



## Around town

Engineering students get awards

Seven teams of engineering students from Texas A&M received national recognition for course projects entered in the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Engineering Design Competition for 1982.

Awards go to graduate and undergraduate students for their design work on a product, structure, mechanical device or research project where arc welding has a significant contribution to cost reduction and improvement. Entries for the 35th year of competition were judged by a panel of educators and professional engineers.

An award for \$250 went to the team of Gary Feger, Tim Koehn, Kirk Duncan, and Tony Marshall for their project entitled "Pumping with Compressed Air." Their advisor was Dr. Ed Red of the mechanical engineering department.

Six \$100 awards went to: — Kevin Hielscher, Ronald Conklin, Randall Averitte, Debbie Reimer and Richard Roeth for their project "Design for Manipulator to Complement the Puma 500." Advisers were Dr. J. George Thompson and Ben Mooring.

— David McCall, Mike Briggs, Frank Jaime, Charles James and Gordon Townsend for "Design of Manipulator Arm for Plasma Spray Unit." Their adviser was Dr. Mogens Henriksen.

— Tom Patton, Deborah Riggs, Mary Louise Collins, and John Scherrer for "Manually Driven Traveling Platform." Thompson was their advisor.

— Steve Parker, Mark Hagan, Carl Bradshaw, William D. Wightman and Dan York for "Rail Car Unloading System." Their adviser was John J. Engblom.

— Alejandro P. Lachica, Donald L. Snowden, Mark A. Smith, and Richard R. Janert for their project "Cylindrical Inspection Gripper." Advisers were Mooring and Thompson.

### Engineering accepts \$15,000 gift

The NL Foundation of Houston has given \$15,000 to Texas A&M for use in its engineering programs.

William Welch, president of NL Baroid, a subsidiary firm, and James A. Eckel, director of personnel for NL Industries Inc., presented the check to Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver.

A portion of the gift will be used to provide three \$2,500 scholarships for senior engineering students.

NL Industries includes divisions specializing in chemicals and in oilfield equipment and service.

### Student gets sea grant internship

A Texas A&M graduate student and former Peace Corps volunteer has been selected to receive one of 10 internships sponsored nationally this year by the National Sea Grant Program.

Rebecca Rootes, a political science major, will work in Washington with the minority council of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Rootes is a graduate of Southampton College and is studying for a master's degree at Texas A&M. She is currently an assistant marine extension agent where she administers a shrimp tagging project operated by the Sea Grant and the National Marine Fisheries Service. She is a former Peace Corps volunteer to the Philippines.

### Vandiver elected to AAC board

Texas A&M University President Frank E. Vandiver has been elected a member of the board of directors for the Association of American Colleges.

AAC, founded in 1915, promotes liberal learning throughout higher education in the United States. The association, based in Washington D.C., provides a variety of services, reports and publications to the 575 public and private universities that comprise its membership.

Dr. Vandiver's appointment to the AAC board was announced at the association's 63rd annual meeting currently in progress in Washington.

The AAC board is chaired by Dr. Stanley F. Paulson, dean of liberal arts at Pennsylvania State University.

If you have an announcement or interesting item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2611.

## Now you know

United Press International  
NEW YORK — A new study debunks the myth that American wives are passive, prudish and unwilling bed partners with their husbands.

Findings of the Ladies' Home Journal survey of its readers are in an article in the February issue of the magazine.

Eighty percent said their sexual relationships were satisfying and their marriages happy. Three-quarters said their marriages are still romantic and 78 percent said sex is important in their marriages.

Ninety-five percent said they sometimes initiate lovemaking, and 82 percent said they did so by pulling their husbands into their arms and kissing them.

Eighty-three percent said they wished they had more time to make love.

Only 21 percent said they had ever had an extramarital affair, compared with 26 percent of the women who told the 1953 Alfred C. Kinsey study of female sexuality they had been unfaithful by age 40.

The magazine research was based on a 103-question, six-page questionnaire that appeared in its June 1982 issue. Most of the 83,000 readers who responded are 25 to 44 years old and have been married an average of 12 years. Sixty-six percent

have children, 68 percent hold outside jobs and 69 percent live in suburbs or in cities with under 1 million population. Most are well-educated and their combined household incomes range from \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year.

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# Court declines prayer case

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday declined to get involved in the quagmire of school prayer, refusing to re-

view a Texas case where students were allowed to use classrooms to pray after school hours.

The justices rejected an

appeal by the Lubbock school system on a ruling striking down its "equal access" policy allowing voluntary student religious groups the same right to use

classrooms as non-religious organizations.

The court's action came three days after a federal judge in Alabama let stand state laws allowing teacher-led prayers in public schools on grounds the Supreme Court had misread history when it banned such prayer 21 years ago.

Two dozen senators had urged the high court to hear the case to clear up "turmoil and confusion" across the nation about the prayer issue. Legislators said pending legislation to strip federal courts of their power to decide voluntary school prayer cases is the result of "a widespread perception" that the courts are "hostile to religion."

Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said last week that he is planning to introduce a bill Congress to permit Bible studies and prayer groups in classrooms during off-hours.

The Lubbock Civil Liberties Union in 1979 challenged the school district's practice of allowing Bible readings, a period of silent prayer ended by "Amen" over the school public address system, and classroom prayers led by teachers.

The civil liberties group also sought to end such practices as distribution of Gideon Bibles to students and assemblies with evangelical speakers.

The schools discontinued some practices, including the Bible giveaway, but said it would not ban "open prayer." The school district continued allowing voluntary student groups, including religious ones, to meet before or after regular school hours in classrooms.

The school district said the practice would "encourage the development of leadership,

communicative skills, and cultural awareness."

But the civil liberties group said the policy violated the First Amendment rights.

A trial court rejected the group's challenges. But the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, holding the advanced religion by "recognition of religious ties and meetings as an part of the district's extracurricular program."

Also, the court said, the school facilities for supervised religious meetings unconstitutional entanglement with religion.

Appealing to the Supreme Court, the school system said that its policy was "neutral" and "non-preferential."

Saying the outcome case will affect 40 million students and 90,000 public schools, Lubbock officials claim the appeals court created a "paradoxical constitutional barrier" forbidding public schools from allowing the same freedom on school property that allowed to university students.

In December 1981, the court ruled that students at public universities have a constitutional right to hold worship services on school property.

Lubbock argued its "forum" policy merely allowed initiated religious groups "to compete in this marketplace" of student ideas and activities on an equal basis.

The civil liberties group replied that since college students are "less impressionable" than younger ones, the same reasoning on using school property need not apply.



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