

## New Project Started Here

A new research project at A&M might result in improved semiconductor and superconductor devices, believes principal investigator Dr. Minoru Tsutsui.

The chemistry professor said the investigation will involve the synthesis and characterization of skewed metal-metal bonded

unit complexes and polymeric chains of organometalporphyrin units.

The units, according to Dr. Tsutsui, are the result of metal being fused with porphyrin, a unique molecule found in the heme segment of hemoglobin.

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# Architecture College Gets Shelter Grant

Architects and engineers can continue to look to A&M for fallout and disaster shelter planning advice as the result of a grant extension to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

The \$54,584 grant, awarded to TAMU's Architecture and Engineering Advisory Center by the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, will allow funding for an additional year for the civil defense professional advisory operation, directed by E. E. Allen.

Allen and his graduate student staff offer no-cost planning and design advice to building designers to aid them in effective shelter plans.

"We try to advise architects and engineers," Allen said, "on the most effective methods of utilizing optimum space for shelter areas at the least or no additional cost."

Allen said his office is responsible for advising builders in Texas and the surrounding states. He aided in shelter plans for

more than 100 buildings in Texas alone last year.

He pointed out that architects have been including fallout and disaster shelters in plans for new buildings with more frequency in the past few years.

"Dallas has many new buildings in the downtown area," he explained, "and designers and builders are including shelters in them as a large community shelter plan. Corpus Christi is also picking up interest in shelters, not only for fallout but also for hurricane protection."

He mentioned similar interest in Arkansas and Louisiana as a result of increased tornado activity in those states in recent years.

"In all cases," Allen said, "we remind the designer that the primary consideration when planning a shelter is the initial design of the structure. If a shelter can be economically incorporated in the building plans, we advise the designer on the best ways to add the shelter."

Allen works in close cooperation with William C. Davis, technical director for Region Five, Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, and Andy Sidor, assistant to Davis. Both are former TAMU students. Their headquarters are located in Denton.

"When we are approached for advice," Allen explained, "we look over the drawings to see what portion of the structure offers the best protection with least cost for shelter implementation. We have found that buildings designed to withstand hurricanes and tornadoes can best be utilized for radiation shielding."

Allen added that designers are becoming more and more aware of the need for multi-use shelters, and his office is kept busy supplying information on a no-cost basis to designers who ask for his help.

Allen, an associate research architect in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at TAMU, will continue as director of the project through the funded year.

# Quick Food Service

Ed Hein may not claim to be the fastest gun in the west but he does have the fastest meal service West of the Mississippi.

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## Service Offers Solutions To Credit Billing Errors

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"When an error occurs, a consumer may have difficulty locating the cause of error and the right person to correct it," says Mrs. Doris Myers, home management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Should an error occur, the specialist offered the following steps to correct it.

1. Notify the store immediately, informing them of the error.  
2. Obtain the name of the person contacted, making a note of it and date contacted. This information is helpful in case of necessary future contacts.

3. If contact is made in writing, don't send it with the bill—and don't write on the bill itself. Keep a copy of any letters sent for future reference.

4. Send a registered letter to the credit manager or company president if you experience difficulty obtaining adjustments on legitimate complaints.

In the letter, explain complaint in complete detail and give facts in a courteous manner. Also request that the post office furnish the signature of the person receiving the letter.

5. If still unable to settle a complaint, write the local Credit Bureau and Better Business Bureau. Provide details and copies of bills, receipts, cancelled checks or other evidence that prove your point. Also send a carbon copy of this contact to the merchant involved.

Mrs. Myers also listed several things customers can do to help prevent billing errors in the first place.

—Use a credit card when charging merchandise.

—Examine sales slips to insure all spaces are correctly filled

in and no unnecessary marks included.

—Before signing a bill, make sure the total is correct and in the right place.

—Save duplicate sales slips and check bills against them.

—Know when billing dates are and make or mail payments in time to arrive before deadlines.

—Return the correct portion of a bill with remittance.

—Check bills for errors as soon as they're received.

## Refrigerators Offered By SG

The Student Government (SG) is once again renting out refrigerators for the 1973 Summer Session, announced Student Body Vice President Shariq Yusufzal.

The cost for renting the refrigerators is \$10 for a single summer session or \$19.50 for the whole summer. A \$10 deposit is required. The deposit will be refunded when the refrigerator is returned.

Rental times for the refrigerators are between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.,

Tuesday through Friday, and between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The last day for renting refrigerators is Tuesday, June 12. The refrigerator office is located in the basement of the University Hospital and is entered through the door to the laundry office. The office will remain open between the hours given above.

Further information may be obtained from the Student Program Office (845-1515) in the MSC.



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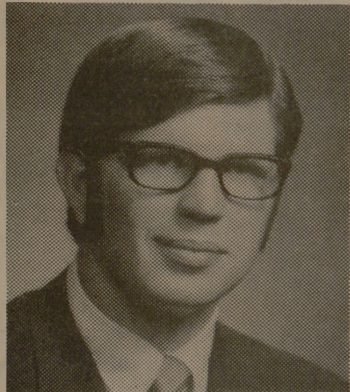
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