

Chemical Research Institutes Planned

Graduate research program development in the Chemistry Department has taken its first step with planning of new research facilities and appointment of 13 new faculty members, announced Dr. Arthur E. Martell, head.

New appointments include: —Dr. Thomas T. Sugihara, professor; B.A., Kalamazoo College; Ph.D., Chicago. The former Clark University chemistry department chairman specializes in nuclear fission and spectroscopy. —Dr. Herman A. Liebafsky, professor; B.S., Texas A&M, 1926; Ph.D., California, Berkeley; formerly research director 17 years with General Electric; specializes in fuel cells, electrochemistry, energy conversion and X-ray analysis.

—Dr. Donald D. Macfarlane, professor; University of Buffalo; Ph.D., Carnegie Tech; comes to A&M from McMaster University, Ontario, faculty; research interests included properties of highly-excited nuclear states, nuclear reactions of heavy ions and alpha particle and proton decay spectroscopy.

—Dr. Joe S. Ham, professor with joint appointment as physics professor; bachelor and doctoral degrees, Chicago; specialty, chemical physics of high polymers.

—Dr. Daniel H. O'Brien, associate professor; bachelor and doctoral degrees, University of Virginia; from Western Reserve University; has worked in nuclear magnetic resonance studies.

—Dr. Alan S. Rodgers, associate professor and assistant director, Thermodynamics Research Center; bachelor degree, Princeton; Ph.D., University of Colorado; joins faculty from Stanford Research Institute; concerned with gas phase kinetics, statistical thermodynamics and quantum chemistry.

—Dr. Yi-Noo Tang, assistant

professor; B.S., Chung Chi College, Hong Kong; Ph.D., University of Kansas; former post-doctoral research associate and instructor, California, Irvine; researches in the field of hot atom chemistry and photochemistry.

—Dr. Howard Kaye, assistant professor; bachelor and Ph.D. degrees, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn; recently a National Science Foundation Fellow, University of Cambridge; conducts studies in synthesis and properties of organic polymers and biopolymers.

—Dr. David W. Brooks, assistant professor; bachelor degree, New York University; Ph.D., Columbia; from University of Alaska; field of interest is fast reaction kinetics and enzymes mechanisms.

—Dr. Joseph B. Natowitz, assistant professor; B.S., Florida; Ph.D., Pittsburgh; was in post-doctoral research at State University of New York, Stony Brook; to work in nuclear fission and energetics of nuclear transformations.

—Dr. Rand L. Watson, assistant professor; B.S., Colorado School of Mines; Ph.D., California, Berkeley, where he was research associate; to study mechanisms of nuclear fission and nuclear spectroscopy.

—Dr. Robert D. Stipanovic, assistant professor; Loyola University, New Orleans; Ph.D., Rice; joins faculty from research associate position, Stanford University; specialty, synthesis and structure of natural products.

—Dr. Emile A. Schweikert, assistant professor and research associate in Activation Analysis Research; bachelor and Ph.D. degrees, University of Paris, Sorbonne; concerned with activation analysis and chemistry of transuranium elements.



TEAGUE HONORED

Congressman Olin E. Teague (center), in whose honor Texas A&M's new space research and computer complex was dedicated Saturday, chats with A&M President Earl Rudder (second from right), NASA Administrator James Webb (right) and three astronauts following the ceremonies. The astronauts, who assisted in unveiling the building marker bearing Teague's name, are (from left) D K. Slayton, Charles Conrad Jr. and Richard Gordon.

Space Center Complex Dedicated To Teague

Texas A&M dedicated its multi-million dollar space and computer complex Saturday to "the leader of our thrust into the future." "Congressman Olin E. Teague is a man who exemplifies leadership in these trying times," declared NASA Associate Administrator George Mueller of Washington. "He is the leader of our thrust into the future."

NASA Administrator James E. Webb called the research center "unique in the United States and cited Texas A&M University as looking to problems at home."

"The University recognizes its commitment to increase the capability of men," he said. "The mind of man will be expanded for useful purposes."

Webb reiterated that the NASA budget cut gives Russia an opportunity to achieve the lead in the race to the moon and other big-load space projects. He cited the federal debt, "war in Vietnam and troubles in our cities" as responsible for the reduced NASA funds.

"No new programs will be started by NASA," he said. "But in the meantime, Texas A&M University through this research facility will be gathering information for future programs."

Webb predicted the new research complex will attract "able men" to the University.

He saw the research as "a promise of future power" to restrain nations which would "disturb the stability of the world."

Astronauts D. K. Slayton, Charles Conrad Jr. and Richard F. Gordon joined the two high NASA officials in the dedication ceremonies. The astronauts assisted A&M President Earl Rudder in unveiling the building marker bearing the name of "Olin E. Teague Research Center."

Other program participants included H. C. Heldenfels of Corpus Christi, president of the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors; and Texas A&M Engineering Dean Fred Benson. Special guests included Congressmen Robert Casey and Graham Purcell.

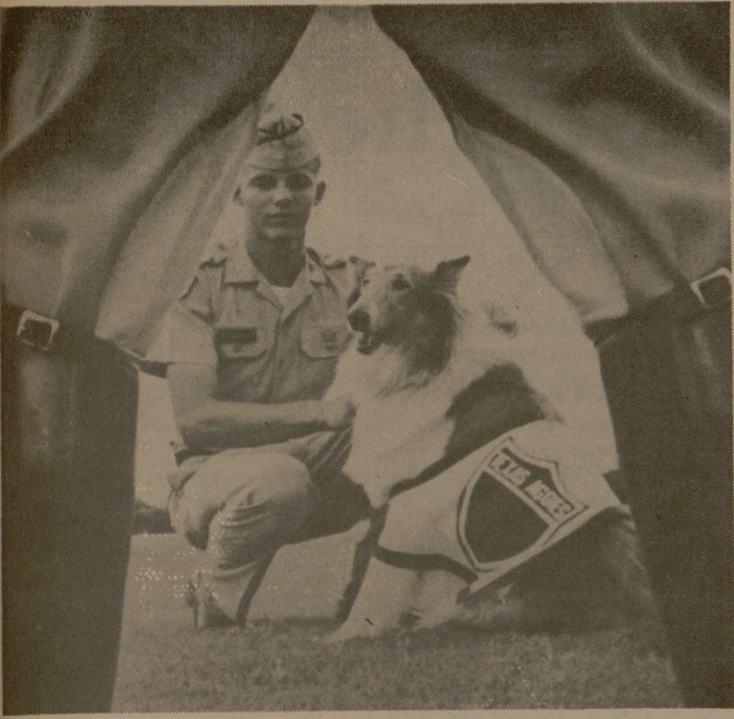
An open house and special NASA display preceded the ceremonies.

Congressman Teague, member of Texas A&M's Class of 1932, is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Manned Space Flight and the ranking majority member of the Committee on Science and Astronautics.

helping finance several projects in the facility's laboratories.

A&M's space projects include research in such areas as hyper-velocity acceleration, cosmic rays, solid propellants, fuel cells and biomedical engineering. Its largest project involves activation analysis, a nuclear radiation process which may be used to determine chemical content of the surface of the moon or another planet.

One complete wing of the new research center is devoted to space projects. NASA provided a \$1 million grant to assist construction. The space agency is also



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