

Educators to gather

'Accountability' talk topic

Consideration of change and accountability in public school education at the 1971 School Administrators and Supervisors Conference will feature the viewpoint of an educator whose work has centered on the student.

Speaking on "Accountability: The Student in the Process" at the three-day June conference at Texas A&M University will be Dr. David Aspy, education professor at Northeast Louisiana State in Monroe, La.

Aspy will address the second general assembly of more than 700 administrators and supervisors expected for the June 7-9 conference.

Accountability, a new educational term, will be covered from the literacy angle in the first assembly keynote speech by Dr. Jo M. Stanchfield, California educator and reading consultant.

Accountability is the simplest terms means accounting for public funds spent on education.

Conference chairman Dr. Paul Hensarling said "it means that school systems are being required to prove that public funds are spent wisely and with maximum benefit to the public."

Today's parents, businessmen, students and society in general—the public school "owners"—are wanting to know whether education is doing the job to lead students to an enriched life, a better job, a new perspective, he added.

Aspy, a widely-sought specialist who has consulted in 38 states, the Virgin Islands, England and Israel, has done considerable study of interpersonal conditions in teaching and teacher training.

Conducted from Williamsburgh, Mass., to Dade County and Daytona Beach, Fla., and Louisville,

Ky., Aspy investigations have been into teacher-student relationship effects on student outcome, teacher training, counseling and psychotherapy.

Aspy also has written for numerous publications on educators getting "hard-nosed," child-centered education, creativity, interpersonal functioning and student

growth, humanizing classrooms and teaching efficiency.

The June conference is a joint effort of Texas A&M's Educational Administration Department, the Texas Association of County Superintendents, Texas Association of Instructional Supervisors and the Texas School Administrators Association.

NSF continues rock studies

Study of how coral sands and muds become rocks will continue here during 1971-72 through a \$14,800 National Science Foundation grant.

Dr. Richard Rezak heads the investigation which was renewed May 1. He began work in 1969 under a \$25,000 NSF grant and has received supplemental funds for the project.

The investigation involving two graduate students is aimed at learning how sands and muds, sediments made up primarily of calcium carbonate, are transformed into rocks.

"There is no real understanding of how the process works, and it may be that more than one process is involved," explained Rezak, marine geologist formerly with the U. S. Geological Survey in Colorado and Shell Development Corp. of Houston.

Rezak said mollusks and other organisms that secrete a skeleton are being studied for the influencing molecule. Oceanography graduate student Michael D. McKenzie of Dallas works in the marine algae calcification study.

"We are trying to identify organic compounds associated with

skeletal material. These compounds are run through lab experiments aimed at producing cement in a carbonate sand," Rezak added.

This work is carried out by graduate student David L. Kan of Taipei, Taiwan.

Since oil forms in voids of carbonate rocks, understanding the cementation process could lead to extension of existing oil fields and improved oil exploration, Rezak said.

This year's group did studies in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Russia as official delegates of the Department of State.

Cisneros, working on his Ph.D. at George Washington University, competed with lawyers, Rhodes Scholars and other top individuals. Also considered were blacks, Indians and other Mexican-Americans, including two who attended UT-Austin and St. Mary's University.

At 23, Cisneros is one of the youngest of the 17 fellows. They have been in retreat at Washington's Airlie House, recently completing four days of intensive interviews.

While studying in Washington, Cisneros has been a graduate assistant to Pat Healey, executive vice president of the National League of Cities. He expects to complete his course work this summer.

An army ROTC cadet and commissioned in the Army at Texas A&M, Cisneros has been deferred for graduate studies. It will continue for the year of work as a White House Fellow.

Aggie Band commander as a

senior, Cisneros chaired the Memorial Student Center Leadership Committee, was vice chairman of SCONA XII planning and finance chairman of the 13th Student Conference on National Affairs. After completing undergraduate work for a degree in English, Cisneros remained at Texas A&M for the master's in urban planning, through which he worked in San Antonio and Bryan. He was named earlier this year as Outstanding Young Men of America listing.



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Agriculture extension employe gets award

WASHINGTON—Dempsey H. Seastrunk, farm and home development specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, received the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Superior Service Award Tuesday. He was one of only nine Cooperative Extension Service employes in the nation to be so honored.

The award, one of the highest the USDA can bestow upon an employe, was presented in ceremonies held Tuesday morning in the Sylvan Theatre on the Wash-

ington Monument Grounds. Ninety-one employes of the USDA and nine units were presented awards in the 25th Annual Honor Awards Program. Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin made the presentations.

Seastrunk's citation reads: "In recognition for creative and dynamic leadership and personal dedication to planning and implementing educational programs resulting in a better way of life for hundreds of low income families."

The Texas Intensified Farm Planning Program, which operates under the leadership of the award winner, is credited with producing unprecedented results. Seastrunk was instrumental in developing a plan directed toward the hard-to-reach low income audience. Ten counties were selected, on a pilot basis, to put the Extension sponsored program into operation.

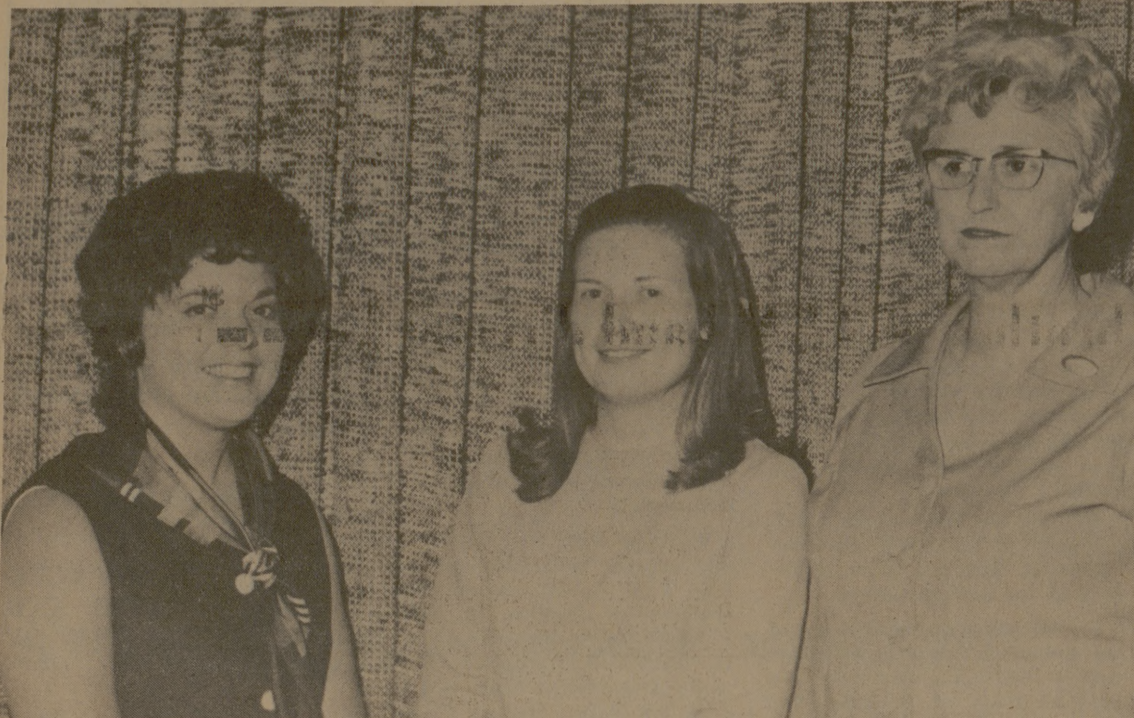
Some 285 farmer participants were given help in raising their income and standard of living through their introduction to improved farming practices.

More at A&M than any other

More 1970 Society of Exploration Geophysicists scholarship recipients chose to enroll at Texas A&M than any other school in the country.

The 1971 "SEG Yearbook" reported that nine Texas A&M students received scholarships. Following A&M were Colorado School of Mines and Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology with six scholarship winners each.

The SEG Foundation granted 50 scholarships totaling \$33,250 for the 1970-71 academic year.



SUPERIOR SERVICE award was presented Tuesday to these Texas Agricultural Extension Service foods and nutrition specialists by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin. The award recognizes the leadership of Sally Springer (left), Jimmie Ullom Falconer and Frances Reasonover in conducting an Expanded Food and Nutrition Program for limited income families.

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