

Achievement

A&M professor adds two more awards to long list



Dr. Betty Unterberger

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Reporter

Two more awards now can be added to the long list of achievements of Texas A&M's first female full professor.

Betty M. Unterberger, a history professor who received her doctoral degree from Duke University, has gained national and international recognition for her educational and historical contributions since her arrival at Texas A&M in 1968.

She recently was named to Who's Who in America, and to Notable Women of Texas for 1983.

The selection process for Who's Who in America is based on authoritative and comprehensive biographical data on men and women whose position and contributions to society have made them subject of national attention.

The Notable Women of Texas award was given to Unterberger based on her community contributions, career, business and social position.

Unterberger was the first female full professor teaching at Texas A&M.

computer science major from Eagle Pass, said Unterberger's classes are interesting.

"She incorporates open discussion during class, and everyone feels free to express their own opinion," she said. "Dr. Unterberger relates problems in history with everyday problems today. It makes it a lot easier to understand."

Unterberger said she tries to make the student think in her classes. "History is more than memorizing dates and battles," she said.

Melisa Welborn, a junior Agricultural Education major from Shiner, said Unterberger's classes are challenging.

"If I had taken a class like this when I was a freshman, I know I would have been more prepared for other classes," she said.

Unterberger said she plans her classes carefully. "I want to inspire my students to develop their own views and decisions."

Craig Thomes, a freshman from Irving, said that a lot of preparation must be done for her class. "She acts as a chairman and directs our class discussions about the assigned readings," he said.

Unterberger said her teaching philosophy is to introduce historical information to the students by incorporating a thoughtful contrast of ideas and views in class discussions.

"I try to teach what a book can't," she said. "I want my students to reflect on the impor-

tant issues and personalities in history.

"You know, history is perennial — the questions are always the same. Therefore, the more... a student is brought into understanding history, the more wisdom is acquired."

Her unique method of teaching has made her well-known. The Ford Foundation has sent her to many universities and colleges across the nation to discuss and teach her polylogue method.

Outside the classroom, Unterberger enjoys reading poetry, philosophy, and writing historical books and papers.

She currently is revising a 1,300-page manuscript to be published this year entitled "The United States, Austria-Hungary and the Rise of Czechoslovakia, 1914-1920: A Study of International Politics."

In June, Unterberger and three other historians will travel to Russia to present scholarly papers on an aspect of twentieth century diplomacy in Soviet-American Relations at the Fifth Colloquium of the American Historical Association and the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science in Kiev. The delegation, headed by George Kennan, an ambassador and authority on Soviet affairs, will be the first American group of historians invited to Russia in the 20th century.

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 - ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS:** A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 207 Harrington Bartlett Cocke, president of Bartlett Cocke Construction Company, will speak. Contact Laura Kelly at 260-4077 for more information.
 - BRAZOS VALLEY SELF-RELIANCE COALITION:** A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder Tower. The topic will be 'window sill hydroponics'. For more information, call Scott Cogburn at 260-5475.
 - LDSSA:** A planning meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder Tower. For more information, contact Melanie Beard.
 - MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** A general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder Tower.
 - MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION:** A rock climbing seminar will be held at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder Tower. The film 'First Ascent' will be shown.
 - MECHANIZED AGRICULTURE CLUB:** A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Scoates Hall. A representative from Dickey-John will speak. For more information, contact Darryln Jooost at 846-8692.
 - METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT:** A lunch Bible study will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. in the Wesleyan Foundation (behind Pizza Hut). Bring lunch or \$1.00 sandwiches. Another lunch and Bible study will be held Wednesday at noon. For more information, call 846-4701.
 - MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY:** A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in 113 BSBE. Root beer will be made from scratch. Call Carolyn Peterson at 260-0657 for more information.
 - OPERATION: MOP-UP:** This fund-raiser, aimed at compensating those on-campus students who suffer water damages during the freeze, will continue through the week. Collection points are set up at Sbsa, the MSC and the Commons. For more information, call 260-5050.
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 - POULTRY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT:** A poultry science seminar will be held in 121 Kleberg at 4 p.m. The topic is 'The Animal Welfare Issue.' Everyone invited. For more information, contact Dr. C. R. Greger at 846-1931.
 - PRE-MED SOCIETY:** Dr. Tom Perry will discuss maxillofacial surgery and the scope of dentistry at 8 p.m. in 204 Harrington.
 - STUDENT WELLNESS NETWORK:** An organizational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in 274 E. Kyle. For more information, contact Charlotte Gibbons at 846-1133.
 - TAMU SAILING TEAM:** A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 109 MLS. Contact Jonathon Roach at 260-5050 for more information.
 - TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** 'Howdy' t-shirts will be sold in the MSC throughout the week. Call Bob Stephens at 260-2040 for more information.
 - UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Those who are interested in visiting and singing at the Sherman Nursing Home should meet at the student center at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Hubert B. Swain.
- WEDNESDAY**
- STUDENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL:** A general meeting will be held at 7 a.m. in 342 Zachry.

Scientists: Deathstar doomed dinosaurs

United Press International
BERKELEY, Calif. — Scientists say an as yet undiscovered "deathstar" that showered the earth with comets 28 million years ago probably rid the planet of dinosaurs and other prehistoric forms of life. It will happen again, they said, but not for another 15 million years.

In a report to the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, the researchers from the University of California at Berkeley said they used evidence from fossils, rare metals and ancient impact craters dotting the earth to explain why certain species of life have become extinct at regular intervals over the past hundreds of millions of years.

The scientists describe the star as a "dwarf," or smaller star, which orbits in space as a companion to the sun and takes 26 million years to complete one orbit. They conceded they have only indirect evidence the star exists.

They want to call the "Nemesis," after the Greek goddess who "relentlessly punishes the excessively rich and powerful." They also said there is no immediate concern because the shower of comets is not due about 15 million years.

Their theory was contained in two papers submitted to international science journal Nature. The researchers, physicist Richard A. Muller, astronomer Marc Davis at Berkeley, and Piet Hut of Harvard University's Institute of Advanced Study.

Alvarez, a Nobel laureate and associates who include son, Walter, and other scientists have spent the five years analyzing the metallic element iridium in layers within the earth's crust. They have found evidence of the layers throughout the world and have dated the deposits at two distinct geological periods.

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