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CAMPUS NAMES

Assistant reactor supervisor named

Gregory Stasney of Bryan has been named assistant reactor supervisor for the Texas A&M University Nuclear Science Center, which operates a research reactor southwest of campus.

Stasney started work more than five years ago as an electronic technician and graduate of the Institute of Electronic Science, a division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

In his new position, Stasney will act in the absence of the reactor supervisor, who has direct control over the atomic reactor. He will also be responsible for keeping the exacting records on operation required by the NRC, said Dr. John Randall, center director.

Students win prizes for book collections

Ten Texas A&M students won eight \$100 prizes and two \$25 honorable mention prizes in the seventh Student Book Collectors Contest.

The eight top winners are:

— Larson B. Dunn Jr., a graduate student in chemistry from Cincinnati, Ohio, for his collection, "Sherlock Holmes," the Louis A. Hartung award;

— Randall A. Kok, graduate student, chemistry, Fairfax, Va., "The

Writings of C.S. Lewis," Library Binding Co. award;

— Claude E. Mounce, graduate student, mechanized agriculture, College Station, "Illustrated Children's Classics," English faculty-Thomas F. Mayo award;

— Brian C. Mustain, graduate student, plant breeding, Bryan, "Old Testament Studies," library faculty award;

— Kay A. Poth, graduate student, English, Raymonville, "Tarzan," Edith Gott White award;

— Stanton T. Ray, senior in English, Plano, "Calvinism: Commentaries and Theological Works," Dick Pucket award;

— Donald W. Watts, graduate student, urban planning, Mountain Home, Idaho, "The American Prisoner-of-War Experience in South-East Asia," W. Guy Shown Jr. award;

— Carlson W. Yost, graduate student, English, College Station, "Prize-Winning Westerns," Frontier America Corp. — Fred White Jr. award.

Honorable mentions went to Sonya Cashdan, English graduate student from Cambria, Calif., for her collection on sex variance in women, and Dennis G. Fortassain, landscape architecture graduate student, College Station, for his collection on the city.

Schools advised to fix old buildings

With school construction costs soaring, a Texas A&M University education professor has developed a technique for evaluating old buildings which includes modest alterations instead of building new facilities.

The assessment technique created by Dr. Harold Hawkins, head of the Education Administration Department, has been used by Hawkins' students to evaluate the efficient use of school buildings in Livingston, Juncton, San Saba, Yorktown and Diboll.

"In education, facilities are a big investment for which the community has to shell out a lot of money," said Nan Crowell, an interior designer and one of Hawkins' students who has participated in the study.

The decision to build has important implications both for the taxpayer and for the education of children,

said she added.

The student evaluation team inspects a system's existing facilities room, size and analyzes them for the use of space, maintainability, esthetics, to the energy conservation and accessibility, a do to the handicapped. The team goes through the structures looking for ways to use light, space and color which will improve the quality of the classroom.

"We can shape and control chil-

dren's behavior through the use of color, light and the use of classroom space," Crowell said. "We can no longer afford the luxury of making mistakes with our children or their school buildings."

All elements of building construction as well as those added after construction can be useful, especially she pointed out.

"Very little is known about color in the classroom. We just finished some research in which we set up six offices, all exactly the same, except the colors used. Participants were shown small swatches of color and asked their reactions," she said.

The researchers predicted the reactions would be the same to the small pieces of color as to the offices painted in the same colors. Findings showed the opposite to be true, Crowell said.

In elementary schools, flexible space is best, along with traditional classrooms and rooms for small groups, she said. Also recommended are controlled lighting, which can be turned down when not needed and the use of double insulated windows or buildings with small areas of glass instead of walls of windows.

Crowell said it is best to steer away from the institutional look and try to create an atmosphere made for people.

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CAST names Butler as new council head

Dr. Ogbourne D. Butler, associate vice president for agriculture and renewable resources at Texas A&M, is the new head of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST), effective Feb. 1.

Butler will serve one year as president-elect and then will assume the presidency of CAST. He has served as a member of their board of directors since the organization's founding in 1972, representing the American Society of Animal Science.

CAST is a consortium of food and agricultural societies organized for the advancement of understanding and use of agricultural science and technology in the public interest.

Campus head named for co-op students

Steve Yates, 36, assistant dean for cooperative education in the College of Engineering, has been named campus-wide director of cooperative education at Texas A&M University.

Yates came to Texas A&M in 1976 after serving in a similar position for more than two years at Alvin Community College. He graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in business

education, and received his master's degree from the University of Houston.

"We are looking forward to our biggest recruiting year, both in terms of the number of students participating in the co-op program as well as the number of employers," Yates said.

This fall nearly 700 Texas A&M students are actively enrolled in co-op programs where they alternate semesters in the classroom with on-the-job training in industry or government.

McFarland will head student financial aid

Dr. William E. McFarland will assume duties as director of student financial aid at Texas A&M University Dec. 1.

McFarland previously served two years as assistant director and coordinator and two years as assistant director of financial aids for federal programs at Oklahoma State University.

McFarland, who is married and has two children, received his doctoral and master's degree from OSU and his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas.

Free enterprise center selected for grant

Texas A&M University has received an endowment of \$85,000 to the Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise from Frank Borman, chairman and president of Eastern Airlines.

The funds were raised from a dinner in New York honoring Borman with the "Flame of Truth" award presented by the Fund for Higher Education. In terms of the award, Borman selected two educational institutions, one in Israel, as recipients of the funds. He selected Texas A&M's free enterprise center and the Faculty for Aeronautics and Engineering at the Technion in Israel.

"To me, Texas A&M seemed a particularly appropriate selection for this award," Borman said. "The school is recognized worldwide for expertise in the technical sciences and I believe the betterment of mankind depends on advancement of technology."

"Perhaps what we should really do is create an extension of the free enterprise center in Washington," he said.

Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller accepted the award for the University and said, "We are grateful for this gift and promise to be good stewards of this money."

Pyramid making in Egypt easier than believed?

United Press International
WASHINGTON How many men does it take to move a 1-ton stone block by hand?

The National Geographic Society's book "Ancient Egypt" reports that a French investigator sought an answer to that question in his efforts

to solve how Egyptians managed to construct the huge pyramids before the days of labor-saving machines. He found that a 1-ton block of limestone resting on a track made of moist mud from the Nile could easily be moved by ropes pulled by — one man.



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