

Executive skills course will begin this weekend

About 60 business executives arrive at Texas A&M University this weekend for the start of the 26th annual Executive Development Course, a program designed to sharpen the skills of middle-level executives and managers for whom promotions are anticipated in the

next few years. Rudder Tower is headquarters for the three-week course. Participants will receive extensive coverage in techniques of managerial accounting and financial analysis for decision-making purpose. A faculty drawn from both the

academic and business worlds will utilize small group discussion, case studies, "homework," computer simulation and lectures to develop the expertise of the participants.

Certificates of completion will be awarded Feb. 10.

Besides classical studies, the course will be made relevant by study of today's business environment, including labor, economic and monetary laws along with federal regulations and the major constraint of energy — all aimed at making the decision-makers better at their job.

The course is one of the programs of the Executive Development Programs Office of the College of Business Administration at Texas A&M. B.J. Adams is director.

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Cadets earn top places at Fort Campbell

Texas A&M cadets earned the top two places in special U.S. Army training at Fort Campbell, Ky., between semesters.

First and second distinguished graduates in the 101st Airmobile Division's Air Assault School were Army cadets David Rutledge of Edinburg and David Clapp of Houston.

They were among 10 Army ROTC cadets from Texas A&M participating in the 11-day school. The other cadets placed in the top 15 percent of those completing the rigorous training, said Colonel James R. Woodall, commandant and professor of military science.

The school enrolled 115 and graduated 88. All other trainees were active duty personnel of the 101st.

The school included a 10 mile forced march with a field pack, aircraft familiarization, day and night rappelling from a helicopter, an obstacle course and two written exams.

Professor receives bronze medal for excellence

An American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics medal has been presented to Prof. Stan H. Lowy of Texas A&M University for teaching excellence.

Lowy received the bronze medal and a certificate at the annual AIAA aerospace sciences meeting at Huntsville, Ala.

The medal recognizes Lowy's "innovative improvement of aerospace teaching" and "consistent inspiration of student design teams."

The acting head of the Aerospace Engineering Department has three faculty advisor citations from AIAA, has been accorded National Science Foundation Faculty Fellow status three times and is recipient of awards for Outstanding Achievement in Individual Student Relations and Faculty Distinguished Achievement in Teaching from the Association of Former Students.

Lowy is a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Minnesota, and attended Portland State College and the University of Arizona.



Stan H. Lowy

TASCUS elects Aggie president

J. Malon Southerland of Texas A&M has been elected president of the Texas Association for School, College and University Staffing (TASCUS).

Southerland is director of cooperative education at A&M.

TASCUS has members representing 40 Texas colleges and universities. The organization works closely with schools relative to placement.

Formerly coordinator of national placement at Texas A&M, Southerland has served vice president and in other TASCUS offices. The association meets twice yearly.

Appeals court drops defunct rape charge

AUSTIN—The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday ordered the dismissal of an aggravated rape charge against Scottie Gene Ward of Orange County because prosecutors waited more than three years to bring the charge against him.

The rape allegedly occurred on March 14, 1974, but the indictment against Ward was not presented until July 6, 1977 — more than three

years and three months after the alleged crime.

At the time, the statute of limitations on such an offense was one year, the appeals court said.

"The indictment in the instant case, introduced into evidence by the state, was clearly presented beyond the time allowed by the statute," the appeals court said.

The appellate court also rejected an apparent attempt by prosecutors to overcome the one-year limita-

tions barrier by including in the indictment a complaint filed in justice court against Ward on the day of the alleged rape.

Judge Leon Douglas dissented, contending the justice court complaint did extend the statute of limitations.

"The majority fears that to permit the filing of a complaint in a justice court to toll after the running of the statute could allow a felony charge to burden an accused during the remainder of his life," Douglas said in a seven-page dissenting opinion.

"But there is no vested right to escape from prosecution; statutes of limitation are acts of grace, a surrendering by the sovereign of its right to prosecute," he said. "Moreover, the accused can protect himself from the danger that the statute will be tolled by demanding a hearing."

In other cases, the appeals court: — Denied a request for release from prison by Alfredo A. Garcia Jr. of Cameron County, who was sentenced to life for possession of firearms by a felon. The appeals court had affirmed the conviction of Garcia on June 4, 1975, and he had asked the court for a writ of habeas corpus.

Garcia contended that a federal conviction, one of the prior convictions alleged in Cameron County district court to enhance his sentence, is void because the life sentence is therefore void.

The appeals court said the courts probably would agree with Garcia's contention and grant relief based on recent rulings. However, the appeals court said it has not found any state cases holding a retroactive application of law.

— Ordered a new trial for Joseph Edward Murchison of Nacogdoches County, sentenced to life in prison for attempted rape. The court said a man found guilty of attempted rape cannot be sentenced to life in prison because of an earlier theft conviction.

— Ordered a new trial for shall A. Bradley of Brownsville sentenced to 10 years in prison for receiving \$10,000 from Charlie A. 73. The appeals court said the charge against Bradley was dropped because it failed to allow the money without permission.

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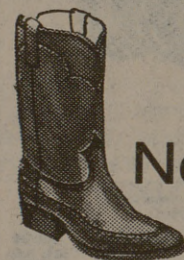
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