

Campus briefs

Heaton surprised with gift

Homer L. Heaton, dean of admissions and records, was surprised last Friday when everyone in his office pitched in and bought him a birthday present.

In a luncheon at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Heaton was given a diamond in a platinum setting mounted in his Aggie senior ring.

Dean Heaton, 65, received his

master's degree from A&M in 1936.

Range Science plans lecture

The Department of Range Science will present the first in a series of four distinguished lectures tonight as Dr. Clair L. Kucera speaks at 7:30 p.m. in

room 112 of the Range Science Building.

Dr. Kucera is chairman of the Botany Department at the University of Missouri, and has worked extensively in radio-ecology, prairie ecosystems and agrostology.

Kucera will speak on "Biomass Productivity and Turnover in a Tall Grass Prairie."

Despite battery problems Apollo 14 goes into orbit

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Apollo 14 went into orbit around the moon early Thursday as crew primed and systems proclaimed fit for man's third lunar landing Friday.

A worrisome battery on the lunar lander was checked and found okay, and Mission Control told the astronauts, "It looks good."

Alan B. Shepard and Edgar D. Mitchell will ride the lander called Antares to the rubble-strewn mountainous Fra Mauro area, while Stuart A. Roosa stays behind in the mothership, Kitty Hawk.

The moon's pull swung the two-jointed spacecraft around its dark side at 12:47 a.m. CST.

Thirteen minutes later, out of radio range and flying engine forward, the mothership's rocket

engine burned for six minutes. The result was to slow Apollo 14 by 2,000 miles per hour and put it into an elliptical orbit 195 miles high, 69 miles low. The astronauts returned into radio contact at 2:20 a.m.

"Everything looks good," Mission Control said after Mitchell conducted an hour-long check of a battery which had been giving a low voltage reading.

"As of now, the ascent batteries, especially No. 5, is go," said Mission Control.

Mitchell transferred power from circuit to circuit, putting pressure on the battery that had been giving a low voltage reading. The tests indicated that there was no apparent problem with the battery itself.

There was no immediate ex-

planation of why the battery voltage reading was low.

Astronauts Stuart A. Roosa and Alan B. Shepard remained aboard the command ship, Kitty Hawk, during the tests.

The astronauts were asked to make the tests shortly after they awoke from a daylong rest period. A ground controller said there was no real concern, but that the tests would "make everybody feel a little warmer down here."

Shepard and Mitchell reported the low voltage early in the day when they entered the lunar module.

The readings themselves were not considered serious enough to affect the lunar landing. But officials at Mission Control sought to find out the reason for the abnormal voltage level.

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