

# Mayeaux Attends International Meet

Educational programs designed to improve opportunities of the Mexican-American in Texas were described in detail at a Texas Conference on the Mexican-American in San Antonio.

More than a dozen legislative items, projects and programs were discussed by Governor John Connally, state and federal congressmen and educators, reported Col. Gilbert E. Mayeaux, Modern Languages Department instructor at Texas A&M.

Legislation, U. S. Office of Education and Texas Education Agency programs and projects and A&M's "Programa de Educacion Interamericana" were brought to the attention of 758 participants, Mayeaux said.

The three-day conference heard Connally, Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez and Ralph Yarborough, Dr. Nolan Estes of the U. S. Education Office, Texas Education Commissioner Dr. J. W. Edgar and educational authorities speak.

"We must create a bilingual so-

ciety in Texas," Governor Connally said in stating he is committed to Spanish instruction in lower grades of every state public school system. He supports development of Mexican-American opportunities through state legislation which would exempt tuition and fees at state colleges and universities by families with less than \$4,800 income annually.

Dr. Estes, associate commissioner for elementary and secondary education, spelled out several federal projects for alleviating the Mexican-American's educational lot. Repeal of state laws compelling teaching of public school classes only in English headed the list. It included creation of a "Mexican-American Affairs Unit," augmenting existing Title I programs to aid migrant children, in-service teacher training institutes and implementation of President Johnson's "Follow Through" project for children helped under Operation Head Start.

He called on Mexican-Americans to develop "school power" by becoming active in PTA and other community groups interested in action.

Experimental bilingual classrooms, accelerated junior and senior high Spanish classes for native Spanish speakers and adoption by New York Educators of Texas bilingual education methods were detailed by Dr. Edgar.

Connally called A&M's "Programa" a worthwhile effort in understanding the cultural and historical background of Mexican-Americans. He also referred to the James Connally Technical Institute and Senator Yarborough extensively, quoted studies of Spanish-American occupational changes and educational improvements desired by Dr. Robert L. Skrabanek of A&M's Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department.

Yarborough, opposed to tuition increases at state colleges and universities, has introduced legislation to assist school districts in improving educational opportunities for Spanish-speaking students.

The conference was unanimous that at least one course on Mexican-American and other ethnic groups education should be offered by all teacher training institutions.

A pending state bill would require three consecutive years of foreign-language training at lower grade levels. Mandatory within five years of passage, the program would furnish free books. A program curriculum is being prepared by TEA.

# Reading Course Is Scheduled For Summer Session

A special summer session course, elementary school reading, will be offered by Texas A&M's Education and Psychology Department with Dr. Betty Coody of Lamar State as visiting professor.

Dr. Coody, reading consultant for the Beaumont college, will be teaching the first summer session course for elementary education majors and elementary school teachers.

"Mrs. Coody is an outstanding person in the course subject," noted Dr. Paul Hensarling, department head. "She is returning to A&M by popular demand for the third straight summer."

The three-semester course will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and may be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit, on approval.

Organization and conduct of the developmental reading program in the elementary school, methods, techniques and materials are course features, Hensarling added.

Enrollment will be at the regular summer session registration June 5. Persons who have not previously attended A&M should make advance arrangements by writing the registrar, Dr. Hensarling advised.



## SUBTERRANEAN SEARCH

Texas A&M University graduate students Ed Park of Columbia, Tenn., and Patrick Gordon (wearing glasses) of San Antonio feel out the interior of the earth with a \$10,500 gravity meter under watch of Dr. James E. Case, geology professor.

# Engineer Director Presents Graduate Lecture Thursday

George W. Reid, Civil Engineering Department director at the University of Oklahoma, will give a graduate lecture Thursday at Texas A&M.

Reid's talk, "Mathematical Models in Water Pollution Control," is set for 4 p.m. in room 229 of the Chemistry Building.

Dr. Wayne C. Hall, A&M's academic vice president, noted that Professor Reid was an early advocate of the use of the mathematical models for analysis of water quality aspects of water resource management.

Reid has a B.S. degree from Purdue University and the S. M. degree from Harvard University. He was a research investigator with Johns-Hopkins University in

conjunction with being associate professor at Georgia Institute of Technology before joining the University of Oklahoma faculty in 1950.

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## Ag Prof Authors Activity Article

A Texas A&M professor authored an article appearing in the April issue of the Journal of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Dr. Linus J. Dowell's article is titled "A Philosophy of Activity." He is an associate professor in the A&M Health and Physical Education Department.

The journal is the national publication of the 40,000-member American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

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# Board Head Gives Talk

"The fate of this state and nation is in the hands of people like you," H. C. Heldenfels, president of the Texas A&M Board of Directors, told some 500 A&M faculty and staff members.

**SPEAKING AT** the university's annual board of directors-faculty dinner in Sbisa Hall, Heldenfels cited Disraeli's warning to the British Parliament more than a century ago that "upon the education of the people of England, the fate of England depends."

Drawing a parallel to that famous quote, the board president remarked: "I think that all of us here tonight agree that upon the education of the people of this state, the future prosperity and growth of this state depends."

Heldenfels briefly outlined the organization and operation of the university's board of directors.

He noted that board members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate. The appointments are for six-year terms, with three new appointments, or re-appointments, made every two years.

"THROUGHOUT" s t u d y and analysis, your board attempts to arrive at the soundest possible decisions," Heldenfels noted.

"Occasionally, decisions which we face are both complex and controversial, thus leading to debate as to the best course of action," he continued. "But debate itself is simply another process through which we seek the soundest possible decisions."

A&M President Earl Rudder presided at the dinner and presented a brief report on key university-related legislation.

He said the most important bills now before the legislature in Austin are the ones dealing with appropriations. Both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee have come out with their university budget recommendations and the bills could be brought to the floor at any time.

"NEITHER OF these bills equal to what our board of directors requested from the legislature," Rudder noted. He stressed, however, that the board has worked diligently throughout this session of the legislature to obtain the highest level of appropriation possible.

"Perhaps the most definite thing we can say at this time is that we view the prospects for good appropriations with guarded optimism," Rudder added.

**OTHER BILLS** mentioned by the university president covered "fringe benefits" and, if passed would have the following effects:  
 —Provide for a constitutional amendment to remove the present \$8,400 ceiling on withholdings for teacher retirement.  
 —Permit faculty members to choose between the State Teacher Retirement System and any private retirement system of their choice.

**ALLOW FACULTY** development leave, commonly referred to as sabbatical leave. As the bill is now written, as much as six per cent of the faculty of an institution may be on development

leave at one time at full salary for six months or one-half salary for six months leave.  
 —Authorize the state to participate in the payment of premiums for group insurance.  
 —Increase mileage and per diem rate for university personnel.  
 —Authorize free tuition for full-time faculty members and researchers and for their spouses and children.

**RUDDER POINTED OUT** that legislation has already passed bill providing for a new Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory to be located at A&M. He said the university has requested approximately \$500,000 for the construction of this facility and an operating budget start operations before the next biennium.

## Aggie Graduates From Air School

Captain Jimmy C. Hicks of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hicks 403 N. Belmont, Odessa, Tex., has been graduated from the Air Force University's Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Captain Hicks was one of 12 students who completed a one-week professional officer training Friday (April 14). He was specially selected for the course in recognition of his potential as a leader in the aerospace field.

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