

# Retiring agriculture dean honored at reception, praised for service

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Dr. H.O. Kunkel was honored at a reception Friday sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service for his 20 years of service as dean of the College of Agriculture.

Kunkel, 65, is relinquishing his position as dean of the College of Agriculture March 1 to Dr. Charles J. Artzen.

Artzen heads Du Pont's agriculture biotechnology research and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. He is considered an ideal choice for the position, Chancellor Perry Adkisson said in February's *Fortnightly*, a publication of the A&M Office of Public Information. Artzen will be both a deputy chancellor and College of Agriculture dean.

More than 150 people recognized Kunkel for his service to the University at the reception in the Systems Building rotunda.

Kunkel is quick to point out that he is not retiring; he will continue at A&M as a teacher and researcher. As a professor in the Texas A&M nutrition program that he helped establish, he is teaching "Issues in Animal Agriculture" next Fall. His major research emphasis is determining trends in agriculture.

"I'm simply going to try and point out what is happening in agriculture," Kunkel said. "I hope to have some ideas that will give some direction. I have all these years of dealing in the whole field of agriculture and seeing it in the world so I'll have the opportunity to do some things."

Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and a sponsor of the reception praised Kunkel's leadership abilities.



Photo by David Elmer

College of Agriculture Dean H.O. Kunkel and his family enjoy the reception in his honor Friday at the Systems Building.

"Dean Kunkel, no question about it, has been a national and international leader in agriculture," Carpenter said. "He is known as a teacher, a scientist and a real innovator in education across the land."

Kunkel established a masters of agriculture program at Texas A&M in 1969 that is unique to agricultural education. He said no other program offers the opportunities of A&M's master of agriculture program.

As an international leader, Kunkel has worked with other scientists on world agricultural problems at the International Congress of Nutrition, the International Congress of Biochemistry and the Western Hemisphere Nutrition Congress. For these conferences he has traveled all over the world, including to Edinburgh, Rio de Janeiro, Vienna, Toronto, and Manila.

He also served as chairman of the International Conference on Food and Water in 1985. On March 12 he will speak at the Agricultural Fair in Verona, Italy.

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The regional centers are interdisciplinary teams of scientists that specifically work on agricultural problems in each region. The last regional center was built in Amarillo in 1977.

"These centers of expertise, as an extension of Texas A&M's system out in these localities, have really put us in high standing in our ability to serve the public," Carpenter said.

Dr. R.G. Marrifield, associate director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, said the critical mass of scientific talent in these regional centers mounts a much stronger research thrust than states that have substations scattered throughout their state.

Marrifield said Florida is the only other state that has a research and extension system similar to the one Kunkel helped to develop in Texas.

Other accomplishments attributed to Kunkel's administration are the Texas Real Estate Institute and the Institute of Renewable Natural Resources.

Mary Ruth Patranella, assistant to the dean of agriculture, has worked for Kunkel for 25 years. She kept his schedule for 20 of those years until she became the assistant to the dean of Agriculture in 1983.

"I've worked in agriculture all of my career and worked with Dr. Kunkel much longer than anyone else and I've enjoyed it all," Patranella said. "He is a fine person to work for and with."

## Faulty instrument postpones start of nuclear project

BAY CITY (AP) — A faulty reading at the South Texas Nuclear Project halted startup procedures at the plant Sunday morning, an official said.

An instrument in the control room of the project's Unit 1 failed, initiating actions known as a reactor

trip, which would have shut the reactor down had it been in operation," said project spokesman Glen Walker.

The incident occurred at 5:45 a.m. and was over at 6:25 a.m., Walker said.

It posed no threat "whatsoever" to

the plant or community. "It was just a faulty reading," Walker said.

The unit was involved in startup proceedings that were leading to the initial operation of the reactor, he said.

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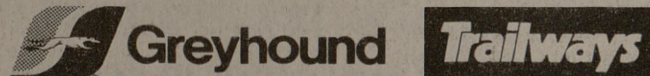
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