THE BATTALION Thursday, June 13, 1968 College Station, Texas

Briefs... **Analog Computer** Awarded To A&M

Standard Oil Co. of Texas (Chevron) has awarded Texas A&M a highly specialized analog computer for use in geophysics instruction and research.

Formal presentation was made by John Northwood, chief geophysicist for the Houston-based firm, to Dr. Terry W. Spencer, head of the university's Geophysics Department.

Dr. Spencer said the \$17,500 computer, known as a seismoline, is designed to help geophysicists better understand the structure of the earth. He explained the machine simulates elastic wave propagations.

Standard Oil of Texas designed and built the computer for its own use in exploration but has since converted to digital com-

Spencer said he is developing a series of experiments to utilize the equipment in two undergraduate courses. He added it also may be used in research.

The professor noted Dr. Hilmi Sagoci of Houston, senior staff geophysicist for the oil company, was instrumental in arranging donation of the seismoline to Texas A&M.

Largest Foreign Group Dominican

Texas A&M now has 85 Dominican Republic students, the largest on-campus group from one

foreign country. The new high was reached when 20 Dominicans arrived at A&M last week to study English before enrolling in regular courses of study this fall.

William E. Beach of the A&M Office of International Programs said the latest students are the third group to come to the university in the past two years. Eighteen will work toward BS degrees in agricultural education and two toward BS degrees in industrial education.

He said the Dominican Republic is engaged in a vast educational improvement program, particularly in agriculture, and there is a priority need for vocational teachers.

The Dominicans already at A&M have established a record of academic excellence, Beach emphasized.

The latest group is attending A&M under the auspices of the Educational Credit Foundation of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.

Political Science **Hires New Member**

Gary M. Halter will join the Texas A&M faculty this summer as an assistant professor of political science, announced Dr. William C. Gibbons, department head.

Halter, who was reared in Amarillo and earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, is scheduled to receive his Ph.D. this summer at the University of Maryland.

He is currently a graduate research assistant at Maryland and previously served there as an instructor and graduate assistant. Halter, 26, is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, American Political Science Association and Southern Political Science Association.

The department is being organized for the fall semester following Texas College and University Coordinating Board approval of A&M's plan to reorganize its present History and Government Department into two separate departments.

Children's Theater **Arts Class Offered**

Another first for Texas A&M's English Department will be realized as a theater arts course for teachers goes into effect this summer.

It's called Theater Arts 365, a three-hour course for elementry school teachers or other interested in children's theater programs.

"Application of techniques taught in this course may be made in areas other than drama," announced C. K. Esten, Aggie Players' director. "Pre-requisites are according to each person's background and interests."

Seminar classes are set for 10 a.m. daily in the Fallout Theater workshop of Guion Hall, Esten said. Laboratory assignments will be made on Fridays, he added.



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