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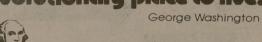
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Psychology department pushes the practical

By DAVID ROOP

When Dr. Clessen Martin came to Texas A&M in 1970, the psychology department was nestled in the pasement of Bolton Hall. Psychology students spent time sitting around a table drinking coffee and shooting

the breeze.

Today, the psychology department at Texas A&M occupies the fourth floor of the Academic building. Nearly 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled in psychology courses, and the department is expanding both its

facilities and its scope of activites. Dr. Martin, head of the Psychology Department, said that in the last two years six new faculty members have been hired, and, next week a proposal for a doctoral program in applied psychology at A&M will go before the Academic Council.

We are now at a point where we feel we can offer a doctoral program," Martin said.

To handle the increase in students and faculty, labs are being constructed in the Academic building. Fourteen cubicles are nearly com plete which will be used for a wide range of individual or group experi-ments. An example would be perception research which deals with the reception and processing of the senses — sight, sound and smell.

The department has a completely shielded isolation chamber for similar research. "The reason we have this is because there is a lot of in-

terest these days in biofeedback and learning how to motivate and monitoring brain activity, heart rate there is evidence that it is and other physiological functions," Martin said. The shielded room blocks out any type of outside radio waves and electrical activity which

would interfere with such research. "We've really got, in psychology, two major areas of research: animal and human," Martin explained. Human research can range from individual work to group "social psychological" research, such as the study of the effects of competition on problem solving, he said.

"In group research it is important strictly scientific and experime to have rooms where you can get six and have tried to establish processing the strictly scientific and experiments of the strictl or eight people in and view their be- ogy as a science. havior unobtrusively. We do that with one-way mirrors," Martin said. The department has two rooms psychology concept in which are equiped with the mirrors.

In animal research, white rats are traditionally used, due to their ease dents the opportunity to apply of care and relative intelligence. they know about drug abuse, Steve Roop, a graduate assistant in psychology, is experimenting with rats as part of his master's thesis. He explained why rats are useful in psychological research: "Animal research is a proving ground for later application to humans. The same basic principles hold true, and basic learning processes are the same whether in a rat, a man or a chimp." Roop's experiments involve man-

ipulating the reward given to a rat for doing a certain task, in this case running down a straight alley. The speed of the run is measured as an indication of motivation.

applicable to human motivati Roop said.

'No one has ever seen motiva so you have to measure some formance, whether it be grade

school, or how fast a rat runs' Martin said, "What I'm rei terested in is to see Psychological A&M a little different than at a places. Because of the nature

subject we can be service orient Most psychology department Martin said, have tended to

Martin, however, has been in

ing on setting up "an exten psychologists would work in community. This would give mental health practices, or coholism, he said. "When a student comes into orogram his freshman year I'd

hit him with the lab, establi scientific basis and get all that his belt. By the time he is as I'd like to have him out getting tical experience in the commu mental health and drug treats centers," Martin said.

"We don't have to convinc body of the scientific aspect psychology. We have as me offer the people of our cultur "It's not that we are interested in engineers or agriculturists."

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cial aspect of the farm. Dr. Miller said the farmisu teaching and research in agri and crops are grown for sale

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The 400-acre research area rided according to the res being done. Departments doi search on the farm include: W and Fisheries, Agricultural gineering, Horticulture and A

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