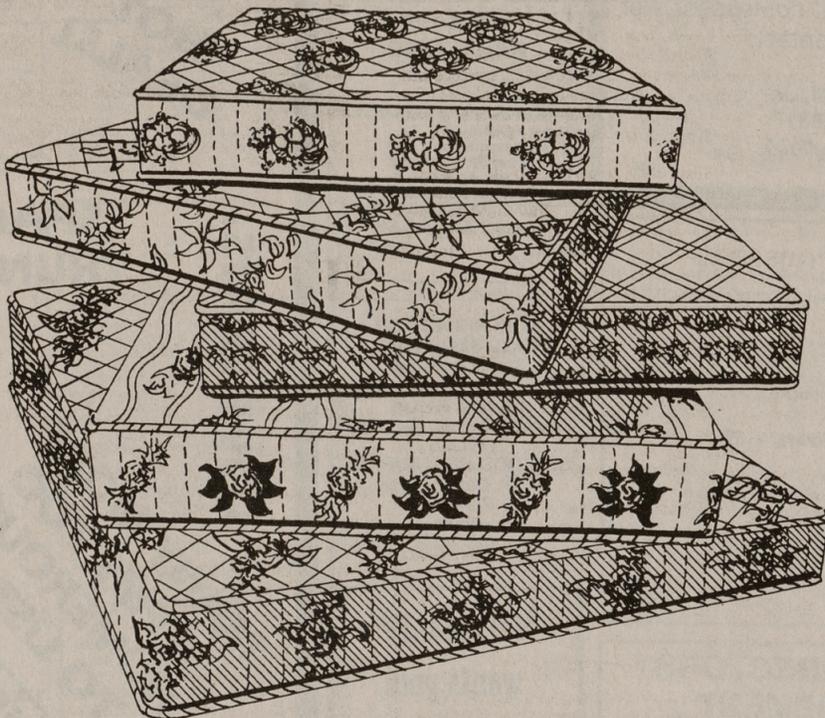
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