

# Campus Briefs

## Biology courses described in journal

A Texas A&M biology course slanted toward social problems is described in BioScience, official journal of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

The article was written by Dr. Johannes van Overbeek, head of the university's Biology Department, and Sherran Franze of Bryan, a junior majoring in education.

Dr. van Overbeek said Wednesday the popular course will be offered again this year.

Initiated on an experimental basis last fall, the course follows the "directed self-education process." Grades are based on questions asked at the beginning of each class and three home assignments.

The two-credit-hour course last year was divided into five blocks of six lectures each: What is Life?; What is Man?; World Hunger; Behavior; and Environment.

## Brazos Garden Club having bulb program

Planting bulbs for spring flowering is the topic Louis J. Bolwanski will present to the Men's Garden Club of Brazos Valley Monday.

Other features of the program include "new garden gadgets" by Professor A. F. DeWerth, floriculture section, Texas A&M University, and "planting exotic plants" by Oswald D. R. Brown. Wayne McCully, chairman of

the garden show committee, will conduct a discussion and consideration of plans for a fall garden show. Rules and regulations for the show will be presented.

Garden Club members will meet in the Texas Room of the Bryan Building and Loan Association building, 2800 Texas Avenue. Guests are welcome.

## Davidson will join Nuclear Department

Dr. James N. Davidson joined the Nuclear Engineering Department faculty Sept. 1, announced Dr. R. G. Cochran, department head.

Dr. Davidson is an honor graduate in nuclear engineering at the University of Michigan.

For the past year, he has been working on plasma stability in finite field geometries with Dr. Terry Kammash at the Ann Arbor institution on an Atomic Energy Commission postdoctoral fellowship.

The new assistant professor also received the M.S. from Michigan and did his undergraduate work in engineering physics at Cornell University.

Other Davidson honors include the 1966 outstanding graduate student award in nuclear engineering at Michigan, the 1969 American Nuclear Society Mark Mills Award and membership in Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Eta Sigma.

He was on the dean's list his first and fifth years of the five-



CONSTRUCTION WORKERS from all over the country flocked to Corpus Christi to help rebuild the city after Hurricane Celia wrought great damage. Here a typical tent city for the workers is set up in a bayfront park with the city skyline in the background. (AP Wirephoto)

year engineering physics curriculum at Ithaca, N. Y. Davidson has authored several technical and scientific articles for "Nuclear Fusion" and "Physics and Fluids."

## School rating device written by Hensarling

An instrument for evaluating school district guidance programs is presented by Dr. Paul R. Hensarling's article, "How to Tell if Your District's Guidance Program Is Making Sense," serves as a means of getting board members and administrators to learn more about the

guidance program. The four-division instrument covers organization and administration, guidance services including individual inventory, counseling, informational, placement and followup services, physical facilities, and special characteristics of guidance services.

The test is of a self-administration type. It was validated by a national jury of guidance experts.

Journal editor James Betchkal said the evaluative instrument is a "decided contribution to the literature."

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# Problem with corn cuts national crop

NEW YORK (AP)—Commodities experts predicted Wednesday that corn blight would reduce the nation's crop by about 8 per cent this year, but consumers won't feel the price pinch right away.

"Private predictions in Washington are looking to a government estimate somewhere between 6 and 9 per cent below the Aug. 1 crop estimate," said Robert C. Liebenow, president of the Corn Refiners Association.

The Aug. 1 figure—issued before news of the corn blight—estimated annual production at 4.96 billion bushels. The next estimate is due Sept. 11 and is expected to figure heavily at the International Commodities Conference to be held here later this month.

Liebenow said a 6 to 9 per cent drop "would put supplies anywhere from 400 million to 550 million bushels below estimated requirements and could cause a significant depletion of the present corn reserve stockpile of just under one billion bushels."

Harold J. Huenold, president of Heinhold Commodities, Inc., a hog marketing firm, said his company expected the September government estimate would be 8.2 per cent below the August prediction.

The spread of the disease has raised fears of a possible shortage of feed grain, which could ultimately mean higher prices for items like eggs, poultry and meat.

Liebenow said, "The potential imbalance in supply-demand prospects has already been reflected in upward movements in the

wholesale prices of corn and corn syrup following the rise in the basic commodity market for corn, wheat, eggs, pork, hogs and other commodities.

Heinold predicted hog prices would not rise until next summer. He said prices would be held down during the next five or six months.

Heinold added that packing houses probably will store meat through the winter, which will help the supply situation over the next five or six months and thereby hold prices down.

# Aggieland here soon

Distribution of the 1970 Aggieland, A&M yearbook, is tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday, announced University Information and Publications Director Jim Lindsey.

The Aggieland is normally available prior to the start of fall classes, but Lindsey pointed out classes are beginning two weeks earlier this year.

The books will be distributed at the Student Publications Office on the second floor of the Services Building.

Annuals will be issued only to students who were enrolled at Texas A&M on a full-time basis last spring, Lindsey explained.

He added that each student, except in the case of married students, must pick up his own yearbook.

# A&M grad awarded 4 medals

A 26-year old Army captain received four medals, including the nation's third highest award for gallantry in combat in Vietnam in a ceremony at Brooke General Hospital Thursday.

Capt. Samuel C. McKenty received the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (first oak leaf cluster), the Air Medal (second award) with "V" device for valor, and the Purple Heart Medal from Brig. Gen. William H. Moncrief Jr., the hospital commander.

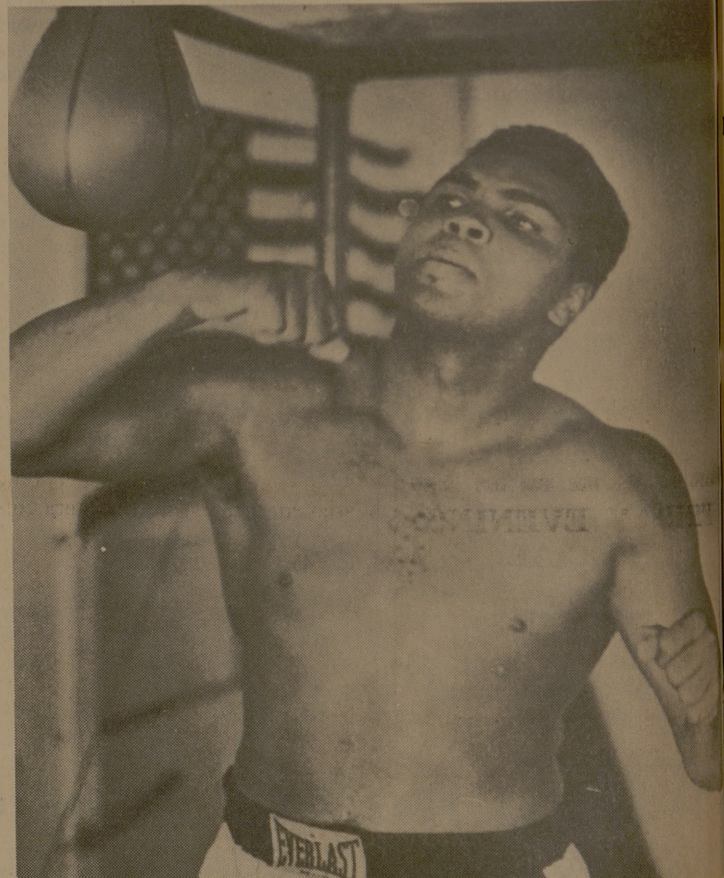
Capt. McKenty was assigned to an advisory team in Vietnam at the time of the action for which he was awarded the Silver Star. In the same action he was severely wounded in the explosion of an enemy mine, which resulted in multiple fragment wounds of the abdomen and the loss of his left arm.

A truck carrying troops from McKenty's battalion came in contact with an enemy force using mines and small arms fire, mortally wounding six soldiers and wounding 12 others. Rushing to the aid of the wounded personnel, McKenty came under heavy enemy small arms fire. Completely disregarding his own safety, McKenty remained at the area of the action under direct enemy observation and fire to direct the aerial evacuation of the wounded and suppressive fire into areas of enemy activity.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service as senior advisor of the Vietnamese unit from January to May 1970, when he was wounded.

The Air Medal (second award) with "V" Device was awarded to McKenty for heroic action of last May 1 when he directed aerial assistance to a long range reconnaissance force from his battalion which was surrounded by a Viet Cong company. Coming in under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, he remained at the landing zone and coordinated the landing and consolidation of his forces, with complete disregard for his own safety.

The Purple Heart Medal was awarded McKenty for wounds received in the same action for which he received the Silver Star.



CASSIUS CLAY, who prefers to be called Muhammad Ali, works out at Miami Beach today preparing for an exhibition fight in Atlanta Ga. This will be the first time in the ring for Clay since his retirement 3 years ago. (AP Wirephoto)

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