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Personnel Safety Important

Since Texas A&M has become one of the nation's major centers for research and teaching in nuclear energy, elaborate precautions have been taken to safeguard personnel and equipment involved with radiation.

The job of guarding against radiation exposure is handled by A&M's Radiological Safety Office with a staff of health physicists totaling years of experience in the field.

In addition, the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission issues licenses and makes regular inspections of A&M's nuclear facilities.

"Our basic responsibility is the safe uses of radiation and of radioisotopes," said Richard D. Neff, a biophysicist who heads the Radiological Safety Office.

The latest facility to be added to the office's responsibility is A&M's new variable energy cyclotron where an elaborate system of locks and procedures has been installed.

Operation of the cyclotron in its shielded vault presents few problems, Neff said. But materials which are irradiated by the cyclotron's beam may have induced radioactivity and must be handled with care, he emphasized.

Two RSO personnel have offices at the Cyclotron Institute and two more are quartered at A&M's swimming-pool nuclear reactor.

Personnel at both the cyclotron and reactor wear film badges which are checked on a monthly basis. Radiation exposes film.

"A couple of wise guys got a person's badge and exposed it to x-rays," recalled Neff. A few anxious moments followed before the pair confessed their practical joke.

The RSO keeps check not only on the cyclotron and main reactor, but on the small AGN 201 training reactor in the Nuclear Engine-

ering Department, several neutron generators in the Activation Analysis Research Laboratories, and three Cobalt-60 sources which emit gamma radiation. Add to this list 40 laboratories over the campus which employ radioisotopes.

"We'll go into a lab where a researcher is using radioisotopes and use our survey instruments and then take small pieces of papers and wipe surfaces and count the radioactivity on the paper," he added.

The RSO has the job of disposing of radioactive waste materials. "With materials that are very low in radioactivity we bury them in a deep hole at the dump," Neff said.

For materials with higher radioactivity, a contractor is selected to remove and make disposal

at one of several atomic dumping grounds over the nation.

Texas A&M is one of 14 AEC-approved institutions and through the Oak Ridge Associated Universities organization offers fellowships in health physics. Demand is quite high for persons trained in both biology and nuclear physics, Neff pointed out.

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dents that they willingly accept," he remarked.

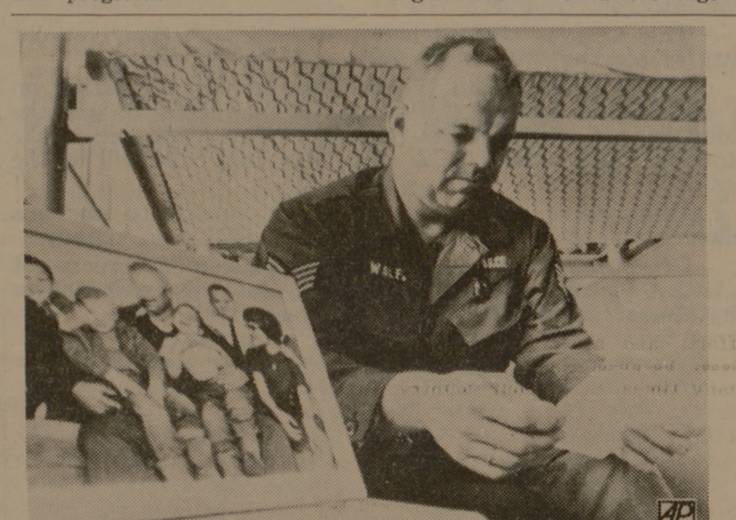
The director of civilian student activities said his visit to the other schools represent only one aspect of a study he is planning for new programs dealing with the civilian students at A&M. He noted that heavy emphasis will be placed on observations made by A&M students in a special student-staff conference at Buchanan Dam earlier this month.

Cooper plans to submit his study in the form of a proposal to the administration in the near future.

Cooper has worked with the Civilian Student Council, the menu committee, and has interviewed individual students in preparation of the study.

He said an important challenge for A&M is to locate the many potential student leaders and encourage them to develop a meaningful and positive student life program.

Cooper was appointed to the new civilian student activities position Sept. 1 by President Earl Rudder and has been working with Dean of Students James P. Hannigan in the development of new programs.



WAR SEPARATES FATHER FROM CHILDREN
U. S. Air Force staff sergeant John L. Wolfe had to leave six motherless children in the care of others when he was assigned to air base at Phu Cat, South Vietnam. Wolfe reads a letter from one of his children who are in photo at left. (AP Wirephoto)

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7:15 P.M.—Wednesday - Bible Study

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