

Unique Center Set To Open Showing A&M

A unique information center telling the story of A&M is set for opening in early fall, according to Former Students Association Executive Director Richard "Buck" Weirus.

The center, to be located in the ground floor of the new conference complex, will be one of its kind in the country.

"We checked with the American Alumni Council about the possibility of another such facility in the country," Weirus said. "As far as they know there is none."

The center will feature a multi-

media presentation on each of the academic colleges at TAMU, the Corps of Cadets, the history of the institution and a general presentation on the entire TAMU System.

A combination of color slides, motion pictures and tape-recorded messages, channeled through a coordinating "computer" will tell the Aggie story to campus visitors.

"We have had a problem in the past when visitors came to the campus on weekends," Weirus explained. "All the usual infor-

mation outlets are closed, and we had no real means of telling visitors about ourselves."

A special feature of the center will be a mini-theater, seating about 20 viewers. The program will be a three-screen presentation of slides and movies, of 12 minutes duration, coupled with a recorded sound track, telling the visitor about campus life at TAMU.

"The programs will be beamed at juniors in high school, but they will be enjoyed by everyone who sees them," Weirus said. "We will

present information not only about Texas A&M, but also about the many career fields students are able to train for here."

To see everything in the center would take about two hours, noted project director Randolph Waligura, assistant research architect at TAMU's College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

"Many people will want to see only those programs relative to their particular interests," he said. "Each program booth will accommodate three people, and

each program lasts about seven minutes.

"The entire center," he continued, "will hold about 30 people at a time, but congestion should be avoidable, with visitors coming and going continuously."

The center, being constructed with funds provided by the Former Students Association, is the idea of Leslie L. Appelt '41, president of the association in 1971. His dream of a "window for Texas A&M" will be realized when the center opens for football weekend crowds this fall.

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Graduate Women's Society To Establish Chapter At A&M

A&M will become the first university in Texas to have a chapter of Phi Delta Gamma installed on its campus.

The national fraternal organization for graduate women in all fields of study was founded in 1922 and is presently represented on 24 campuses.

"We feel there is a need for this organization on campus," said Mrs. Patricia Self, counselor for women. "This will complement the professional growth of our graduate female students and offer opportunities for interaction and a common meeting place for all disciplines."

"We hope to have a chapter established here within two months. We presently have a dynamic committee working on it."

Serving on the committee with Mrs. Self are Dr. Carol Anderson, Dr. Bonnie Gustafson Beaver, Mrs. Josephine Berg, Dr. Anne Marie Elmquist, Dr. Eleanor Fendler, Dr. Lela Jeffrey, Mrs. Grace Kieffer, Mrs. Toby Schreiber, Dr. Bonnie Stadelman and Dr. Ethel Tsutsui.

"The committee is unanimously in favor of establishing a chapter and the proposition has been endorsed by Dean (of the Graduate College G. W.) Kunze and

Dean (of Students James) Hannigan," said Mrs. Self.

Phi Delta Gamma is the only women's organization which cuts across all academic disciplines.

Graduate women of high scholarship and qualities of leadership who are pursuing a graduate or advanced professional course are eligible to join. Members may be taken in within one year following graduation. Upon completion of formal study, women retain membership as active members, as associate members or as members of an alumnae chapter.

Women staff members in graduate or advanced professional schools who have received their advanced degree or degrees from accredited universities are also eligible for membership.

Charter members only may include women who have already completed their advanced work at the time a new chapter is being formed on campus.

A new chapter may be established by a minimum of eight women currently enrolled in a graduate school upon completing initial requirements.

Phi Delta Gamma began in 1922 at the University of Maryland School of Commerce as an organization "to encourage a high standard of education for business women and to afford an opportunity for mutual helpfulness."

By 1923 the group had broadened the scope to include women in all graduate and advanced professional fields and now has a membership of over 5,000.

In addition to the regular chapters, alumnae chapters have been formed in Washington, D. C.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Miami, Fla.; and Chicago, Ill.

Phi Delta Gamma presents a national achievement award at each biennial convention to a member in recognition of outstanding achievement in her chosen field of work and presents a study grant of \$500 to an active member who is pursuing work beyond the first 30 hours in graduate study in an accredited institution.

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YOU CAN EAT UP HERE—The new dining room in the Texas A&M's Conference Tower opened Monday. Mrs. Betty Young, restaurant manager, said the eleventh-floor dining facility will open at 7 a. m. for breakfast and remain open until 1:30 p. m. for lunch. The dining room must close at 1:30 p. m. until the previously ordered drapes have arrived and been installed to keep out bright sunlight. Diners may sit down and order breakfast, or have it "cafeteria style." Two buffet lines will be in operation during luncheon hours. Mrs. Young said the new restaurant is open to the public. (Photo by Peter Leabo)

A&M Begins New Research To Help High School Students

Research to help students achieve a smoother transition from high school to college has begun at A&M.

The project will consider problems posed by emergence of career education and vocational technical education to students wishing further education.

Funded by a \$60,000 U. S. Office of Education grant, it will assemble data from throughout the U. S. for analysis and development of guidelines to help the student in transition.

Prof. W. Roy Thomas of TAMU's Educational Psychology Department directs the research. The grant extends through June 15, 1974.

Thomas' research team expects to deal with problems which are systematically interrelated to the transition from secondary to post-secondary schools. While problems will be identified through a variety of sources, the team, which includes two doctoral graduate students, expects most to fall within certain broad areas.

"These deal with counseling, college entrance testing, enrollment, student development programs for under-prepared students, adult education for new job skills, student recruitment and job placement," Thomas said.

Much of their information will

come from USOE-funded cluster projects. A nation-wide group of consultants and literature surveys will turn up other problems for consideration.

The national advisory council will include teachers, administrators and counselors of public and private high schools, junior and senior colleges, and universities and representatives from industry. Six TAMU education faculty members will serve as non-funded consultants.

Graduate students Beryl McKinnerney of Rising Star and Herman Todd of Rogersville, Ala., will help Thomas as research associate and research assistant, respectively.

They will conduct site visitation at Ohio State University, the Texas Education Agency, California State Department of Education and in New Jersey and Oregon. Programs in those cluster areas deal with transportation, construction, public service, manufacturing and communications-media, Thomas said.

"The end product of this project will be a set of articulative guidelines which will provide a smooth transition from secondary to post-secondary level education," Thomas indicated.

Publication of such a plan, in addition to a subsequent actual use of funds report, is required by the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, which authorized revenue sharing.

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A&M Undergrads Getting Smarter? Over One-Third Achieve 3.0 GPR

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The report also shows that 6.32 per cent of TAMU's undergraduates achieved GPR's of 4.0 or above. Almost one-third (33.19 per cent) earned GPR's between 3.0 and 3.999.

A study of the undergraduates' overall grade point ratios through the spring semester 1973 lists 2.43 per cent of TAMU students with GPR's of 4.0 or better, and

29.47 per cent have averages in the 3.0 to 3.999 bracket.

For the spring semester 39.92 per cent posted GPR's of 2.0 to 2.999. The comparable figure for overall GPR's in the 2.0-2.999 range through the spring semester was 52.13 per cent.

The 1973 figures on students posting 4.0 or above reflect a 1.06 per cent increase over last year's

spring semester. Students who posted 3.0 to 3.999 made up 30.53 per cent of the student body during the spring semester 1972. This year's figures reflect a 2.66 per cent increase.

TAMU students who posted above 3.0 during the spring semester 1972 represented 35.79 per cent of the student body; this year's figures reflect a 3.72 per cent increase in the number of students who maintained a "B" average or better for the last semester.

The registrar's report on undergraduate grade point ratios based on grades through the spring semester 1972 shows 28.72 per cent of TAMU students with GPR's of 3.0 or above. The corresponding 1973 figures reflect a 3.18 per cent increase in the number of students maintaining an overall "B" average.

Double Feature Scheduled At Grove Theater Tonight

A movie known during World War II as "Texas to Tokyo" will show in a Grove Theater double feature tonight.

"Texas to Tokyo" is the way Aggies serving overseas knew "We've Never Been Licked," a 30-year-old movie made at Texas A&M.

The plot involves a foreign intelligence agent on campus. Campus scenes, clothing styles and dialogue emphasize change that has taken place in three decades.

"House of Wax" will show first, McHenry said. He noted that in case of rain, Grove movies are cancelled for that day. If distri-

but ion allows, a film is held over for double showing the following night.

The movies start at 8:30 p.m. Admission is by ID card for TAMU students, 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under 12.

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Enrollment High At Galveston

GALVESTON—Record enrollment has been reported for the marine biology and related courses offered here this summer by Texas A&M's Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources.

Dr. William H. Clayton, Moody College dean, said first-semester summer enrollment totaled 71 students, with more than half studying on the graduate level.

These students are in addition to the 157 participating in the Texas Maritime Academy's summer cruise to the Mediterranean.

"While this is the largest resident summer enrollment to date, we are confident this is just the prelude to an influx of students when additional facilities are available," Dean Clayton noted.

He pointed out the Legislature, acting on a bill introduced by Sen. A. R. (Babe) Schwartz of Galveston, has authorized TAMU to use tuition-backed bonds to finance construction of buildings totaling up to \$7.5 million for its Mitchell Campus on Pelican Island.



BRAZOS AGGIES AWARD SCHOLARSHIP—The Brazos County A&M Club added a new scholarship this year and awarded it to Glenn Devrow, 1973 Bryan High School graduate. Bill Hodge, Bryan High assistant principal and club officer, made the presentation. The club now has five area students on \$2,000 scholarships.

CS To Expand Sewer System

Mayor J. B. Hervey has announced that the City of College Station plans to spend the expected \$42,668.00 in general revenue sharing funds allocated for the first six months of 1973 on South Texas Avenue sewer lateral extensions.

Records documenting the plan are open to public inspection at the College Station City Hall.

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Multi-Talented Bryan High Graduate Given \$2,000 Scholarship By Club

Glenn Devrow, 1973 Bryan High School graduate, has been awarded a Brazos County A&M Club scholarship.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Devrow, 1106 Military, plans to enroll at A&M this fall. He will study either accounting or architecture.

Devrow is the fifth area student to be selected for a Brazos County A&M Club scholarship. The group this fall will include two seniors, a junior, sophomore and freshman. Each award pays \$2,000 for four years study.

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The club funds the five scholarships primarily through memberships.

President Herb Gersbach said the club is proud to be able to offer the scholarship and pleased to enroll a student of Devrow's qualities accepted it. Gersbach and William E. "Bill" Hodge, vice president for high school relations, made the presentation.

Outstanding member of the 1972-73 Bryan High Band, Devrow was the Vikings' basketball playmaker, ran track and earned an overall 3.49 grade average in Bryan High's 4.0 system.

He graduated in the top quarter of Bryan High's 550-member

1973 class and earned nine and a half credits more than are required to enroll in a state college or university.

Devrow played first chair trumpet in the Viking Band. He is an all-district, all-region and all-area musician. The oldest of three Devrow children also played in the Bryan High Stage Band and with the "Neurotics," community band. He was a representative on the B.H.S. band council.

Devrow was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, elected to "Who's Who" at Bryan High, senior class favorite, was a Rotary Citizen of the Month and

served as city planner on Youth Government Day.

The Roland C. Damsby Athletic Award winner in basketball and track was playmaker on the Viking cage team. It was a district championship contender. He ran the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the second leg of Viking relays.

He also received the Bethune Womens Club scholarship and is a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Devrow works this summer for the R. B. Butler Co.

Glenn's father is farm foreman for TAMU's College of Veterinary Medicine. Mrs. Devrow has degrees from Prairie View

A&M and teaches at Henderson Elementary School. She works in the summer Head Start program at Sul Ross School.

"We are happy Glenn is getting the scholarship," Mrs. Devrow said, "and so proud he chose Texas A&M."

Weather
WEDNESDAY — Considerable cloudiness and cooler. Occasional showers & thundershowers. High 89, low 67.

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