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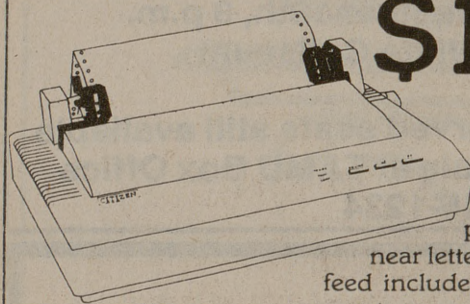
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## In Advance

### Panel to discuss Hispanic dropout rate

The Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture will sponsor a panel discussion concerning the Hispanic dropout rate Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 225 MSC.

The program will be a panel discussion featuring three speakers who will discuss the Hispanic drop-out rate from grade school through higher education, said Orlando Vargas, chairman of the committee.

The first scheduled speaker is Dr. Lauro Cavoza, president of Texas Tech University. Cavoza will speak on the general drop-out statistics and their causes.

The second speaker is Dr. Louis R. Cano, who founded the

George Sanchez Junior Senior High School for Dropouts. Cano will discuss the social aspects and stigmas attached to being Hispanic and how this relates to the dropout rate. He also will talk about the role schools take from elementary school through college.

The third speaker will be Dr. Tatcho Mindola Jr., an associate professor of sociology and director of Mexican-American studies at the University of Houston. He will further explain the educational aspects along with the role the family takes.

The speakers are allotted 20 minutes of speaking time each, followed by a brief question-and-answer session.

## Two facilities get renamed to honor A&M contributors

By Mary-Lynne Rice  
Staff Writer

Two facilities on the Texas A&M campus were renamed this weekend in honor of financial contributors Royce E. Wisenbaker, Class of 1939 and E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal, Class of 1942.

The Royce E. Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center was dedicated Saturday morning at the Engineering Physics Building.

The research center, which opened in 1983, includes offices, classrooms and laboratories. It is the headquarters for the Texas A&M Engineering program and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

Wisenbaker, a member of the A&M Board of Regents, established a \$1 million endowed chair and two \$100,000 endowed graduate fellowships for A&M's College of Engineering.

Wisenbaker was also the University's first contributor to the President's Endowed Scholarship Program.

A portrait of Wisenbaker was unveiled at the ceremony.

Friday afternoon, the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Cen-

ter was dedicated with the unveiling of a bust of Rosenthal.

Rosenthal, head of the Standard Meat Company of Fort Worth, established an endowed chair in meat science and provided funds for a professorship, said James Dooley, animal science academic business administrator.

Rosenthal also provided a scholarship for A&M junior and senior meat judging teams. He was also the first \$1,000 contributor to the Meat Judging Fund of the Texas A&M Development Foundation.

Dooley has provided several universities with a travel grant to participate in the Southwestern Meat Judging Contest.

Also on Friday, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station Regenerative Concepts Laboratory was dedicated with an appreciation speech to General Electric Co., a major contributor to A&M's space studies program.

"GE has given A&M a big system that simulates a space capsule," Jane Mills Smith, information representative with the experiment station Information Office, said. "It simulates the water and waste that would be generated by for astronauts in a space capsule."

## Tornado



Photo by Sam B. Myers

The remnants of a closet and bathroom lay strewn across a pasture.

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cant than an immediate loss of property, she said.

"This is my father's homestead and his business," she said. "He sells fertilizer and hay and raises cattle. He also rented the homes we lost.

Now the fertilizer barn is destroyed and so is the hay barn. All our fences are down. We just hope the cows don't run away."

Behind the Gerdes home, a fertilizer spreader is overturned beside the fallen shed. A tractor is trapped by a maze of branches. And there are no cows in sight.

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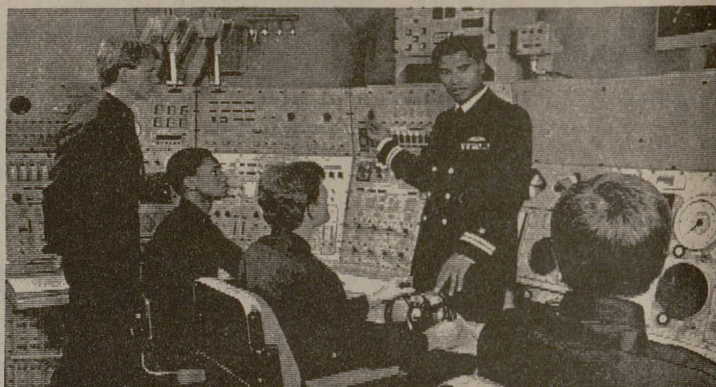
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