A&M prof named agricultural fellow

By JIM BECKER

Dr. Donald Reddell, a professor society for 24 years and has taug of agricultural engineering, was appointed a Fellow of the American he teaches mainly graduate composition of Agricultural Engineers and regrets not having as much

society's annual summer meeting at taught, however, have made the University of Tennessee in proud. Knoxville. Election to Fellow is an honor earned by only about 2 per- reer is seeing his students do cent of the 11,000-member organi- and I've had my share of the zation. Members must have a mini- Reddell said. "I have former mum of 20 years of active practice or dents who are professors thems teaching in agricultural engineering at a half dozen universities in and 10 years membership in ASAE United States, two or three wh to be eligible for nomination.

In naming Reddell the Fellows neering firms, and another Committee stated: "Reddell has as- dozen who were international sumed the position of leadership dents are now making a majo and demonstrated an outstanding tribution in their own country ability to carry a heavy load in his research programs in agricultural been involved with several agri waste management and groundwa- ral organizations and has recter modeling. Results of his research several awards for his perform have been widely applied by great He has been an adviser for plains farmers and feedlot manage- Zeta, the agriculture honor

been elected a Fellow of the society," Reddell said. "It is a very humbling tural Engineer for the Southwe honor because it's nice to know your gion of ASAE in 1977 and the peers think that much of you.

Assistant professor John Nieber, one of Reddell's colleagues in the agricultural engineering department, cles on agricultural enginesaid Reddell deserves the honor. ing his years here. He

Reddell is receiving the award be- surface irrigation that will cause of the contributions he has farmers manage their water by made to the society," Nieber said. by utilizing computers and clean "He is an excellent teacher who pro- nic devices. Reddell also is inv motes both a strong sense of profes- in a project that will cool buil sionalism and ethics in his students. by using chilled water stored un If anyone deserves the award, he ground. He said the idea is feat

Reddell said ASAE is the only or- test it. ganization in the United States specifically for agricultural engineers vantage to it over some of the and is the largest in the world. He dard energy sources right now,

The society is there to promote gas go any higher, it will defin the profession of agricultural engi- have an advantage," Reddell s neering," Reddell said. "It publishes "This project has definite potential books with restricted read-Reddell graduated from I erships that wouldn't ordinarily be Technological College with a B.S.

agricultural machinery.'

Reddell has been a memb rednesday. tact with undergraduates as Reddell was honored during the would like. The students he

"The highlight of any teacher managers in major consulting

While at Texas A&M, Redde nity and has also been adviser The society informed Reddell of student branch of the ASAE his selection before the summer awards include the Deputy (cellor of Agriculture Disting "I am extremely pleased to have Performance Award for Research 1980, Distinguished Young Ag cultural Engineer of the Year Texas section of ASAE in 1975.

Reddell has published sever ing his years here. He is no I think it's appropriate that Dr. volved in a project dealing and he is looking for a sponso class Mo

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United Press International

BROWNSVILLE - The first Sanctuary Movement member prosecuted for violating immigration laws Wednesday told the federal judge who sentenced her to probation that she does not feel that helping Salvadorans fleeing Central American death squads made her a

Mennonite lay worker Stacey Lynn Merkt, 29, of Colorado
Springs, Colo., told U.S.. District
Judge Filemon Vela in a packed month that they had witnessed courtroom that the Reagan Administration's support of a government in El Salvador that has killed 40,000 people and shoots dissidents is contributing to hundreds of refugees fleeing to the United States. Vela told Merkt he believed she

was a "conscientious person" and that her "charity and love" helped mitigate her punishment. He then sentenced her to 90 days in jail, but suspended the sentence and placed her on two years probation after exacting from her a promise that she intends to violate no more laws. She could have been sent to prison for up to 15 years and Vela

warned her he might deal more harshly with future Sanctuary Movement people who run afoul of immigration laws because "people know now the law will be applied."

Vela said Congress is the correct

forum for opposing the government refusal to grant refugee status or extended departure to Salvadorans because, "judges cannot change the

conspiracy and aiding and abetting with a heart and mind. My the transportation of two illegal commitment connects me to p aliens after an all-Hispanic jury de- and justice.

liberated 17 hours over three da the longest jury deliberation is memory of longtime Brown federal court officials.,

More than 150 Sancti Movement/ supporters for throughout Texas jammed courtroom for the sentencing spilled out into the hall.

Also present were Mauricio Vale 21, and Brenda Sanchez-Galar testimony during Merkt's trial relatives and friends being ton in El Salvador before wading th Grande and making their w Casa Oscar Romero last Februar

Merkt was arrested by the Bor Patrol on Feb. 17 near ref Guerra, Texas, while helping two Salvadorans and Sanche lan's 18-month-old baby skirt d points in a Roman Catholic Dio

of Brownsville car.

Merkt read Vela a three hand-written statement saying a sentencing officer had asked h she was guilty as the jury found

"I don't think so. And indeed matter is still unresolved — we appealing. I find it incredibly to believe that what names felon is an act of helping people that as it may; this matter need ther resolution," Merkt told Vela "...I'm no celebrity. I'm no mar

And I'm no felon," said Merkt, teaches English to Central Ame refugees staying at the Cath sponsored Casa Oscar Romen Merkt was convicted last month of nearby San Benito. "I am a wo

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