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A&M press plans series of books on Texas life

By ADA FAY WOOD Reporter

The daily lives of Texans past will be relived in a new series of books to be published by the Texas A&M University

The series was begun on the suggestion of author James Michener. It will be titled the Clayton Wheat Williams Texas Life Series, in memory of the father of Midland oilman and rancher Clayton Williams. The elder

Williams died in early 1983. Michener was so impressed by Clayton Wheat Williams book, "Texas' Last Frontier: Fort Stockton and the Trans-Pecos," also published by the

University Press, that he urged the younger Williams to develop this program.

Loyd Lyman, director of the University Press, said that Michener has agreed to be consulting edtor of the series. He will be living in Texas while searching the state for background material for the background material for the novel on Texas he is writing.

Recording the daily lives of Texans from past generations is especially important, Lyman says, now that the state approaches its sesquicentennial — 150th anniversary celebration. Otherwise, he said, the unique heritage of the state and its people would

Lyman said he became

cainted with the younger Williams while the press was working on his father's book Williams, a 1954 Texas A&M graduate, is interested in historical literary works such as his father's and will provide \$150,000 for the project. Another \$100,000 has been

given by an anonymous donor, Lyman said. The fully illustrated series will consist of about 12 books. They will cover from the frontier period to contemporary times, including the oil and lumber booms, Lyman said.

At this point the preliminary background work is being done on the series. The re-lease of the first book will be known at a later date.

The Texas A&M University Press, founded in 1974, publishes about 30 books a year, Lyman says. These are sold to retail booksellers but can also be purchased at the press offices on campus.

The type of manuscripts chosen to be published must appeal to either the scholarly community or to general readers in Texas and the Southwest, Lyman says. Publication of such works is the purpose of a university press and the Texas A&M press adheres to that tradition, Ly-

The University Press is housed in a new building, south of Duncan Dining Hall and near the bonfire site.

Tower causes uproar

United Press International

INDIANAPOLIS — Paris has the Eiffel Tower, New York has the Statue of Liberty and In-dianapolis may have the Indiana ower - whether residents like

The 750-foot, \$15 million ower, which looks like an up-right Leaning Tower of Pisa, is the proposed centerpiece of an ambitious urban park in Indi-

anapolis. It is not the idea of a tower, but the structure's design that is creating what some people are calling a "monumental"

mayor of Indianapolis — voice a number of concerns about the design. Critics - including the

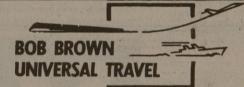
"Most of us feel it's not an appropriate symbol for Indiana-polis," said Don Claffey, presi-

of Architecture's Indianapolis chapter. "We'd prefer some-

thing indigenous to Indiana."
Ray Ogle, Claffey's predecessor at the AIA, also dislikes the current design, what the town's mayor calls a big spike in the

Mayor William Hudnut echoed Claffey's concern, saying the double helix symbol for DNA would be more "symbolic of the health motif they're trying

to bring to the park. Some observers, however, say the tower is just what the proposed White River Park needs.



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Economics prof reappointed

CATHERINE CAMP-

Reporter

Texas A&M economics pro-sor Dr. S. Charles Maurice been reappointed to the fed-Advisory Council on Educa-Statistics by the Secretary of ducation, Terrel Bell.

"I know it sounds stupid, but honestly don't know how I was sen," Maurice said. 'Somedy at the Department of Eduion must have known of me nd recommended me to the

council since 1980, was first appointed to fill a one-year posi-

tion vacated when a council member resigned. Maurice was and education departments.

The council's ll members meet four to five times a year to review general and operational policies of the National Center for Education Statistics. The NCES is a division of the Office of Educational Research and Improvement of the Depart-ment of Education .

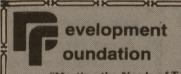
"I guess they just wanted me stay," Maurice said. "I'm glad and analyses disseminated by the serving, particularly durthis time of great emphasis quality and are not subject to this time of great emphasis." The council establishes stan-

collecting statistics on the condition of education in the United States, from kindergarten to col-

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Maurice, who has been on the is the primary federal source for council works closely with NCES administrator and Assistant Secretary of Education, Dr. Donald

> Maurice's reappointment to a three-year term will end September 1986.



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