

Officers Assigned To Air Academy

Capt. Clifford J. Trimble and Larry M. Austin, graduate students at A&M, will assume teaching positions at the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs after graduation in May.

Both are Air Force Institute of Technology students who came to A&M to work for their master's degrees.

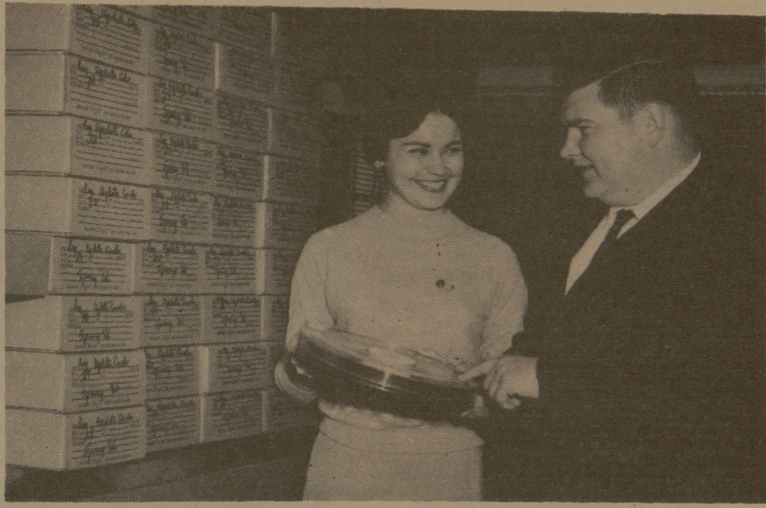
Trimble received his bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics while attending night class at the University of Southern Mississippi. His master's will be in Computer Science, the course he will teach at the academy.

Trimble has 18 years of service in the Air Force with nine years enlisted as a commissioned officer. He received his commission through "Operation Bootstrap."

Austin received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Memphis State University and will receive his master's in mathematics.

Austin has nine years service as a commissioned officer and is a rated navigator.

Vietnam has long been famous for the production of lacquer made from cypress trees.



COMPUTER FODDER

A Data Processing Center visitor, Nancy Leach, gets a briefing from programmer Jim Forehand about operation of the IBM 7094, a high speed computer. Information from 9,000 cards in boxes on the left, is logged on 1,750 feet of magnetized tape on the spool held by Mrs. Leach. A printing machine can spew the information back in 15 minutes.

Graphics Prof Writes Research Article

John P. Oliver, professor of engineering graphics, has published his second article this year in the "Journal of Engineering Graphics."

His latest research paper, "A Solution for Three Unknown Forces" appears in the February issue. The project explains a new method to solve vector problems using descriptive geometry.

Brainy Computer Collects Student Information Data

A "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" computer at Texas A&M knows almost everything about 9,000 students.

The tongue-twisting adjective refers to the IBM 7094, among the world's brainiest computers.

More than a quarter-million items of information about students are instantly available to university officials.

If a dean wants a list of seniors, he relays the requests to A&M's Data Processing Center. When the computer program is developed, a high-speed printing machine can crank out the information in 15 minutes.

Some students are already singing the computer's praise. IBM cards keyed to the computer helped speed up spring registration noticeably. Even employees of the Registrar's Office managed to smile about the time-saving plan.

The card plan works something like this: A student is handed a packet containing seven cards,

none of which should be folded, bent, spindled or mutilated. Women students have an additional card to fill out — a pink one on which they list status as a student, faculty or staff member.

When the cards are gathered, they are fed into the ravenous IBM 7094. Information, ranging from the student's hometown to the number of hours he is carrying and his overall grade point ratio, are logged on magnetic tape by the mechanical marvel.

One of the cards, for instance, is for updating information already on file. If all information requested on the card is the same as last semester, the student simply checks a block. Should his address have changed, he prints the new address in another space.

The computer raced through these cards in 41 minutes, registering its findings on 1,750 feet of tape.

But any computer, no matter how sophisticated, is no better than the people who feed and program it.

Programmer Jim Forehand, who helped devise the memory bank system, is aided by DPC Operations Supervisor George Taack, programmer Lester Wood, 15 key punch operators, three full time employees and three graduate students.

All the "bugs" have not been chased from the plan. More research is in progress.

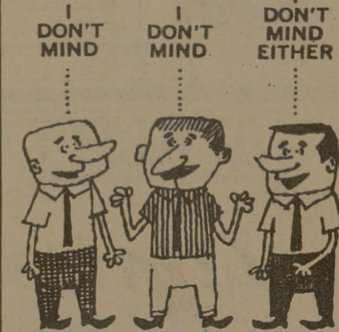
Registration may remain painful, but the likelihood of students suffering from writer's cramp is diminishing.

Physics Colloquium Slated Next Week

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Dr. R. E. Mintum of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory nuclear division will speak March 9 on "Molecular Beam Studies in Physical Chemistry."

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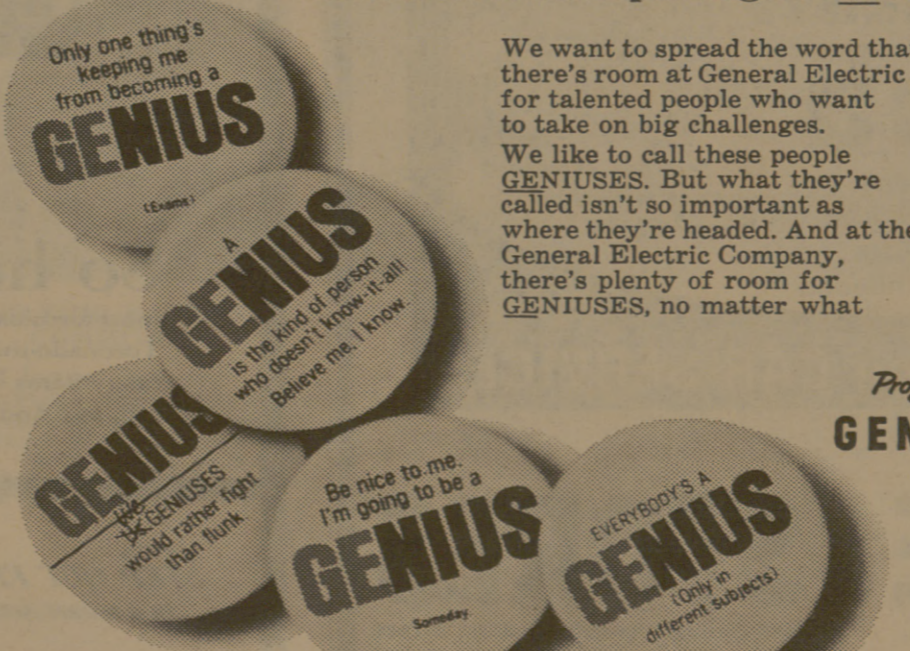
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