

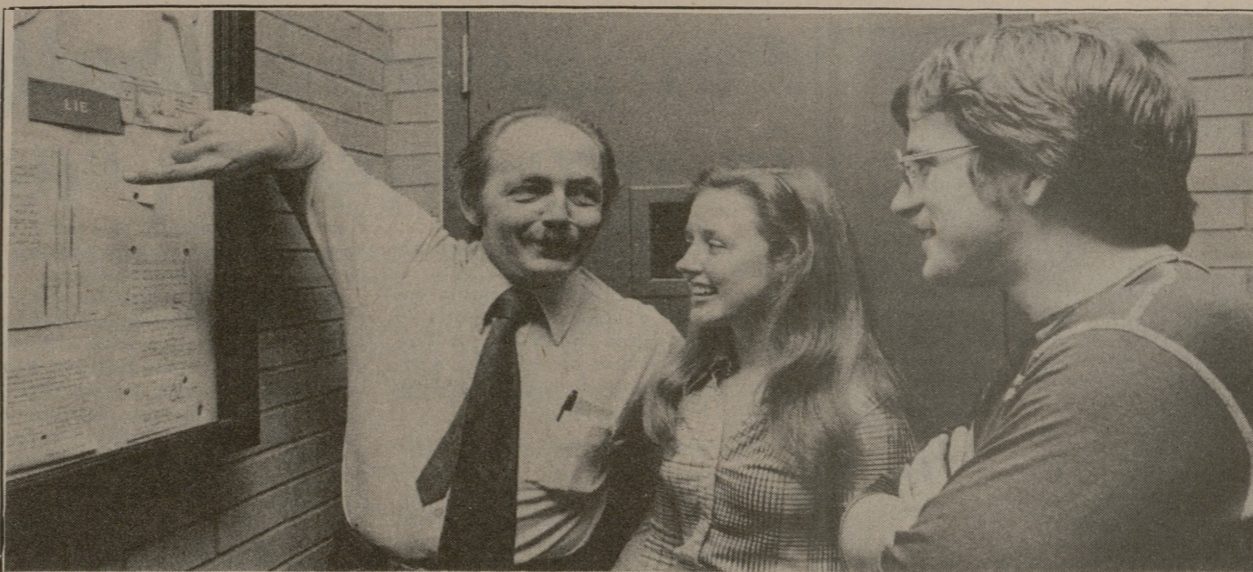
# Nixon glad about Passman verdict

United Press International  
MONROE, La. — Former Rep. Otto Passman, D-La., appearing calm and relaxed the day after a jury found him innocent in the "Koreagate" bribery scandal, Monday received the congratulations of former President Nixon and said he held no animosity toward his chief accuser, rice dealer Tongsun Park.

"I'm glad the president still thinks of me as his good old country friend," Passman said at a news conference after a 20-minute telephone conversation with Nixon.

"I received many calls, but the one from President Nixon was most appreciated. He was very kind to me during my tenure in Congress. I'd cut out all the red tape and go directly to the president."

Passman, 78, said Nixon telephoned to offer congratulations on the verdict by 12 north Louisiana jurors who acquitted him of accepting \$143,000 from Park and failing to pay income tax on the cash. The jurors returned the innocent verdict just 90 minutes after receiving the case.



Dr. Thomas Taylor, an associate professor of chemistry, shows his "I Wonder" display to Becky Propst, a freshman pre-med major from Dallas, and Ned King, a first year biochemistry major from Pennsylvania. The display is a group of problems designed to stimulate student learning. Courtesy photo

# Science prof uses new idea

By ESTHER CORTEZ  
Battalion Reporter

Educators are constantly searching for new methods and ideas that will increase a student's desire to learn.

One Texas A&M University professor is no exception. Dr. Thomas Taylor of the University's chemistry department, has come up with a new idea that he hopes will encourage students to learn in science and chemistry.

Taylor has set up a display of "bafflers" on the first floor of the Rudder Hall. The display, which is entitled, "I Wonder," poses interesting and challenging problems for the student.

According to Taylor, the problems "go a little beyond the textbook." But, he adds students can solve most of the problems by using theories learned in the science classes.

The good thing about the display, says Taylor, is that students learn something without having to worry about a grade.

"Basically, what we're trying to do," says Taylor, "is to stimulate student thinking, without the pressure of a grade on them."

Taylor adds that response to the display has been very good, "a lot of the problems come from work that I have done at other universities, but most of the ideas come from the students."

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United Press International  
SEMINOLE — Two groups of Mennonite settlers who had purchased a 6,400-acre tract in the 1920s, hoped to provide a home for hundreds of fellow immigrants from Canada and Mexico. Now the land is up for auction.

"I sure hate to see this land go," said Peter Bergen, a spokesman for the settlers who had been told that the arrival of other Mennonites would provide economic transition to the area.

"We worked long and hard to get that land, but now they are saying we can do anything we want with it."

The Mennonites are a sect that practices self-reliance and a fundamentalist religion.

The settlers decided to sell the land, set for Tuesday, after the group failed to raise the \$225,037 land payment nearly two months ago.

The group failed to make the 15 land payment after the rates developed, along with other problems and failure to raise the rates on all the acreage.

However, the default affected only a small number of settlers since most members of the group had left the ranch of Seminole months ago.

About 650 of them live on the ranch and hope to pass legislation designating them as permanent residents. A few months ago, the land seemed in jeopardy, but the heads of families have that will ensure them a permanent status.

The Lamesa National Cemetery, a Lamesa National Cemetery, sold the Mennonites the land, which had been closed on the land.

Seminole attorney Shepherd, who has represented Mennonites in the past, said the auction Tuesday is the last chance for the Mennonites to reclaim his land.

But he said the policy to a potential buyer and the land must be made in 10 days. Shepherd said the Mennonites will be paid the amount of the original cost if the land is sold above its original purchase price. If there are no buyers, a second auction could be held in May.

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