Scientists receive data on rangelands from satellite

The spacecraft designed to collect environmental information was launched several weeks ago from Lompoe, Calif. It will transmit scientific date and photographs to earth stations for a year, and probably longer, the

Astional Aeronautics and Space and Throckmorton (all TAMU range research facilities) and range experiment stations at Chickasha and Woodward, Okla.; tottonwood, S. D., and Mandan, N. D. Lake.

He pointed out the green wave advances as the sun moves ap-proximately 17 miles a day to the each spring bringing

U. S. rangeland under a variety of natural weather conditions. The 1,965-pound, 10-foot long butterfly-shaped spacecraft is in a 517-mile high near-polar orbit to circle the earth every 103 minutes. Dr. Haas said a series of photographs on the Central Great Plains will be made every 18 days for scientific interpre-

-ERTS is a new information source to agri-business. Much agriculture is tied directly to how

well the vegetation is growing in the great plains. For example, ranchers ship large numbers of cattle each summer to northern pastures. ERTS can tell how the

-Local land forms and the

-A computer model can be built using natural vegetation to interpret such things as drouth and map vegetation conditions

over a large geographical area.

Dr. Haas expects the first series of photos by mid-August. The U. S. and 31 other countries are participating in the NASA-guided project.

ERTS-1's eyes, the remote sensors, include three Return Beam Vidicon (RBV) cameras and a Multispectral Scanner (MSS). Also aboard is a Data Collective System (DCS) for environmental

The three sensors will monitor earth's natural resources more throughly and completely than ever before, Dr. Haas added.

New hall counselors assigned

Assignment of new residence hall counselors, the resident director for the new Krueger and Dunn Halls and reassignment of other counseling personnel for A&M's 1972-73 school year have been announced by Associate Dean of Students Howard Perry.

Joining the group that provides counseling services for 20 halls, university-operated apart-ments and day students are Wilbur G. Ferris, Warren Faulkner and U. W. (Rick) Crow Jr.

They join Kirby D. (Rusty) Blevins, R. L. Chapman, Larry Pollock, Jerry Mainord and Patricia Self, women's counselor who works through the office of Dean of Women Toby Schreiber.

Faulkner, 23, will have counseling responsibility for Law, Puryear and Hart Halls- A 1971 TAMU graduate, he completed the master's in educational psychology last spring and is from Bryan.

Crow, 24, will serve Davis-Gary, Moore, Crocker and Mc-Innis Halls, which have been the top dorms academically in the residence hall program competition for the last four years Son of Ulrich W!! Crow of the Counseling and Testing Center, he is an A&M Consolidated High School graduate, completed the B. S. in education last spring and is working on the master's degree.

Ferris will have overall responsibility for the new halls opening this fall. Each will have a graduate student advisor. Formerly of Oklahoma, Ferris comes to A&M from Tulane where he received the master's in education and was member of Kappa Delta Phi. Ferris has daughters at the University of Florida and Baylor, a high school-age son and junior high-age daughter. He served in the Navy and attained the rank of commander.

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