

Campus Names

Wells on resources council

Clyde H. Wells, chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, has been appointed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe to the new Natural Resources Council.

The 11-member group, composed of representatives of key state institutions and agencies, was authorized earlier this year by the Legislature to help establish procedures for wise utilization of Texas' natural resources.

Wells, a rancher and businessman, has been a member of

the Texas A&M board since 1961 and is serving an unprecedented fifth consecutive term as its chairman. He is a graduate of both Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University.

Wells was named "outstanding businessman-conservationist" by six banks in the Hood-Parker Counties Soil and Water Conservation District in 1975. In 1974, he received the Knapp-Porter Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He was named "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture" in 1967 by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

Wells is a director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and is a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, the American Society of Range Management, Texas Hereford Association and the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Irby named new employe guardian

Cynthia Ann Irby, whose prior Texas A&M experiences includes teaching, counseling

and personnel work, has been named affirmative action officer for The Texas A&M University System, announced Chancellor Jack K. Williams.

Irby succeeds Kenneth B. Livingston in the position established in 1974 to formulate programs insuring equal opportunities for all personnel and prospective employees. Livingston has assumed new duties as personnel officer for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

From 1973 until this year, Irby served in Texas A&M's Personnel Department, initially as a personnel representative. She

was promoted to wage and salary and classification manager in 1975. Her Personnel Department work included interpretation of classification policy, helping establish operating guidelines, writing job descriptions, conducting salary surveys and assisting in preparation of Texas A&M University System's classified pay plans. These activities involved work at Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Moody College, as well as on the main Texas A&M campus.

Irby received a Master of Education Degree in educational psychology in 1973.

Execution delayed

United Press International
HUNTSVILLE — Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell has delayed the Sept. 13 execution of Edward Lincoln King, convicted of killing a Dallas police officer.

The papers were handed down to prison officials late Friday. King, 34, of Dallas has until Nov. 5 to file an appeal.

King was convicted in June, 1974,

of murdering patrolman Leslie G. Lane. The Lane shooting occurred March 2, 1974, after a five hour spree in which King beat a policeman outside her apartment and kidnapped two other women.

King had been on parole at the time of the shooting after being sentenced in 1963 for attempted murder, robbery and burglary.

Seat belt study results

Drivers who get a bump on the head or a rap to the knee in an accident, by wearing seat belts thereafter than do drivers not wearing seat belts at all, reveals a Texas A&M University study of 405 Brazos County operators involved in accidents during 1975.

However, no driver's attitude changed in favor of mandatory seat belt laws because of his wreck, say David Alen Stern and Dr. Maurice Dennis. Dennis is director of the Texas A&M Safety Education Program.

Their findings also indicated that injured persons, who made up 62 per cent of the sample, showed a higher overall penchant for using seat belts following their crash.

The 47 drivers in the study who received "possible injuries" (no visible wounds, limping, pain, unconsciousness) showed the most positive attitude about wearing seat belts in the future.

The study shows that the 46 operators who received injuries ranging from minor lacerations to severe internal injuries, plus the 312 drivers not hurt at all, did not display any marked attitude change toward using belts as a result of their accident.

Stern said 300 of the drivers reported they were not wearing seat belts at the time, roughly corresponding to national estimates which suggest that only one in five buckles up while in the car.

What do the findings mean in the battle to make people aware that lives could be saved by using seat belts?

The researchers suggest subjecting all drivers to an accident producing "possible injuries," an approach undesirable as it is impractical and costly.

The next best thing may be the "seat belt convincer," a device capable of simulating the low-speed conditions in which a driver would likely be bumped, rapped or knocked senseless.

Designed specifically for demonstrations, the "convincer" consists of a seat which is drawn mechanically up an incline, then allowed to free fall backwards down a track to create forces occurring in a crash at 5-10 mph.

The study recommends that the "convincer" be used in conjunction with a multi-media information program carried out in public schools.



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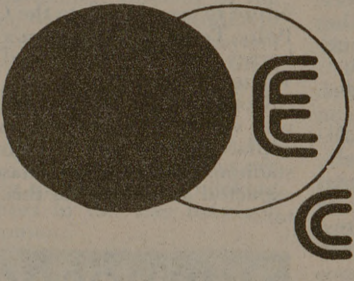
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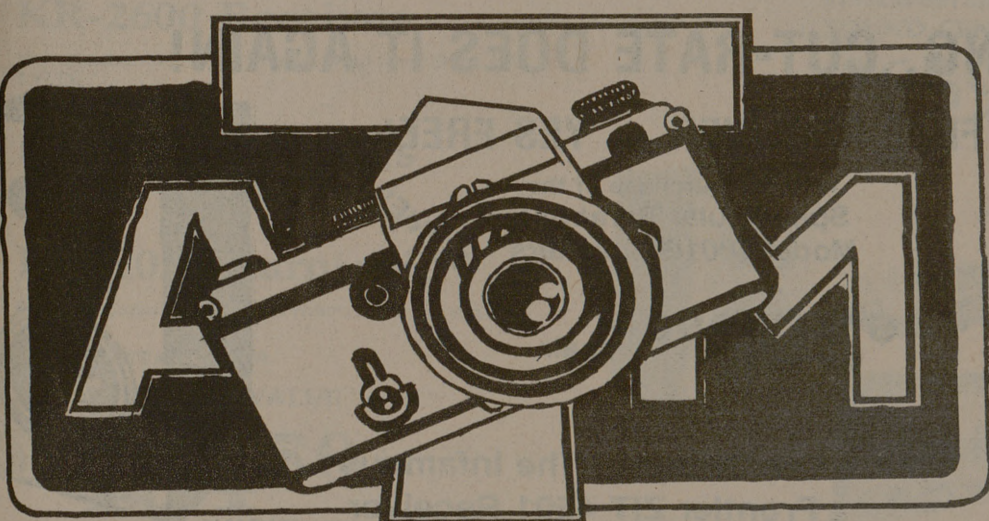
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