Department hopes to attract students with endowment

By Christina De Leon Reporter

Texas A&M's chemical engineering department has received a private endowment for a new graduate fellowship, an amount that the University will match with an additional \$75,000, says Carl Jae-dicke, development officer of the College of Engineering. The Gas Processors Suppliers As-

sociation of Tulsa, a group of several natural gas processing companies, has provided the funds to attract more of the nation's top chemical engineering graduate students to study at A&M, Jaedicke says. Dr. Ray Flumerfelt, head of the

chemical engineering department, says the interest from the \$150,000 endowment will be used to support one graduate student each year.

He says most fellowships provide about \$12,000 per year for the stu-dent to pay for tuition and other expenses. The actual amount granted depends on the interest the endowment earns, Flumerfelt says.

"The department is trying to build up more fellowships," Flumerfelt says, adding that he would like to see more fellowships added to the existing three graduate chemical en-gineering fellowships. Jaedicke says the association has

many contracts with A&M's Thermodynamics Research Center and hopes to hire some of the students supported by the fellowship.

The Thermodynamics Research Center is a part of the Engineering Experiment Station and is staffed mostly by chemical engineering faculty, Jaedicke says.

Flumerfelt says the new fellowship will not be awarded for about a year until interest can be earned on the endowment.

"All of these will be given on a competitive basis," Flumerfelt says, stressing that a strong academic re-cord and good leadership potential are necessities when considering the qualifications of a graduate student for the fellowships.

Although the Gas Processors Suppliers Fellowship is given on a one-year basis, Flumerfelt says the fellowship could be renewed if the graduate fellow completes his term in good standing.

Official wants to help drug users stop AIDS

AUSTIN (AP) — State drug abuse officials proposed a new AIDS prevention program Friday that in-cluded distributing condoms and bleach to intravenous drug users and instructing them how to clean shared needles and engage in safe

Bob Dickson, executive director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, told a legislative task force that the spread of AIDS has prompted the agency to make the radical proposal.

"The commission fully realizes that the street outreach approach may be viewed by some as extreme and not in keeping with an agency whose philosophy emphasizes drugfree treatment methodologies," he said

"However, we feel it is important to stress that this virus can infect anyone, whether or not they eventually become alcohol and drug cli-ents," he said.

Under the program, drug users would be approached "on their own turf by street-knowledgeable per-sonnel" who would discuss AIDS prevention methods and distribute condoms, bleach and brochures that emphasize safe sex, Dickson said.

The program would be financed by the national Centers for Disease Control through grants provided to the Texas Department of Health. Dickson says he is aware that the

plan may be criticized but adds that

the agency's duty is to prevent deaths associated with drug abuse. "This often means doing the diffi-cult, the dirty work if you will, that is sometimes not popular," Dickson reid. "And it means a continuum of said. "And it means a continuum of services encompassing prevention as well as treatment — including these types of outreach programs.

A similar program in New York City, on a smaller scale, has sparked strong criticism from church and law enforcement leaders.

But drug abuse counselors in Texas have praised the commission's proposals for the state.

Dennis Ciscel, executive director of Redoubt River Ranch, an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program, "The drug abuse community is going to be the link to put this disease into the heterosexual population.

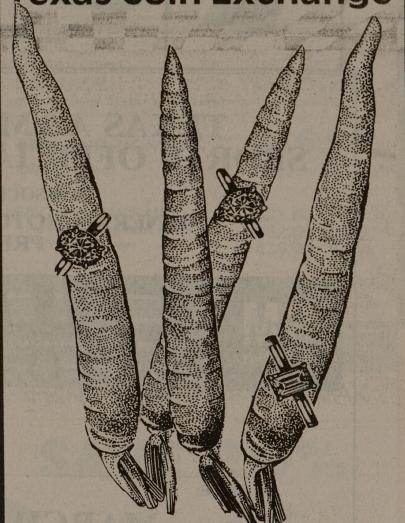
Pilot programs to begin in May would be in addition to three demonstration projects in Houston, Dal-las and El Paso recently approved by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The commission will try to provide services to other cities by establishing programs in metropolitan areas such as San Antonio and Lubbock, which have a high incidence of drug abuse, he said.



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Monday

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY: will discuss "Maintaining Long-Term Productivity in Southern Pine Forest Soils" at 7 p.m. in 103 Soil and

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AGGIES ABROAD CLUB: Representatives from the American Youth Hostel will speak at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. MSC AGGIE CINEMA: will meet to discuss film programming for Fall 1988 at 7

HONORS COUNCIL: will have a general committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 510

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: will show a film and have a membership regis-PSI-CHI/PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: will have a general meeting and officer elec-

tions at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC. LE CLUB FRANCAIS: will meet at 9 p.m. at the Flying Tomato. HART HALL: will have its spring bike auction from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rudder

ALPHA ZETA: Dr. Ron Knutson will present "Agriculture and Election '88" at 7

ENVE: will have a general meeting to elect officers at 6 p.m. in 110 Blocker. ENVE: will have a general meeting to elect officers at 6 p.m. in 110 Blocker. LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL: will have a general meeting open to any interested liberal arts majors at 6 p.m. in 503 Harrington. TAMU SAILING CLUB: will have a membership drive from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. be-

LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP: will have a general meeting at 9 p.m. in the Pa-

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS: Ira Perry, assistant city editor of the *Houston Post*, will speak at 6:30 p.m. in 003 Reed McDonald. TRAP AND SKEET CLUB: will meet to discuss Nationals at 8:30 p.m. in 510

CBA HONORS ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder. INTRAMURALS: Superstars and track meet entries open in 159 Read. STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have a meeting on studying in the United King-dom and Ireland at 2 p.m. in 704A-B Rudder.

Tuesday

GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Dr. Foster of the graduate biology de-partment will speak at 4:30 p.m. in 113 Biological Sciences Building East. BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Mark Johnson, youth minister at First Baptist Church of Conroe, will speak at Hullabuloo at 7 p.m. in 212 MSC. BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: Dr. Seager will present a program at 6 p.m. at the Exotic Animal Center on Fand B. Road. LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL: Dan Orozco, assistant director of the placement center, will speak at 8:30 p.m. in 231 MSC on career opportunities for liberal arts majors.

TAMU SYSTEM ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF: Jo eak on "Improving Your Interpersonal Communications" at noon in

MSC GREAT ISSUES: Dr. Warren Farrell, author of "Why Men are the Way They Are" and "The Liberated Man," will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater. TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Dr. Steven Vogelsang will speak on em-

byo transplants at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg. SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB: will have club yearbook pictures for seniors, ad-visers and judging teams at 5:30 p.m. in the Kleberg lounge. There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg. WATER SKI CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Check the monitor

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have an informational meeting to discuss the

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have an informational meeting to discuss the School for International Training at 3 p.m. in 352 MSC. TEXAS A&M DEBATE FORUM: will have tryouts for the resolved topic that the United Nations should create a Palestinian homeland at 7 p.m. in 608M Blocker. WRITING OUTREACH MINI SESSION: will discuss using government documents in research papers at 6:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker. MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. TAMU SAILING CLUB: will have a membership drive and meeting at 8:30 p.m.

EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 10 p.m. at the Flying Tomato. TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. AGGIE TOASTERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry. Non-members are wel-

POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY/PI SIGMA ALPHA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 501

MSC JORDAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 206 Rudder to announce the Cleo awards. INTRAMURALS: Badminton singles, volleyball triples and inner tube water polo

e in 159 Read. CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will discuss housing and registration prob-

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Recruiters from MBank in Houson will speak at 7 p.m. in 134 Blocker. All students are welcome and business attire is requested

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Report: Bishops informed Secret ecret Service

HOUSTON (AP) — While ar-ranging Pope John Paul II's trip to the United States, the anti-abortion National Conference of Catholic Bishops relayed materials to government agents about a pro-choice press Catholic organization planning tion peaceful activities during the visit, ops. published reports said.

A newspaper reported Sunday it was unclear how or if the U.S. Secret Service - which was in charge of security for the pope during the Sept. 10-19 trip — used the literature about Catholics for Free a Choice, a national group based in Washington, D.C.

But the Secret Service released the material from its files in response to questions from the Houssponse to questions from the Freedom agency. ton Chronicle, under the Freedom "There has been within the of Information Act, about monitor-

pressed surprise at the action of National Conference of Catholic Bish-

The bishops' conference is the re-ligious arm of the civil U.S. Catholic Conference, who sponsored the

pope's visit. "I think it is totally inappropriate for the U.S. Catholic Conference to be cooperating with government agencies in the collection of data that they know has no relevance to the physical safety of the pope," Kissling said. "I don't think it's the function of a religious entity to serve as the investigative arm of a government

church an increasing attempt to si-lence and punish individuals who exercise their rights to disagree with the bishops on public policy. I think that represents a kind of McCarth-vism in the church " yism in the church."

Kissling said there is no evidence the Secret Service conducted surveillance on her organization.

Richard Doerflinger, assistant di-rector of the bishops' Office for Pro-life Activities, said his 1985 report about Catholics for a Free Choice was sent to the Secret Service along with several membership letters. There were also several press re-leases on CFC letterhead that he had obtained.

Doerflinger said the Secret Serv-ice wanted to be sent any materials about groups conducting protests so they would know what to expect and

be ready for whatever may happen. Secret Service spokesman Richard Adams said he could not determine immediately if the agency could dis-cuss its reasons for collecting the documents or how it may have used

But if such a determination is made, a new Freedom of Information Act request would be required to obtain the explanation, he said. Such requests usually take months to process and the information could easilly take longer to obtain.

Kissling said the group will con-tact its attorney today to discuss filing its own information request in an effort to discover if other information was collected about CFC.

Kissling said her group asked to meet with the Secret Service before the pope's arrival but were turned down

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Proposed airport benefits anonymous investors

HOUSTON (AP) — If it is built, Houston's proposed westside airport will benefit more than 40 investors, many of them wealthy, who bought land around the site under arrangements that have kept their names largely secret for more than 18 months, the Houston Post reported in a copyright story Sunday. In fact, Mayor Kathy Whitmire

and 13 of 14 city councilmen said last week they did not know who owned half the airport site when the council voted to buy it in 1986 for \$5.7 million.

Major partners in a consortium that sold the city 1,400 acres of Waller County farmland in 1986 for the interest in the sale. They say the site, about 35 miles west of Houston near Brookshire, is one of the brightest spots on Houston's economic hori-

"We don't want to sit around and

wait until the year 2000 and think, terested in the project donated more 'Oh by God, we need an airport'... than \$73,500 to campaigns of the If you wait until you need it, you will cost the city untold millions," said Bruce Cameron Jr., a Houston developer who coordinated the pro-ject. "I know people would like to be-lieve somehow that we're bad guys (But) this is succeeding because of a lot of hard work.

"What we think this will do is become a catalyst for further growth."

Groups opposing the proposed airport, however, have said the mul-timillion-dollar sale to the city constituted a "land scam."

Documents released to the Post airport insist there are no conflicts of last week show more than 50 investors own more than 2,000 acres of land near the proposed airport.

The opponents' major complaints

• Property owners and others in-

mayor and council members in the last three years. More than \$31,000 in contributions came from members of a joint venture which sold 700 acres of the airport site to the city.

• The airport site was bought before environmental or feasibility studies were undertaken - a process critics of the new airport contend was backward.

• A majority of the council and the mayor said they did not know who owned the land the city bought.

Virgil Knox, president of Individual Landowners and Homeowners Inc., a non-profit watchdog group, said the package of investors that would profit from the airport shows "the whole purpose behind the air-

port project was to enhance real estate values. It's a builder-developer pork-barrel project."

An environmental study of the airport site is expected to be com-pleted in May, and public hearings on the study may occur in July, Houston Aviation Director Paul Gaines said.

After being questioned by the Post, several council members suggested that city land acquisition proc-esses be changed. The city always should know who is selling the land, they said.

"I understand sometimes why people want some anonymity, but when it comes to dealing with public funds I don't think that should be followed," said City Controller George Greanias, who voted for the project as a councilman.