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New Instructor Joins Faculty In Journalism

Robert P. Knight of Midland will join the journalism faculty in September as an instructor.

He has been serving as coordinator of publications and community services with the Midland Independent School District since 1958.

Knight will replace Pro. Harry O. Ritter, who resigned June 1 to join the journalism faculty at the University of Wyoming, according to Delbert McGuire, head of journalism.

He received the bachelor of journalism degree with honors from the University of Texas in 1956 and a bachelor of arts in English at the same time.

Knight is completing work on a master's degree in journalism at the University, where he was named the outstanding male graduate in journalism by the University chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional society.

Knight has worked for three Texas newspapers — the South Texas Citizen of Laredo, the Austin American-Statesman and the Midland Reporter-Telegram.



ROBERT P. KNIGHT
... new journalism instructor

3 Departments Cooperate To Advance Welding Study

Three A&M departments have joined hands in an effort to advance welding research in the interest of structural performance. Department lines have been severed so that graduate teaching and research in the area of stress analysis and stress mechanics might utilize the total staff of the College of Engineering.

As a team the departments of Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Aerospace Engineering are interested in welding research.

Dr. J. George H. Thompson, professor of mechanical engineering, is presently engaged in seeking more speedy ways to conduct problems of structural analysis of odd shaped bodies.

Roy M. Wingren, professor of

mechanical engineering, is interested in experimental stress analysis. His specialty in research is photoelasticity. At present his graduate teaching includes theory of elasticity, vibrations, and dynamics.

Dr. Charles H. Samson Jr., professor of structural engineering and structural mechanics, serves in the Departments of Aerospace and Civil Engineering and supervises structural research in the Texas Transportation Institute.

Dr. Teddy J. Hirsch, associate professor of civil engineering, has most recently been concerned with prestressed concrete piles and the stresses they undergo during driving. He has also conducted other research involving precast and prestressed concrete structures.

AT A&M CENTER

Counselors Help In Finding Career

The real benefits of attending college is the opportunity to learn more about yourself. The A&M University Counseling and Testing Center can provide important help along this line, Director S. A. Kerley said.

"One of the most important decisions that any student must make during his university career is that of his vocational choice . . . Students with definite vocational choices are more likely to graduate," Kerley said.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE is one of the major services provided by the Counseling and Testing Center across from Sbsia Hall. Other services of the center are in the areas of helping the individual with study, reading skills and personal problems.

More than 1,000 Aggies last academic year received individual help at the Center.

Experience shows that half of all freshmen at A&M or elsewhere will change their vocational objectives at least once, Kerley said.

"Many students will change these objectives two or three times as they learn more about themselves their aptitudes and interests," he continued.

Kerley pointed out it is dangerous for a student to make a vocational decision by random choice or by trying different areas of study.

THE COUNSELING center director said it is much more desirable for the student to avail himself of professional help from vocational counselors. Otherwise, there is a danger that the student will get behind in his studies and become discouraged before the final decision is made.

Ample help is available for any Aggie whose thinking about career objectives may become somewhat confused at time, Kerley and others at the Center stress.

"One time when these doubts may arise," Kerley said, "comes in the fall semester of the freshmen year as mid-semester grades are issued. A student begins to wonder if he should be a scientist, a mathematician or whatever.

"Low grades are not necessarily indicative that a student should change his course of study, but it is indicative that something is wrong with his university career," Kerley said.

VOCATIONAL COUNSELORS emphasize the importance of a student not only understanding himself but also understanding the "world of work."

Careers and job opportunities change rapidly, and it is wise for a student to gain a firm understanding not only of his aptitudes and interest, but of the many op-

portunities of the vocational . . . A student who visits the . . . seling and Testing Center . . . ational counseling has an . . . interview. He and the . . . discuss his academic progress . . . background and other mathe . . .

In many instances, not a . . . tional problem but a study . . . is disclosed in the inter . . . Whatever the reason, one . . . determined attention can be . . . ed upon helping the student . . . "a realistic appraisal of his . . . ties and interests."

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"The emphasis here is upon . . . student doing his own think . . . we simply supply the facts," . . . Lannes Hope explained. He . . . member of the staff at the . . . and an assistant professor of . . . chology.

Kerley emphasized that the . . . dent should realize that the . . . of making a decision . . . vocational goals should extend . . . at least several weeks. "As . . . time for reflection, visiting . . . deans and advisors, discuss . . . with parents and possibly . . . adults is very necessary," he . . .

Two Noted Texans Will Be Speakers On Education

Two prominent Texans have been added to the list of speakers at a special forum entitled "Crisis in Texas Higher Education" at A&M Nov. 1.

They are Harry Jansom, chairman of the University of Texas and William P. Seven, Houston Chronicle editor. Seven will serve as moderator.

One other speaker will be announced later, announced Harold Brown, chairman of the A&M College Issues Committee, which is responsible for the conference.

Purpose of the event is to discuss the future status of higher education in Texas, Brown said, at a meeting of students and faculty of A&M and residents of the Bryan-College Station area.

Byron Tunnell of Tyler, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, earlier agreed to participate in the meeting. An invitation has been sent to Gov. John B. Connally.

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