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NASA Foots Space Bill Here

New Grant Raises Total To \$902,000

The newly-announced award of 15 National Aeronautics and Space Administration predoctoral traineeships to A&M University students raises to more than \$902,000 the amount of NASA support for this program, Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall said.

The program is for predoctoral studies in fields related to space technology.

The new traineeships to commence in September are the largest number authorized for a single year. Ten awards were made for each of the first two years of the program and 12 traineeships were awarded effective this academic year.

Congressman Olin E. Teague informed university officials of the new NASA grant in a telegram received late last week.

"Our deadline for receiving applications is April 15," Dean Hall said. He stressed that applications are invited from outstanding students. The awards will be announced by May 1.

The NASA traineeships provide stipends and dependency allowances of up to \$3,400 for 12 months. The awards are renewable for a total of three years.

"Candidates may be students already engaged in a course of study leading to a doctorate or students about to begin study," the dean said.

The field in which NASA trainees may study: Biochemistry and nutrition, biology, chemical engineering, chemistry, civil engineering and aerospace engineering.

Electrical engineering, geology and geophysics, mathematics, mechanical engineering, nuclear engineering, oceanography and meteorology, physics, plant sciences, statistics and structural engineering and structural mechanics.

Sickness Hits 90 Students Over Weekend

Ninety students reported to the Student Health Service Saturday and Sunday night suffering from nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, reported Dr. Charles Lyons, director.

"As far as we can tell, the sickness was not caused by any food served in the campus dining halls," Lyons said.

"Almost all of the cases reported were from Dorms 1-11. In fact only two were from the area served by Sbis Dining Hall," Lyons said.

"We have other ideas about what caused the sickness and we are checking them out. We don't know anything definite right now but we are going to continue our studies, and will know by tomorrow," he said.

Results from the tests were to have been completed Tuesday morning.

"I would like to repeat that it was not caused by the mess halls. They would have had to serve the same thing at Saturday noon and Sunday noon and they did not," he continued.

Lyons said that he had been in touch with Frank Nugent, director of the campus food service. He said that studies had been made of the frozen pizza and custard that had been served Saturday and no evidence of contamination were present.

"We have in fact, been concerned with cases of this nature for the past month or two. If the cases are reported in any quantity tonight (Monday) more serious measures will be undertaken," Lyons said.

He said that the sickness was of short duration with a fast onset and a fast recovery. A low fever accompanied it, and only a few students were hospitalized.

"We have some drugs that we can give the boys that will keep them on their feet and not hurt them since this is not a serious illness," Lyons said.

He would not name the source of the disease that is suspected.

"I would hate to make a statement about it and then be proven wrong and hurt somebody's feelings," he concluded.

SCONA Achieves Purpose

Added To Delegates Previous Knowledge Of Problems

By JERRY COOPER
Land reform, social change, foreign investment, United States loans and the Organization of American States were just a few of the topics discussed by round-table groups last week at the Tenth Student Conference on National Affairs.

Although outstanding speakers were present to add their views on the theme "Challenges to the Americas; Pan American Trends: Promise or Threat?" the round-table sessions achieved the main aim of SCONA X.

This aim was to give the 200 delegates and observers a chance to discuss the issues presented to them in the keynote addresses and reference material, add to their previous knowledge and try to arrive at a better understanding of the problems of the Western Hemisphere.

The first keynote speaker, Glenn C. Bassett, vice president of the International Department of the Chase Manhattan Bank, pointed out the differences in the economic

policies and conditions of the many Latin American nations.

He also emphasized that while Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador have shown signs of economic growth in recent months many other Latin American nations have shown little or no change in their status.

R. Richard Rubottom, vice president for University Life at Southern Methodist University, spoke of the agreements and treaties formulated over the years to protect and improve the politico-judicial, economic and security standing of the Americas.

He expressed a necessity for confidence in the Inter-American System to help solve problems of each nation.

A panel consisting of Tomas A. Pastoriza, T. C. Hammond and John F. Gallagher discussed the viewpoints of the Latin American, the Canadian, and the North American businessman, respectively.

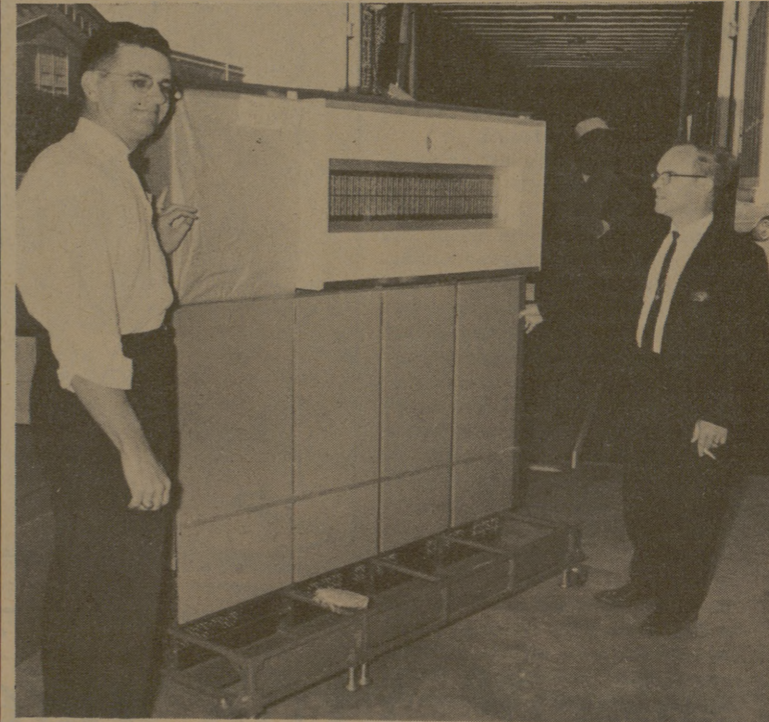
Pastoriza is a Dominican Republic businessman, Hammonds is the senior member of the Latin

American Division of the Department of External Affairs of Canada, and Gallagher is vice president for International Operations for Sears, Roebuck and Company.

A Friday night address by Dr. Lewis U. Hanke, professor of Latin American History at Columbia University, warned of storms brewing in the comparatively stable countries of Mexico and Brazil. He said that Latin Americans really do not know much about the United States and the ignorance on this side of the border is equally appalling.

Roundup speaker for the conference, Jules Dubois, correspondent for The Chicago Tribune Press Service, emphasized the danger of Communism to the future of Latin America and the United States.

A special plaque was given to Dr. R. A. Tsanoff of Rice University at the final plenary session Saturday. The award was for his help as a round-table co-chairman or roving observer at SCONA for the past eight years.



NEW COMPUTER FOR A&M
... IBM 7094 will up center's output.

Earlier Pay? New Computer Being Installed

A new high speed computer capable of handling 90,000 characters per second has arrived on campus for installation during the Christmas holidays.

Robert L. Smith Jr., director, Data Processing Center, said the new 3 1/2 million dollar machine, an IBM model 7094, is six times faster than the present DPC computer it will replace. It is scheduled to be in operation by Dec. 31.

"When this installation is completed, A&M will have a university computer center second to none," he said. "It's just one of many steps being taken by the university as a whole in its march toward excellence."

Installation of the new machine delivered over the weekend in two shock-protected trailers will begin next week. Three crews of three men each will begin working around the clock December 21 until the installation is completed.

Smith estimated more than 700 man hours would be expended before the new computer would be in operation.

"This computer will supplement our present 709 computer which currently is running nearly 24 hours per day trying to keep up with the demand," he said. "It boils down to the fact that we had just outgrown our present machines and if our growth rate of 25 to 30 per cent per year continues, we will outgrow the 7094 computer within the next two years," Smith stated. The 709 will not operate Dec. 21-30 because of the installation.

He said the demand for computer use by students, researchers, faculty and the administration was growing all the time.

"Nearly every graduate student at A&M has some sort of problem which has to be worked on the computer before graduation," Professor Smith pointed out. "This coupled with the increased research being carried on by the colleges and divisions of the university and the various administrative functions being assigned to the computer every year keep our staff of 50 employees busy. Faster computers are a necessity if we are going to keep up with the demand."

Computers aren't the only thing being updated at the center. Plans are being drawn up for a new four-story addition to the Data Processing Center which will more than triple its present facilities.

The present 12,000 square foot building will be turned into a machine building and all of the offices and laboratories will be housed in the new 28,000 square foot addition when it is completed within the next two years, Smith said.

NEW FISH RUNOFF

Foul Election

By GERALD GARCIA
Asst. News Editor

Run-offs for four Freshman Class offices will be Thursday—the second time in a week—as the Election Commission cleared up "an honest mistake" Monday night.

Because a protest contesting the outcome of the run-off Dec. 10 was filed by the four "losing" candidates, the Commission held a special meeting to "get behind the problem that caused the protest."

A rumor was circulated after the run-offs claiming that voters had cast votes more than once.

"If this was done, and we will never be able to prove it, then we must do something about it to assure the Fish that they are getting the best candidates for these posts," said Charles Wallace, chairman of the Election Commission.

"We made a mistake and had an election procedure letdown, but I thought I could trust the basic honesty of Aggies, especially in a thing of this sort," he added.

The most basic assumption for the rumor being true was when a Fish who had voted in the morning was recognized by one of the commission members voting in the afternoon.

"The only reason I am doing this is because I thought the primary was this morning and the run-offs this afternoon," the Fish told the commissioner.

With the assumption that a security lapse occurred and the Fish candidates agreeing to another run-off, the Commission voted to have it—but it took three motions before an agreement was reached.

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press
International

MANILA—Gonzalo Villedo was shot and killed by a U. S. Marine guard who found him and his brother in restricted waters near a store of bombs at the U. S. Navy base on Subic Bay near Manila, the Navy announced.

The Navy said intruders previously had stolen 500-pound bombs from the arsenal.

SAIGON, South Viet Nam—A paper distributed by Buddhist leaders today charged that the United States has done more harm than good in fighting the Communist Viet Cong and that Washington is planning to negotiate for neutralization of the country.

NEW DELHI, India—India is in a position to produce an atomic bomb but still is committed not to do so regardless of what Communist China does, a spokesman for Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri told Parliament today.

WASHINGTON—Director J. Edgar Hoover says the FBI has penetrated the Ku Klux Klan in the South and this has helped solve many civil rights crimes.

Hoover said the FBI also has penetrated the Cosa Nostra or Mafia and "we know quite well what its activities are."

WASHINGTON—Backers of the Army Reserve looked to Congress as their last hope to halt Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara's plan to eliminate that Reserve.

Bryan Offers Adult Classes

Registration has begun for the second term of Bryan Public Evening Schools adult education classes. New term starts January 4 at 6 p.m.

Classes are open to any person 16 years or older who is not attending any high school during the day.

Course offerings include most high school subjects, or any course for which there is sufficient demand.

A special class for non-readers will be sponsored by the Brazos Valley Literacy Council.

Students may work for credit toward a high school diploma or for vocational and self-improvement.

Inquiries should be made at the Counselor's Office, Stephen F. Austin High School, or by telephoning John Lucas, Evening School director, at TA 2-3496.

Thursday's Batt Is Last For '64

The Battalion will take its Christmas holidays a day early, with the final issue for 1964 scheduled for Thursday.

Regular publication dates will continue until then and will resume Jan. 5, 1965.

Thursday's issue will be The Battalion's 15th annual safety edition.

The staff would like to wish you a merry, safe Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

CINCINNATI—Defense attorneys argued Monday that James R. Hoffa, president of the huge Teamsters Union, did not receive a fair trial when he was convicted of jury-tampering.

WASHINGTON—The United States Monday ordered three Russian military attaches to leave the country in obvious retaliation against Soviet restrictions imposed on three American attaches in Moscow.

NEW YORK—An examination disclosed today that a 3.5-inch rocket launcher from which a projectile was fired at the United Nations Building last Friday was not manufactured in this country. Police said checks of the weapon by Army Ordnance experts indicated it may have been made in Red China.

BERKELEY, Calif.—Legal action against more than 700 demonstrators, arrested during a campus revolt at the University of California, was put off today until after the Board of Regents meets Friday for a decision on the protested rules.

AUSTIN—Gov. John Connally, in a losing race with time, hopes to get in the mail Tuesday his 1966-67 budget request.

HOUSTON—The Duke of Windsor said today he definitely will undergo abdominal surgery but said he does not believe his ailment is serious.

NAOGDOCHES—The Stephen F. Austin College athletic trainer, Ken Becktold, 25, was reported in fair condition today at a Naogdoches hospital. His illness was diagnosed Sunday as meningitis.

Denton's Aggie Home Closed



SIN CUIDADO—WITHOUT AGGIES
... boarding house at TWU closed by officials.

Merchants Claim TWU Was Competing Unfairly

By MIKE REYNOLDS
Day News Editor

DENTON—Sin Cuidado, long an inexpensive place to stay while dating girls on the Texas Woman's University campus is no more.

The two-story, white frame, university-owned boarding house across from the TWU dining hall has been closed since the first of the year due to protests of commercial interests in Denton.

"They felt that a state-supported university had no business being in direct competition with private concerns in Denton," said Dr. Lurline M. Lee, dean of women at TWU.

"I know they had some trouble last year with keeping mothers there when they came to visit, but I don't see how the motel owners could gripe about the boys," said Judy Barneycastle, editor of The Daily Lass-O, TWU campus newspaper.

"The mothers were the ones that stayed in the motels. There are people around this campus that run private boarding houses and charge only \$1.50. The boys that stayed in Sin Cuidado were the ones that would have found some place else to stay rather than pay the \$7 for a room," Miss Barneycastle continued.

Dean Lee named various reasons for closing the boarding house,

other than the protests of the commercial interests.

"The building has a capacity of about 52 and we were constantly having to turn people away. The girls whose dates were refused rooms always felt bad about it," she said.

"It is such an old building and was becoming unsafe because the fellows do smoke," Dean Lee said.

Mrs. E. J. Sullivan, who acted as operator for Sin Cuidado, is still employed by the university. She is presently director of Mary Hufford Hall, TWU dormitory during the extended absence of its regular director.

Dean Lee added that this was another reason the university could no longer operate the house.

"We need her for other things," she said.

"It was all done very quietly. We have not received any official notices about its closing," added Miss Barneycastle.

"I am always full. I can fill up almost every night," said Betty Huffines, who operates a private boarding house on University Boulevard behind the campus.

"We (TWU) own many old frame buildings—I don't know of plans for any of them concluded Dean Lee.