

# Campus Names

## SAE student wins contest

David Hassinger of Bryan, Texas A&M graduate student, has won first place in a technical paper contest sponsored by the Southwest section of the Society of Automotive Engineers at the University of Houston.

His winning entry was on control of surge phenomena in rotating machinery. First-place honors were captured by Texas A&M last year, too.

Dr. M.P. Boyce, faculty advisor of the Texas A&M SAE student chapter and director of the Gas Turbine Laboratories here, said Hassinger wrote his paper from a project he has been working on for the past eight months. The project is supported by five major petrochemical corporations.

Hassinger, a first-year graduate student who earned his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M, is one of 40 students in the SAE chapter.

## San Antonian wins scholarship

Michael F. Cook of San Antonio has been awarded a \$350 Marathon Oil Corp., Inc., scholarship at Texas A&M.

A senior ocean engineering

major, Cook was chosen for the award by a faculty committee in the degree field. Cook's scholastic achievements during the 1977 spring semester won him the pact.

Marathon has sponsored ocean engineering scholarships here several years.

The program of the Civil Engineering Department is one of the fastest growing at Texas A&M, according to Dr. John B. Herbich, professor in ocean and civil engineering. About 180 students are enrolled this semester.

## Service award given to Abel

Dr. Robert Abel, assistant vice president for marine programs at Texas A&M University and former director of the National Sea Grant Program, received the Distinguished Service Award of the Sea Grant Association at the group's annual meeting in New Orleans.

The association represents more than 60 educational institutions which participate in the National Sea Grant Program, a coordinated federal-state arrangement for conducting marine-related research, education and public service.

Abel was the director of the

program from its inception in 1967 until joining the Texas A&M Administration in April.

First organized in the National Science Foundation, the program was later made a component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Department of Commerce.

## Hutchinson receives award

Dr. John E. Hutchinson, director emeritus of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, was presented the Distinguished Service Ruby Certificate Award of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national fraternity of Extension Service employees, here at the recent national ESP meeting.

The award is bestowed to only one member annually who has made outstanding contributions to Extension on a multi-state or national level. Hutchinson is the first Texan ever to receive this honor.

Hutchinson retired from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in February, 1976, after 18 and a half years as director. His total Extension career spanned more than 30 years, beginning as a county agent in Matagorda County and including the positions of horticulturist and state agricultural leader.

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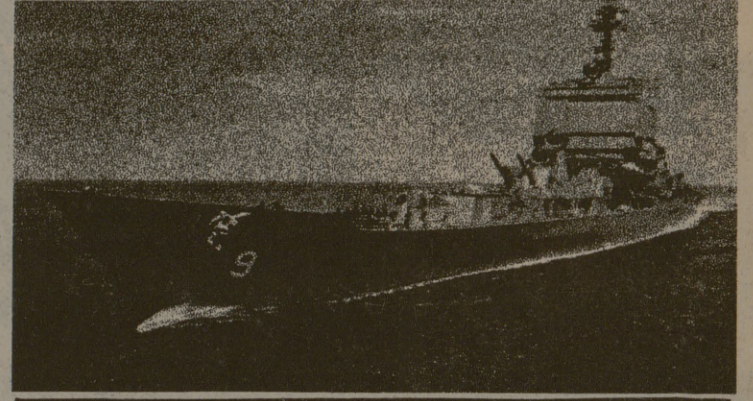
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