



Around town

Former student is visiting executive

Robert Lenwood Poland '42, former member of the Executive Development Committee at Texas A&M, will speak to a management class Friday as part of the Visiting Executive Series. Poland will talk about his experiences as president of Lufkin Industries.

Lufkin Industries was founded in 1902 specializing in sawmill equipment and locomotive boilers. The company now is a large supplier of oil field pumping units and precision gears.

The Visiting Executive Series is sponsored by the Center for Executive Development and the Department of Management. The series brings executives to the classroom to talk with seniors about the business world.

Outstanding faculty receive awards

Eight faculty members from the College of Engineering have been recognized for outstanding teaching.

Receiving faculty teaching awards from the Association of Former Students were Dr. J. Craig Dutton, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Dr. Walter J. Horn, assistant professor of aerospace engineering; Dr. William John Lee, professor of petroleum engineering; and Dr. Make McDermott, associate professor of mechanical engineering. Dr. Philip T. Eubank, professor of chemistry, was named the 1983-84 Brockett Professor of Engineering.

The Halliburton Foundation, Inc. of Dallas presented Dr. Robert H. Page, dean of engineering, with a \$30,000 check for faculty support.

A portion of the donation from Halliburton was presented to three faculty members for excellence. They were Dr. Guy L. Curry, professor of industrial engineering and agricultural engineering; Dr. Sallie B. Sheppard, associate professor of computing science; and Dr. Mogens Henrickson, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

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Decline shown in well activity

United Press International DENVER — An industry organization Wednesday said 59,214 oil and gas wells were completed in the United States in the first three quarters of 1983, a 7.7 percent decline from the same period last year.

But Petroleum Information Corp. said 1983 drilling activity, while behind the record 1982 pace, remained "relatively strong."

PIC said the largest decline

was in new field wildcat or exploratory drilling, where there were 5,950 completions, a drop of 20 percent. Those drillings produced 586 new oil fields and 452 new gas fields, compared to 845 and 568, respectively, in the first nine months of 1982.

Texas continued to be the top drilling state with 18,284 completions. Oklahoma remained second with 7,488, followed by Kansas 5,343; Louisiana 3,810; Ohio 3,741; Kentucky 3,148.

Man injured in refinery

More damages awarded

United Press International AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court awarded \$515,718 in damages Wednesday to a Jefferson County man injured in a refinery accident, even though lower courts had awarded the man less than half that amount.

Robert O. Varela, who was employed by Hydrocarbon Construction Co., was injured in a fall at an American Petrofina Company of Texas refinery.

After settling his claims with Hydrocarbon's workers com-

ensation insurance carrier, Varela then sued Petrofina.

A trial-court jury ruled that Varela was responsible for 15 percent of the negligence that led to his accident and that Hydrocarbon and Petrofina were responsible for 42 percent and 43 percent of the negligence respectively.

The jury also found that Varela suffered \$606,800 in damages and awarded him \$243,924, a sum equal to Petrofina's 43 percent share of negli-

Suit will be refiled against gynecologist

United Press International AUSTIN — A woman whose gynecologist allegedly left a sponge inside her body during an operation may refile a medical malpractice suit against the physician, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

A trial court and appeal courts in Fort Worth had dis-

missed the suit filed by Irene Wood against Dr. John F. Hutchinson because the woman had failed to give the physician the required 60 days notice that a suit would be filed.

However, the Texas Supreme Court overturned the lower courts' dismissals, permitting Wood to refile her suit

with the proper two months notice.

Hutchinson operated on Wood in June 1979 to correct a problem with cystitis and endometriosis. Ten months later, Wood complained of a knot on her left side, and x-rays showed a sponge had been left in her body.

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Local man abuses stepchild sexually

United Press International BRYAN — A 41-year-old man found guilty Wednesday of sexually abusing his 7-year-old daughter was sentenced to 6 years in the Texas Department of Corrections and fined \$10,000.

An eight-woman, four-man jury took only 10 minutes to find Willy John Jolly guilty of the charges.

Jolly was charged with four counts of sexual abuse and indecency with a child, including aggravated sexual abuse and incest. The incest charge dropped before the case went to the jury.

Brazos County assistant prosecutor Terrance Keel asked the

jury to sentence Jolly to life, saying that was the only acceptable punishment. Keel said the child was assaulted over a three-year period, with the assaults including forced oral sex.

Jolly's attorneys, W.W. and W.R. Vance, asked for probation saying Jolly was a middle-aged working man who had never been convicted of a crime before.

Under a law that went into effect last month, the child was able to testify against her stepfather on videotape without being present.

Police learned of the case from the child's mother on Oct. 29, 1982, authorities said.

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