

Hospital Sees It All

Sunburned insteps, a jaw fractured by a steer, leprosy, brain tumors, spinal meningitis, and a file full of unusual fractures make rarities the rule at the A&M hospital.

A staff of 30, including nine doctors, finds its 238 patient average day full of extraordinary events and uncommon require-

ments. Charles R. Lyons, M.D., hospital director, dispenses aspirin, myocin and humor in measured doses.

Sunburns, especially after Splash Day, are a major contributor to medics' long days. Several hundred a year are checked, of which two or three are severe. The worst seen at the hospital was from a youth sleeping under a sun lamp.

Another came off Galveston's beach. The Aggie got a surplus of sun on Saturday, so his buddies covered him with wet sand on Sunday, protecting his face with newspaper. The mound of sand was "flagged" with the Aggie's feet, left uncovered and pointing south.

"All he had burned was the bottom of his feet," Lyons remarked. "They were cooked the way I like steak."

Another warm-weather problem is poison ivy. No case can top Lyons' own, a 100 per cent coverage from dewberry picking.

Three hundred X-rays a month reveal a variety of fractures. One student returned to the campus with an odd feel to his jaw from bull-dogging a steer. During the match, a horn popped into the Aggie's mouth.

He reported having problems drinking water. X-rays showed his jaw had been broken loose from his skull.

In peak periods, radiation flows at the rate of 500 X-rays a month in the self-supporting hospital. The figure includes army physicals. The hospital staff administers workmen's compensation pre-employment physicals, too.

The Ohio State University-trained Lyons, who has student medical service at the University of Montana and Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, had a power mower case in which wire had to be chiseled from a man's ankle.

Snake bites from cadet outfit picnics contribute to the 63-hour week worked by hospital doctors.

Cuts and lacerations nosedived with closing of the Clay Pits. Colds, sore throats and blisters are major items serviced from the \$9.50 student school year fee, which returns \$3 in medical care per dollar invested.

The hospital operates at a \$3.41 cost per patient-day, supplying medicine free for all but chronic ailments.

Hypochondriacs take up time. During an epidemic a student reported believing he had the flu. Dr. Lyons took a 98.6 temperature and asked the youth how he felt.

"Fine," he replied, "but mother told me to see if I have the flu."

"After coming in here where we have 237 cases, you probably do now," Lyons rejoined.

Officers Chosen By Debate Team

A&M debaters began preparations for next year's agenda with the election of officers and the initiation of five new pledges.

Sophomore David Gay of College Station will head the campus' Texas Alpha Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, national honor debate society.

Other officers are freshmen Wayne Prescott of Houston, secretary-treasurer, and David Maddox of College Station, public relations head.

New pledges are freshmen Mark Caperton of Caldwell, Ron Hinds of Midland, Prescott and Maddox. Benny Mays, a sophomore from Brashear, was also initiated into the fraternity at a barbecue-banquet Saturday, hosted by the group's sponsor, Carl Kell.

Also at the banquet \$25 cash awards were presented to Maddox, Hinds, Prescott, Gay and Mays.

Freshman Wins Graphics Award

John W. Davis of Estreito, Brazil, was chosen the outstanding freshman engineering graphics student here this week.

The agricultural engineering student received the "T. R. Spence Award"—an engraved wrist watch.

Lawrence C. Schilhab of San Antonio, Earl F. Carls of College Station and Harry G. Roberts, also of the Alamo city captured first, second and third in working drawings.

In the descriptive geometry problems, the top three included Davis, Geoffrey W. Kinison of Houston and E. E. Godsey of San Antonio.

The three winners in lettering competition were R. M. Cournoyer of Dallas, Gary R. Schmidt of Houston and Kenneth W. Robinson of Dallas.

Freehand sketching awards went to Gerald E. Shearer of Bryan, M. A. Denmark of Lockhart and Conny R. Brown of Deer Park.

Pruett To Address Physics Group

Dr. George R. Pruet of Dallas will lecture at a Sigma Pi Sigma and Physics Club meeting tonight.

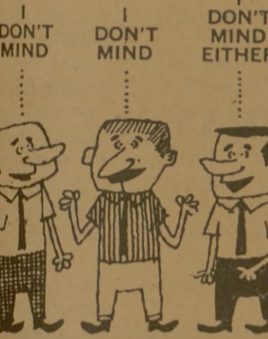
The director of infrared research at Texas Instruments will discuss infrared detectors and their applications. The free, public lecture will be presented in Room 146 of the Physics Building.

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TEAGUES CHAT WITH VICE PRESIDENT Rep. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague attended the Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Mrs. Cherry Blossom "Twilight Gala" Fashion Show in Washington, D. C. recently. Also in attendance were (left to right) the College Station Congressman's son, Jack, Teague, Park Hotel.

Banquet Honors Journalists

Eight scholarships and various awards were presented to students at the annual Department of Journalism Awards Banquet Saturday.

The banquet climaxed the annual Journalism Day, which included a picnic and baseball game between the department's professional societies.

Mike Berry of Laredo was presented with the \$100 Amarillo Globe-Times scholarship while Elias Moreno of Richmond was awarded the \$100 Houston Post grant.

A \$200 radio-television scholarship, established by Mike Misto- vich of radio station KORA in Bryan, was divided between Neal Cook and Judy Franklin, both of College Station.

Tommy DeFrank of Arlington received the \$400 Minneapolis Star scholarship for the junior with the best scholastic record. Agricultural journalism grants of \$666.66 from the Anderson-Clayton Fund went to Eddie Joe Davis of Henrietta, Leroy Shafer of Trent and Manuel Pina of Melvin.

Departmental awards went to Glenn Dromgoole of Sour Lake, the Sigma Delta Chi award for the outstanding graduate; Michael Reynolds of Houston, the Wall Street Journal Award for an outstanding senior; Davis, outstanding junior, and Robert Solovey of Silver Springs, Md., outstanding sophomore.

Radio newsman Dan Lovett was the banquet's featured speaker.

A correspondent for the Mc- Lendon Radio Corporation, Lovett presented 125 slides taken on his recent 35-day trip to Viet Nam.

Assistant news director of Houston's KILT, Lovett toured the war-torn country taping 97 interviews with Texas soldiers during his span.

His slides depicted scenes of

Vietnamese life both in Saigon and on the battlefield.

Theme for the banquet was "A Samoan Funeral," a ritual where- by persons are honored for their achievements before death.

Special guests were Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, dean of the Col- lege of Liberal Arts, and Dr. James Potts of the College of Agriculture.

Telephone Bill Changes Due With May Monthly Statement

Monthly telephone bills will have a new look beginning with the May statements, according to Rex Bailey, Division Manager for Southwestern State Telephone Company.

He said the changes would result from processing by the new IBM computer system at the company's accounting center in San Angelo.

The most notable change will be in the billing for some long-dis- tance calls. Calls placed from College Station-Bryan and neigh- boring communities will be hand- led as in the past.

However, some calls placed from out-of-town and charged to local numbers will be itemized on the statement, and no long dis- tance tickets will be enclosed for these calls. This will involve some collect calls and credit card calls placed in other towns.

Changes in the dates that state- ments are mailed will be the other

major change. Statements were mailed Monday to all local tele- phone customers, but Bryan cus- tomers with 822 numbers will be the only ones to receive the new statements.

On May 19 customers in Kur- ten and Bryan customers with 823 numbers will be sent new statements reflecting credit for 12 days local service. College Station customers will receive their second statement of the month after they are mailed May 25. They will reflect a credit for six days. New statements for customers at Steele Store will be mailed May 28, with a credit for three days local service.

Soph Appointed To AF Academy

Moses Herrera of Palestine, a sophomore, has received an ap- pointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy.

The 19-year-old chemistry ma- jor reports to Colorado Springs, Colo., in June. He earned a place in the Academy's 1970 class through competitive exams and screening boards.

Herrera is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Torrez of Palestine. The 1964 valedictorian of West- wood High School earned two basketball letters and a numeral in football and track while a schoolboy athlete.

A "Distinguished Student" at Texas A&M for two semesters, he is a cadet corporal in the Corps of Cadets and a member of the fencing team.

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