

New \$80,000 Science Grant Given A&M Grad Student

An \$80,000 National Science Foundation grant has been awarded Miss Lela M. Jeffrey of the Oceanography Department for chemical study of soluble organics in sea water.

The two-year grant to be administered through the Research Foundation will become effective Saturday.

Kinds, amount and distribution of trace organic compounds in Gulf of Mexico waters will be determined by the oceanography research scientist's project.

"These compounds — such as vitamins, amino acids and toxins — constitute one part per million or less," the female oceanographer said.

A&M Graduate Students Awarded Two American Nuclear Society Prizes

Graduate students won two of the three prizes awarded for presentations at the joint meeting of the North Texas Section and Texas Student branch of the American Nuclear Society.

Mitty C. Plummer, president of the Graduate Student Council and formerly of Odessa, won top honors with a paper entitled "The Thermo-electric properties of Molten Salts."

H. L. Smith of Kalamazoo, Mich., placed third. His topic was "Electron Spin Resonance Studies of Gamma Irradiated Plastics Containing Doped Calcium Sulfate."

Both Plummer and Smith are

nuclear engineering Ph.D. candidates.

Second place went to T. Criswell, a North Texas State graduate student.

Featured speaker for the weekend meeting at the University of Texas at Austin was Dr. Karl P. Cohen, president of the American Nuclear Society and vice president of the General Electric Company. He discussed the future of nuclear energy.

A&M's student delegation was accompanied by Dr. Robert S. Wick, nuclear engineering professor and student branch sponsor, and Dr. James Smathers, assistant professor of nuclear engineering.

HER NSF-supported project will develop and evaluate a method for concentrating the major portion of the soluble organic matter to better characterize the fraction and to determine its stable carbon isotopes content.

A shipboard pump will be utilized to pass 50 to 1,000-gallon samples through a charcoal column to withdraw organic material. After removal from the charcoal with solvents, the compounds will be analyzed by gas chromatography and mass spectrometry to determine molecular composition, the doctoral candidate added.

"Some of the project work has already been done," Miss Jeffrey said. "I have about a dozen samples."

She estimated three cruises will be necessary to make the additional collections.

"THESE WILL be made at various depths, on the continental shelf and in the deeper Gulf, for comparison purposes," she continued. Differences of natural organic matter and river-effluent contaminants will thus be apparent.

"Eventually we hope to find out whether the compounds have biological effects on living organisms," Miss Jeffrey said.

Both Houses To Consider Bill

Panel Okays Liquor-By-Drink

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate committee voted Wednesday to let Texans have their say on liquor by the drink, but a high-ranking Baptist argued that money will do the talking.

The Constitutional Amendments Committee approved, 7-4, a proposal which would give the legislature the power to enact a mixed drinks bill on a local option basis. A similar measure was sent to a House subcommittee Tuesday night.

If the measure is approved by the full Senate and House, it will go on the general election ballot Nov. 3, 1970.

Voting behind closed doors, senators confirmed Frank C. Erwin's six-year appointment as a University of Texas regent and also confirmed two new regents—Jenkins Garrett of Fort Worth and Dan Williams of Dallas.

Senators are not allowed to tell the overall vote on confirmations, but reporters questioned individual senators and came up with an informal result of 28-3 in favor of Erwin, an Austin lawyer who was opposed by many students at the school.

"A bunch of us here don't believe a bunch of 18 and 20-year-old kids should run the University of Texas and that's what they want to do," said Sen. Grady Hazlewood, Amarillo. He said there had been trouble at the school with "a bunch wanting to organize a nudist camp . . . homosexuals . . . nudity in plays . . . and we have had four cold blooded murders out there . . ."

"If the people who run that school can't run this bunch off the campus then the regents will have to do it. That is supposed to be a place for learning, not playing."

Erwin's name was sent to the full Senate after the nominations committee unanimously approved his appointment Tuesday, following two days of open hearings.

Billy Keith of Opancanville, one

of several witnesses opposing the liquor proposal, said, "If it goes back to the people it will be the big man with big money who will have the most to gain."

Keith, director of communications for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, added, "If it goes back to the people, the opposition will not be able to compete fairly purely from a financial standpoint with the vested interests," liquor dealers and manufacturers.

New Laundry Design Winners Named In A&M Dry-Cleaning Competition

Winners of the second annual Texas Laundry and Drycleaning Association plant design competition have been announced by M. J. Fox Jr., assistant professor of Industrial Engineering, and W. Cecil Steward, associate professor of Architecture, faculty sponsors of the contest.

Prizes totaling \$500 will be awarded for the best entries. Industrial engineering students worked on layout, scheduling, economic analysis, and mechanical equipment design, while architectural students entered building designs, Fox said.

First place awards went to I.E. majors Clarke Erskine, senior from San Angelo, and sophomore Ron Stone, Dallas, and architecture majors Wilbur R. King, senior from Beaumont, and

Patrick R. Harris, senior, Dayton.

Tilden N. Mikel, senior from Dallas, and Harvey O. Fleisher, senior from Longview, were I.E. second place winners. Robin H. McCaffrey, Dallas senior, took second place among architectural entrants.

Third-place awards went to William H. Bleuel, graduate industrial engineering student from Glendale, California, and Richard Severance, I.E. senior from San Antonio.

Roland C. Dansby, Bryan, former president of the Texas Laundry and Drycleaning Association, said the competition will be held at a different university each year. Last year's contest was conducted at the University of Texas at Austin. The interdisciplinary approach was used for the first time this year, he pointed out.

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