

Campus Names

Michael Shelby, a member of the Texas A&M University Debate Society, placed second in a debate tournament last summer at the University of Arizona and was rated 13th best speaker of the 300 students attending. Ruby Daniels and Sherry Colley also competed. Daniels was an octofinalist in the tournament.

Helen M. Winder, Charles L. Page and Dr. L.E. Fite received distinguished service awards at the Annual Texas Engineering

Extension Service conference at Texas A&M University.

The awards recognized service in support, instruction and administration. Winder, an 11-year staff member, was cited for personnel work. Page is an instructor in the Fire Protection Training Division and Fite heads the Electronics Training Division.

Chief Henry D. Smith, Fire Protection Training Division head, received a 30-year pin. Division heads J.O. Lewis and Fite

received 10-year and five-year awards, respectively.

Other 10-year pins were presented to Harold Lawton, electronics; Jack Sneed, fire protection; E.J. Mitcham, supervisory; Kenneth Robinson and Tim Kennedy, law enforcement; Charles Guthrie, telecommunications and Bob Langston, water and wastewater.

Milton Radke, Public Works Training Division; Lawrence Hans, Billy Marquis and Hershel Sharp, fire protection; Jule Tho-

mas, supervisory; Bill Cooksey, law enforcement and Judy Allen, West Texas Regional Training Center received five-year service pins.

A retirement certificate and several special awards were presented to Tom W. Robinson, a 22-year member of the Firemen's Training School staff.

James Calvin Frisch of Austin, a junior forestry major at Texas A&M University, has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by

St. Regis Paper Co. Three such awards are presented each year in the South to outstanding juniors majoring in forest-related studies.

Dr. Robert E. Stewart, distinguished professor of Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M University, has retired after 32 years of teaching.

Stewart came here in 1968 from Ohio State University. He is Texas A&M's only faculty member in the National Academy of Engineers.

Dr. James R. Scoggins has been named head of the Meteorology Department at Texas A&M University.

Scoggins came to Texas A&M in 1967 after serving as deputy chief of the aerospace division of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

He succeeds Dr. Kenneth C. Brundidge, who is returning to full-time teaching and research after five years as department chairman.

Dennis Cox, a senior in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University, is the first recipient of the Soltex Polymer Corp. undergraduate assistantship in plastics engineering.

Stan H. Lowy, assistant dean of engineering at Texas A&M University, has been appointed chairman of the American Society of Engineering Educators' aerospace division awards committee for the third straight year.

Area jobless rate down June to July

By DEBBIE NELSON

Unemployment in Bryan-College Station dropped 0.2 percent from June to July, although more people were out of work than at the same time last year.

July unemployment, at 4.3 percent, was down from June's 4.5 percent, a preliminary Texas Employment Commission report says. But July 1979's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent.

July 1980 saw 40,150 people in the area's civilian labor force, 1,710 of which were unemployed. This is 1,560 more workers than in June's labor force, besides 60 fewer people unemployed than in June.

National unemployment at mid-July stood at 7.9 percent, while Texas unemployment ranged from a high of 14.0 percent in McAllen-Pharr-Edinburgh to a low of 3.6 in Midland.

Walt Baker, local TEC office manager, said that, as usual, Bryan-College Station's unemployment rate is lower than most of Texas' other 24 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (the national unemployment rate is figured from SMSA's).

The statistics are made reliable through uniform state and national surveys, Baker said.

Relatively low Bryan-College Station area unemployment is "traditional" for varying reasons, Baker said.

New industry, the growth of Texas A&M University and expanded services needed for the growing campus population allow for continual job demand and a low unemployment rate, Baker said. The nationally hard-hit construction industry also is suffering less in Bryan-College Station, but is continuing a downward trend.

Trends in area employment saw the largest increase (90.2 percent) from June in transportation, communications and utilities, as striking workers returned to their jobs.

The largest percentage drops in jobs came in the areas of construction, down 3.9 percent from June 1980 and down 24.4 percent from July 1979; and in finances, insurance and real estate, down 3.4 percent from June 1980 and down 10.9 percent from July 1979.

But Baker said, "We're weathering things pretty well."

The local TEC office at 801 E. 29th St. offers a free job-hunting/job referral service for Brazos County, which resulted in 487 hires in July.

During the last fiscal year, 4,966 people found jobs through the TEC service.

Plentiful job openings now include clerical workers and people in highly skilled occupations, from air conditioning technicians to licensed practical nurses, Baker said.

The TEC also works with industries considering Bryan-College Station as plant sites, to assist them with the initial staffing and to tell them of advantages of this area.

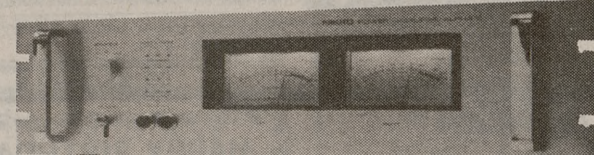
"Bryan-College Station has a good labor force, a good work ethic," Baker said. Businesses like the area because of the high quality of life their employees will have here, he said.

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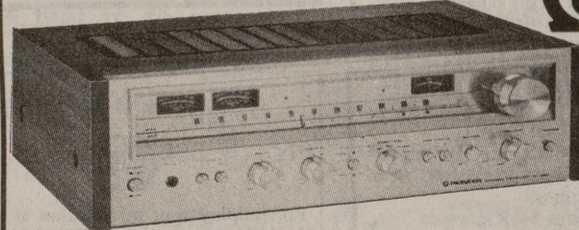
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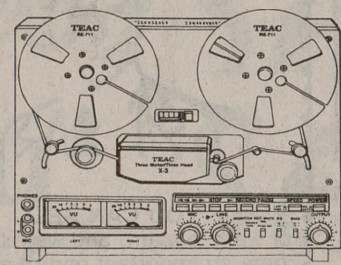
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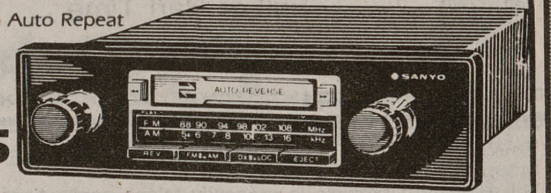
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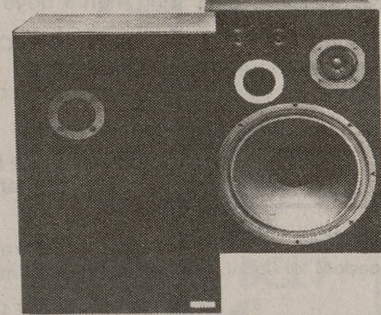
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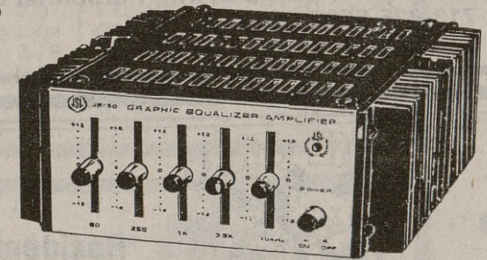
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