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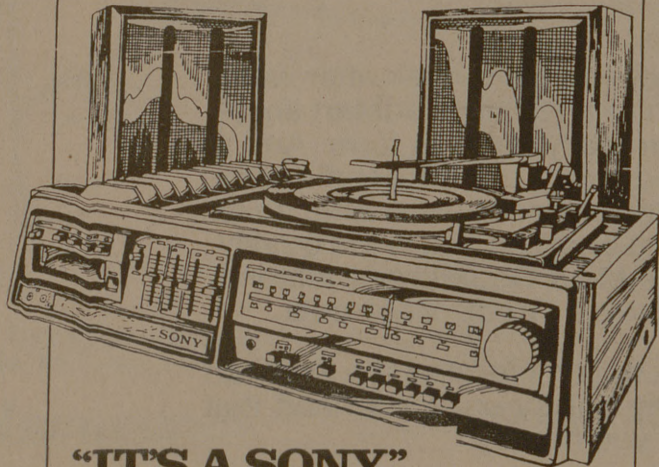
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Hobby keynotes water meet

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby keynotes the 1974 Water for Texas Conference Sept. 19-20 at Texas A&M University.

The conference, which convenes on the TAMU campus for the first time since 1971, will examine a number of ground water management issues ranging from legislation to management and technological aspects.

Dr. J. R. Runkles, director of TAMU's Texas Water Resources Institute, says attendance may exceed 200.

Water management in metropolitan, irrigated and coastal areas will also be scrutinized while government's relation to the topic and economic areas are due review.

Hobby will head a number of familiar names at the two-day conclave. Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde may attend the Thursday evening banquet if the State Democratic Convention doesn't conflict in scheduling.

Registration will be handled from 7:30-9:15 a.m. Sept. 19 in the Rudder Conference Tower. Preregistra-

tion may be made through the Texas Water Resources Institute offices.

TAMU President Jack Williams will welcome the delegates before Hobby speaks at 9:30 a.m.

The top water man in the Texas House, Rep. Bill Clayton, will make an address following Hobby's speech. Clayton is chairman of the House Interim Committee on Water.

While a number of regional water district representatives are set to make addresses on various topics, statewide officials on water will also be on hand, including the director of the Texas Water Development Board, Harry Burligh, and Dick Whittington, deputy director of the Texas Water Quality Board.

Mrs. Jean Williams of the Office of the Governor, Planning Coordination Division, will speak, as will Lewis Seward, hydrology division director of the TWDB.

Robert K. Gabrysch of the U.S. Geological Survey will participate as will Dr. Lonnie Jones, TAMU associate professor of agricultural economics.

Other speakers include Bill Waddle, general manager of the Texas Water Conservation Association; attorney Frank Booth; Don Owen, president of Don Owen & Associates engineering firm; William Guyton, president of William F. Guyton & Associates and Robert Van Dyke, general manager of the San Antonio City Water Board.

Also included among the speakers will be J. W. Buchanan, general manager of the North Plains Ground Water District; Frank Rayner, general manager of the High Plains Underground Water District; Dr. James Osborn, agricultural economics professor from Texas Tech University and Jim Valiant, research director at the High Plains Research Foundation.

TAMU builds marine aids

TAMU researchers completed a \$50,000 study on the construction and manufacture of navigation aids.

The project was funded by the Coast Guard to improve the manufacturing of the 40,000 daymark waterway navigation signs used in the U. S. and territorial waters.

Co-principal investigators were Dr. M. J. Fox, Jr., associate professor and acting head of the Industrial Engineering Division, Department of Industrial Engineering, and Albert Pedulla, acting director of the Architecture Research Center.

Daymarks identify turns, determine locations and indicate obstructions in the 26,000 miles of U. S. waters. They are considered the road signs of marine operations.

"By day, daymarks are used for visual sightings on rivers, inter-coastal waterways and harbor entrances," Fox explained. "At night they are supplemented with searchlights and used to pilot boats."

Upon receipt of the grant, the interdisciplinary researchers inspected manufacturing systems in the U. S. Using closed circuit TV, still cameras and interviews with operating personnel, they documented the physical plant facilities housing the manufacturing process as well as methods of production.

Finally, they applied architectural and engineering analysis techniques to identify problems in existing manufacturing systems. They also sought ways to improve economy in raw material use and production methods.

"For example, we discovered it was not necessary to make the signs from plywood costing \$20 per sheet when, actually, the less expensive \$7 per sheet sections would suffice," Fox said. Daymarks range from three square feet to 12 by 24 feet.

"Since the architect's primary role is to design a building in support of the function it serves, the TAMU Architecture Research Center participated in devising and

adapting space in the daymark manufacturing sites to suit the process itself," Pedulla explained.

Pedulla further commented that it was necessary to find work methods that were not only efficient, but also politically usable. He said that often the methods they observed were very inefficient and designed to meet the needs of the particular area.

"To fully appreciate the importance of daymarks, one need only consider the daily use of our major rivers—Ohio, Mississippi, Arkansas, Columbia—in addition to the heavily traveled Intracoastal Waterway running northward out of Brownsville, or the Inside Passage way that runs from Seattle to Anchorage," Fox concluded.

Students receive '79 class awards

High school seniors selected for TAMU's President's Scholarships will enroll next fall. The 31 President's Scholars receive \$1,000 a year for up to five years undergraduate study.

The award is designed to recognize outstanding scholarship and leadership among high school seniors. It helps keep Texas students in the state for their university studies.

This year's Scholars brings the number recognized to about 200 students since the Scholarship's inception in 1967.

Several hundred nominees were considered by the Faculty Scholarships Committee in selecting the Class of '79 President's Scholars. They were nominated by their high school principals on TAMU invitation.

Factors in selection included high scholastic ranking and, through church, school and community activities, evidence of non-academic interests and leadership ability, said Robert M. Logan, TAMU student aid director.

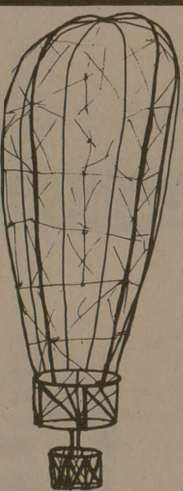
"These students are exceptional scholars and better-than-average leaders who are expected to develop into well-rounded adults through contributions to various extracurricular interests," Logan said.

Among the 31 recipients are 10 women. The group represents all geographic areas of Texas. The committee also named alternates, to become President's Scholars if awards are vacated.

This year's recipients are Edwin S. Acker, Tilden; Joseph P. Arisco, Groves; Jonathan W. Bennett, Lake Jackson; Johnny D. Bremsteller, Susan E. Lorimer, Bradley C. Wakeman and Valerie G. Zrubek, Houston; Cynthia A. Edwards, Silsbee; Tommy Platt, Meridian; Ronald E. Franke, Copperas Cove; Thomas G. Glass, Odessa.

Also, James D. Hitzfelder, Devine; Karen C. Holley, Bryan; Susan C. Koriath, Sherman; Steven D. Krueger, New Braunfels; David E. Lancaster, Amarillo; Michael A. Matthews, West Columbia; Martin J. Mohn, El Campo; Alan V. Noell and Diana M. Runyan, Dallas.

Plus, Anne E. Paslay, Gregory; James D. Pollard, Thrall; Martha Sartain, Irving; Paul A. Schmidt, James D. Seaver and Sharon A. Snodgrass, Fort Worth; John M. Stallings, Phillips; William D. Stevens, Palestine; Sandra L. Stewart, San Antonio; Kenneth L. Stone, El Paso, and John L. Wilson, Longview.



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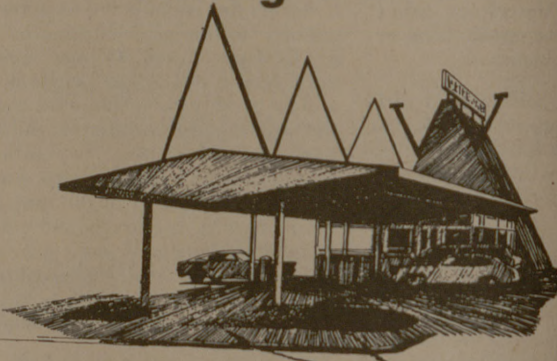
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