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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 Press.

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.

Lloyd Lyman, director of the University Press, said that Michener has agreed to be consulting editor of the series. He will be living in Texas while searching the state for 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 be lost.

Lyman said he became

ainted 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 release 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, Lyman said.

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 Indianapolis may have the Indiana Tower — whether residents like it or not.

The 750-foot, \$15 million tower, which looks like an up-right Leaning Tower of Pisa, is the proposed centerpiece of an ambitious urban park in Indianapolis. It is not the idea of a tower, but the structure's design that is creating what some people are calling a "monumental" controversy.

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

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

dent of the American Institute of Architecture's Indianapolis chapter. "We'd prefer something 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 ground.

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

By CATHERINE CAMPBELL
Reporter

Texas A&M economics professor Dr. S. Charles Maurice has been reappointed to the federal Advisory Council on Educational Statistics by the Secretary of Education, Terrel Bell.

"I know it sounds stupid, but I honestly don't know how I was chosen," Maurice said. "Somebody at the Department of Education must have known of me and recommended me to the secretary."

"I guess they just wanted me to stay," Maurice said. "I'm glad to be serving, particularly during this time of great emphasis on greater education."

Maurice, who has been on the council since 1980, was first appointed to fill a one-year position vacated when a council member resigned. Maurice was recommended by colleagues from the Texas A&M economic and education departments.

The council's 11 members meet four to five times a year to review general and operational policies of the National Center for Educational Statistics. The NCES is a division of the Office of Educational Research and Improvement of the Department of Education.

The council establishes standards to ensure that statistics and analyses disseminated by the NCES are of the highest quality and are not subject to political influences. The NCES

is the primary federal source for collecting statistics on the condition of education in the United States, from kindergarten to college.

In order to maintain the dissemination of high quality, impartial information, the seven-man, four-woman advisory

council works closely with NCES administrator and Assistant Secretary of Education, Dr. Donald Senese.

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

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