A&M, Baylor plan center to assist handicapped

A&M, Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research and the Baylor College of Medicine have received a $349,905 grant to fund the first year's operation of a Rehabilitation Engineering Center.

The grant, made by the Social Rehabilitation Service of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is part of a proposed five-year, multi-million dollar program. This center is one of the three recently established to develop a national system of Rehabilitation Engineering Centers to assist the handicapped of the United States.

Dr. Paul H. Newell, Jr., Associate Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor and Head of the Bioengineering Program, will direct the program. Co-directors are Dr. William A. Spencer, Chairman of Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Rehabilitation and Director of TIRR, and Dr. Lewis A. Leavitt, Chairman of Baylor's Department of Physical Medicine and Director of TIRR's educational program.

The center will provide a unique environment for a multidisciplinary approach to rehabilitation engineering. Mission-oriented teams of engineers, physicians, scientists and allied health professionals will work together in the research, development and application of rehabilitation engineering, science, and technology as it can benefit handicapped people.

Specifically and at first the center will seek:

—To understand the effects of pressure on tissue. There will also be the exploration of the attachment of artificial limbs directly to bones.

—To apply three-dimensional measurement of body parts (biostereometrics) to the early diagnosis of spinal deformities, and for measuring body shape changes produced by braces and prostheses.

—To develop new assistive systems for improved activities of daily living for the handicapped such as the spinal cord injured person.

—To provide a comprehensive educational program disseminating usage of technological developments.

—To communicate, and cooperate with other centers, researchers, and practitioners.

—To establish liaison with industry to insure production of the technological innovations developed at the center.

"We are delighted with this grant that will enable biomedical engineers at Texas A&M University to join forces with the life scientists and clinicians at Baylor and TIRR to find practical solutions to the daily living problems encountered by the physically disabled," the co-directors said.

Baylor, TIRR and A&M have been cooperating for several years in the field of biomedical engineering and have developed formal affiliation agreements in this area. This program is another tangible example of a state university, private medical college and private specialized health care facility cooperating in and sharing the responsibility for improving the quality of life of the sick and disabled. Baylor and A&M recently announced plans for other extensive affiliation agreements for further additional proposed joint activities.

A&M students donate $100 to Mental Health Center

A $100 donation to the Central Brazos Valley Mental Health Center in Bryan was realized by A&M students from the Harlem Globetrotters basketball game here in March.

Corps seniors beat a corps junior team for the right to select the benefit organization for the $100 Town Hall provided from proceeds of the Globetrotters contest.

Town Hall chairman Kirk Hawkins said the corps seniors elected to donate the money to the mental health center in conjunction with a project by TAMU senior architecture students. They are remodeling the former St. Joseph's Hospital for the center.

Company L-1 was in charge of the student game played before the Trotters' TAMU Special Attraction appearance.

Several student organizations have assisted the center. Proceeds of the Elephant Bowl game last fall were presented to the center, along with funds the Student Senate donated from the Campus Chest.

Chess team wins UofH tournament

A&M's chess team has closed its competition season successfully, with a first-place win at the University of Houston tournament.

A four-man TAMU team, part of the Memorial Student Center Recreation Committee, won six of eight games to capture the rotating championship trophy at Houston.

Rice placed second with five wins and three losses.

Playing on the A&M team were Dallas Legan of Victoria; Tom Weaver, Corpus Christi; Manas Bandyopadhyay, Calcutt, India, and Charles Cole, Cisco.

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A matter of life

by Gordon Richardson

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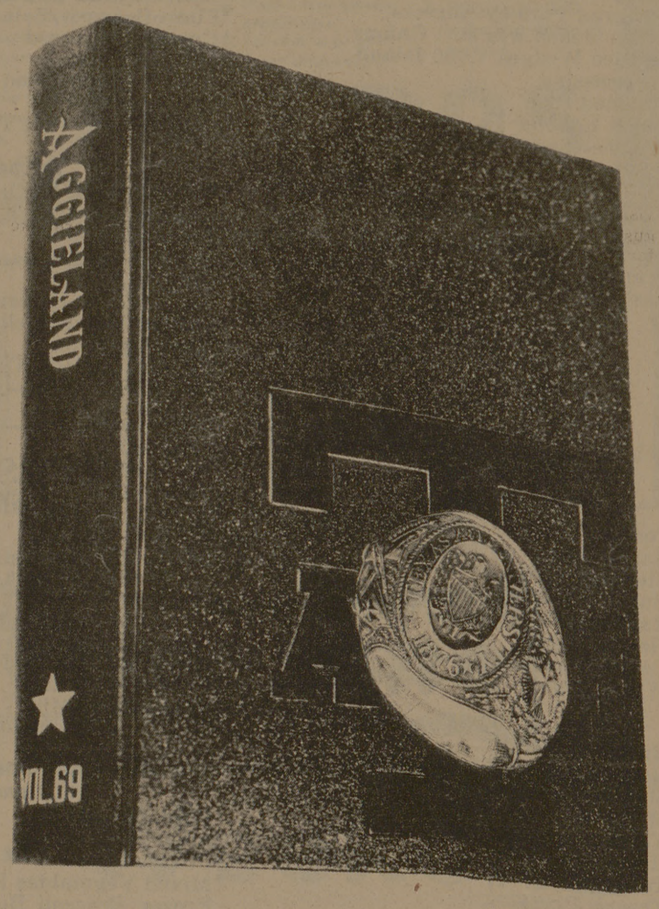

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