

Faculty achievements cited

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Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver said research emphasis and the recruitment of graduate students will be the top goals of the University's faculty and staff for the 1983-84 school year.

At a faculty meeting/awards ceremony Thursday afternoon in Rudder Theater, Vandiver commended faculty and staff members for an outstanding job during 1982-83.

In his State of the University address, Vandiver said other goals will be to control enrollment, recruit more National Merit Scholars, solve campus traffic problems and hire more faculty in the colleges of engineering, science and veterinary medicine.

Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said improvement of the honors program was probably the year's most successful effort. "We now need to improve our graduate program," Eaton said. Distinguished Achievement

Awards were presented by A.W. "Head" Davis, president of the Association of Former Students, to 18 members of the faculty and staff. Checks for \$5,000, commemorative watches and plaques were awarded to each recipient.

Distinguished Achievement Awards for Teaching: Dr. Robert R. Berg, professor of geology, Dr. Shirley J. Black, assistant professor of history, Dr. Joyce S. Davis, head of pathology and laboratory medicine, Dr. David J. Ernst, associate professor of physics, Dr. John J. McDermott, head of humanities in medicine, Dr. Gary Smith, professor of animal science.

Awards for Research: Dr. Philip T. Eubank, professor of chemical engineering, Dr. Norman S. Grabo, professor of English, Dr. Garret M. Ihler, head of medical biochemistry, Dr. Ronald D. MacFarlane, professor of chemistry, Dr. Emanuel Parzen, professor of statistics, Dr. Max D. Summers, professor of entomology.

Awards for Continuing Education-Extension: Dr. Peter E. Jenkins, associate professor of mechanical engineering, Dr. Jerral D. Johnson, plant pathologist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Awards for Student Relationships: Ron Blatchley, di-

rector of student affairs, Charles Plum, professor of accounting.

Awards for Administration and Staff: Jeanette Pharris, assistant to the provost/vice president for academic affairs, Lane B. Stephenson, director of the Office of Public Information.



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Pat Pearson, 1982-83 student body president, speaks to Texas A&M faculty Thursday during the distinguished faculty awards

ceremony. President Frank E. Vandiver, left, also spoke to the group. Pearson is a junior political science major from San Antonio.

Faculty retirees recognized

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Retiring English professor James F. Peirce said Thursday that retirement is not represented by a period or question mark, but rather a colon separating two important segments of life. Peirce made the remarks at the annual faculty retirement dinner.

Peirce was one of eight retiring Texas A&M faculty members present at the dinner. Peirce, with 37 and one-half years at Texas A&M, had the

most seniority of the retiring faculty. Albert J. Druce, of the Department of Electrical Engineering, is retiring after 37 years.

Other retiring members present were Roy C. Pledger, with 17 years of service; Dr. Andrew H. Layman, with 18 years; Dr. Jack R. Runkles, with 19 years; Archie I. Flowers, with 28 years; Theodore A. Noyes, with 29 years; and Leslie L. Palmer, with 32 years.

Earlier in the evening, Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver told the retirees that they

would be called back to service from time to time because the experience which they have accumulated is too valuable to be forsaken.

He then presented each of them with a certificate of retirement while Dr. Gordon Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, read a brief history about each one.

About 50 guests and the retiring faculty dined in the ballroom of the Briarcrest Country Club. Among the guests were Mrs. Margaret Rudder, wife of former Texas A&M President Earl J. Rudder, and Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Harrington, chancellor emeritus of Texas A&M.

Five of the retiring faculty members were not present at the dinner. They are Charles L. Gilmore, retiring with eight years at Texas A&M; Dr. Floyd L. Gunn, retiring with 19 years; Charles H. Yeates, with 22 years; Dr. John C. Ramge, with 24 years; and Dr. William M. Romane, leaving with 27 years experience.

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