

Have a few weeks this summer?

Freshman peer advisers wanted

By DEBBIE COLLA

If you plan on staying at Texas A&M University this summer, why not volunteer some time as a peer adviser for a few freshman orientation programs?

The peer adviser program has students already attending A&M welcome incoming freshmen during their orientation session.

The program's objective is to let incoming freshmen have immediate contact with students who are approximately their own age.

The program was started a few years ago by Karen Switzer of student affairs. This year it is being organized by Ron Hilton, a graduate student with student affairs.

This year we've tried to expand the program," Hilton said. In recent years the peer advisers would spend one afternoon with the freshmen.

This year Hilton is asking volunteers to try to spend the first evening of the orientation program with the freshmen, who spend the week at the Krueger-Dunn dormitory.

About 10 freshmen are assigned to each peer adviser.

Hilton hopes that the peer advisers will have a question and answer period with the new students the first night, and then get together with them again the next afternoon.

"We don't want students to answer questions with opinions about the University or professors," Hilton said. "We just want them to be able to answer questions directly or be able to refer the students to a source where their questions can be answered."

Students who wish to volunteer as peer advisers will attend a training session. There the program will be explained to the volunteers, and pamphlets that will be given to the freshmen will also be given to the volunteers to familiarize them with the material. Housing, organizations and other general topics will be discussed at the session.

To qualify to be a volunteer students must have a 2.5 GPR and be involved in at least one extracurricular activity. The student must also be able to attend the training session and at least two of the summer orientation programs, which run from June 6 and 7 through Aug. 9 and 10.

Laurie Begam, senior sociology major, volunteered as a peer adviser last summer.

"We showed the freshmen around campus and answered the questions they had. It's time consuming, but really worthwhile," Begam said.

"It's kind of like fish camp. The freshmen get to meet students their own age right away," Begam said.

"It was an enjoyable experience for me, too." Applications for peer advisers are

now being taken in room 108 of the YMCA building. Deadline for applications is April 17.

Band members to perform

Musical groups drawn from the membership of the Texas Aggie Band perform in concert Thursday at Texas A&M University.

The two-hour show, benefitting the Brazos County A&M Mothers Club scholarship fund, will feature music ranging from Wagner and Mozart to Glen Miller and Henry Mancini.

The Aggie Concert Band, directed by Maj. Joe McMullen, and the Aggieland Dance Orchestra, led by Lt. Col. Joe Haney, will perform. The latter group was formerly the Aggie Stage Band. The 8 p.m. concert will be in Rudder Auditorium.

The concert band plans to feature excerpts from Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," "Victory at Sea" and "O-liver." Senior French horn player Jeff Clark will solo on "Rondo" from Mozart's third concerto. The Spanish "Amparito Roca" tops several marches to be played.

Like the orchestra, the concert band performed for a nearly full house of 3,000 at the Houston Music Hall earlier this month. The group will also play a Parents' Day concert in the auditorium April 16.

The widely heard and approved Aggieland Dance Orchestra will apply its "big band sound" to Miller's "In The Mood," Chicago's "Make Me Smile," "Feelings," "The Way We Were," and Mancini's "Pink Panther," Woody Herman's "Woodchoppers Ball" and other favorites.

Honor students given globe

A \$250 lighted globe was presented Texas A&M University's Medical Sciences Library Tuesday as a memorial to two veterinary medical students who died.

Veterinary student Jeff Kunde of Bryan collected donations from College of Veterinary Medicine faculty and fellow students of the late Steve Cornforth and Philip McGuire, both members of the Class of 1979.

The money, most of which came from second-year students, was used to purchase the globe.

Acceptance ceremonies, scheduled during National Library Week, included student Don Goodman of Plantersville, president of the

The musicians have performed in Mexia and Baytown in addition to their Houston appearance. They also plan to appear in a Shriner benefit. The orchestra has played numerous dances around the state, and will set the tempo for the Cotton Pageant Ball and Sports Media Banquet on campus.

Admission to Thursday's concert will be \$3 for a family, \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students. Mothers Club president Mrs. Charles Briggs said tickets can be obtained at many area banks and lending institutions.

second-year class; Dr. Irene Hoadley, libraries director, and Dr. George Shelton, dean of the college of veterinary medicine.

McGuire died Jan. 4, 1978, and Cornforth died Nov. 23, 1976.

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Page retires

Ceremonies Thursday will honor retired faculty member Dr. John O. Page for 50 years membership in the American Chemical Society.

Page, who retired in 1971, had been a member of the Texas A&M University faculty since 1948. He had served as associate professor and research analyst.

A 50-year certificate will be presented in a special meeting of the local section of ACS at 5 p.m. in Chemistry Building Room 228. At the meeting, Dr. George Bass, Texas A&M professor and president of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology now headquartered here, will speak.

A reception will follow at the Ramada Inn.

Rod O'Connor awarded

Dr. Rod O'Connor of Texas A&M University has won a national teaching award from the Manufacturing Chemists Association. One of six honorees, O'Connor is the only person from the South or Southwest so honored.

As part of the award, the Texas A&M chemist and author will receive a medal, citation and \$1,000 cash.

O'Connor has won recognition for his talents in teaching large numbers of first-year chemistry students at Texas A&M. He joined the faculty in 1973 as professor and first-year program director.

O'Connor, whose research area is the chemistry of insect

victims, has written 12 books, produced 35 instructional movies, developed a series of slide/tape programs for the American Chemistry Society and a complete color television course, which received the 1972 Best of West award for instructional programming.

Frank Wardlaw named fellow

Frank H. Wardlaw, director of the Texas A&M University Press, has been named a fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters — one of only eight persons to be so honored in the organization's 40-year history.

Wardlaw was joined in receiving the fellow designation by John Graves, author of "Goodbye to a River," "Hard Scrabble" and numerous other works, and a past president of the institute.

The title of fellow is bestowed on writers whose lifelong careers have brought distinction to literature in Texas and others who have rendered important service to the cause of letters, noted a spokesman for the institute.

The only other persons to have been named fellows are J. Frank Dobie, Walter Prescott Webb, Karl Wilson Baker, Fred Gipson, Joseph M. Dawson and Lon Tinkle.

Tinkle, Wardlaw and Graves are the only living fellows.

Wardlaw, who founded the Texas A&M University Press in 1974 after serving as director of the University of Texas Press for 24 years, also has served as president of the institute.

Additionally, he is a former president of the Association of American University Presses and was instrumental in preserving Dobie's ranch, Paisano, and in establishing the Dobie-Paisano Fellowship program for writers and artists.

Robert Stewart honored

A Texas A&M University scientist has been honored with the highest award an engineer can receive.

Dr. Robert E. Stewart, distinguished professor of agricultural engineering at Texas A&M, was elected to the membership of the National Academy of Engineers (NAE). Stewart is only the fourth agricultural engineer honored by NAE.

Election to the academy is the highest professional distinction conferred on an engineer. It honors those who have made important contributions to engineering theory and practice, or who have demonstrated unusual accomplishments in pioneering new or developing fields of technology.

Stewart was honored for his research in environmental physiology and agricultural engineering for the benefit of the agricultural community worldwide. Stewart came to Texas A&M in 1968. Prior to that he was at Ohio State University.

Stewart, along with Dr. E. N. Bailey of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, is currently teamed in a project to determine how animals regulate body temperature.

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