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Flight instructor courses to be offered ter, Noel said, but refund of registration fees will only be made if notification is received before

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The Texas A&M University Enremove gineering Extension Service and ign a grad, the Texas Aeronautics Commission are conducting a flight instructor recertification and re-resher course in Houston May 20m would be g criming off campus ays in the case

The course is for certified flight instructors seeking to renew their ertificates, commercial pilots ratings and teachers of aeronautical subjects, Jim Noel, professor of ngineering and coordinator of

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ne program, said. The 24-hour course, which will newed. f the Univerbe held at the Ramada Inn located at 777 Airport Blvd., begins at 8 a.m. May 20 and continues through 5 p.m., May 22.

A certified flight instructor is the only person who can perform in-the-air flight instruction.

To become a certified flight inne term "soli added to the if the cound sed changes

A \$30 registration fee can be sent to the TAC. The course will include lectures, quizzes, panel discussions and handouts.

hours of flying as a commercial pilot, Noel said.

After this, one must pass a

The course was designed by the TEES for certified flight instructors to renew licenses that expire every two years.

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whose license has not expired will have his license revalidated by a Federal Aviation Administration working toward flight instructor officer at the end of the course. If an instructor's license has expired, the pilot must pass a check ride with an FAA officer in the air before his license will be re-

certified flight instructor

structor one must first have 250

After this, one must pass a It is not necessary to preregis- check ride with a general aviation

district officer from the FAA.

The check ride tests the pilot's ability to teach in the air and to

recover the plane if the student gets into trouble. A certified flight instructor must learn to think and react

quickly, Noel said. Instructors for the three-day refresher course include Bob Runnels, professor of meteorology;

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Tom Taylor, professor of chemistry and Noel. Taylor is a certified flight instructor

The TEES and the TAC have been conducting these seminars every two months for three years in various Texas locations. "We recertify 90 percent of the

Noel said these programs reach

TEES initiated the course because of the need to extend education to others outside the Univer-

"Texas A&M is an aviation-oriented school," he said. Texas A&M has the largest uni-

versity-owned airport, an aerospace department, a flight mechanics lab and an industrial education class that teaches students 1,200 to 1,500 pilots every two basic ground flight instruction.



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Reagan speech gets praise from Texans

United Press International DALLAS — Texans generally raised President Reagan's first elevised speech since last mth's attempt on his life, and ome expressed support for the nomic package the administran hopes will end inflation.

"Everybody realizes that we ave to do something drastic,' aid Houston accountant Shirley own in a poll taken after the Tuesday night speech. "I'm willng to gamble on anything at this oint; it couldn't get much worse at this point.

"His attitude seemed sincere; seemed to have a lot of faith in his plan. He said it's a long-range lan and he isn't promising any miracles overnight, which I think is a realistic attitude. It would be ery difficult to turn the economy and in a few months.

His comments about wanting arge defense budget were pretmuch expected. I'm real eased to see he was supporting, space program. I think he was art to support it. A lot of people

Texas Sen. John Tower said: The president has sounded an pressive rallying cry to the Coness for support of a program the vast majority of our people want a program that will set us on the road to economic recovery.

op. It is now up to Congress to

budget resolution and will fight any scheme that weakens our defense capability, increases our spending and raises our taxes."

But not everyone was won over by the president's genial manner. Houstonian Joan Doerner had a very different reaction to Reagan's

"I think the whole thing was just full of dull generalities. He kept saying, "This is not a sick society," she said. "If you have to keep saying it, it's probably sick.'

Doerner also criticized his plans to cut spending on social programs and increase defense spending. "If you start cutting down on money that would go for health, educa-tion, welfare, food and jobs, this society will get sicker," she said. "Violence will increase, and I think that is a symptom that the society is sick.

"I am for defense cuts, rather than cutting on human needs. Building up defense usually leads ACROSS FROMWAND

She also disputed Reagan's statement that stimulating American businesses would increase

"He kind of implied that more money means more jobs and it doesn't. It usually means more machines," she said.

"I always think of Rome when I Another Texas congressman, see Reagan, because this country's sort of on the decline like Rome was. He's sort of a Nero figure to He said, "The president has set me. He's like the Roman empercourse and thrown us a perfect ors who didn't recognize the problems of Rome. I think we're like with slack out of the rope. I very Rome, we're just coming apart at

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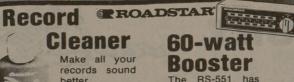
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