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H.R. 'Bum' Bright among richest in United States

Associated Press

H.R. "Bum" Bright, former chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents was one of 44 Texans on Forbes magazine's 1985 list of the nation's 400 richest people. Despite a downturn in the oil industry, the state ranked third behind New York and California on the list. Breathing down the neck of the list-topper, Wal-Mart discount store head Sam Moore Walton, of Bentonville, ARK., is H. Ross Perot of Dallas, founder of Electronic Data Systems.

Perot missed the top spot by \$1 billion. Still, Perot's second-place spot with \$1.8 billion is a leap from fourth on the list last year.

Walton took over as richest of the rich when Gordon Getty, who last year was worth \$4.1 billion, divided his family oil trust with other family members leaving him only \$950 million.

The list of America's rich will appear in Forbes' Oct. 28 issue, providing portraits of the 400.

Seven Texas oilmen who appeared last year among the Forbes 400 fell off the list this year as the petroleum industry suffered through another depressed year.

Of 78 women who made the list, two Texas women were rich enough to come out near the top.

Margaret Hunt Hill, of Dallas, who inherited money from her father, H.L. Hunt, was Forbes' fourth with \$1.4 billion.

A second of H.L. Hunt's daughters, Caroline Rose Hunt Schoelkopf, 62, was fifth with \$1.3 billion.

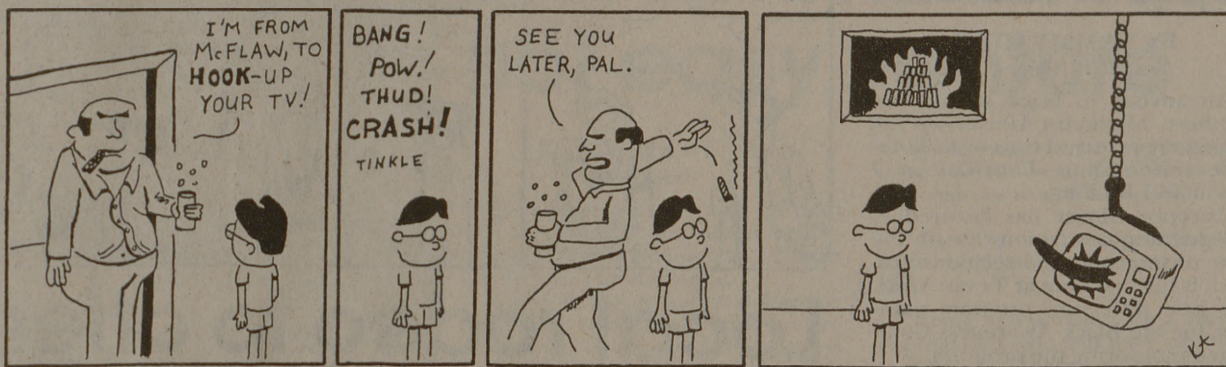
Nelson Bunker Hunt and William Herbert Hunt of Dallas did not appear among Forbes' billionaires. Nelson Bunker Hunt was worth \$900 million, while his brother had a listed worth of \$800 million, according to the magazine.

Five members of the wealthy Bass family of Fort Worth — Perry Richardson Bass, Sid Richardson Bass, Edward Perry Bass, Robert Muse Bass and Lee Marshall Bass — were listed as being worth \$600 million each.

Bright, majority owner of the National Football League's Dallas Cowboys, made the list with \$475 million.

Waldo

by Kevin Thomas



Financial aid office to survey students' college expenses

By CYNTHIA GAY
Staff Writer

Dear Student, Texas A&M wants to know how much you're paying for your education.

To construct a sample student budget, the Office of Student Financial Aid today will begin mailing 1,500 students an expense survey.

Director Taft Benson said the survey will target specific areas of the A&M population, such as students who are married, medical or veterinary oriented, handicapped, living on or off campus, and members of the Corps of Cadets.

In other words, the survey will touch the living expenses of all A&M students to predict education costs in the 1986-87 school year, Benson said.

Steven Larkin, an administrative assistant said, "It's so vitally important that the students are aware they need to be accurate and send back (the surveys) as soon as they can."

From these survey results, A&M can better estimate students' needs for general financial aid, eligibility for guaranteed student loans, and stipend amounts for scholarships and grants, Benson said.

In 1985 the average undergraduate resident will spend \$5,820 while the non-resident must meet a \$9,060 budget.

This new survey will provide even more specific information, Benson said.

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— Taft Benson, director of student financial aid.

Just how specific are these surveys?

If a student lives on campus, he'll need to figure his dorm dues, laundry expenses and refrigerator rental while the off-campus student must calculate his furniture rental costs and school club dues.

In addition, all students will wrack their brains to estimate how much they spend eating out, watching cable TV and meeting the monthly phone bill.

To contact on-campus students, the Residence Hall Association will give resident advisers a total of 400 surveys, Larkin said. The surveys must be returned by Oct. 28.

The financial aid office also is questioning 1,000 off-campus students and 100 cadets.

The survey of handicapped stu-

dents is a first for the Office of Financial Aid, Larkin said.

Some of these students must pay for attendants or special tape recorders, he said, resulting in a unique financial burden.

A&M's many departments also have a survey coming their way, Benson said, because students in particular majors must pay for project materials or meet technical expenses.

Most of the funds allocated to the financial aid office come from the federal government, Benson said.

"The overall (federal government) funds that are available have not increased since 1980-81," Benson said.

"The cost of education has increased each of those years."

The state government is the second greatest supplier of student grants and loans, Benson said, followed by private lending groups such as savings and loan associations.

He said the Hinson-Hazelwood agency, which is under the state Coordinating Board, serves as a lender of last resort to students.

This week financial aid representatives are manning a table in the Memorial Student Center to publicize the Nov. 1 deadline for guaranteed student loan applications.

Counselors also will be on hand to inform students about their financial opportunities.

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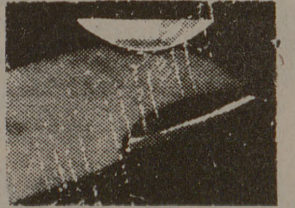
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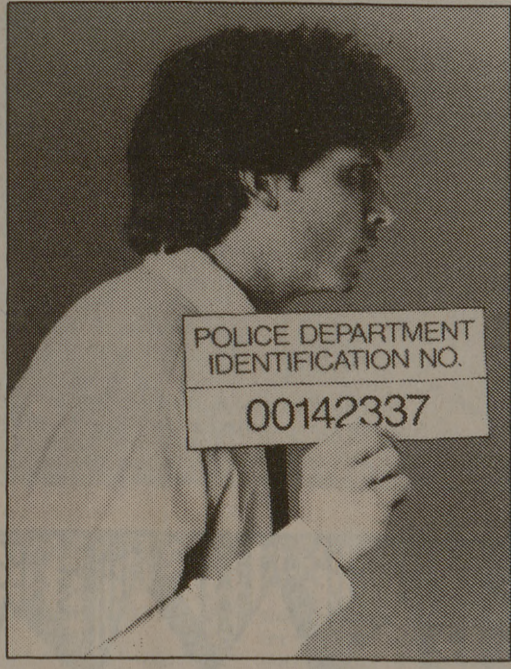
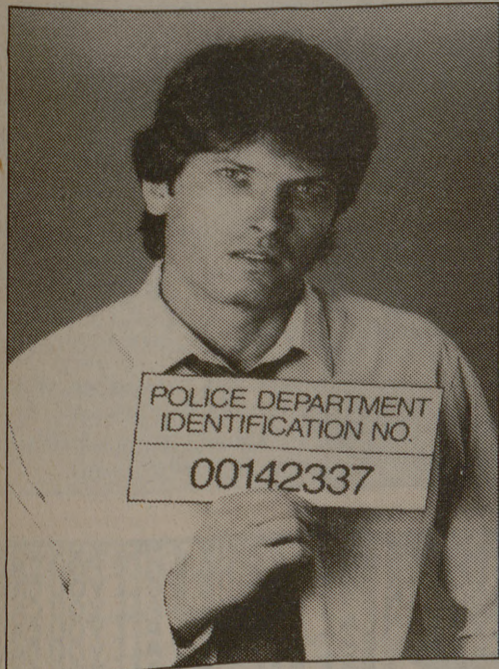
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