

Twelve Profs Receive \$1,000 Awards

Twelve faculty-staff members received \$1,000 awards for distinguished service at the A&M annual recognition and achievement program Wednesday.

The Association of Former Students presented eight of the awards, Standard Oil Foundation, three, and the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio, one.

Former Students awards for teaching went to Dr. Kenneth C. Brundidge, associate professor, meteorology; Dr. Kenneth R. Pierce, associate professor, veterinary pathology; Dr. Edmond C. Klipple, professor, mathematics, and Dr. A. M. Sorensen Jr., professor, animal science.

Awards for research were presented by the association to Dr. Dale F. Leipper, oceanography professor, and Dr. Ralph A. Zingaro, chemistry professor.

WAYNE STARK, director of the Memorial Student Center, received the organization's award for individual student relationships and Reagan V. Brown, Texas Agricultural Extension Service sociologist, the award for extension work.

The Standard Oil Foundation awards, all for teaching, were presented to Dr. Donald G. Barker, professor, education; Dr. Page W. Morgan, associate professor, plant physiology, and Dr. Richard E. Thomas, professor,

aerospace engineering.

Dr. J. George H. Thompson, mechanical engineering professor, won the Piper teaching award, which carries with it designation as "Piper Professor of 1968."

PRESIDENT EARL Rudder presided at the awards program. Jeff Montgomery of Houston, Former Students president, presented his association's awards.

Dr. Brundidge, who earned his Ph.D. here after receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Chicago, joined the faculty in 1955.

"His enthusiasm for his subject, his teaching ability, his interest in students' problems were primary factors which motivated me to abandon my original profession," noted one student in the citation honoring Brundidge. PIERCE RECEIVED all three of his degrees at A&M and was awarded a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowship for advanced study in his field. He joined the faculty in 1959.

A member of A&M's faculty for 33 years, Dr. Klipple was described as a "teacher in the traditional sense, believing that while the professor is the teacher, students have much to learn through free and open discussions."

"He is without exception the greatest teacher I have ever

known," noted one of Dr. Klipple's former students, who is now a department head here. He earned bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas.

Dr. Sorensen's citation related that, in addition to his teaching, he finds time to be a first-class research scientist, with at least 24 papers to his credit. A Texas A&M graduate, he joined the faculty in 1955 after receiving master's and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell.

"HE IS interested in more than just the top students in his class," recalled one of Sorensen's former students, "because he feels each student deserves a chance to learn, regardless of his ability." Under Dr. Leipper's supervision, recalls his research award citation, Texas A&M took the lead in national as well as international oceanographic programs. The document related several of his scientific contributions and pointed out their significance is readily apparent, even to the novice.

DR. ZINGARO, who joined A&M in 1954, is internationally recognized as an authority in inorganic chemistry. He received his B.S. from City College of New York and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

Zingaro's citation pointed out he is currently supervising the

dissertation research of 10 predoctoral students and is providing all their stipends and research expenses from outside funds.

Stark, winner of the individual student relationships award, was graduated from A&M in 1939 and returned in 1947.

The MSC director's citation said he "puts his time and energy toward one prevailing goal—that of helping students develop themselves while serving others."

BROWN, the extension award winner, organized Texas' Community Development Program in which enrollment has grown from 130 communities in 1955 to 312 in 1968. He also has been instrumental in development of numerous other campus and community programs, his citation related.

Dr. Barker, winner of one of the three Standard Oil teaching awards, received B.A. and M.A. degrees from Baylor and the Ph.D. from the University of Texas. He has been a member of the A&M faculty since 1959.

"We know of no professor on the campus," emphasized Dr. Barker's nominators, "who so methodically prepares for teaching, is more aware of the learning taking place as he teaches, and who gives more freely of his time to both group and individuals who need additional assistance in understanding the subject."

"ALTHOUGH still a relatively young man," noted the citation for Dr. Morgan, "this scholar has already won wide reputation as a brilliant researcher for his pioneer discovery or co-discovery and contributions to the basic understanding of the mechanism of action of hormones in plants."

Dr. Thomas earned four degrees from Ohio State before joining the A&M faculty in 1964.

"He is able to stimulate the undergraduate students to levels of achievement usually reserved for graduate study," noted the drafters of Thomas' citation. His demanding and exacting high standards motivate his students willingly to exert the extra effort required to excel, the document continued.



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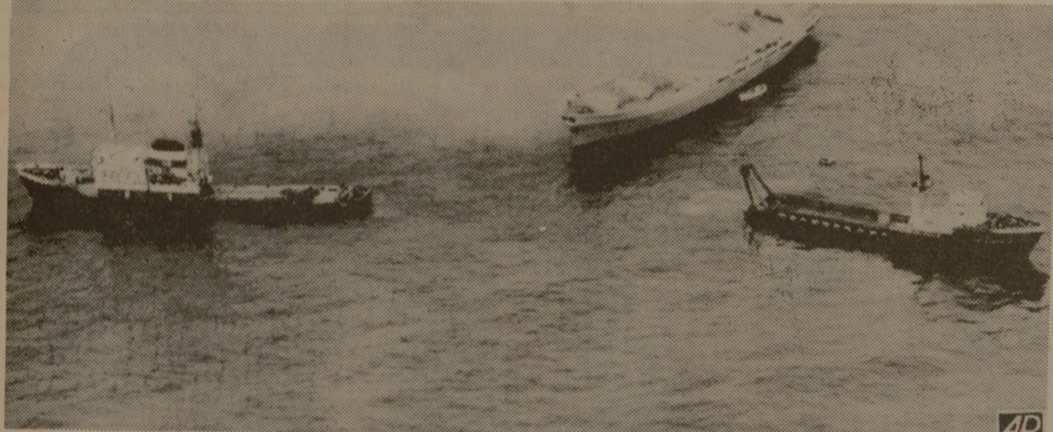
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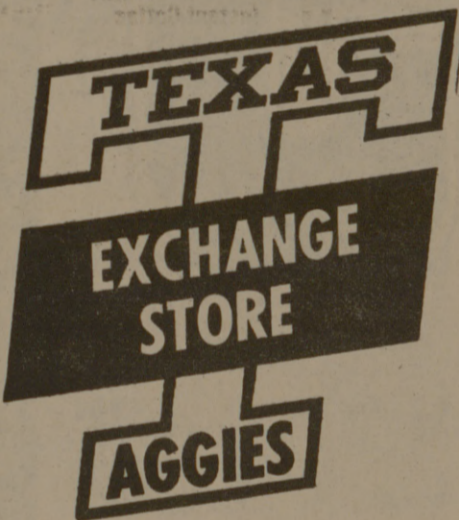
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