

Chemistry Dept. Receives Keys To Data Unit

A&M University's Department of Chemical Engineering Tuesday received the keys to a mobile data gathering unit, built to sell for \$100,000.

Dresser Controls of Houston donated the custom designed unit to A&M officials at a 11 a.m. ceremony Tuesday at the Houston plant, 10201 Westheimer Road.

Among those participating in the dedication were W. F. Haley, general manager of the Houston firm, and Dr. J. D. Lindsey, head of A&M's chemical engineering program.

The mobile unit, known as a process dynamics recorder and similar to a moving van, houses a wide assortment of electronic equipment capable of receiving and recording data at a fast clip.

"This equipment from Dresser, along with some we already have, will permit our students to test classroom theories," Leo D. Durbin, an assistant professor of chemical engineering, explained.

Durbin, a Ph.D. graduate of Rice University, will be responsible for the operation of the equipment at A&M. His background experience includes assignments with industry, in addition to teaching and research at A&M.

For several years, A&M has offered instruction in automatic controls for process industries, which is required of senior chemical engineering majors.

The equipment from Dresser, along with new purchases through the National Science Foundation, will help establish an undergraduate laboratory for instruction in automatic control by instrumentation.

"The laboratory will augment and extend the activities in this constantly developing technology," Lindsey said. "The students will be able to simulate chemical processes used in industry."

The Dressed unit includes an analog recorder, an analog-digital converter, a paper tape punch, a multiplexer or sender of data and low-frequency signal generation equipment.

Durbin said the mobile unit will be located outside the new laboratory, where the instruments can be coordinated with present laboratory equipment.

At the same time, the unit can easily be made mobile, allowing students to go to different industries to gather data for problem solving exercises.

Scholarships For Ag Fish Sets Record

A record 130 high school graduates will be attending A&M this fall on scholarships provided by the university's Opportunity Awards Program, Dean W. J. Graff announced.

More than \$150,000 worth of new four-year scholarships have been awarded, Dr. Graff, dean of instruction and chairman of the faculty committee on scholarships, reported.

Other students will receive special scholarships.

The opportunity awards, valued from \$1,000 to \$1,800 each, are presented after consideration of the candidate's scholastic record, financial need, leadership in high school and other qualities.

The program is supported by the Association of Former Students, A&M Mothers Clubs, business corporations, foundations and individuals. Scholarships under the program were first granted 18 years ago.

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Wallace Beasley, the school's coordinator, said Caffee will super-

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A highway patrolman for 10

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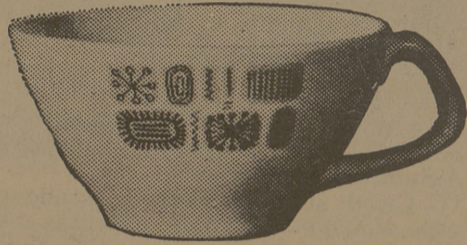
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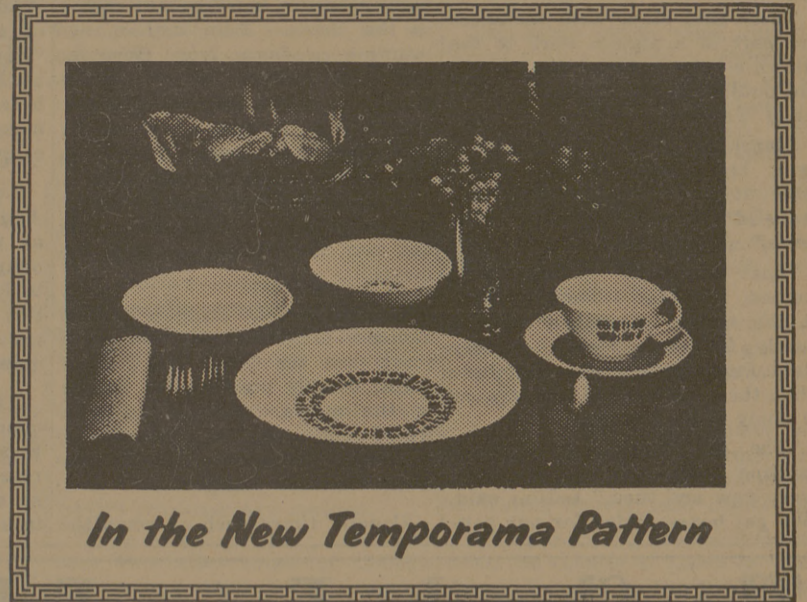
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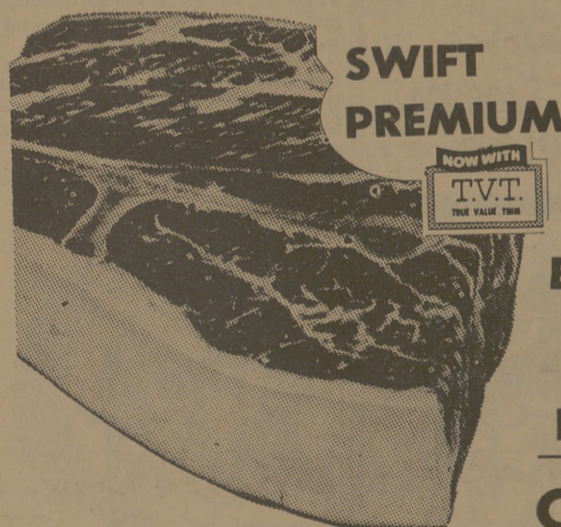
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