

NSF grants \$13,000 to A&M for summer science program

A \$13,739 National Science Foundation grant has been awarded A&M for a summer science training program in hyperbaric and underwater physiology for high ability high school students, President Jack K. Williams announced.

The eight-week program will involve 20 students in study and research dealing with man's physical status in penetration of the sea.

Dr. William P. Fife, biology professor, will direct the June 18 to August 12 program including basic instruction in SCUBA diving.

"We will give participants basic knowledge and understanding of the physics of diving," Fife said. "With this they will nail down a problem for investigation."

He indicated the two-part program will provide an accelerated study of human body systems most affected by the underwater environment, emphasizing physiological changes which occur under increased (hyperbaric) pressure.

SCUBA training conducted for the program by the Health and Physical Education Department will consist of lecture and actual diving experience. Students completing the course may receive a certified diver's card, signifying competency to dive in university-sponsored activities, Fife said.

Training dives will be in TAMU facilities, with at least one in a nearby lake. Field trips will include a visit to a commercial diving company.

Facilities for student use include a hyperbaric laboratory operated by Fife. It has a chamber capable of reaching a simulated depth of 1,800 feet under the ocean, or a simulated altitude of 40,000 feet.

Advanced students interested in the program should be excellent swimmers or hold the Red Cross life saving certificate, Fife noted.

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Legett Hall will open its Boys Club community service project Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. with a basketball game between the Legett Hall team and the Bryan Boys Club team.

After the game, the film "Malfunction Junction," filmed by Legett Hall members last year, will be shown. Refreshments will then be served.

The activities will be held at the Bryan Boys Club.

Oceanography gets \$748,913

A&M has been awarded a \$748,913 Office of Naval Research grant for continued support of the institution's oceanographic program.

Dr. Richard A. Geyer, head of TAMU's Oceanography Department, said a portion of the funds will be used to help finance operation of the department's 180-foot research vessel, the R/V Alaminos. The award also will support approximately 12 research projects conducted by TAMU oceanographers.

Geyer noted ONR support of the university's oceanographic program now totals more than \$4 million during the past five years.

A&M coed chosen Junior Sweetheart

Linda Todd, a freshman liberal arts major at TAMU, was selected Junior Sweetheart at the Junior Class Ball Saturday night.

The 19-year-old Bryan coed has blue eyes and brown hair.

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