Lecture series opens today

by Kelly Miller

Battalion Reporter Dr. Ralph Landau will give the year's first University Lecture on "Technology, Économics, and Public Policy" at 2 p.m. today in Rudder Forum.

Landau, a chemical engineer, has been recognized by The Economist magazine as "one of America's most successful entrepreneurs." He holds nearly 50 patents on technical products and has published more than 90 papers and two books.

The Philadelphia native

graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1937 with a bachelor of science degree and in 1941 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a doctor of science, both in chemical engineering.

gineering. Landau has lectured at several major universities and accumulated a lengthy list of awards and honors in the en-gineering field. Landau was recognized as an "eminent chemical engineer" in 1983 by the American Institute of Chemical En-

lecturers on the University Lecture Series' agenda for the 1983-84 school year. His speech is

gineering.
The University Lecture Series committee is comprised of one faculty member from each college and one from the Sterling C. Evans Library. Two students — and sometimes three also serve on the committee.

Dr. Donald McDonald, interim deputy provost for en-gineering and a member of the Public

Landau is the first of four University Lecture Series committee, said it sponsors four lectures every year. The first three are sponsored by various colleges on campus and the last one sored by the Texas A&M faculty.

> "The colleges sponsoring lec-tures are chosen in alphabetical order," McDonald said. The College of Engineering, College of Geosciences and College of Liberal Arts will have guest speakers this year.

The lecture is free to the

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Class required to cut bonfire

by Karen Wallace Battalion Reporter

Anyone planning to cut bon-fire must attend one of the safety classes at 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. on Sept. 26, 27, or 28, head civilian and senior coordinator of bon-fire Mark Hackfeld says.

Hackfeld explained that the classes are one of the safety measures outlined in a safety report written this fall by Corps of Cadets bonfire coordinator Albert Eby.

The only way to receive a

bonfire cutting card is to attend

one of the classes, he said. "I don't care how many times you've been out to cut bonfire," he said. "This year you need to come to the class to receive another card.

The classes include demonstrations on ax safety and chainsaw usage, as well as how to cut

down trees and limbs.

"A lot of it covers ax safety because that's the main tool we use," Hackfeld said.

The free classes, held at The

Grove, will last 30 minutes and cover all aspects of bonfire safety, Hackfeld said.

In compiling the safety report, Eby worked with safety engineer Dr. Gary Nelson, who observed the cutting site and outlined the risks, Hackfeld

"He pointed out the high risk

areas, and we eliminated tho Hackfeld said. For exam people can no longer ride site on the back of flatbed or wheeler trucks.

"It was always a big deal ride on the trucks," Hack said. "But it was a high risk, so was eliminated.' Safety measures taken on

lower risk problems also he reduce the number of acc last year, Hackfeld said. "At bonfire last year, were 53.7 percent less acci

than the previous year," he Much of that has to do the safety classes, Hackfeld and this year there should be even bigger decrease in

Along with safety meas the report covers the organ tion and supervision of bond Hackfeld said.

"There is pretty extensives pervision over the dorms," said. A dorm that brings 40 to people out to cut should have least five people supervi them at all times, he said. "Most of the accidents

from people just pla around," Hackfeld said.

About 3,500 people are pected to be cutting for bon this year, he said. 'We're looking for a g turnout this year and we everything to be safe," he

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