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## NASA Study-Work Plan Announced

### Selected Students Eligible For Jobs

Selected engineering students here will alternate semesters of study and work at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston under a new program effective in September.

The program is the latest development in the growing list of cooperative projects involving the college and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"It is believed that this new program can be of real benefit to the student who has the need to finance his education through the alternate work-school cooperative student plan," Assistant Dean of Engineering J. C. McGuire said.

"In addition, there are other well recognized benefits to the student not the least of which is a chance to associate classroom theory with practice on the job."

THE IMMEDIATE need at the Manned Spacecraft Center is for 20 to 36 students to alternate study and work semesters. The students are to be organized into pairs with one in the classroom while the other works in Houston. At the end of the semester they are to switch places.

The program may involve eventually as many as 400 students, McGuire said. He is the coordinator of the program here.

The need at the Manned Spacecraft Center in September is for mechanical and electrical engineering students.

"Later," McGuire said, "there likely will be a need for students in aerospace engineering, mathematics and physics."

Students entering the Manned Spacecraft Center program must

pass a Civil Service Examination.

"STUDENTS WHO apply now for the program will be able to take the examination scheduled April 20," McGuire said.

Students in the cooperative program will complete about a semester-and-a-half of studies each 12 months. A student in the program could complete his bachelor's degree in five years, if he completes his freshman year before entering the NASA program.

The pay rate at the Manned Spacecraft Center is \$3,820 a year for students who have completed their freshman year, and \$4,110 for students with five semesters of study behind them.



GUILLERMO VIDAUD ... I must leave

### Prof Who Escaped From Fidel's Cuba Sees '64 Return

Less than three years ago, a young Cuban architect reported to work at his downtown Havana office. He busied himself with office routine, just as he had done the day before.

Moments later, he cleared his desk and turned to one of his co-workers.

"I must leave for awhile," Guillermo Vidaud said.

Outside the building, he met his wife. They drove to the airport, where Vidaud (pronounced Vee-do) caught a flight to Miami.

LIKE MANY others, Vidaud became part of a wave of refugees fleeing Communist Cuba, all without the vaguest notion of their future. His only possession was a suitcase with clothes. A month later, the rest of the Vidaud family arrived in Miami.

Why did they leave Cuba and what has happened to them since?

"If I had waited one more month," Vidaud, now an architecture professor here, said, "it would have been impossible for me to leave Cuba."

Before his departure, Vidaud was teaching at Havana University, in addition to work in a department called "School City" as a designer. He was assigned to work on a layout of the city and plans for different units within the metropolitan area, including a hospital called "Sierra Maestra."

FROM MIAMI, Vidaud began an intensive search for a job.

"I think I saw every architect in Miami," the professor commented, "but none needed help. All had the same message—go north."

He finally landed a position with the Highway Commission of North Carolina as a highway engineer.

A short time later, he signed a part-time teaching contract with North Carolina State College, in addition to his highway duties.

The contract called for four months of teaching.

"We worried about those first four months," Vidaud said with a grin.

THE DEAN OF architecture at North Carolina was impressed with Vidaud's work, but Vidaud wanted a full-time teaching position, plus the climate of the Southwest. He found here what he was looking for.

Commenting on life in Cuba, the 34-year-old architect pointed to a match box on his desk.

"Living in Cuba," he began, "is like being told to sit in front of that match box all your life but warned to never open it."

The new Texan actually attended high schools in Atlanta, Ga., and Florida before becoming a professional architect.

WHAT ABOUT future plans?

His return to Cuba will depend largely on what happens, if anything, to Castro and Cuba. Vidaud was opposed to Fidel long before his rise to power.

The professor is optimistic, however. He predicts that Cubans will be back in Cuba by the fall of 1964.

### Exes Announce State-Wide Fund Campaign

Former students will conduct Development Fund Campaigns April 15-June 1 in 275 Texas cities.

L. F. (Pete) Peterson of Fort Worth, president of the A&M Association of Former Students and a member of the A&M system Board of Directors, said the organization's 1963 goal is \$500,000 for programs at the college.

"THIS FAR-REACHING goal is in response to the Century Study concluded last November which set goals at A&M," Peterson said.

"Over 49 per cent of all former students of A&M made a contribution to their Alma Mater in 1962," Richard (Buck) Weirus, director of the A&M Development Fund, said.

He said the contributions amounted to 17,468 gifts for a total of \$316,696, of which \$251,696 was for scholarships, graduate fellowships, faculty achievement awards and other programs in support of academic progress.

THE ASSOCIATION won the \$10,000 grand prize U.S. Steel Foundation Alumni Incentive Award in 1957, with nearly as last year.

"The future of Texas depends on achievements of higher education," President Earl Rudder said. "Support from former students encourages business and industrial grants. Therefore, these city campaigns play a critical role in the plan to achieve the ambitious objectives we have."

### Solons Okay School Study

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. John Connally got legislative authority Wednesday to name a special 25-member committee to study higher education in Texas.

Despite last minute arguments by Sen. Andy Rogers of Childress that the measure is "a farce and a dodge," the House-approved measure passed the Senate 26-2 and went to the governor for signature.

There was no immediate comment from the governor's office.

Connally's first successful legislative request, a supplemental appropriation bill, set aside \$50,000 to get the study underway.

### 28 Students File For April 4 Race

A last minute rush on the Student Programs Office Wednesday brought to 28 the number of candidates filed for student elections.

Over half the prospective office-holders placed their names on the ballot Wednesday, Wayne Smith, election commission advisor stated Wednesday night. Filing for the government positions closed at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

THE OFFICE attracting most candidates was that of civilian yell leader, for which six students signed. Sixteen students filed for candidacy in the four student-body positions.

Only three nominees will appear on the ballot for president, while the list for vice-president and parliamentarian will each include five names. Three students have filed for recording secretary.

Only six students signed up for Student Senate chairmanships. The Student Welfare Committee showed one candidate for its chairmanship, while the Student Life Committee had two, the Public Relations Committee two, and the Issues Committee one.

Smith said it would be several days before the candidates' names could be released, since each candidate must be cleared through the Registrar's Office to check grades.

CANDIDATES FOR student body positions were required to have a 1.5 over-all grade point ratio. Only seniors were eligible for president and parliamentarian, while juniors could seek the vice-president position and sophomores the recording secretary post.

Both juniors and seniors with a

1.5 grade point ratio were eligible for the Student Senate chairmanships. Civilian juniors and seniors with a 1.25 grade point ratio were allowed to file for civilian yell leader.

Only eight students had filed for the student government positions by Tuesday morning, Smith said. Of the eight, four had signed for student body positions, three for civilian yell leader, and one for Student Senate chairmanships.

Smith had claimed Monday that unless a more definite interest was shown, the elections could not possibly be successful.

The general election has been set for April 4, with runoffs set for April 24.

### Brazos Traffic Plan Attacked

BRENNHAM, Tex. (AP) — A Fort Bend County representative and a Texas Railroad Commission spokesman voiced objections here Wednesday to proposals to make the Brazos River navigable for barge traffic from Freeport to Waco.

The objections were expressed by Fort Bend County Judge Clyde B. Kennelly of Richmond and Gilbert Smith of Austin.

Judge Kennelly and Smith were among 12 persons who testified in a public hearing at Blinn College called by the U.S. Army Corps developing the Brazos River Basin.



C. J. KLOBUKOWSKI WITH TV MONITOR ... helps students see through microscope

### NEW AID TO TEACHING

### Biology Students View TV For Demonstrations In Lab

By DAVID MORGAN Battalion Staff Writer

Students in general biology this semester are studying under a new method of laboratory demonstrations brought about by the acquisition of a closed-circuit television setup.

Purchased with funds from a grant by the School of Arts and Sciences, the equipment consists of a monitor and camera with a laboratory microscope attached.

"We're in sort of an embryonic stage since we just acquired it," said C. J. Klobukowski, graduate assistant in charge of the elementary biology course.

He added that the television setup is now being used for demonstrations of slides and specimens in the laboratory.

"IT WILL HAVE almost exclusive use in teaching and occasional use in research," said Dr. L. S. Dillon, in the Department of Biology.

"One problem in the past has been that our students were looking at slides but didn't know what they're looking at," said Klobukowski. He said that noticeable results were in student attention and that apparently students were learning more from the new demonstration system.

Dillon added that "Students so far have been very enthusiastic" about the innovation.

"We feel they are getting much more out of it," he said.

THE TELEVISION equipment is adaptable to different methods of teaching and instruction. Not only can the camera be used for slides and specimens, it can be focused on large objects and carried around the room or auditorium.

In the future Dillon said he plans to have a camera installed in the large lecture room so speeches may be monitored in the labs.

"One camera will take care of any number of monitors," he explained.

### Cotton Ball Master of Ceremonies To Be TV Farmer Johnny Watkins

Johnny Watkins, farm director of KBTX-TV in Bryan and KWTX-TV in Waco, has been named master of ceremonies for the 29th annual Cotton Pageant and Ball April 6.

The Pageant and Ball, one of the social highlights of the school year, is sponsored by the Student Agronomy Society in honor of the states main cash crop, cotton.

AT THE PRESENT the camera is not equipped for sound, but Dillon said he plans to ask for funds to purchase microphones, amplifiers and speaker systems.

Although the department now has only one monitor for the lab, Dillon said he hopes to have all the labs in general biology equipped by next fall with three extra monitors.

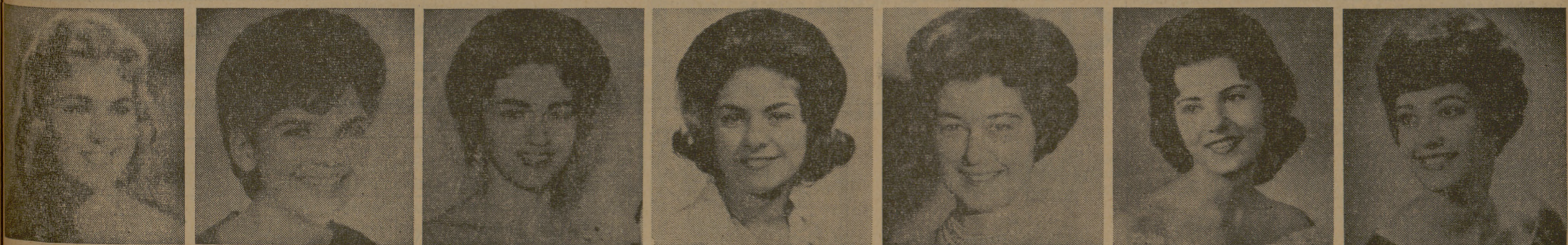
Klobukowski said the apparatus is invaluable as a teaching aid, but he added, the labs have not been changed as far as the teacher-student relationship.

"The set was never intended to take the place of individual observation."

This will be Watkins' second time to appear in the event.

Nathan R. Boles of Winters has been named King Cotton for the Pageant and Ball. During the Pageant, a queen and eight members of her court will be selected from more than 150 young women representing colleges, universities, clubs and other organizations. Authorities in fashion and art fields will make the selections.

## Candidates Slated To Compete For Civilian Sweetheart Crown



MISS MULLENIX

MISS HALL

MISS ELLINGTON

MISS HULSEY

MISS FOSTER

MISS GIBSON

MISS BURNS

A Sweetheart will be crowned Saturday at the Civilian Student Home. Seven of the fifteen finalists are pictured above, the others will appear in Friday's Battalion. Escorts are: Judy Burns of Abilene, escorted by David W. Glover; Bobbie Foster from Waco, escorted by Donald B. Neumann; Sandra Hulsey of Fort Worth, escorted by Keith Clark; Sarah Gibson of Kilgore, escorted by Juan G. Dominguez; Dolores Mullenix from Dallas, escorted by Mike Spence; Jean Ellington of Huntsville, escorted by Ronald Rell, and Pam Hall of Corpus Christi, escorted by Joe G. Smyth.