

CAMPUS NAMES

UT Press room named for Wardlaw

Frank Wardlaw, director of the Texas A&M University Press, will have a room named in his honor at the University of Texas Press' new building. Wardlaw founded the UT Press in 1950 and served as its director until 1974, when he came to A&M. Ceremonies formally naming the Frank H. Wardlaw Room are set for 4 p.m. Friday at the UT Press in Austin.

Hiler is Ohio State distinguished alumnus

Dr. Edward Hiler, chairman of the Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Engineering, has been named a distinguished alumnus of the Ohio State University College of Engineering. Hiler's award recognition came during the university's Annual Conference for Engineers and Architects in the Ohio Union.

Raisor named manager of Easterwood Airport

Harry E. Raisor has been appointed manager of Easterwood Airport, announced Howard L. Vestal, vice president for business affairs at Texas A&M University. Raisor, formerly an employee relations representative in the Texas A&M Personnel Department, will manage the community airport which is owned and operated by the university. He also will direct university aircraft scheduling.

Bass' research found in National Geographic

Research by Texas A&M University underwater archeologist George Bass is highlighted in the June issue of National Geographic magazine. The 25-page piece, complete with color illustrations, describes excavation of a 1,000-year-

old shipwreck loaded, with Islamic glass near Marmaris, Turkey.

Turner to manage San Antonio center

Patricia Rae Turner has been named manager of the South Central Texas Regional Training Center in San Antonio, a division of Texas A&M University's Texas Engineering Extension Service. Mrs. Turner's appointment is effective June 1. She also will continue as head of the TEEX Special Programs Training Division and will administer all training conducted by the San Antonio center.

Economics award recipients named

Dr. Robert E. McCormack and Donald R. Deere are the first recipients of the Alfred F. Chalk economics award at Texas A&M University. The \$500 awards will be presented annually to the outstanding graduate and undergraduate economics students at Texas A&M.

Telephone industry honors Kerlick

Ed W. Kerlick of the Texas Engineering Extension Service at Texas A&M University has been recognized for his role in the success of the telephone industry in Texas. Kerlick received a plaque and was cited for "Supervising the Texas Telephone Technicians program, upgrading it to its present position of national prominence, achievement and success, and setting new standards for excellence in the telephone industry."

San Antonian gets Grote scholarship

James Peter Kast of San Antonio,

agricultural education major at Texas A&M University, is the first recipient of the newly established \$200 M.E. Grote Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was started earlier this year by Glen Grote of Bryan in honor of his grandfather, the late M.E. Grote of Mason. The Grote scholarship goes to sophomores in agricultural education on the basis of need, participation in student activities and academic standing.

A&M sophomore wins album design contest

Michelle Greider, a 20-year-old sophomore engineering design graphics major at Texas A&M, has mixed her music and drawing interests to win first place for the best album jacket design in the down beat magazine student recording contest. Her winning entry is a cover design for a Maynard Ferguson album.

Ibbotson receives Hughes Trophy

Army 2nd Lt. William H. Ibbotson of Mission has been named the nation's outstanding ROTC graduate of 1977. Lt. Ibbotson becomes the third Texas A&M graduate selected for the Hughes Trophy, a first in the 13-year history of the award. Selection for the award is based on academic and leadership accomplishments.

Schaible receives achievement award

James M. Schaible, a graduate student in real estate economics at Texas A&M University, has been chosen by the Texas Real Estate Research Center to receive the first annual James C. and Tucker Smith Achievement Award. The award honors superior academic and leadership achievements and includes a \$500 cash prize.

Surplus of apartments for future

Housing shortage thing of past

The tide has turned and predictions made two years ago are now a fact. There is no longer a housing shortage for students attending Texas A&M University.

A Department of Student Affairs spokesman reported that local housing could have accommodated more than 1,500 additional students this spring.

In March of 1976, however, local newspaper reports noted a severe housing shortage. That same year, university officials said there were

no plans to build more on-campus housing and that housing needs would have to be provided by private builders.

These statements came right after the university's Housing Office notified 2,500 accepted students that there would be no housing available for them on campus.

But area developers seem to have no intention of letting another shortage occur.

Bill Koehler, building official for the city of College Station, said that

380 apartment units are currently under construction and that they should on the average provide living quarters for two people per apartment. He also said that some complexes completed earlier this year have many vacancies.

Forty duplexes also under construction will average three bedrooms per unit. One hundred single family houses are also being built, but Koehler said these will probably not be utilized by students because of the cost.

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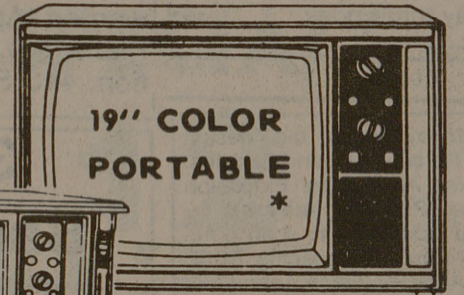
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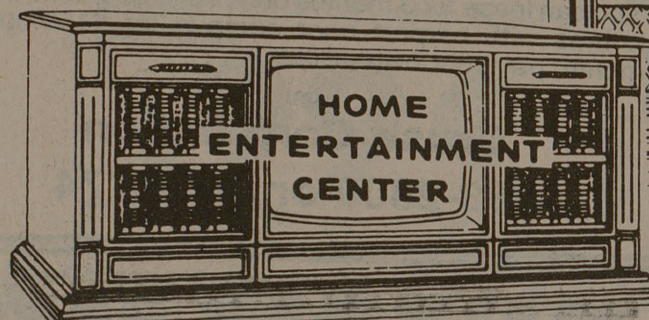
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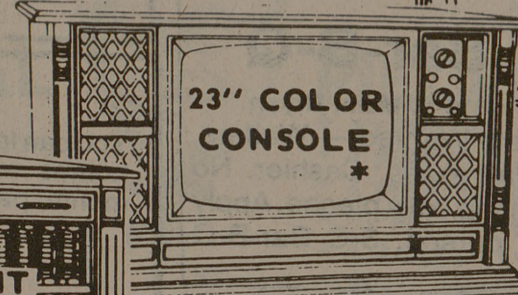


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Russian scientists believe Bigfoot creature no fake

Soviet scientists have accepted the theory that Bigfoot exists.

They say the first purported film of the creature, made in 1967 by an amateur photographer in Northern California, is real.

The Soviets made this observation in a 150-page paper at the First International Conference on Sasquatch and Similar Phenomena held in Vancouver. Also attending the four-day session were 30 noted scientists including Dr. Vaughn Bryant of Texas A&M University.

"The Russians looked at this film from a scientific standpoint when no one else would," said Bryant, head of Texas A&M's anthropology program.

"They examined the film in great detail by blowing up photos of its 970 individual frames. And they also used computer enrichment of the prints and special photographic paper to bring out minute details and check for fakery."

After viewing this film for over a year, Bryant said, the Soviets are convinced of three things: First, the film is not a fake. Second, there is no use of special effects. And third, the being in the film is a large creature of unknown origin.

Over 750 sightings of the creature in Siberia have prompted Soviet interest in the subject. They were so

intent on correctly examining the film that the head of bioengineering at the Moscow School of Medicine chaired their film examination committee, Bryant said.

"Even though their paper was presented in absentia, their report was still one of the highlights of the conference. These men are noted scientists in their fields and it is hard to deny their results."

The Russians weren't the only ones at the conference answering questions about the creature. The scientists compiled all of their findings and results will be published in a book later this year.

"Based on the reports done by the various scientists, we've come to a few conclusions," Bryant observed.

"If the creature exists, it is a solitary animal, probably mates in May, ranges from seven to 14 feet in height, weighs 350 to 650 pounds, has feet anywhere from 14 to 26 inches long, walks upright with bent knees to carry his immense weight, is primarily a vegetarian, is fairly benevolent but doesn't like humans,

is nocturnal and has no natural enemy other than man."

Man, however, may prove to be the creature's eventual undoing. Scientists at the conference, if not unanimous on anything else, agreed the only way to prove the creature's existence was through the capture of a specimen.

"There's been a great deal of discussion on whether to kill or not to kill a Bigfoot," Bryant continued. "Though some people may be against capture as being inhumane, they agree it's probably the only way to convince the world."

"On the other hand, how do you capture a creature that large without running the risk of getting it mad?"

"I'm just a scientist who'd like to see this mystery solved one way or the other," Bryant added. "My own projection is someone will present physical proof the creature exists or doesn't exist within the next seven years."

"Until we have the physical proof it's anybody's guess."

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