

A&M research aid \$42 million, up 25 percent

Aid to research at Texas A&M University totaled nearly \$4 million during January boosting the 1977-78 fiscal year cumulative past the \$42 million mark.
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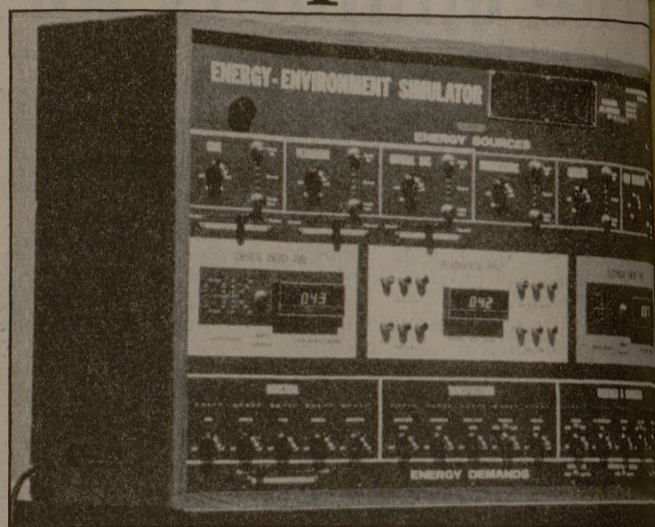
research aid has exceeded \$40 million in the first half of the fiscal year. Projects funded in January totaled \$3,944,403, said a spokesman for the Office of Research. This amount raised aid to \$42,220,128 for the first

five months of the year. Research support for September through January is \$8.3 million ahead of the same period in 1976-77. This is a 25 percent increase over the previous year.

Gas will last 50 years

Energy needs predicted

By KAREN CORNELISON
Predicting energy needs for the future is the job of a computer, called an "energy-environment simulator," which will be on display at the Memorial Student Center today. Dr. Bob Jones and Dr. John Steinbrink demonstrated the computer and discussed some of the myths about energy at a meeting of delegates for the Student Conference of National Affairs Thursday morning. Jones and Steinbrink are co-directors of the Energy Awareness Project at the University of Houston at Clear Lake. They have run the Citizens Energy Workshop Program for two years. The computer's size is about 12 cubic feet. It has the names of energy sources such as coal, natural gas and petroleum listed in a row. There is a clock that ticks off 100 years per minute. As the years pass on the clock, a red light goes on underneath each source as it "runs out." According to this machine, natural gas will be depleted in 50 years, petroleum in 150 years, and coal in 400 years.



The "energy-environment simulator" is a computer that predicts when various energy sources will run out. It also estimates how much energy the average American uses daily.

Jones said natural gas could last from 15 to 120 years, depending on how much more is found and produced. Petroleum, he said, could last from 50 to 400 years. Steinbrink discussed some energy "myths" that he said need to be dispelled. "The energy crisis is not a crisis," he said. "It is more of a dilemma or an on-going situation." Another myth is the "technical fix myth." Smith said that too many people believe science and technology will fix the problem, or that politicians will solve it. Jones and Steinbrink stressed the importance of teaching children truth about the country's energy situation and how to conserve energy. Jones said that some elements of society, such as television, are giving children the right to a conserving energy. "After all," he said, "Stanley Hutch don't drive a Volkswagen."

The computer was programmed according to consumption and production levels in 1973. It accounts for increased consumption, but does not make provisions for increased production which would deplete energy sources even faster. "For us to sit here and predict what day we're going to run out of energy is ridiculous," Jones said. "But we can come up with some ranges."

Witness cries over Hughes will

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LAS VEGAS — Melvin Dumar, the key witness in the trial to determine whether Howard Hughes had lied many times in previous questioning by authorities and attorneys about his involvement in the three-page, hand-scratched document. He said he delivered the will to the Mormon Church headquarters in Salt Lake City April 27, 1976. Attorney Harold Rhoden, co-executor of the Mormon will, ques-

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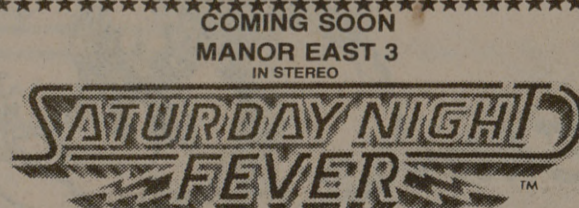
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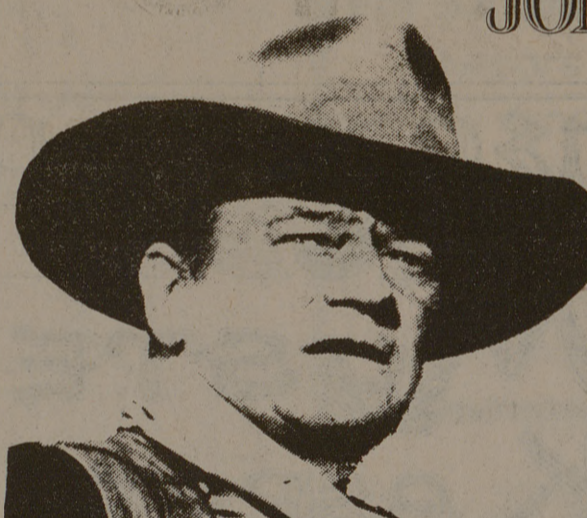
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