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The Texas A&M Federation of Mother's Clubs presented a Larossa painting to President and Mrs. Earl Rudder (right) at a Saturday business session. On hand for the award were Mrs. D. L. McMurray of Houston, Mrs. Pat Duplisse Leslie of Baytown and 1966-67 president Mrs. J. C. McLaughlin of Bryan.

'Computers Reach Infancy' Says Telephone Official

"After growing wildly for many years, computers have now reached their infancy," Dr. John R. Pierce of Bell Telephone Laboratories declared here recently.

Speaking at a Texas A&M University conference designed to provide guidelines for the role of computers in the state's higher education program, Dr. Pierce called for close cooperation between the institutions which now have substantial computer resources and those which do not.

He said Texas A&M could serve as a focal point for many of the other institutions which are, or will be, initiating their own computer programs. In addition to A&M providing assistance in setting up these programs, the university's computer facilities could be linked to those on other campuses.

Dr. Pierce, who heads research for Bell Telephone Laboratories' communications sciences division at Murray Hill, N. J., recently served as chairman for a White House science advisory panel which conducted a nationwide study of student use of computers.

He outlined for the conference the study which revealed that only five per cent of the nation's students have access to adequate computer service, whereas 35 per cent of all undergraduates could make valuable use of computers in a substantial part of their

studies. The remaining 65 per cent could make some use of the machines, according to the report.

The panel, which also included Texas A&M's Data Processing Center director, Robert L. Smith, proposed a \$400 million annual program for the early 1970's to close the "computer gap" in higher education.

Dr. Pierce told 100 officials from junior and senior colleges throughout the state that computers will have just as big an impact on our way of life as the automobile.

It is therefore essential, he noted, that young people be exposed to computers as part of their education.

"No matter where they go to work, the computer will have an impact on them," he stated.

Dr. Pierce emphasized an approach of using the computer as a tool rather than stressing the technical aspects involved in computer science.

During a tour of A&M's Data Processing Center, Dr. Pierce described the facility as "one of the most thriving and prosperous" in the nation.

A close look at the goals and nature of each individual college is essential before determining what role computers will have on campus," Dr. John C. Calhoun, Texas A&M vice president for programs, noted at the confer-

ence's banquet.

Colleges and universities are complex institutions with a variety of goals, Dr. Calhoun observed.

"We can't really answer the question of what we are going to do with computers until we ask what the university is all about," he remarked.

He observed, however, that the computer can help determine some basic answers about the institution by serving as the tool through which officials can keep track of information and subject it to analysis.

Dr. Calhoun said Texas A&M is anxious that its computer capabilities and knowledge in this area be a focal point for assistance to other institutions in the state.

Other conference speakers included Ray Fowler of Austin, assistant commissioner of fiscal affairs for the Texas College and University Coordinating Board, and Dr. Ruth M. Davis of Washington, associate director for research and development at the National Library of Medicine.

Also Dr. William Atchison, director of the University of Maryland's computer center; Dr. Charles Pinnell, associate dean of the A&M Graduate College, and Dr. David Young, director of the University of Texas' Computation Center.

Smith is chairman for the conference and chief investigator for the Texas College and University Coordinating Board's study of computer usage.

Special Course Scheduled For Graphics In Summer

A 12-week special course in structural detailing begins June 5 in Texas A&M's Engineering Graphics Department.

Assistant professor North Bardell estimated 25 to 30 high school graduates will enroll for the course supported by A&M's Engineering Extension Service.

"The course is open to men and women who have had at least one mechanical drawing course in high school," Bardell

noted. "They also need some aptitude in drawing."

Bardell and instructor N. P. Guerard will teach classes six hours daily. Subjects include shop mathematics, slide rule, basic drawing, descriptive geometry, structural steel and reinforced concrete detailing.

Deadline for filing applications for the school is June 1. Bardell said the course is primarily for persons seeking immediate employment in industry.

Architects Sponsor Student Art Show

Art work of second year students in Texas A&M's School of Architecture is on public display through May 22, announced chairman Edward Romieniec.

Romieniec said lecturer Joe Donaldson is in charge of the School of Architecture Gallery which is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

A Driver Education Seminar at Texas A&M May 22-27 will introduce 48 Texas college teachers to the modern theories, practices and conveniences of instructing driver teachers.

The seminar is scheduled in conjunction with Gov. John Connally's Highway Safety Program, noted Dr. Leslie V. Hawkins, coordinator from the A&M Industrial Education Department.

Driving specialists from across the nation will perform instruction on special equipment and ranges to be installed on runways at the A&M Research Annex, Hawkins went on.

The seminar is a cooperative effort of the Texas Education Agency (programs), the Texas Highway Department (logistical support), A&M and the Governor's office.

Among special instructors will be Charles Webb of Panama city,

Fla., a multiple-car range authority; Emil Wolf of All-State Insurance, driving simulator specialist; Larry Hemphill and Wendell Bond of Aetna Insurance, on the drive-o-mator, a response-theory instruction device.

Teacher educators from state colleges and universities including North Texas State, Texas A&I, Southwest Texas State, Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin will participate, the coordinator said.

Dabbs Announces New Scholarships

Eleven scholarship awards are available to students of Czechoslovakian at Texas A&M, announced Dr. Jack A. Dabbs, head of the Department of Modern Languages.

Dr. Dabbs said Texas A&M is one of only six U. S. colleges and universities having undergraduate course work and substantial enrollment in the Czech language.

The awards are being provided by several fraternal and religious organizations with memberships consisting primarily of Texans of Czech extraction.

Dr. Dabbs pointed out that one of the largest Czech groups residing outside the country itself lives within a 200 mile radius of College Station.

Among the organizations contributing to the scholarship fund are the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas, the Union of Czech Catholic Women of Texas and the Mutual Aid Society of the Unity of the Brethren Church.

Five To Join Alaminos Tour

Five Texas A&M oceanography graduate students will join an Alaminos cruise in the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday at St. Petersburg, Fla.

The A&M research ship is on a 28-day cruise along the east continental rise and will return to Galveston along a route covered in the outward leg, according to Dr. Richard A. Geyer, Oceanography Department head.

He said graduate students involved in the second leg will be Thomas E. Pyle of Hicksville, N. Y.; Richard Moore of Dallas, G. S. Edwards of Houston, Royal Hagerty of Pass Christian, Miss., and Amado Yanez-Correa of Mexico City. Pyle was aboard for the first leg.

Research scientists John Antoine and Bill Jones will accompany the party.

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H. L. Heaton, Director of Admissions and Registrar

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