

Real Estate education

COLLEGE STATION — The only real estate education program of its kind in the nation opens its doors for the second year, May 18, at Texas A&M University and in the homes of its students.

SOARS, or Studies of Advanced Real Estate Subjects, is a three-

year, 90-student project for professionals that allows them to study both at home and for two weeks a year on the TAMU campus.

During the program, the "students" probe forces and mechanics affecting the real estate industry, according to Gary Housley, SOARS coordinator with the Texas Real Estate Research Center.

The center is accepting applications from the SOARS freshman "Class of 1977."

"The freshman curriculum centers on real estate investment decision, environmental and regulatory concerns and managing the practice of real estate," Housley adds. "At the end of the term, each student will choose a topic to be researched for his senior year."

"SOARS is designed for professionals in that only two weeks a year, for three consecutive years, are required for on-campus study. Their education will continue at home but won't require time off the job," states Housley.

It is suggested that SOARS applicants have a minimum of three to five years experience in real estate and completion of certain courses of the Texas Association of Realtors would be helpful.

Faculty for the project come from leading university scholars, case writers and selected real estate professionals from around the nation.

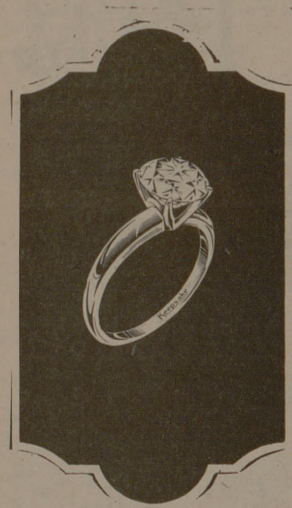
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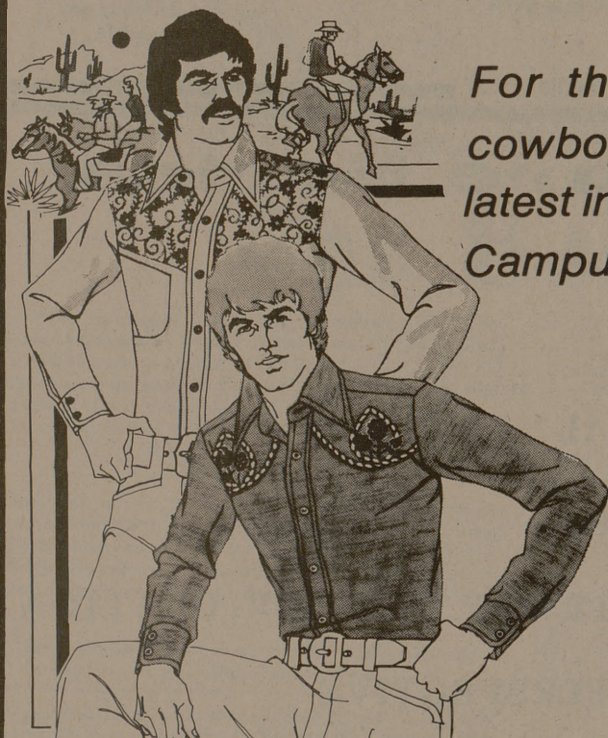
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Female engineers get check

COLLEGE STATION — The women at Gulf Oil Company are giving a hand to the women at Texas A&M University. Ms. Maxine Hacke, coordinator of women's programs at Gulf, presented a \$500 check to the A&M chapter of the Society of Women Engineers.

The response came as the result of a letter from the student section of SWE asking industry's help in sponsoring an engineering symposium for high school girls and their parents.

The A&M chapter supports and encourages career awareness programs for high school and college girls. They felt such a symposium offers the best results.

The TAMU women are now in the process of raising \$7,000 to be used for publicity, program materials, speakers, and other program expenses.

The event is slated as a two-day program directed toward helping high school girls and their parents understand that engineering is a viable career for women. The symposium will be held in the late summer or early fall, 1975. Nationally prominent speakers will be asked to participate in the program. In addition, workshops and panel discussions will be organized to provide participant involvement.

Literary magazine published

COLLEGE STATION — "Quartet," a nonprofit literary magazine edited by a Texas A&M University professor, is being distributed now.

The 50-page publication rolled off the presses of the Texas A&M Printing Center late last week, reports Dr. Richard Costa, editor and member of the English faculty.

Styled a "mod-lit" special, the magazine concentrates on New Fiction and New Journalism with illustrations by David Itchkawich of New York.

Dr. Gary Halter of the TAMU Political Science Department has a short poem featured in "Quartet," which publishes quarterly with a yearly double issue.

Info on "Caddo" Probes

COLLEGE STATION — Archaeologists and researchers from the four-state region known as the "Caddo area" gather at Texas A&M University this weekend (March 7-8) for a conference. Program chairman Dr. Harry Shafer of TAMU says the meeting gives anthropologists a chance to compare notes on the "Whats and hows" of probing the Caddo past. The delegates will participate in field report sessions and round table discussions.

Leaders go to Houston

By DORIS M. KOCH

Forty-six student leaders from TAMU will take a cultural journey to Houston this weekend. They were nominated by the deans of their respective colleges or heads of the major campus organizations. The trip will enable them to establish contact with former students.

The agenda includes a play at the Alley Theater, a performance of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, breakfast at Neiman-Marcus, a performance by the Houston Symphony and a tour of The Woodlands, an

"ideal community" development. The students will stay at the Hyatt-Regency.

The program is sponsored by the MSC Council and Directorate. It was started in 1963 by Maj. James Ray (who gained fame as one of the first POWs to return) when he was MSC president.

Students pay \$30 for the trip. The remainder of the bill is paid by former students and friends of A&M. No student fees are used.

One hundred invitations are issued. Of that number, 40 percent are picked by the deans of their col-

lege. Acceptance is on a first come-first serve basis and is limited to mostly juniors and seniors.

Cheryl Fricke, chairman of the planning committee, said, "It is a fun weekend, but a cultural weekend also."

Other members of the committee are: Mary Ellen Martin, vice chairman; Gary Brown, finances; J. Wayne Stark, chief advisor; and John Hoover, advisor.

The group will be accompanied by sponsors Dr. and Mrs. Charles Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bell, J. Wayne Stark and James Randolph.

SNAC to organize

COLLEGE STATION — Folklorists, geographers, historians, linguists and anthropologists from throughout the nation will gather at Texas A&M University Friday for a three-day meeting for formal organization of the Survey of North American Culture.

SNAC is an outgrowth of a re-

quest made four years ago by the American Folklore Society by the American Council of Learned Societies to study the possibility of producing an American folklore atlas.

The group has already compiled a 500-page "scratch atlas" which will

be discussed at the meeting here and serve as the basis for the proposed atlas of North American cultures. The "scratch atlas" includes numerous maps and diagrams depicting geographic distributions of items ranging from language to myths and house designs.

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OPAS Review

By JANIE NETTLES

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