

Engineers aid students

Texas A&M University students in two engineering design graphics (EDG) courses get professional viewpoints on their work this week. Engineers from 23 companies in 12 cities will consult student teams in EDG 105 and 106 on semester-long product development projects. They will give general guidance, evaluate preliminary ideas and present parallel examples from company operations. The cooperative program occurs

through the department's Visiting Engineers Program (VEP). Dr. James Earle, department head, said VEP provides freshman engineering students with a better understanding of engineering and its application. Student teams during the semester will complete development projects such as a garbage compactor, gate opener, overhead projector adapter, pole vault pit or other team-proposed projects.

These projects are due the week of April 24-29, when visiting engineers return to hear team reports and evaluate solutions. "It's a highly valuable experience for the freshman," Earle said. The program provides a broad view of an engineering approach to problem solving and design methods. The student also learns first hand how engineers communicate in oral, graphic and written form. In its 12th year, the VEP also

benefits the Engineering Design Graphics Department. The visiting engineers serve as a quasi-advisory committee, leading to instructional improvement and course content development. They are encouraged to suggest changes in course materials that would improve departmental offerings, Earle said. Started in 1966-67, the program has had 730 professional participants. The 28 engineers this semester will interact with 1,279 students.

Book mutilators risk dismissal

By PAUL BARTON
Interested in researching golf in the 1968 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica at the University Library? There might be a problem. One page and part of another are gone from that section. "You won't find any university in the country that doesn't have a problem with mutilation," says Dr. Gene Hoadley, director of libraries at Texas A&M University. In 1976-77, the library spent approximately \$150 replacing 1,367 pages found missing in books and periodicals. Melvin Dodd, head of interlibrary services, says that figure

doesn't include man-hour costs involved with ordering photocopies of the pages from other university libraries or in putting them back into books and magazines. Nor does it include the missing pages that were not discovered. "If somebody goes to get something and finds it missing and doesn't tell us about it then we won't know it's missing," Dodd says. "The cooperation of people who find things gone is necessary for us to maintain our collection." Mutilation is a greater problem for the library than loss of books through theft, said Hoadley. She attributes most of the damage to students, but she also feels that some

faculty and staff members also are responsible. Why would a person want to mutilate a book or magazine? A combination of factors are involved including competition among students, Hoadley said. For example, a student who wants to have the best paper in his class might try to keep materials from being used by others. Or a person in a hurry to get information may take a page rather than photocopy it. Mutilators are "almost never" caught because there are too many "nooks and crannies" places in the library where a person can hide, Hoadley said.

If a person is caught mutilating a book or magazine his name is sent to the vice president for student affairs. Ron Blatchley, associate director of student affairs, said the minimum punishment for mutilation would be probation, but it could include dismissal or expulsion. Despite the risk of mutilation, Hoadley is not in favor of a closed stack arrangement. She says the chance to freely pick up and read through old magazines and books is part of a "learning experience" students should not lose. "You'd be surprised at some of the same kinds of things taken from libraries all over the country." A few years ago, Hoadley said, mutilators made a run on Winslow Homer woodcuts. The presence of copy machines helps to reduce the problem, but Hoadley thinks students could help reduce it even more by policing themselves. Peer pressure is the best deterrent of all, she said.

Water operators praised

Gov. Dolph Briscoe said Monday the state's water and waste water operators carry an outstanding performance record into new challenges posed by Texas' economic growth. "In the last five years, Texas has acquired 1,200 new industries," Briscoe said at Texas A&M University. "This has meant an economic impact of \$11 billion a year and 30,000 new jobs.

"Texas' economy is the strongest of any," Briscoe said, "with the best climate to encourage further investment. "But we must also recognize that a key part of this is to provide an adequate supply of top quality drinking water and adequate treatment of waste water," Briscoe informed more than 700 participants in the 60th Texas Water Utilities Association Short School.

"You are carrying out your function exceptionally well, to meet the needs of Texas, new people, new industry and agriculture," Briscoe said. "Yours is a most challenging and rewarding undertaking." "I am convinced we can build on 142 years experience," referring to the Sunday observance of Texas independence, "and that a Texas will pass from our hands to those of our children in which we can continue to take great pride." Briscoe also proclaimed this week as Texas Water Utilities Recognition Week. He presented the proclamation to Dr. M.T. Garrett, TWUA president. Hosted by the Texas Engineering Extension Service's Water and Wastewater Training Division, the school is conducting training sessions on various aspects of water and waste water operations this week at Texas A&M. Certification exams will be conducted Thursday to conclude the program.

Carter's casual dress tops list

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — President Carter tops the list of this year's "10 Best Casually Dressed Men" because he gives men confidence in comfortable clothes that are in good taste, said a California fashion group. Singer Harry Belafonte also is listed because he was a pioneer in casual dress and "early in his career he eschewed the tuxedo

for slacks and an open-necked shirt in his performances," according to California Mart, a Los Angeles clothing concern, which released the list Saturday. Also listed are Tommy John, pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, "an outstanding example of how T-shirts...suit the athletic figure," and George Allen, new coach of the Los Angeles Rams, who "is charmingly casual."

Also chosen were actors Kirk Douglas and Parker Stevenson; motion picture producer Robert Evans; Edward Horrihan, chairman of the board of Cutty Sark; singer Tommy Roe, and author Peter Benchley. The California Mart houses 1,400 clothing and accessory manufacturers.

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- College of Business Administration Student Council, 6 p.m., dean's office, old Engineering Building
- Saddle & Sirlain, 7 p.m., 115 Kleberg American Society of Civil Engineers, topic: "The Expansion of Kyle Field," 7 p.m., 105 Harrington
- Collegiate FFA, 7:30 p.m., 112 O&M American Nuclear Society, election of officers, 7:30 p.m., 103 Zachry
- Wildlife Biology Association, speaker will be Clinton Spotts, 7:30 p.m., 113 BSCE
- Med Tech Society, film on "In a Medical Laboratory," 7:30 p.m., 207 Harrington
- Class of '79, 7:30 p.m., 302 Rudder
- Class of '78, 7:30 p.m., 308 Rudder

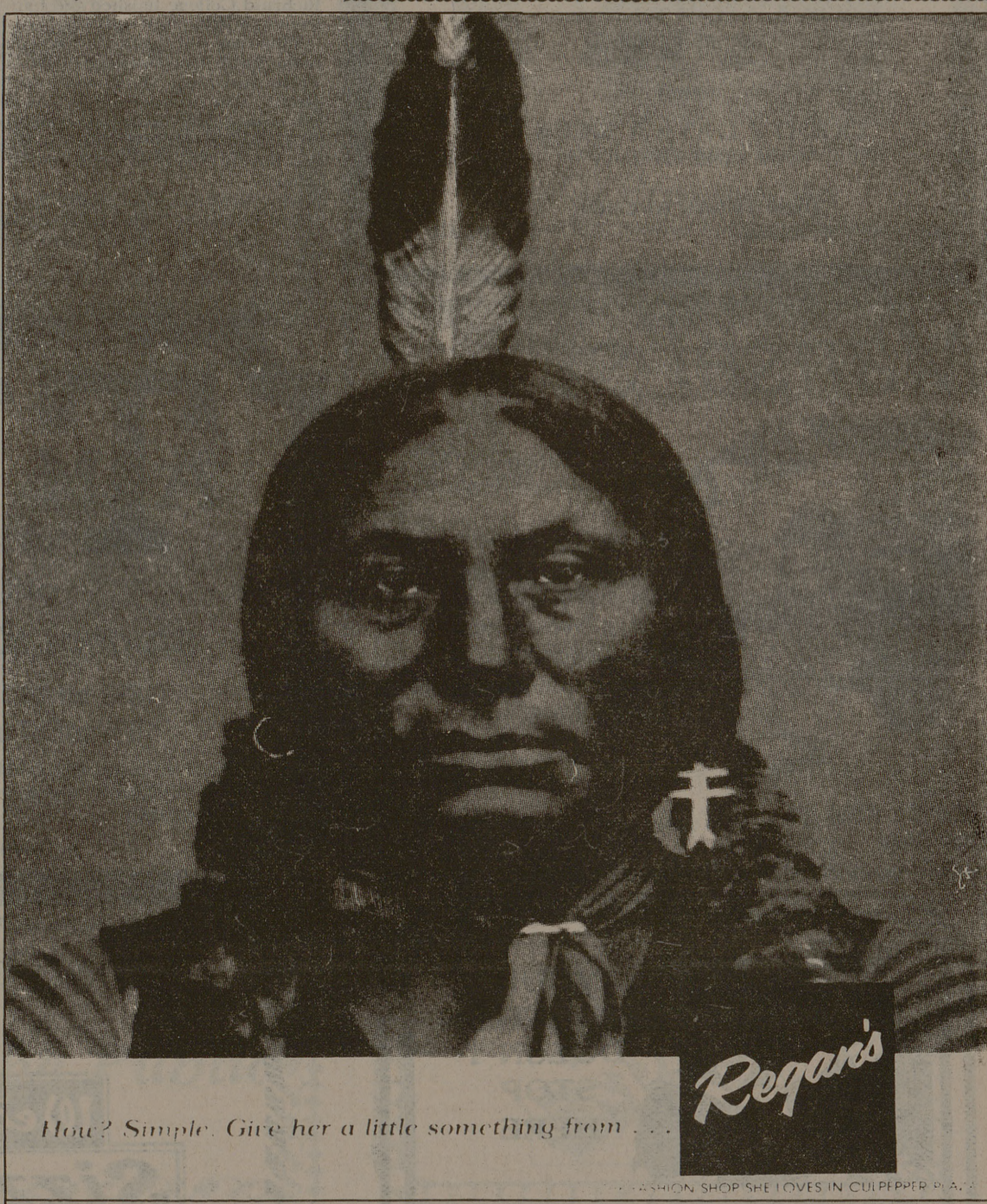
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