aggie toymaker envisioned irst board game in a dream

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Slimp conceived Levern a dream on a Saturday noon in December of 1975. days later, the Aggie of the board game. By end of 1983, the Milton ley Co., which bought the from him, had sold all 0 that it produced that

laid down one Saturday af-oon for a nap, which I rar-ever do, and dreamed the Slimp said in a telee interview Friday

np, a 1965 graduate of t, is founder, owner, and dent of the Star Game Co. nassas, Va. He said his viwas so powerful that he ked for most of the next 48 rs building a prototype of board, pennies and nails. I pictured it fairly clearly,

said, "but when I started ake a prototype of it, I ght I should make it big-By the time the whole thing over, I had consolidated it down to its original size. everage is a combination of

ckers and Chinese checkers. board is mounted on a and balanced so that it is s either level, or fully intoward one player or the

ere's no in-between Slimp said. "It's always way down, or it's at a lev-

ints in Leverage are won ping the board toward the nent. To return the board uilibrium, point pieces are ing crushe ved and awarded to the n police of ssful player.

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> he game is designed so t can be won equally well ing either strategy," Slimp

car crass are approach a player may vers. We are stolet a large number of mbat forces be captured. ndretti, baz will remove them from his of the board, thereby dedon't km sing the weight on his side. ho matter board will fall in the playbaby will favor; that is, his oppo-'s side will drop.

ot to have both to have to blaver would then have to blaver would then have to ble into the opposite y zone while he was still

loesn't low be other tactic a player may may a six-me wis to overcome his opposit of life with what Slimp calls "a of forces and sheer fireposition."

ou march down there," p said, "and bang the board corpse, laid i more times.'

asket, new mp said that Leverage is leto learn, yet there is a lot epth to it. Originally, he he envisioned Leverage as aling to more sophisticated

"Leverage", a game designed by an Aggie, is currently being marketed by

vised commercial for Leverage

a couple of millionaires were interested in providing venture capital, but "they were also in-

Slimp said he went into the

terested in too big a cut.

the sophisticated player.

younger market," he said.

age on the market.

Milton Bradley. It is a combination of checkers and Chinese checkers.

game-players who could see the depth involved.

Slimp said he was disap-launched his company. Before that he had worked as program-/budget analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense. pointed in the nationally-tele-



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Rains to speak at Muster

Reporter

This year's Texas A&M Muster speaker will be Jack M. Rains of Houston, president and chief operating officer of 3D/International.

Muster is observed each April 21 when students and former students of Texas A&M come together to honor comrades who have died in the last year. It includes the traditional roll call of the deceased when friends answer

The speaker for the cam-pus Muster, the largest of the musters held worldwide, is chosen by a special commit-

'Jack Rains is what we were looking for in a speaker," said committee member Matt Holley. "He's a dynamic person and highly recommended by

Rains was chosen mainly for his motivational speaking ability, says Renee Ramsey, committee chairman. Ramsey says she feels Rains will be able to reach the students and relate to them with his enthusiasm and still project the Aggie tradition of Muster.

Rains, Class of '60, grad-uated with a bachelor of business administration degree from A&M. Although in the Corps of Cadets for four years, Rains did not take an ROTC contract his senior year, but he did join the United States Coast Guard three months after gradua-

He then enrolled in the University of Houston College of Law where he received his doctorate in jurisprudence in 1967.

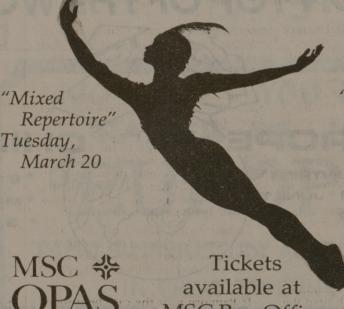
American and Houston Bar Associations as well as the State Bar of Texas. He was chairman and director of the Houston Chamber of Commerce from 1981-1982.

Rains has been a speaker at Texas A&M before. He spoke to the Senior Class at its Senior Banquet in 1980, and to the Texas A&M Commission on the Visual Arts in 1981. Rains was vice president and director of the Association of Former Students from 1975-

3D/International, the firm Rains heads, deals with management in architecture, engineering and graphic design. Field offices are located in Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

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