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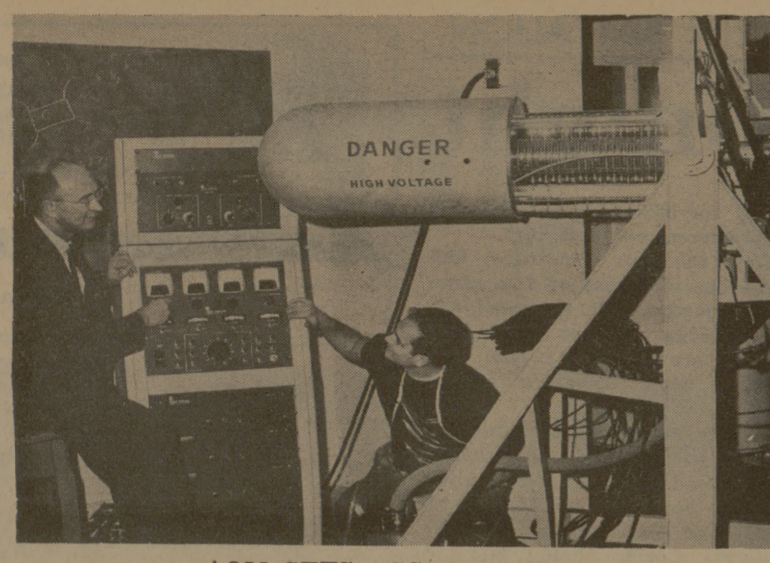
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Dr. Robert C. Cochran (left), Nuclear Engineering Department head, and Tom Kryszinski, reactor supervisor, inspect a new 200-kilovolt accelerator purchased with a \$25,000 U. S. Atomic Energy Commission grant.

# Reading Program Slated For Grads

A self-improvement program in reading efficiency and comprehension will be offered to graduate students by the Education and Psychology Department during the spring semester.

Designed to increase reading productivity through a series of systematic classroom and laboratory exercises, the course assesses present reading skills and provides improvement experiences.

Dr. Douglas F. Parry instructs the one-hour course which will meet at 4 p.m. Mondays. Practice time will be arranged individually.

"Reading is thinking," Dr. Parry

said. "Through the self-improvement program, graduate students will develop the skill of gaining more ideas per unit of time reading. Most programs expect to double productivity, but we feel a three-fold increase will be average for the student we expect to instruct."

"A STUDENT may read an article in three minutes, turn it over and recite six ideas he got from it at the beginning of the course," he explained further. "At the end of the course, he will be able to do the same thing and get 18 ideas."

Dr. Parry added that students will become more conscious of the definite meaning of words.

Individual experience with mechanical devices, including a controlled reader, Craig reader, reading accelerator and tachistoscope will serve a definite instructional aspect, he added.

Enrollment will be limited to 25 graduate students in teacher education. During the semester experimental information will be obtained, with the results influencing future course offerings for additional graduate students and adults, noted Dr. Paul Hensarling, head of the Education and Psychology Department.

Dr. Parry has been involved in reading improvement programs several years. He conducted courses for business executives of the Meredith Publishing Co., Des Moines, Iowa; the Des Moines Register and Tribune and Blue Cross Insurance personnel, legislators, doctors and others.

The professor served as an advisor for a similar program at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Parry has been at A&M since 1956.

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**TONIGHT**

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## ME Professor Gets Contract For Research

A \$33,067 Humble Oil and Refining Company development contract has been awarded to Assistant Professor P. D. Weiner of Texas A&M's Mechanical Engineering Department.

Weiner said the one-year contract is for developing methods of analysis of stress in various drill collar connections due to service conditions of oil wells.

Dr. Harry J. Sweet, assistant professor of aerospace engineering, is co-principal investigator. Thomas Asbill, a graduate mechanical engineering student from Dumas, will assist, as will a senior student yet to be named.

Purpose of the project, Weiner said, is to eliminate costly failures in drill collar connections during drilling of oil and gas wells.

"A single failure can easily amount to \$1 million," Weiner remarked. "If a connection fails, you can lose a well or an entire off-shore drilling platform."

Work on the contract is to begin Feb. 1 in the Mechanical Engineering Shops Building. The contract provides \$2,500 for equipment and a lesser amount for field trips to off-shore drilling rigs.

Weiner commented that the prevention of one "fishing job" through development of new analysis methods would almost pay for the project.

"If a drill pipe fails and it has to be retrieved, the 'fishing job' could cost \$25,000 or more," he explained.

Weiner has worked ten years as a tubing and casing consultant for Humble. He holds a patent on one tubing connection and has three patents pending.

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