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## Associate dean to be inducted a fellow of AIAA

By MARY FRANCES rank of distinction within the

Dr. Leroy "Skip" Fletcher carries a big title — associate dean of the College of Engineering — but the man behind the prestige says he loves work-

ing with students.

Throughout his career, Fletcher has been showered with many awards and honors for his performance as an engineering educator.

And the honors keep com-

In May, Fletcher will be inducted as a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. A fellow is a

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AIAA that is given annually to only 25 of its almost 25,000 members.

Also a member of the Board associate of Directors of the AIAA, Fletcher said he was especially pleased with the honor since it

went to work as a research scientist at the NASA-Ames Re-

ginia and has served as chairaeronautic conferences.

But Fletcher is much more than a package of credentials and honors. He is a wellhis lifetime.

had visited Thailand, Japan, India, Vietnam, and much of Europe. He'd seen the pyramids in his love for travel and students been one of the keys to his suc-Egypt and the temples in by taking a three- week trip to cess. His charisma and warmth Aggie.

is rarely given to educators. His extensive work in aeronautics began in 1958 after he graduated from Texas A&M. Armed with a degree in mechanical engineering, Fletcher

search Center for six years. Since then he's headed the aerospace engineering department at the University of Virman of several national

rounded person whose curiosity has taken him around the world. His brown eyes betray the adventure of his spirit as he recalls the places he's been in

Before he married, Fletcher

Dr. Leroy "Skip" Fletcher, associate dean of engineering.

Greece. He'd worked on farms in Finland and Norway, and in an opera house in San Fran-many.

Europe. This year he will go to create a comfortable sphere for exchange a students.

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### Work begins on building

# ME, physics to get additions

By Beth Hrdlicka Reporter

Construction began this week on the \$12 million physics and

mechanical engineering building. The structure will stand



street from the Zachry Engineering Center.
Part of the building will have

four stories in a round shape that will serve as office space. A second wing, connected to the offices, will house classrooms

and laboratories. "We need a lot more research space for undergraduates and graduates," Dr. Robert Tribble, head of the physics department, "We recommended another building five years ago because of the short quantity of space for programs.

fessor of mechanical engineering, said the new building will reduce the department's space problems but won't end

We will need about twice as much room when the new building is completed," he said.

Faculty and staff who had parked in lot 7, which is now the construction site, will use lots 50 and 51. Those lots are across from the Zachry Engineering

"These people have known about the change since Septem-

man said. The building should

pleted in two years, tion manager Bob Eval

system administration are next on the o construction, Charles manager for the plansion, said. The chemis ing, which is expecte proved by the regen vill be used for und classrooms and tea The building will be n chemistry annex. Cons will start as soon as the

is approved. Construction of administration building begin at the end of the is approved in Septe will be located on the ner of University ing, and across the small fall teacher skaggs Alpha Bearstore. The present Building will be used by the result. near the married stud sity administrators where results a new building is complete

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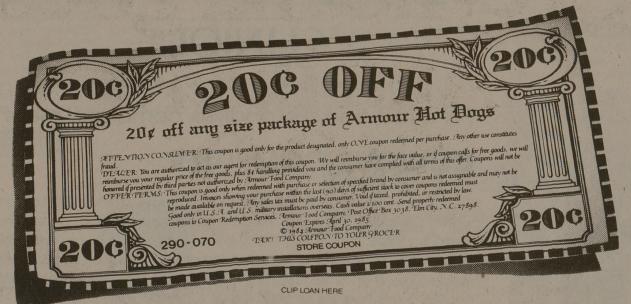
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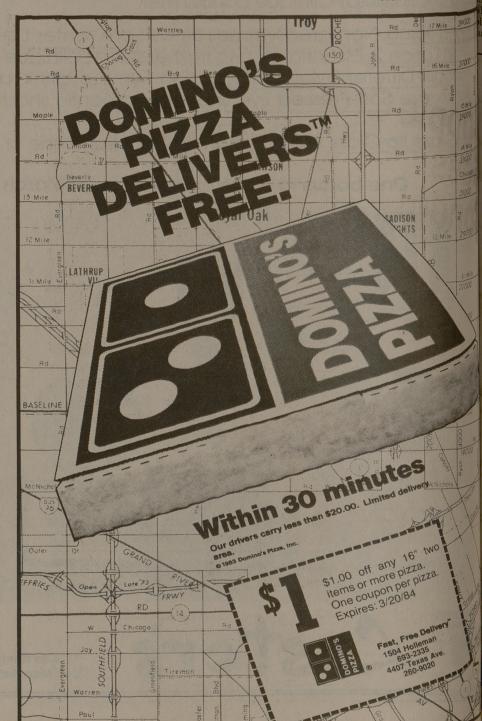
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