

Campus Briefs

Architecture Seminar Slated Wednesday

A fine hardwoods seminar: "How Valuable is Environment?", is scheduled Wednesday in the School of Architecture Auditorium.

Professors Cecil Steward and Wesley Harper announced the seminar for architectural and design students.

Richard D. Behm, Fine Hardwoods Association consultant, will speak at 7:30 p.m.

Physics Society Initiates 6 Members

Six new members were initiated this week by Sigma Pi Sigma, honorary physics society.

New members include Charles E. Scherbel of Bryan, Michael Flahie of Longview, John Beckham of College Station, Carl Stanitzky of Hearne, William Timmons of Fort Worth and Michael Holman of Mount Pleasant.

Scherbel was elected president for the coming year, Beckham vice president, Flahie secretary, and Stanitzky treasurer.

Institute Director Attends Conference

Dr. E. T. Smerdon, director of the Water Resources Institute is participating in the Visiting Scientist Program in Hydrology at the University of Minnesota.

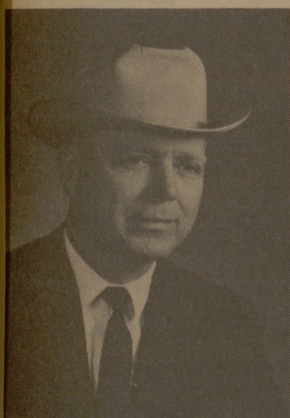
Smerdon is delivering two lectures titled "The Importance of Evaporation and Transpiration to Water Supply" and "Research Needs in Water Resources Planning."

A&M Hosts Engineering Meet

Two hundred men from throughout the United States and several foreign countries are participating in a Protective Relay Engineers' Conference through Wednesday.

Chairman L. M. Haupt, professor of electrical engineering, said 40 per cent of the engineers are from outside the state.

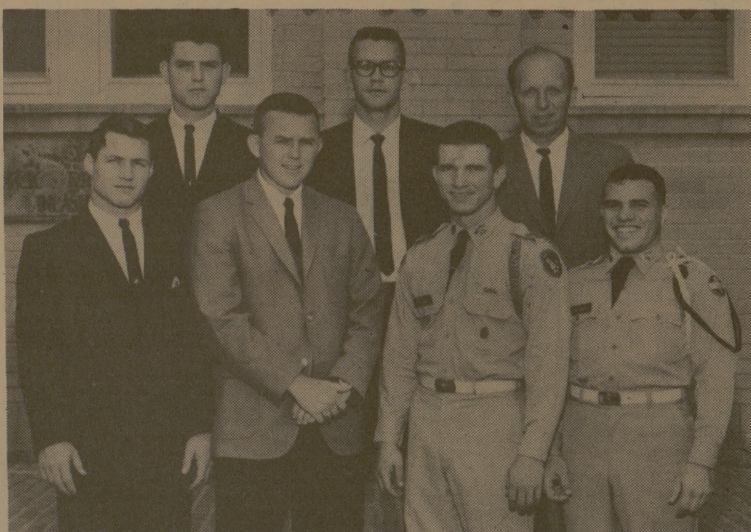
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MARKETING GAMES CONTESTANTS

Five Marketing Society members competed in Marketing Games at Michigan State University in Lansing Mich., Saturday. Team members, with Department of Marketing Head Herb Thompson are, front row left to right, Jim Kauffman, Billy Atkinson, Mickey Batsell, Louis Sabayrac; back row, Phil Abernathy, instructor John Wynn and Thompson.

Oceanography Cruise Reveals 105 Million Year-Old Rock

A recent Texas A&M oceanographic cruise recovered the oldest rock cored in the Gulf of Mexico, geological oceanographer Bill Bryant has revealed.

The 200 grams of limestone bits were dated independently by two oil research firms as deposited in the Albian of the Lower Cretaceous period, or more than 105 million years ago.

The single coring was made on a Gulf cruise of A&M's research vessel Alaminos. It was brought up from the west Flor de Scarp, about 100 miles southwest of Panama City.

The scarp, one of the most precipitous submarine slopes, angles off the Florida shelf. John Antoine of the Department of Oceanography found indications

of a sub-bottom layer of a 1965 seismic cruise which he indicated as upper cretaceous. It appeared to outcrop on the scarp at about 800 fathoms.

The oldest Gulf rock corings were taken at 1,350 fathoms, Bryant said. The coring required penetrating 20 feet of unconsolidated sediments overlying the hard limestone.

Dating of the rock bits was courtesy Esso's Production Research Laboratory at Houston, arranged by Professor Fred Smith of A&M's Geology Department, and by Chevron Oil of Jackson, Miss.

The strata was a shallow water deposit at one time. A&M's coring indicates the Florida shelf is sinking, Bryant explained.

New Faculty Appointments Approved By Directors

The Board of Directors Saturday approved appointment of a distinguished visiting professor of biology and a new head for the Department of Oceanography and advanced several faculty members in rank.

Dr. Paul A. Weiss, former dean of the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston, was named to the biology post. He is the third member of the National Academy of Sciences added to the faculty this year.

Dr. Richard A. Geyer, director of oceanography and manager of geophysical services for Texas Instruments, was approved to head the Department of Oceanography.

Dr. James D. McCrady, an associate professor of veterinary physiology and pharmacology, was chosen department head. He replaces Dr. P. W. Burns, who will retire.

Dr. Charles Pinnell, head of the design and traffic engineering department of the Texas Transportation Institute, was appointed an associate dean of the Graduate College.

Weiss, a University of Vienna graduate, has held teaching posts at 28 universities in America and abroad. The Professor Emeritus of Rockefeller University is a consultant on science and technology for President Johnson and holds membership in several societies.

The tri-lingual (English, French, German) professor has received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Giessen and an honorary Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Frankfurt.

Geyer holds bachelor's degrees from New York University, Fordham University, and Columbia University. His master's degrees come from New York and Princeton University. Doctoral work in geophysics was completed at Princeton.

He has taught at Princeton and the University of Houston before entering industry. He joined Texas Instruments in 1954 as chief geophysicist.

McCrady completed undergrad-

uate studies at Texas A&M and received his vet medicine degree here. He was awarded the Ph.D. from Baylor University's College of Medicine in 1965.

After two years of service with the Air Force, he joined A&M's teaching staff and was named an associate professor of physiology in 1964.

Pinnell received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in 1952 and completed his master's at Purdue in 1958. His Ph.D. was awarded from A&M in 1964 after postgraduate work here and at the University of California and Northwestern University.

Other appointments confirmed by the Board include:

Donald J. Osbourn, instructor in animal science; Keith F. Schertz, lecturer in soil and crop sciences and Arthur D. Leunes and Alfred R. Owen, instructors in education and psychology.

Ralph J. Vernon, assistant pro-

fessor of industrial education; Robert W. Flournoy, instructor in biology; Herbert P. Yule, associate professor and associate research chemist, Activation Analysis Research Laboratory, and Elmo M. Johnson and Joe A. Rider, instructors at the Texas Maritime Academy.

James Connally Technical Institute appointments include Elmer L. Kuntz, supervisor of vocational counseling and admissions; Charles R. Cozzens, professor and head of industrial design and drafting, and Argie R. Nuckols, instructor in refrigeration.

Earl O. Walters was approved as a wood technologist for the Texas Forest Services' Lufkin District. John W. McMillan Jr. was named instructor of supervisory training for the Texas Engineering Extension Service. Donald Lee Woods was selected an assistant research engineer for TTI.

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