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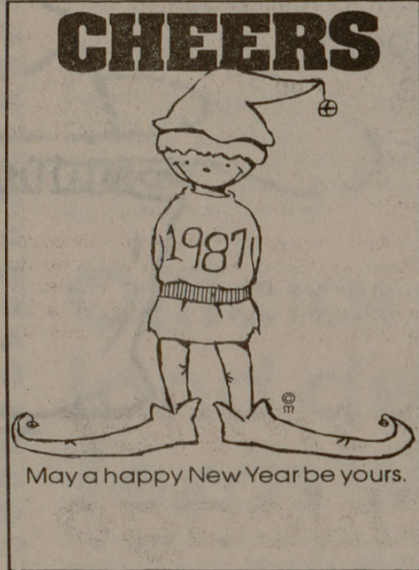
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## Advanced technology research aimed at helping state economy

By Lesley Mann  
Reporter

The Texas Advanced Technology Research Program, a \$35 million project whose major goal is to encourage research in areas that may benefit the state economically, is rolling full steam ahead at A&M, said Henry Taylor, an A&M electrical engineering professor.

Although he received \$400,000 from the research program, Taylor said he obtained another \$1.1 million from other sources, mostly on the federal level.

Taylor said he hopes his research into the field of electro-optics will aid the state's ailing economy.

"One of the highest goals of technology is to develop new products — better products — to replace old ones," Taylor said. "It is highly possible and likely that fallouts in existing products will occur, due to the state of the economy and advancing technology."

"We hope to benefit the economy by developing new, useful products. If we don't do it, someone else — perhaps another industry or group outside of Texas — will."

Taylor said he is working on several projects in the electro-optics field. Taylor said Dr. Ohannes Eknoyan is his principal assistant investigator, but Dr. Yellapu Anjaneyulu, Dr. Andrew K. Chan, Dr. Kai Chang and Dr. Mark H. Weichold also are assisting him.

One research project Taylor said he is working on involves the use of optical fiber delay lines to process signals at very high frequencies.

"The military is taking particular interest in this project," he said. "This will allow them to detect sig-

nals from the enemy and identify the source of radiation at very high frequencies. They will then be able to characterize it (the source) completely."

Another project being researched is a system for generating high frequency signals by mixing light from two laser diodes, Taylor said.

"This is a new way of using light in microwave systems at very high frequencies," he said.

"One popular area this will have an impact on is in satellite communications — sending signals from sa-

tellite to satellite and (from) satellite to the ground."

Other projects Taylor's research working on involve creating wave guides and optical wave modulators for use in communications, said, as well as the feasibility of fiber devices to measure temperature in magnetic fields.

The research program is scheduled to close at the end of August but Taylor said he would like to see other projects and hopes the program will be renewed.

## Bible readings in schools raise libertarians' hackles

BELTON (AP) — Students reciting Bible verses over the public address system at elementary schools have upset civil libertarians who say the practice violates constitutional separations of church and state.

After reciting the pledge of allegiance, a student reads a thought for the day and cites the source from which it came. Many choose to read from the Bible.

"Sometimes they don't read out of the Bible, sometimes they do," said Jeanette Kelly, principal of Lakewood Elementary.

Kelly said students are free to choose the specific inspirational saying. She said she doesn't know if the Bible is the predominant source of material.

The practice goes on at "more than half" of Belton's five elementary schools, said Joe Pirtle, superintendent of the Belton Independent School District, located 42 miles south of Waco.

Pirtle said he is aware that Bible

readings may be unconstitutional. "If someone objected, I'm sure we would make changes," Pirtle said. "We're not deliberately trying something unconstitutional, we're just doing what our people like us to do."

But a legal expert with the Civil Liberties Union said the school's position is "kind of a move" that leaves it open to challenges that could cost the district thousands of dollars in fees.

"That's incredible," said Jan Brinton, TCLU legal director. "There is no way students should be reading from the Bible over the system. They can read the Bible in their free time, but school can't engage in sponsorship of religion."

The Bible can be quoted as a source of literature, but only as it is not a "subterfuge" for bringing religion into the classroom, Brinton said.

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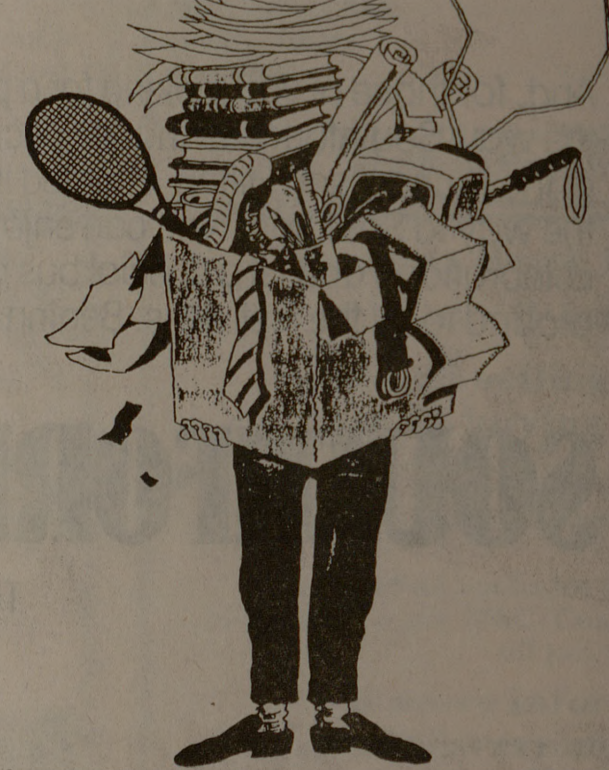
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