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Nigerian, Professor Head SCONA List

A Nigerian businessman and an expert on Africa will play key roles in the 15th Student Conference on National Affairs at Texas A&M.

Mosudi K.O. Abiola now is comptroller for International Telephone and Telegraph Nigeria and has had experience in banking, government finance, college accounting and agricultural products finance.

Dr. Gwendolen M. Carter,

director of Northwestern University's Program of African Studies, is noted for her writings on Africa such as "Independence for Africa," "African One-Party States," "Politics in Africa" and "Transition in Africa."

Dr. Carter will speak on "Building African Independence" at 8 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Carter's address, presentations by leading African business-

ness and government officials and round-table discussions headed by outstanding international figures will enable SCONA XV participants to examine potential and problems of emerging nations.

Among student participants will be 130 to 140 students from throughout the U. S., 90 screened A&M delegates, 10 students from Mexico and three from Africa.

Abiola's experience will be tapped for a SCONA XV panel on capital investments in Black Africa. Topic of the Dec. 10-13 conference is "Black Africa—The Challenge of Development."

Abiola, who studied finance, law, political economy and management accounting at Scotland's Glasgow University, has been in various Nigerian businesses and enterprises since 1955.

After three years with the Barclays Bank, the Lagos resident went with the Western Nigerian Government Finance Corp. in industrial promotions. He entered the professional accounting

business, two years before taking the ITT Nigeria post last April. With the communications company, Abiola has responsibility for reporting, accounting and control functions, financial negotiations with governments and major commercial institutions.

Sitting with Abiola on the panel will be moderator E. Jefferson Murphy, African-American Institute executive vice president; Paul S. Slawson of London, ITT Africa and Middle East investment program director; Arthur Wina, Zambia businessman and former finance minister, and Ikon E. Ekwo, director of Oklahoma State University's "Campus Experimental Project in International Living."

Dr. Carter, a State Department Africa bureau advisory committee member, has worked in practically all the African nations, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, New Zealand, Jordan, Israel, Australia, Turkey and Hong Kong. Her writings have also delved into African states domestic colonialism, diversification, national unity and regionalism and nationalism movements.

She holds degrees from the University of Toronto, Oxford, Radcliffe and Harvard.

The Melville J. Herskovits Professor of African Affairs and Northwestern political science professor is past president of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom. Her committee work with the organization has been on languages and lin-

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Nowlin To Open Idea Conference

By Hayden Whitsett
Battalion Staff Writer

State Representative James R. Nowlin will be the keynote speaker in the Texas A&M Idea Exchange Conference Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Memorial Student Center.

The exchange was planned to give student government leaders in Southwest Conference schools a chance to exchange ideas and viewpoints, and to discuss improvements needed in student governments.

Nowlin will speak on "Government, Youth, and Responsibility" at 8 p.m. Thursday in the MSC Assembly Room.

Nowlin is a lifetime resident of San Antonio and is currently engaged there in the private practice of law with the firm of Kelso, Locke and King. He received BA and MA degrees in history and political science from Trinity University and a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Texas.

He has also served on the teaching staff of San Antonio Junior College as an instructor in American history.

In his political career, Nowlin has served as the Democratic campaign manager in Bexar

County and has spent a year as a legal counsel to the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs.

In November of 1966, Nowlin was elected as representative from Bexar County, and in 1968 he was reelected without opposition.

Since being elected, he has served on eight different House committees, among them labor, education, judiciary, and youth. He now serves as the vice-chairman of the newly-created Committee on Youth.

During the past two regular sessions, Nowlin has authored 12 pieces of legislation and co-authored numerous others.

In 1968 he was chosen as one of the five outstanding graduates of Trinity and that same year was chosen as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America." Nowlin is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association and holds the rank of captain in the Army Reserves.

Giving a 30-minute speech Saturday at 1 p.m. will be Dr. Manuel Davenport, head of the Philosophy Department at A&M. His topic will be "Students and Responsibilities in the Academic Community."

SCONA XV committee members will meet at 7:30 p. m. tonight in Room 3B-C in the Memorial Student Center.

According to committeeman Dave Mayfield, this will be the committee's last general meeting before the conference begins next week.

course at Glasgow in 1961 and in 1966 became chief accountant and financial adviser to the College of Medicine and Teaching Hospital of the University of Lagos. Abiola also was comptroller for Pfizer Products, West Africa ag-

4 Grad Courses in Spanish To Be Offered for Spring

Courses for the recently approved A&M masters degree program in Spanish will be initiated with the spring semester, announced Dr. Jack A. Dabbs.

The Modern Languages Department head said two of seven approved graduate program courses will be offered beginning Feb. 2, along with the thesis and problems courses.

Spanish literary movements in the Caribbean area (Spanish 625) will be instructed by Dr. James H. Ward III, assistant professor and specialist on the Caribbean.

Twentieth-century Spanish literature (626) will be taught by Major C. Quinn, instructor in the department.

Approved by the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System last year, the program will be supported by the addition of other 600-level courses in the near future, Dabbs said.

The program is a one-year postgraduate plan for the master of arts degree in Spanish or, later, another modern foreign language. It calls for a minimum of 30 credit hours of which 21 must be in the language or literature of the major language, Dabbs indicated.

Nine hours will be in a minor

in a related field, with the most common combination probably to be English or history. A thesis counting six credit hours is required.

Dabbs said frequent requests have been received in recent years from local public-school teachers of Spanish for such a program.

Projected enrollment indicates about 20 graduate students will be in the program next year with the figure probably to double in five years.

"There is an increasing demand for teachers of Spanish in public schools," the department head explained.

"Legislation envisions foreign language being taught in all public high schools in Texas. This increase in demand for qualified teachers will necessitate expanded programs in all state universities," he added.

Dabbs noted that A&M undergraduates in modern languages are already inquiring about the masters program in Spanish.

"We will eventually structure the program to include night and Saturday courses for teachers in nearby counties and communities who wish to commute for advanced degree work in modern languages at A&M," he said.



MOMENT OF BEAUTY

A misty morning in the early dawn on Boya Lake, near Loveland, Colo., is the setting for this artistic landscape. The birds are Blue Herons. (AP Wirephoto)

Prescott Named Dean Of College of Science

Dr. John M. Prescott, a biochemist widely noted for research in the chemistry and metabolism of amino acids and proteins, has been named Dean of the College of Science here, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

The appointment is effective Jan. 1. Prescott is currently head of the Biochemistry and Biophysics Department at A&M.

Rudder noted that Prescott has served as a faculty member at A&M for more than 18 years and has been a full professor for 10 years.

Dr. Horace R. Byers, A&M academic vice president, has served as acting head of the college since the resignation of Dr. Clarence Zener in June, 1968.

Prescott, a native of San Marcos, graduated from Southwest Texas State in 1941 with a B.S. in chemistry. He received the M.S. in biochemistry and nutrition from A&M in 1949 and the Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1952.

The 48-year-old scientist was a production laboratory assistant at Dow Chemical Co. from 1942-43, was a graduate student and instructor at A&M and Wisconsin from 1946-52 and served as research assistant at the University of Texas Biochemical Institute from 1951-52.

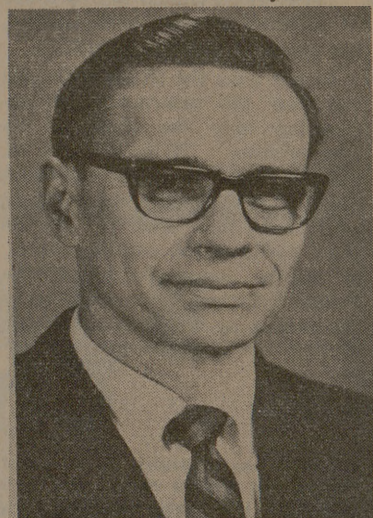
Prescott joined A&M's Biochemistry and Nutrition Department in 1952 as assistant professor. He was named associate professor in 1956, professor in

1959 and department head in May, 1969.

He has been elected to the American Society of Biological Chemists and American Institute of Nutrition.

Prescott is a member of the American Chemical Society, American Society of Microbiology, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, Society for General Microbiology, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi.

Prescott and his wife, the former Kathryn Ann Kelly of McAllen, have two sons, Stephen Michael and Donald Wyatt.



PRESCOTT

WEATHER

Thursday—Partly cloudy, wind Easterly 5 to 10 m.p.h. High 72, low 44.
Friday—Partly cloudy to cloudy wind Southerly 5 to 10 m.p.h. High 74, low 47.
Fayetteville — (Texas - Ark.) rainshowers, wind Southerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. 66°.

\$9 Million Given in Aid To Students Last Year

A&M students received \$8,926,241 in financial aid from Sept. 1, 1968, to Aug. 31, 1969, A&M President Earl Rudder reports.

Students received the aid through the Student Financial Aid office in the form of scholarships, grants, fellowships, loans, part-time jobs and veterans programs, office director R. M. Logan noted.

Scholarships, grants and fellowships aided 1,707 Aggies with \$1,691,631. It includes 419 Opportunity Award Scholarships, 309 Educational Opportunity Grants, 387 graduate fellowships and 592 other scholarships and grants.

Part-time jobs helped 3,149 students for \$3,645,532 in aid. Included were 1,074 graduate assistants and researchers, 225 under the work-study plan and 1,850 other part-time employees.

Federal, state and university loan programs aided 11,239 students for \$2,117,948.

Fifteen disabled veterans, 102 war orphans, 550 GI Bill veterans, 188 Hazlewood Act veterans and 315 deceased and disabled veterans' children received \$1,411,130.

Through B-CS Junior Flag Football League Inc.

Concerned Ags Help Youngsters Learn About Sports

By Bob Robinson
Battalion Staff Writer

In early September, a graduate student in political science talked to some friends in the coffee shop of the Memorial Student Center. The result of this conversation was the Bryan-College Station Junior Flag Football League, Incorporated, a non-profit organization devoted to teaching organized sports and competition to 6-12 year-olds.

It all started last July when Lawrence Stelley, of College Station, was given the idea by Father Bernard Mahoney, Chaplain at the St. Mary's Student

Center at North Gate. Both felt that the community needed a program in which boys too young for junior high or high school athletics could take part in organized sports.

The idea lay dormant through the rest of the summer, then Stelley talked to four friends, David Nava, junior English major from San Antonio; Greg Schwei, junior nuclear engineering major from Oceanside, Calif.; Dave Lechelt, junior physics major from Cedar Falls, Iowa, and James Neal, senior physical education major from San Antonio.

Soon, 6 to 12 year-olds were playing football at five different fields in the Bryan-College Station area.

Over 400 boys from different elementary schools in the com-

munity play football four nights a week under the supervision of more than 50 Aggies acting as coaches and referees. The boys learn the rules of football, actual plays, good sportsmanship, and how to play as a team.

Arthur L. Dunn, superintendent of Parks and Recreation in College Station, also a junior in sociology at Texas A&M, said this is the best thing to happen to College Station and Bryan in a long time.

"The whole purpose is to give kids who weren't involved in other things something to do," he said. "A list was passed around in all the elementary schools with an excellent response. These kids were idle. There was no organized play of any kind set up."

The high schools have been

very cooperative in allowing the use of playing fields and equipment, Dunn added.

The fields presently being used by the league are the Lincoln Recreation Center and Thomas Park in College Station, and Kemp High School, Henderson Park and Thomas Park in Bryan.

"The league is chartered by the state so it can accept contributions for non-profit purposes," said Nava. "When we first started, Larry (Stelley) paid for the footballs the kids are using out of his own pocket. The only way he can be reimbursed is by donations to the league."

Dunn, who was in charge of the recreation center of the Gary Job Corps Center in San Marcos before he came to College Station in April, said that he cooperates

with the students whenever he can on requests for information or equipment.

"They need money badly to buy lime, more footballs and other flag football equipment," he said. "So far, only a few citizens have made any donations."

Citizens of this community need to take more interest, he said. They think that the program will go on indefinitely without any participation, he added.

"I want to prove that if a group of A&M students, not actually involved in the community, can start something like this, then people living here could and should become involved," he said.

"So far, we've gotten no opposition, but also very little help from the residents," Nava said. "We're teaching Negroes, Span-

ish Americans and whites to play the game of football together. They're learning rules and teamwork that will be valuable to them if they take part in the athletic events offered to them in junior high or high school."

Stelley said they plan to start a basketball league as well, next February.

"We're going to need a lot of help from Aggies who are willing to give some time to these kids," he said.

Stelley said anyone wishing to help out can contact Dunn through the department of Parks and Recreation.

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