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Moffett Sets **CATE Staff**

Texas A&M personnel who will administer Creative Application of Technology to Education (CA-TE) Center programs have been named by Dr. Thomas J. Moffett,

CATE will make classroom presentations on a 15-school system blackboard-by-wire (BBW) network this fall and is developing a computer-assisted instruction

Moffett said the staff includes Ralph E. Foster, assistant director; Mrs. Jean Hewitt, office manager and receptionist; Miss Joan Moore, graphic artist, and Jack Longbotham and D. P. Ney, coordinators.

Foster, 40, is also an analyst programmer in addition to assistant director duties. He received the bachelor degree at the University of Texas and is candidate for a masters in industrial engineering at A&M.

The former Navy officer came to A&M from Dallas and was an accountant for ALCOA at Rockdale and Stanolind Oil and Gas,

Miss Moore develops instructional materials for the BBW network and also works in publications and displays. She was with the art department of Agricultural Information at A&M.

Moffett said Mrs. Hewitt handles program inquiries, which should be addressed to Building "D" at A&M.

BBW will become operational in October, interconnecting 15 school systems by leased telephone line. Special advanced courses for enriching curricula will be presented by selected classroom teachers of the schools. Special projects will provide for virtually full-time line usage.

Four New Profs, **Instructor Added** To M. E. Faculty

Four professors and an instructor have been added to the Mechanical Engineering Department faculty at Texas A&M University, announced Dr. C. M. Simmang, head.

New appointments include Dr. Howard S. Wolko, professor; Dr. H. Richard Thornton, associate professor; Rufus E. Martin, assistant professor, and Swiki A. Anderson, instructor.

On Sept. 1, when Wolko, Martin and Anderson appointments are effective, the department will have a 26-man faculty. The department is the College of Engineering's largest, with about 515 students, Simmang said.

Dr. Wolko, 42, comes to A&M from NASA where he was chief of structural mechanics and reearlier was with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Bell Aircraft, Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory and American Optical. He holds degrees from the University of Buffalo and recently received the Doctor of Sciences

at George Washington University. He will be on part-time teaching assignment in the department and a Texas Engineering Experiment Station research engineer.

"Dr. Wolko will have primary responsibility for developing A&M research in mechanical engineering," Simmang noted.

Dr. Thornton, who joined the faculty in June after four years with General Dynamics/Fort Worth, is on halftime teaching and TEES assignment. The professor, 34, was a University of Illinois research associate and was with the National Bureau of Standards three years.

Thornton's doctorate in ceramic engineering from the Urbana university was awarded in 1963. Degrees in glass technology are from Alfred (N.Y.) University. He will conduct TEES research in composite materials as associate research engineer.

Martin, 33, has been connected with NASA since 1961. He was a Langley Research Center aerospace engineer a year and at the Manned Spacecraft Center was in structures and mechanics.

The assistant professor will also be on part-time appointment at TEES, working with Dr. Thomas J. Kozik in stress analysis of thin structural shells. Martin came to A&M from NASA for doctorate work with the Ph.D. to be awarded in January, 1968. He earned other degrees at Mississippi and Houston Universities. Martin is married, has a daughter and resides at 1209 Marsteller.

Anderson, 27, attended A&M and received bachelor and master degrees at Lamar State. He will study for a Ph.D. while teaching. A project engineer at Shell Chemical, Anderson was instructor at San Jacinto Junior College. He is from Port Arthur.



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