

A&M retirees remain active



"I can't put my finger on it, but for some reason I find it very difficult to concentrate when I'm studying!"

Retirement doesn't always mean a fellow is ready to hang 'em up.

The spurs of many retired A&M personnel never touch the peg behind the kitchen door.

The over-65 set keeps the rowel to the flank in travel, consulting, hobbies and activities that contribute to the communities, state and, in instances, countries other than the U.S.A.

Retirees put in considerable time and effort to service projects, through clubs and organizations.

"My pace is slower," admitted one gray-haired individual, "but I can't bear just sitting around."

The clean, orderly impression Bryan and College Station have on visitors is abetted by senior citizens. They pitch in individually and collectively on beautification projects.

Their homes acquire garden magazine manicures and coiffures, with time available to do the myriad grounds and home upkeep tasks the 8-to-5 routine denied.

Ripping the traditional fishing-pole, rocking-chair picture of retirement are people like John T. Smith, C. C. Doak, Roy M. Snyder, Carl E. Sandstedt, and others.

"He's busier than a three-legged paper hanger," Jake Canglose described Henry Alsmeyer Sr., Brazos County Civil Defense administrative officer. "Mr. A," when not checking shelters or looking after CD affairs with the mayors, Brazos County judge or

Canglose, also spends many hours a month in Rotary Club, Boys' Club and First United Methodist Church activities.

Another former Texas Agricultural Extension Service member, Roy Snyder, went several years past his retirement from the Animal Science Department and as extension service meat specialist traveling over virtually all of Central America.

Snyder provided meat processing assistance in the Dominican Republic, Panama and Guatemala. His experimental work in Paraguay was aimed toward meat-eating habits. He then dealt in tack room products.

"Wood-working projects for around home keeps me happy and busy," he remarked. Snyder and his wife Aline also raise African violets.

The driving force behind the Junior Museum of Natural Science is C. C. Doak, professor emeritus of biology at TAMU. The junior museum provides varied programs for area youngsters.

Other emeriti professors — Robert B. Bossler, petroleum engineering; Fred R. Jones, agricultural engineering; Fred R. Brison, horticulture; Ide P. Trotter, agronomy and former Graduate College dean, and Luther

C. Jones, agronomy — have similar track records.

Bossler helped organize and heads the Brazos County Community Council, an organization operated by and for senior citizens. It provides a telephone re-assurance service, roadrunner service, volunteer bureau and information-referral office, open weekday mornings at the Varisco Building. He also is active in the Gems and Minerals Club and Community House, Inc.

Fred Jones and Brison have substantial farm operations. Luther Jones keeps his tennis racket handy and sings in his church choir, among other projects.

John Smith, former A&M Physical Plant paint foreman, stayed two years past his retire-

ment with the campus fire department, does some painting and relaxes through odd jobs on his son's ranch.

The standard picture of retirement is completely destroyed by Sandstedt, professor emeritus of civil engineering. He has taught an occasional class for out-of-town profs and assisted Texas Transportation Institute asphalt lab research of Dr. William B. Ledbetter and Bob M. Galloway. A publication bearing the trio's name is pending.

Acting head of civil engineering during his 1982-89 tenure with the department, Sandstedt will be 86 next month.

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THE MEANING IS THE SAME, even though the message is not quite the way we're used to seeing it. This "No Parking" sign seems to have been sabotaged somehow, but that won't stop violators from receiving tickets. (Photo by Kenneth Stroebel)

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