

Assistant dean makes new students welcome

Texas A&M is dedicated to making its students feel welcome. We want the individual to know he is still an individual.

Assistant Dean of Engineering Clifford H. Ransdell speaks with determination, and as a result the university started Sunday the second year of a program to make transfer students more at home at this rapidly-growing institution.

"This program is student oriented. We want our students to know they are more than a number," Ransdell declared.

Started in the summer of 1969, the pre-registration conferences for transfer students not only show the student what he needs

in academics, but offers assistance in finding housing, loans, guidance and even employment opportunities for working wives.

"We think it is the best program to start the transition," Ransdell said. "We have made and will make mistakes. But we know it is doing some good."

Approximately 150 new students from junior and senior colleges will attend each of the three two-day programs. The first were Monday and Tuesday and the others are July 19-20 and Aug. 2-3.

During the orientation session they are welcomed by Dean Ransdell and receive information on the personnel office for student

wives' jobs. Robert Logan's student loan office and Mrs. Patricia Self's office to assist university women.

Howard Perry explains student life, Col. Robert Baine gives a short program on ROTC and Corps of Cadet life, Allan Madeley explains campus and off-campus housing and Don Carter gives registration information.

The students secure their identification card pictures and registration cards at the Sunday meeting.

The students meet with the assistant deans of their colleges and are told the academic regulations. Then they are sent to department heads for registration.



EDWIN H. COOPER

Edwin Cooper named head of admissions

Edwin H. Cooper, former assistant to the university president, returns to the university administrative staff July 1 as director of admissions.

Academic Vice President Horace R. Byers announced Cooper will succeed Dr. Oscar Dorsey, who becomes dean of professional schools at Southwest Texas State in San Marcos.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a man of Mr. Cooper's background and experience join the staff," said Dean Lloyd Heaton of Admissions and Records in the Registrar's Office. "He will be most effective as chief admissions officer to help attract quality students to the university by telling the A&M story."

A 1953 Aggie graduate, Cooper totaled 13 years of service with the university before leaving last September to join an oil company as a partner in operations over this area. He had been director of civilian student activities after four years as assistant to the late President Earl Rudder.

Cooper graduated from San Marcos High School in 1949 and then earned distinguished student honors here. He was awarded a bachelor's degree in wildlife management and has completed most of the course work for a master's in the same field of study. He resigned as sales manager for an agricultural firm in Jacksonville to join President Rudder's staff. Previously, he was an assistant county agent and wildlife conservation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A trustee of the A&M Consolidated School System, Cooper has held a number of top positions in civic and other organizations. They include president of the Brazos County A&M Club, Chamber of Commerce vice president and area councilman of the Association of Former Students.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have five children. The family resides at 908 Pershing in College Station.

Scientist predicts concept's timetable

Recent technological advances point to earlier implementation of the "Nuplex" concept for nuclear desalination of sea water, low-cost electricity and related activities, predicts a prominent Oak Ridge National Laboratories official.

Dr. R. Philip Hammond, director of ORNL's nuclear desalination program and originator of the "Nuplex" concept, noted the more optimistic timetable during a visit here where a "Nuplex" research program was initiated last year.

The ORNL scientist now anticipates implementation of some "Nuplex" developments within 10 years. Initial projections had indicated the first installations in about 20 years.

As originator of the concept for interrelated enterprises based on economical nuclear-generated electricity and desalted water, Dr. Hammond was asked by officials to assess the university's study.

He said he was "impressed," particularly with the caliber of people involved in the study and their "innovative ways" for combining disciplines.

Dr. Hammond said he knows of no other university in the nation which is taking such a "broad-front" comprehensive approach to the "Nuplex" concept.

He noted A&M's research complements work that is being done at the Oak Ridge facility.

"I think we can work well together," Dr. Hammond remarked.

"Nuplex" is a coined word describing a large complex consisting of a nuclear reactor, electricity production, water desalination, chemical processing and

production, agriculture and associated activities.

The campus "Nuplex" study is directed primarily toward helping meet the state's future water needs through nuclear desalination.

The board of directors set a \$300,000 annual budget to support the research project. The study was proposed by S. B. Whittenburg, board member from Amarillo.

Early work in the project involved a study of the current state of technology against the backdrop of the total problem of the nuclear-agro-industrial complex, university officials noted.

Throughout the study, notations have been made of particular areas of research and technology, as well as economics and management, in which the university's talents and capabilities can best be applied.

The study now involves five major areas: Desalination and chemical engineering, intensified crop production and crop ecology, waste product utilization, economics and systems engineering.

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