

At Telephone Technician School A&M to Train Navajo Indians

Texas A&M, private enterprise, a federal agency and the Navajo Indian Nation are cooperating on a technical training program to provide jobs for young Navajo men—many of them Vietnam war veterans.

Ed W. Kerlick, chief instructor for A&M's Electric Linemen and Telephone Technician Training Division, announced the Texas Engineering Extension Service will train 10 New Mexico and Arizona Navajo men as telephone technicians.

Kerlick has returned from a fact-finding trip to the Navajo Nation and reports the training should start shortly.

The Texas Mid-Land Telephone Co., owned by Batt Wimer of Grandview, recently purchased the Navajo Nation's telephone system from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Navajos will own 20 per cent of the company.

Kerlick noted the new company, Navajo Communications Co., will serve over 11,000 subscribers in a 27,000-square-mile area, with headquarters in Window Rock, Ariz.

Wimer wanted the Navajos to be a part of the company. Because of the reputation of A&M's training school, he contacted Kerlick about training.

Kerlick met with Robert Mc-

Cullum, assistant area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bob Tillman, superintendent of the Navajo Communications Co.; John Yarborough, training director for Texas Mid-Land; Wimer, and Navajo chiefs in Window Rock to outline the A&M training and facilities.

The A&M training chief said everyone is enthusiastic.

Kerlick's proposal is to send the 10 Navajos to the A&M technical school for eight weeks of preparatory training for telephone technicians. The Indians will then go back to the reservation for three months to work on the communications system.

Then they will return to A&M for five weeks of cable splicing and cable fault location training. They will return to the reservation for three more months and then come back to A&M for the final four weeks of training in key system installation, trouble analysis and telephone system repair.

"This is a real challenge for our staff," Kerlick admits. "They have a need and we have the capabilities."

Kerlick said the Navajos will select 20 young men from different areas of the reservation and they will be screened to select the

top 10 men. All will be high school graduates and emphasis will be given to Vietnam war veterans.

"Many of their people have been sent to technical schools but do not use the training because they want to return to the reservation," Kerlick pointed out. "Most Navajos won't leave the reservation, even those who serve in the armed forces return."

Reading Plan May Aid A&M Students

Improved success in class work may be realized by university students through a dormitory reading program conducted by the Counseling and Testing Center, according to director S. Austin Kerley.

Kerley said program equipment is now available to corps students and is being introduced in civilian residence halls.

The individual, voluntary program involves about 30 minutes work three times a week to read accelerators located in each hall.

"Probably no other factor correlates so closely with school success as reading," commented Fred Dodson and Jim Davis, who work with the center's dorm program. "Because of the vast amount of material to be read, a student must constantly strive to increase his reading rate and improve his comprehension."

Increased reading rates and comprehension shorten study time on a given volume of material, leaving more time for other study, work or free time.

"A student can probably finish the program in three weeks, but it is our hope that each student

"We think this training will give some of them a vocation, and enable them to stay on their lands," he maintains.

Kerlick said no starting date has been set.

Texas A&M currently conducts classes for telephone technicians under sponsorship of the Texas Telephone Association and Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative Association.

will use the reading accelerators on other material and continue to improve," Davis said. Four or five 30-minute sessions should convince students of the program's value, he believes.

New students, especially, should check into the program, Dodson emphasized.

Corps students should contact unit scholastic sergeant's for further information and program access.

Civilian students should contact hall resident masters.

Kerley said comments about the program will be welcomed at the Counseling and Testing Center, first floor, Academic Building. Students with problems of gaining access to the program should notify the hall representative, Dodson or Davis.

Arizona's Hopi Indians have found wealth through oil leases and mining concessions. The Tribal Council now operates a clothing plant and is planning a combined motel, restaurant, and crafts center, says the National Geographic Society.

Campus Briefs

Newell Named Director Of Biomed Engineering

Dr. Paul H. Newell, Jr. has been named director of the university's biomedical engineering program, announced Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson.

Benson said Newell, who also was appointed professor of mechanical engineering, will coordinate research efforts and develop an academic program in biomedical engineering.

Newell came to Texas A&M this month from the University of Alabama, where he was director of the Center for Bio-engineering, associate professor of mechanical engineering and assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Food Scientists Initiate 25

Twenty-five graduate students here have been initiated into Phi Tau Sigma, the national honor society for food scientists.

Society officers are Dr. E. E. Burns, president; Dr. Alice Stubbs, vice president; Prof. Robert L. Hostettler, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Fred Garner and Col. Fred Dollar, counselors.

Dr. Burns said the aims of the newly found chapter are to promote professionalism in food technology, serve as a liaison mechanism for the various areas of food science and to recognize and honor excellence in student and staff efforts.

The A&M students represented various academic areas of food science including meats, dairy, poultry, fruits, vegetables, oil seeds, cereals and fish.

Student members are Dennis Bogart, Darrie Brummett, James Bryant, Rowena Burns, Russell Cross, Linda Duggar, Ronnie Erwin and Syed Gheysuddin.

Also, Otto Hampton, George Howard, Kamaluddin Hyder, Henry Kamillah, Abdul Karim, E. D. Maxon, Wallace Migura, Patrick Moeller, J. R. Norris, Ralph Ofcarik, Jose Pomenta, Joseph Puig, James Regan, Ron Richter, D. E. Speights, Don Sullins and Lou Young.

Eso Awards \$5,000 to A&M

Eso Production Research Company has awarded a \$5,000 unrestricted grant to the Oceanography Department.

Dr. Richard A. Geyer was notified of the award by C. R. Hockett of Houston, vice president of the exploration and production research affiliate of Humble Oil & Refining Company and the worldwide affiliates of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey).

"We hope the grant will fill some urgent need which might not otherwise be met by other available support," Hockett noted.

Aggie Players Open Season With "Dinny"

The Aggie Players opened their fall season this week with "Dinny and the Witches," by William Gibson. Show time is 8 p.m.

Gibson, also the author of "The Miracle Worker," describes "Dinny" as a frolic on grave matters. It is a satire on the atomic age, yet in its own way, it is a tragedy, too.

Three witches who control the world, become involved with Dinny, a musician, who accidentally takes over their powers. All time stops for 100 years, leaving the world in a worse mess than before, if that's possible.

The show will run through Thursday, and October 22, 23 and 24.

ADS, GAX to Organize Tonight at MSC

Alpha Delta Sigma and Gamma Alpha Chi, professional advertising fraternities, will organize at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Birch Room of the Memorial Student Center.

"We hope that any student interested in advertising, whatever their major, will join our first meeting," said J. Horner, president of ADS.

Club projects for the year be discussed and all active members are urged to come at 7 p.m. New members are requested to come at 8 p.m.

GAX is the female counterpart to ADS and is also recruiting new members.

Freshmen Organize Delta "Y" Club

Freshmen who attended YMCA-sponsored Fish Camp early September have organized Delta "Y" for the fall semester, reports YMCA Coordinator E. Weston.

Delta "Y" membership is limited to the fish campers. Forum-type meetings give students a chance to discuss campus events and work on current events, Weston notes.

Due to the size of the membership, it has been split into two groups which meet on alternate Wednesdays. A cold-weather supper is served at the 6 p.m. meeting.

Weston said two topics of much interest to the young people — drugs and Vietnam.

The one-hour program is scheduled for the 6 p.m. meeting.

MSC Radio Committee To Show Apollo

Film of the Apollo 11 mission will be screened Wednesday in a public-free showing of the Memorial Student Center Radio Committee.

Committee chairman Rick Oshlo of Dallas indicated the 10 p.m. meeting will be in the Assembly Room, providing adequate space for visitors.

Oshlo said persons wishing to view the 16mm, color sound movies of the flight.

NASA-produced movie was tained for committee presentation through Collins Radio Club member Ted William Taylor. Like Oshlo, he is senior electrical engineering

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Army Officer Team Interviewing at MSC

U. S. Army Officer Selection Team will be at the Memorial Student Center today and Tuesday.

All senior men are invited to get the facts on how they fulfill their military obligations and also receive the excellent training and challenge of leadership offered to commissioned officers in the U. S. Army, a spokesman said.

The team can administer qualification tests to any senior who is interested in learning if he is qualified for the Officer Candidate School College Option Program. The spokesman said the tests in no way obligate the individual to enter the service.

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