

# Too many people afraid to fail, Cooley says

HOUSTON (AP)—Dr. Denton A. Cooley says too many people have lost the "courage to fail" and this is most evident among scientists and physicians.

"I think we should have the courage to try the unproven, to depart from the trodden pathways," the world famous heart surgeon said Monday in a talk to the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries.

He chided scientists for their caution and physicians for what he called their "intellectual rigidity."

Cooley's team has performed 20 heart transplants and also has used a mechanical heart.

He said that because of the transplants and the use of the mechanical heart, he occasionally is introduced as the "most controversial" or "most notorious" physician in the world.

"But I felt I had justification to try the mechanical heart," he said. "Why accept defeat so easily?"

"I would like to be able to take an oath that no one would die in my operating room."

Cooley said his use of the artificial heart in April, 1969, came after an effort failed to

repair a patient's heart surgically.

Haskell Karp of Skokie, Ill., the patient, had a functioning brain and body organs, Cooley said.

The use of the machine and a subsequent heart transplant kept the patient alive five days.

"I see no reason why it could not keep a person alive five weeks, or even five months," Cooley said.

He said the alternative was to pull the plug on the machine, which performed the heart's duties, and let the patient die.

Some physicians criticized Cooley for using the device without what the considered enough animal experimentation. Subsequent rulings by Baylor College of Medicine caused Cooley to leave his post as professor of surgery there.

## Bryan Rodeo Club plans Paint Horse Show Saturday

The Bryan Rodeo Club is having its first Paint Horse Show Saturday at the Bryan Rodeo Arena on Tabor Road.

The show, which begins at 10 a.m., is being sponsored by the Gulf Coast Paint Horse Club and has the approval of the American Paint Horse Association.

Show classes will include halter, western pleasure, reining, cutting, roping, barrel racing, pole bending and youth activities.

To enter, all horses must be

registered or subject to registration with the APHA.

The APHA was organized in Fort Worth in 1962 for the registry of stock and quarter type paint horses. The organization now has over 13,000 horses in its registry and has a membership of about 3,000 representing all 50 states, Canada, Mexico and other foreign countries.

Those persons interested in the show can obtain more information and entry blanks by contacting Jimmy Nuhe at 822-3980.

# Meetings scheduled on insurance plan

Enrollment meetings for the university's new group insurance program are being conducted this week and next Monday.

Insurance Director John Hill said the series of two-hour sessions are designed to answer employee questions, as well as provide enrollment data.

The new employee group insurance and hospitalization program offers expanded benefits in several different areas, Hill noted.

He said the new plan, which includes contracts with three different insurance firms, was approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors upon recommendation of the System Insurance Committee. The insurance committee included representation from the Faculty Fringe Benefits Committee.

Southwestern Life Insurance Co. was selected to provide life insurance and basic hospital and major medical coverage. Continental Casualty Co. was chosen for long-term disability coverage and Continental Insurance Companies (Commercial Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J.) for accidental death and dismemberment.

The new coverage goes into effect Sept. 1, with all existing plans of insurance terminating Aug. 31, for present participants, Hill emphasized.

The meeting being conducted this week and next Monday are planned to accommodate employees from specific departments and activities at different times and locations on campus.

Hill suggested eligible employees who have not been notified of a

meeting contact the head of the department or activity for applicable schedule.

A make-up meeting is scheduled at 3 p.m. Monday for employees unable to attend the sessions which they were originally designated.

### 2 architects get AIA awards

Short, from Lufkin, received AIA's certificate of merit. The AIA medal and certificate of merit are awarded annually to two graduating students in recognition of scholastic achievement, character and promise of professional ability.

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