Library Reaches 'Topping' Stage

Texas A&M officials and the graduate college; Dr. James Temple Associates construction Dyke, library director; Thigpen; superintendent, Harvey J. Thigpen, "topped out" the new \$3.5 Cushing Library addition re-

A small cedar tree was placed on the penthouse roof, 70 feet above the first floor which will be the highest point of the struc-

Attending the 3,000-year-old ceremony were President Earl Rudder; Academic Vice President Dr. Wayne C. Hall; Dr. Haskell Monroe, assistant dean of the

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A&M's building inspector, M. B. Akers, and Presidential assistant Ed Cooper.

The penthouse atop the fourfloor structure will house works for one of three elevators and air conditioning equipment.

The topping out a blend of superstition and horseplay that is supposed to protect a new building from demons, follows that point in construction at which the edifice reaches its highest point.



LIBRARY HIGH POINT MARKED

Cushing Library construction has reached its highest elevation, a situation celebrated by a "topping out" ceremony. Attending the brief event, involving placing a small cedar tree on the 70-foot-high penthouse roof, are (from left) Texas A&M building inspector M. B. Akers, Harvey J. Thigpen, Temple Association construction superintendent; Acadent Vice President Wayne C. Hall, President Earl Rudder and Dr. James Dyke, library

Sanders Winner Of Purina Award

James O. Sanders of Beeville, ences and learn leadership animal science major at Texas A&M, is the winner of Ralston Purina Company's Danforth Award for Agricultural College Seniors.

James received the honor in recognition of his high academic standing, activities and leadership. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Sanders of Wofford Lane in Beeville.

The student will spend two weeks this summer studying business operations of Purina Company headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. He will spend another two weeks at the American Youth Foundation Camp in Michigan where he will broaden his experi-

decision making.

The award, named for Purina Company's founder, W liam H. Danforth, is direct toward land-grant schools in & state. A&M is Texas' land-gra university.

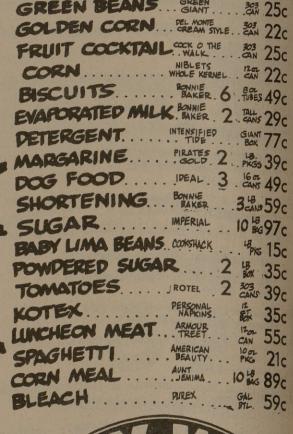
Sanders has won numer awards and honors while at Ten A&M. He is a member of meat and livestock jud teams, Saddle and Sirloin (and Alpha Zeta, Phi Eta Sign and Phi Kappa Phi honora

The student has an oven grade point ratio of 2.77, while means that his grades are most

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