

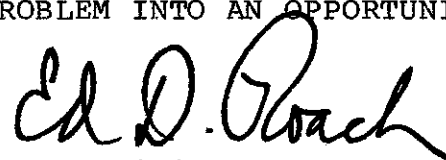
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TO THOSE WHO OPEN THIS CAPSULE IN THE YEAR 2010, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARGE:

IN 1932 DR. J.A.HILL, THE SECOND PRESIDENT OF WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, WROTE OF THE CRITICISMS THAT WERE BEING HEAPED UPON THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEMS OF OUR COUNTRY: THERE WERE TOO MANY FADS AND FRILLS IN THE CURRICULUM; THERE WAS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON ATHLETICS; AND THERE SEEMED TO BE TOO LITTLE ORGANIZATION WITHIN EACH INSTITUTION.

FIFTY-THREE YEARS LATER SOME OF THESE SAME CRITICISMS ARE BEING HURLED AGAINST PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY. THEY MAY BE LAUNCHED AGAINST YOU IN 2010, BUT SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, DO NOT DESPAIR.

WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY WAS BUILT BY PEOPLE WHO WERE DETERMINED, HARDY AND COURAGEOUS. WE HAVE TRIED TO PRESERVE THESE PRICELESS QUALITIES THROUGH THE YEARS, SO LOOK TO YOURSELF FOR YOUR ANSWERS AND TURN EVERY PROBLEM INTO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROGRESS!



ED D. ROACH
PRESIDENT