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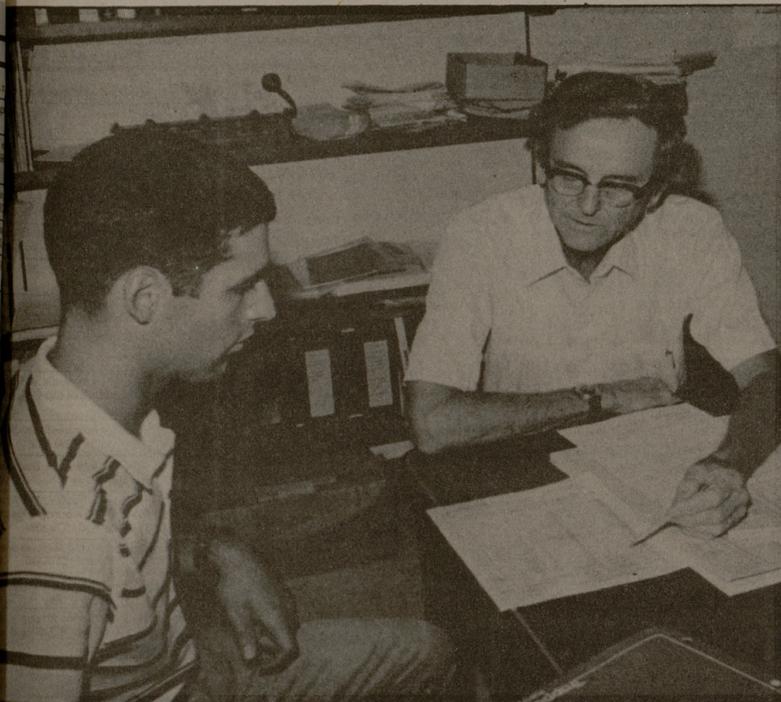


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Will Worley (r), associate professor of electrical engineering, helps register Houstonian David Bolan. Worley has helped students with registration at Texas A&M for 25 years.

Prof a pro after 25 years

Working with students is a renewal every year, says a Texas A&M University electrical engineering professor who has completed 25 years of service.

Will Worley, an associate professor, came to Texas A&M 41 years ago as a student. He left the campus for military service in 1942 and returned four years later to get his electrical engineering degree.

After working for Graybar Electric Co. for several years, Worley began teaching at Texas A&M in 1956 and has taught ever since.

"So many people just dream about the grass being greener but don't have the opportunity to do anything about it," Worley said. "But I made a drastic change (to teach) back then and I have been very satisfied."

Worley teaches electrical machinery and economics of engineering as well as a course about circuits. But his fellow teachers

also credit him with being the one person who knows how to handle student problems.

"I guess it's because I know where all the bones are buried," Worley said. "I know the registration process and how to get a student through course changes and other problems."

"Last summer I registered about 200 freshmen and in four or five years, I'll be the last one to line them up when they cross the stage to get their diplomas," he said.

Texas A&M has made tremendous changes since Worley came here two generations ago. He said he misses the closeness that existed when there were only 6,000 students, but said he likes the changes.

A master swimmer, Worley and his wife, Kitty also participate in many community organizations. Mrs. Worley has completed 25 years as a Spanish teacher in College Station public schools.

Worley is also active in theatrical work through StageCenter, a local drama group.

"I guess my wife and I will retire

together one of these days," he said. "But it won't be for quite some time. We enjoy working with young people."

Lost frisbee leads boys to \$1,200 treasure find

MIAMI — Two 11-year-old boys who went scouring for their strayed frisbee happened onto a more valuable find — \$1,200 worth of stolen jewelry.

Tom Golik and John Humphreys were tossing their frisbee in an open field in suburban South Miami Saturday afternoon, when the disc sailed off target.

The boys searched for it in nearby underbrush where they found a box containing the jewelry.

Golik then called authorities.

The jewelry was part of \$12,000 worth of rings, chains, bracelets and diamonds stolen in three apartment burglaries in a two-day crime wave at a South Miami condominium, Det. Allen Wilcher said.

"I hope they catch the crooks," Golik said.

"He helped us out quite a bit," Wilcher said. "He turned the information in to us and it gives us a good start on putting an end to these crimes."

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Fish gasp over oxygen shortage

Fish living in ponds are often found gasping for oxygen this time of year, because late August and September are months of oxygen shortage in Texas ponds.

"During late summer, the accumulation of nutrients from the growing season coincides with the hottest water temperatures," said Dr. Ken Johnson, fish disease specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Both conditions reduce the oxygen level in the water," he said. TAES is a branch of the Texas A&M University System.

Microscopic blue-green algae also flourish, and ponds become colored on sunny days when these tiny plants rise to the surface, Johnson said.

Good pond management can minimize the hazards of oxygen depletion.

Many pond owners now have meters to monitor oxygen levels. These surveillance devices are helpful when raising fish at full

capacity limits of ponds.

"Wise owners will check their ponds at dawn to see if fish are gasping at the surface. If this is the case, emergency corrective action is necessary. Aeration by splashing and establishing a current in the pond is the best bet," Johnson said.

Twenty-one percent of the atmosphere consists of oxygen, which dissolves when it hits the water's surface. The rest of the oxygen in water comes from underwater plants that release oxygen as they undergo photosynthesis (the food-making process of plants). Since photosynthesis depends on light, plants produce oxygen only during daylight hours. This cycle plus the total supply of oxygen to water is affected by a variety of factors.

Pond owners wanting more information about oxygen depletion can get a copy of the leaflet, "Oxygen in Fish Culture Ponds," at the county extension office.

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