

Davenport Named Department Head

Dr. Manuel M. Davenport of Fort Collins, Colo., has been appointed Philosophy and Humanities Department head at Texas A&M Liberal Arts Dean Frank Hubert announced.

Dr. Davenport succeeds Dr. John Orr, who went to Southern California. The department's three-member faculty includes Dr. Ed Harris from Southwest Texas State and Dr. Richard Stadelman of Louisiana State University, New Orleans, also newly appointed.

"The department started only two years ago with just one faculty member," Hubert noted.

Davenport, 38, taught 10 years at Colorado State. The CSU faculty voted him a Distinguished Service Award for excellence in teaching and students elected him "Top Prof."

The new department head visited Dr. Albert Schweitzer's hospital at Lambarene, Gabon, in 1959. He toured several African nations under Rockefeller Foundation grant for study of Schweitzer's political philosophy and conducted a Peace Corps Feasibility Survey in several African nations.

A 1950 graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., Davenport received advanced degrees at Colorado College in 1954 and the University of Illinois in 1957. He taught in a Colorado elementary school two years and at Colorado College before going to CSU.

The 10-day Gabon visit was the result of winning a Schweitzer Education Foundation national essay contest.

The professor is member of Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies.

Davenport, his wife Maxine and three children reside at 3715 Stillmeadow Drive, Bryan, and are Presbyterians.



DR. MANUEL DAVENPORT

Wives Group Picks 'Flame'

The College Station Firemen's Wives Auxiliary has set into motion plans for a "Miss Flame Contest" in College Station.

In a Tuesday night meeting the society discussed the proposed contest. "Miss Flame" will represent the firemen during such activities as National Fire Prevention Week.

Any A&M Consolidated High School girl who is a resident of College Station is eligible to enter the contest which will be held in September.

At Tuesday night's meeting the first slate of officers for the new club was elected. Mrs. Shirley Redman was elected president; Mrs. Betty Hubacek, vice-president; Mrs. Nancy Scott, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Ann Eimann, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Severson, advisor.

Tektite Belt Located In Texas Counties

Texans located along a geologic belt extending through Gonzales and Walker Counties are living in one of the few areas of the world in which tektites are found.

Tektites, generally small glassy objects of unknown origin, are one of nature's unexplained mysteries, according to a Texas A&M lecturer, Dr. Virgil E. Barnes.

The University of Texas geologist described tektite characteristics, discussed areas of the world in which they are found,

showed color slides and passed around tektite samples in a National Science Foundation institutes lecture at A&M Monday.

He said Texas tektites, determined to be the oldest found in the world, have been located by him in Gonzales, Fayette, Washington, Lee, Burleson, Brazos, Walker and Montgomery Counties.

"Through a potassium argon aging process, it has been possible to date Texas tektites as 35 million years old," the Bureau of

Economic Geology official said. Australites (tektites found in Australia) are 700,000 years old, meldavites (Czechoslovakia) 15 million and bediasites of Texas are at the far end of the age scale.

Bediasites (named for the Grimes County community near which they were first found) occur along the Jackson group geologic formation of the Eocene epoch. Its outcrop slices generally through Texas along the Gonzales-Walker Counties line.

"Tektites most likely will be found by the casual hunter along the cuts of arroyos and washes. They may be located mixed with gravel in the bottom of washes," Barnes commented.

Of dark brown or black color, bediasites in unweathered condition have a rough, fractured texture resembling the structure of cauliflower. Others may be rounded and pebble-like due to the influence of water and abrasion.

naturally-occurring glass, unknown," he remarked. In reviewing structures said Australite buttons to have plunged through the atmosphere. Glass from the ward-facing edge melted atmospheric friction and the sides to form a flange. "A theory gaining acceptance is that tektites were formed on earth and splash the surface," he went on. composition of many tektites quite similar to that of

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Aggie Enrolls At Harvard

Neil L. Keltner, corps commander at Texas A&M in 1964-65, will enroll in graduate business school at Harvard next month after a touch-and-go summer with Army doctors.

The first lieutenant from Lansing, Mich., was wounded twice in Viet Cong ambushes during an eight-month Vietnam stint. He underwent four operations and checked into Valley Forge Hospital again in July for X-rays.

Keltner is at the Lansing home of his mother, Mrs. N. B. Keltner, before moving to Boston.

He recently visited in Washington, D. C., and reminisced with Capt. Paul Dresser, Army assistant to President Johnson's military aide, and Jack Nelson, special assistant to the assistant postmaster general. Dresser, the 1963-64 cadet colonel of the corps, was also wounded in Vietnam.

Nelson, a 1948 A&M graduate, will be roundtable chairman for the 13th Student Conference on National Affairs in December. He chaired SCONA III.

Keltner's visit included a White House tour with Dresser, stops at the Senate and House chambers.

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