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Graduation

Cisneros says educators should put emphasis on the three Cs

By ROBIN BLACK
Senior Staff Writer

"2 + 2 = 5."
That kind of "almost tangible" optimism — the belief that anything is possible — is what sets apart Texans, Americans and especially Texas A&M graduates from others in history, San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros told the audience at Friday afternoon's graduation ceremony.

Cisneros told the graduates they must pass this optimism on to future generations if the nation is to benefit in the age of technology.

"We are living out the full transformation or full completion of the computer age," he said.

"A change like this can sometimes be traumatic, especially in the area of jobs and education." Cisneros, a 1968 graduate of Texas A&M, said the old "three Rs" standard of education fast is becoming obsolete.

"At one time, it was thought that the most important elements of education were reading, writing and arithmetic," he said.

"Now the three Cs are more important. Our students need to be able to calculate, compute and communicate."

Because of this growing dependence on technology, he said, Texas education institutions must devote themselves to making this adjustment.

"We must accommodate and prepare ourselves for that future," he said.

"We don't have to be like driftwood tossed in a stormy ocean, we know what is going to happen and we can react to it."

"What is happening now is of world-shaping significance."

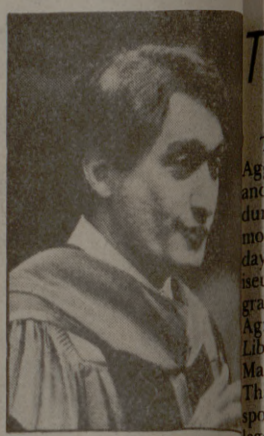
Cisneros also pointed out

that the Southwest is going to be the center of attention where most of the changes are concerned.

"Everything is moving toward the Southwest," he said. "The city of Dallas has secured its position as probably the most important metropolitan area in the nation."

He said Texans must be prepared to meet those challenges as well as the problems that come with the changes.

"Our problems are not going to go away because we wish them away," he said. "We have to face what happens — there will be no place to hide."



Mayor Henry Cisneros

This week Aggies said and became during ceremonies held day in G. Frick graduates from Agriculture, Liberal Arts, Mayor Henry Cisneros That night spoke to graduates of Architecture, Environmental Engineering, Sa graduates from Business Administration, Science, Medicine, and Texas A&M. Vice President later that day commissioned Armed Forces Kelley.



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White: education reforms on the way

By KARI FLUEGEL
Staff Writer

Gov. Mark White predicted major reforms in public schools in his address during the commencement exercises for the Colleges of Engineering and Architecture and Environmental Design last Friday evening.

"I predict we will see major reforms of public education in Texas before the summer's out," White said.

White did not explain the comment, but said the report of H. Ross Perot's Select Committee on Education was being "considered and refined." White also said sports programs would not be affected by the reforms.

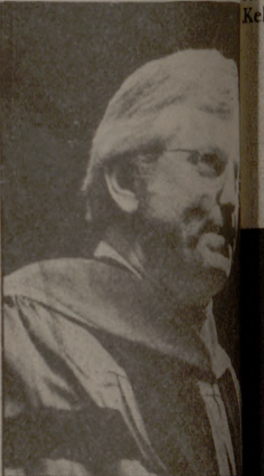
"Let me assure you we are going to have strong athletic programs in the high schools of Texas," he said.

During the major part of his address, White said education was a subject of great concern and a continual exercise of responsibility.

"Education is the cornerstone of life," he said.

One of the major concerns in education is keeping pace with education and being aware of the direction education is heading, White said.

"Knowledge is expanding faster than the speed of light," he said.



Gov. Mark White

White also stressed that graduates should use education as an investment and that they should accept the responsibility to build on their education.

"Our success will secure the future of the state and nation," White said.

Out of the 3,378 graduates more than 1,100 received degrees at the Friday night ceremony. Degrees were awarded to 995 students from the College of Engineering and Architecture and Environmental Design.

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153 senior cadets get commissioned

By KATHLEEN REEVES
Reporter

With temperatures near 90, the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets' Final Review was held Saturday, ending two days of ceremonies for graduating cadets. For seniors cadets it was their last time to march with the Corps.

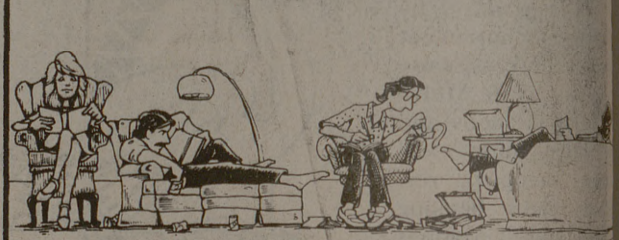
Final Review, which was held at the Main Drill Field across from the Memorial Student Center, symbolizes the change of command from senior members of the Corps of Cadets to the juniors. Two marches are held for Final Review with the first review including all of the cadets. For the second review

juniors take over the positions.

Earlier that same day 153 cadets were commissioned by the U.S. Armed Forces by Paul X. Kelley, commander of the Marine Corps. During ceremonies, a retired general and a newly commissioned officer received awards.

Retired Marine Corps Ormond R. Simpson, now a lieutenant vice president for services at Texas A&M, named the first recipient of the President's Distinguished Service Award. Simpson was presented by Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver and Kelley.

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