

Firemen training courses begin Saturday

More than 3,000 fire service personnel from throughout the nation and 25 foreign countries will make A&M the fire-fighting capital of the world Saturday through Aug. 4.

The three one-week courses for municipal, industrial and Spanish-speaking firemen will be held at the 26-acre Brayton Firemen Training Field west of the main campus, a \$750,000 facility considered the best fire training course in the nation.

Chief instructor Henry D. Smith said the 43rd annual Texas Firemen's Training School should break all previous records, due mainly to new certification requirements for Texas firemen and emphasis placed on better fire-fighting programs by government and industry.

Smith's seven-man staff will be supplemented by 490 experienced instructors and speakers from governmental agencies, industry, manufacturing, the armed

services and educational institutions.

In addition, the students will benefit from \$700,000 worth of donated and loaned equipment and supplies.

Smith noted two instructional areas have been expanded for this year's schools. The fire prevention and fire inspection course has been reorganized and updated. Three teacher training courses, all approved by the Texas Edu-

cation Agency, will be available to full-time instructors from paid fire departments.

The teacher courses — covering methods, materials and human relations communications — meet new state requirements for fire service instructors, he said.

The first week's session, July 16-21, attracts volunteer and paid firemen from small rural communities to large cities. Sixteen different courses are offered,

from basic fire-fighting to scientific investigations.

A public demonstration is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at the training field. Among the products to be shown are new equipment and wet and dry chemicals that extinguish fires in a matter of seconds.

Smith said his staff is completing work on a closed pollution control system which will prevent waste water from running into creeks around the field.

Vet Medicine students, faculty honored at banquet Friday

A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine recognized 16 students and three faculty members at the annual Honors Convocation Friday night.

The outstanding member of each of the three professional classes were announced. They included former Aggie basketball star James M. (Mike) Heitmann of Houston, third year class; Houston L. Lane of Steph-

enville, second year, and William C. Bookout of Santa Rosa, first year.

Lane also received the \$300 Borden Award and the Tarrant County Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary Award. Bookout and Heitmann were presented cash awards from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) Auxiliary.

The Norden, Teacher Award went to Dr. Floron C. Faries Jr., associate professor of veterinary parasitology.

TVMA awards in teaching and research were presented to Dr. Larry D. Claborn, associate professor of veterinary physiology and pharmacology, the teaching award, and Dr. Richard M. Robinson, associate professor of veterinary pathology, the research honor.

Michael T. Allen of San Antonio a second year student, received the \$400 Pfizer Award from Charles Pfizer and Co. It is given for outstanding scholarship and leadership.

Other student awards included James W. Rundell of Delhi, La., AVMA Auxiliary Award; David M. Miller of Throckmorton, John H. Milliff Award; Larry N. White of Texas City, Microbiology Award; Miss Nancy F. Rowe of San Antonio, Upjohn Award for small animal clinics, and Tommy J. Barton of Cameron, Upjohn Award for large animal clinics.

Also honored were Gary D. Hodges of San Angelo, Bexar County VMA Auxiliary Award; Robert O. Allardye Jr. of Evans, La., and Dan L. Hawkins of San Antonio, Student AVMA Auxiliary Awards; Dr. William Dean Johnson of Lubbock, John Paul Delaplaine Award; Richard L. Goode of Waco, Ross P. Marsteller Award, and Leroy B. Vaden of Houston, the Dr. Danny L. Davis Award.

Wives of the students were recognized, with Mrs. Leland A. Prowse III receiving the Outstanding Senior Wife of the Student Auxiliary Award.

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