

Research up \$3.1 million TAES has largest May total

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Dollar value of new research projects at A&M increased by more than \$3.1 million in May.

The May funding brings the cumulative total for fiscal year 1973-74 to \$31,582,575, reported Dr. Robert R. Berg, director of the Office of University Research.

The cumulative total reflects an increase of more than \$1.7 million over a similar period in fiscal year 1972-73.

The College of Agriculture and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station had the largest total for May, with \$1,145,984.

Other colleges receiving research

Maxwell to chair convention

Dr. W. David Maxwell, liberal arts dean, will serve as chairman for an international conference on financial aid to Thailand June 20-22 in Chiangmai, Thailand.

The conference is sponsored by the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID).

Participants in the conference include several U. S. governmental and foundation representatives; Thai officials and economists from Thai universities; representatives from Holland, Germany, Great Britain, Japan and Australia, and representatives of such international agencies as The World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning.

"Thailand is one of the few countries of Southeast Asia that has a good chance to achieve and sustain a high rate of economic development," Dean Maxwell observed. "A staunch friend and ally of the U. S. for decades, Thailand is now at a crucial juncture in its social and economic development."

The dean said the purpose of the conference is to attempt to chart the future course of financial assistance to Thailand, particularly in the 1975-80 period, by type, magnitude and source.

"Both we and the Thais tend to think of the U. S. as the major sources of assistance," Dean Maxwell noted. "This is not true now and is unlikely to be true in the future."

"One of our hopes in the conference," he added, "is to find a better base for the financial assistance that could well be seminal in Thailand's economic and social development."

Purchase program to change

The Student Purchase Program which presently offers students discounts from local merchants will undergo revisions this fall, said Curt Henderson, chairman of the Student Government Consumer and Business Relations Committee.

Henderson said this year's program has had its problems. Some of the 44 local merchants have not continued to participate in the program.

Also, a poll run in the spring indicated that very few students were using the program or asking for the discounts, Henderson said.

Usually a minimum of a 10 percent discount was required for the merchants to enter the program. In exchange for offering a discount to students, the businesses received free advertising financed through Student Government. Last year Student Government allocated \$800 for advertising the program and the participating merchants.

"I don't feel that we are getting our money's worth as the program is now being run," Henderson said.

Anyone interested in working up a new program for next year and becoming involved in the student discount committee should call the Student Government Office at 845-3051.

support were Science, \$1,247,206; Engineering, including the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and the Texas Transportation Institute, \$565,985, and Geosciences, \$233,331.

By divisions, cumulative totals through May are College of Agriculture and TAES, \$15,784,002; Engineering, TEES, and TTI, \$8,826,937; Science, \$2,884,372; Geosciences, \$2,225,124, and Veterinary Medicine, \$582,836.

Also, Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources, \$199,710; Liberal Arts, \$179,817; Business Administration, \$146,701; Education, \$115,187; Architecture, \$62,340, and other \$575,549.

The federal government accounted for \$1,499,283 of the May funding; private organizations contributed \$1,687,723, and state support totaled \$5,500.

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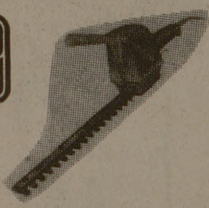
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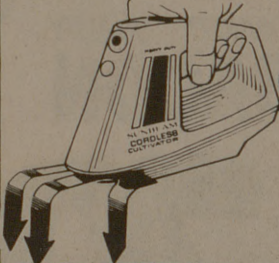
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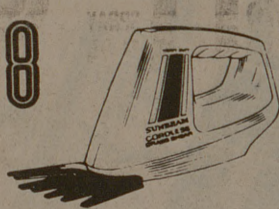
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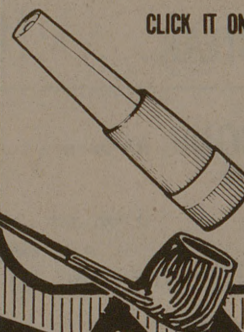
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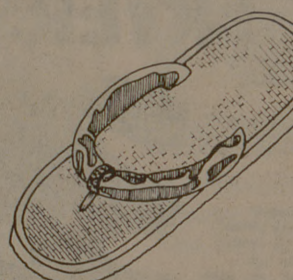
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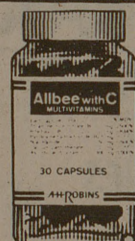
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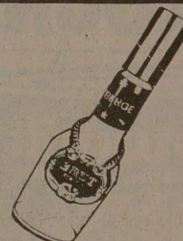
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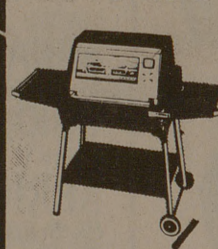
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