

### A&M prof dies suddenly

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Dr. Richard D. Neff, 52, radiological safety officer and professor of biochemistry, biophysics, and nuclear engineering at Texas A&M died suddenly Wednesday morning in St. Joseph Hospital of what hospital officials say was an apparent heart attack.

Dr. Rommie Hart, a nuclear engineering professor, said Neff was a good man and a good scientist. "He was a very professional person, very likable, very intelligent regarding scientific matters, and an excellent colleague," Hart said. "He was well-liked by the students. We're gonna really miss him."

Neff, a certified health physicist, was born Oct. 7, 1932 in Elmo, Mo. He was in the Air Force during the Korean War, then received his Bachelor of Science at Northwest Missouri State College in 1957, his master's at the University of Kansas in 1959, and his doctorate at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1964.

He taught at Michigan State before coming to Texas A&M in 1966 as an assistant professor. As radiological safety officer here he supervised the radiation safety program for the Texas A&M University System, including the nuclear reactor, the research cyclotron, and for the colleges of medicine and veterinary medicine. He was also a nuclear safety officer.

Neff was made a professor in 1973. He wrote more than 100 publications and held memberships in numerous societies including American Nuclear Society, Radiation Research Society and Health Physics Society.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 600 E. 26th St. in Bryan. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday at the Memorial Funeral Chapel in Bryan. Neff resided at 3815 Tanglewood Drive in Bryan.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, Tim and Jerry; daughter, Kristi Lynn Neff; granddaughters, Kristi Lynn Neff of Bryan; and sisters, Lovea Ann of Ephrata, Wash., Evelyn Hamm of Yakima, Wash., and Barbara McIntyre of Elmo, Mo.

## Reagan's 'Long March' reaches China

# President in Peking on good will tour

United Press International

AGANA, Guam — President Reagan arrives in Peking today to a rare 21-gun salute, flowers from school children and an outward show of good will from the leaders of the communist government he once scorned.

Guam, a U.S. territory occupied by the Japanese in World War II, was the final overnight stop on Reagan's island-hopping "long journey for peace," a trip he used to dramatize the

emergence of Asia and the Pacific as America's most important market for trade and a region with important strategic considerations.

Prior to the final 2,800 mile flight to Peking, White House officials voiced hope Reagan's six-day state visit will go as smoothly as the events of the last week.

For their part, Chinese leaders took pains to make the visit a success and place the seal of permanence on 12 years of U.S.-

Sino friendship.

The first 12 hours were to be heavy on pomp and ceremony and light on substantive discussions.

Reagan was to be met at Peking's Capitol Airport by a small welcoming delegation slated to include Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian and school children bearing flowers for the president and the first lady.

After having tea with Wu and his wife, Reagan was scheduled for a 33-minute motorcade into

the heart of Peking for a formal welcome — martial music, military color guard and more bouquet-laden children — in Tiananmen Square, a sprawling plaza adjacent to the Great Hall of the People that has seen displays of revolutionary fervor by crowds of 1 million or more Chinese.

Thursday evening the Reagans join Premier Zhao Ziyang and three dozen other U.S. and Chinese officials as guests of President Li Xiannian at an el-

egant dinner within the walled compound of the Diaoyutai State Guest House.

The 21-gun salute planned for Reagan was a departure for the Chinese, who reinstated the custom only recently during a visit by Japanese Prime Min-

ister Yasuhiro Nakasone, who like Reagan, came to Peking bearing pledges for help for China's economic development.

Reagan is the first incumbent American president to visit Peking since the restoration of diplomatic ties in 1979.

## Summer dorm applications available

By SALLY SCHWIERZKE  
Reporter

Applications for summer school housing are being accepted from current dorm residents this week, and for the first time Northside dormitories will be open during the summer.

Current dorm residents will be given priority over those off-campus students applying for housing this summer, says Lesley A. Stoup, staff assistant in the Housing Office. Applications from off-campus students will be accepted on May 1.

"We are not anticipating that many more students this sum-

mer," Stoup says. "The Northside dorms will be open because of the maintenance schedule." The maintenance will involve painting and installing new windows in the Corps dorms.

Hughes, Dunn, Underwood, McFadden, Dorm 4 and Dorm 6 will be open for the expected 1,400 men. Haas, Spence and Krueger will be open for the 1,100 women.

"One of the concerns was the eating arrangements," Stoup says. "We will try to accommodate those who prefer the board plan and place them in the dorms close to the Commons area." Students may indicate

their preference for board plan on their application.

Students also may request a private room when filling out their applications. Private rooms will be available in Krueger, Haas and Spence for the women and Dunn, McFadden and Underwood for men.

The cancellation date for the first session is May 30 and May 6 for the second session. Dormitory assignments should be out by June 1, Stoup says. If you do not receive your room assignment by then there will be a table set up at registration for

inquires. The Housing Office will be open Sunday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dorms will open June 3 at 10 a.m.

## Suit may be filed over nuclear site

United Press International

TULIA — Attorney General Jim Mattox Wednesday said his office might file a lawsuit against federal energy officials if one of two proposed Panhandle sites are chosen to store high-level nuclear waste.

The sites in Swisher and Deaf Smith counties are under consideration as a national repository for waste from the country's nuclear power plants.

Mattox said the Department of Energy has ignored the fact that the sites are in agricultural areas and involve the Ogallala and the Santa Rosa aquifers.

"My office and other state agencies will be submitting comments on the DOE's draft of Panhandle sites toward the end of May," Mattox said. "We will oppose the current draft."

The sites near Tulia and Hereford are among nine sites in six states under study as possible locations for the first national radioactive dump. The other sites are in Nevada, Loui-

siana, Mississippi, Utah and Washington.

Plans call for partial opening of the dump by 1998.

Mattox said the decision on whether to file suit against the DOE would depend on whether federal officials considered state officials' objections and also would depend on guidelines DOE is slated to release this summer.

Government officials indicate they plan to narrow the list of potential sites to five or six by this summer.

Gov. Mark White also has criticized the DOE's work and has slated a Thursday night meeting in Hereford between residents and state nuclear officials.

If either Panhandle site is selected, the waste would be put in salt beds below the water supply. Residents have said they are concerned about possible contamination and also about the lowering of property values.

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