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Smoking vs. Health Of Kids Studied

Research is under way at Texas A&M to determine if the health of elementary school age children is affected by a tobacco-smoking environment.

Tests for the doctoral dissertation research of A. J. Luquette, graduate assistant in the Health and Physical Education Department, involved personnel, equipment and ideas of Health and PE, Industrial Engineering, Biology and Psychology Departments and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M, E&M Instruments of Houston and the T e x a s State Department of Health's Air Pollution Division.

The interdisciplinary research enabled examination of heart rate and blood pressure of 150 children breathing air containing cigarette smoke.

"Preliminary indications are that a child's heart rate does seem to increase in the test conditions," Luquette remarked.

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month.

"Further analysis will be neces-

xas sary to determine if the apparent increase is significant," added the former Brenham High baseball ing coach. He said previous studies indi-

Re said previous studies indicate necessity of the research, which is supervised by Dr. Carl W. Landiss, head, and Dr. Donald J. Merki of the Health and PE Department.

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"Dr. Paul Cameron of Wayne State found in a statistical study that smokers' children are ill more frequently than non-smokers'," Luquette reviewed. "A Utah physician, C. D. Fullmer, likewise believes smoke-filled rooms at home, office or in public places may represent a health hazard for non-smokers."

The Texas A&M experiments, involving both children and adults, were conducted in the critically controlled chambers of the Industrial Engineering Department's Environmental Control Laboratory. The well-equipped facility allows precise measurements of temperature, humidity, sound, air flow and visual effects.

Luquette said all the experiments have been completed and detailed analysis is under way.

Sensing, recording and control equipment was supervised by Jim Hennigan, industrial engineering instructor, and Charles Brandt, graduate assistant.

Drama Class Open For Children 5-12

Registration for A&M's spring semester session of children's creative dramatics will be conducted Saturday at the Fallout Theater in Guion Hall.

Parents may register children of ages five through 12 beginning at 8 a.m., announced English professor C. K. Esten.

"All children are welcome, but enrollment will be limited to the first 15 registrants in each age bracket, five through eight years and nine to 12," Esten indicated. Classes will be held each Saturday morning during the spring semester. Esten, Aggie Players director and member of the A&M faculty since 1946, will supervise instruction.

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