

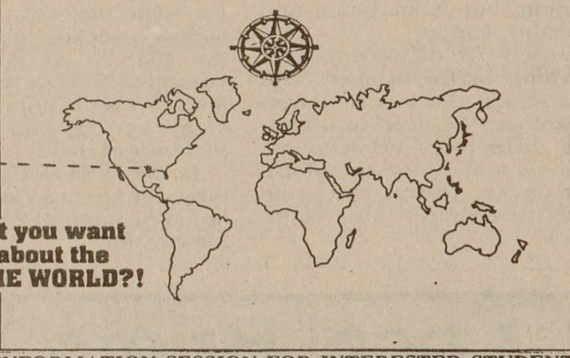
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Faculty members to visit Columbia, teach engineers

By Juliette Rizzo
Staff Writer

Texas A&M's petroleum engineering department has been chosen to send faculty members to Columbia to teach some of that country's best engineers.

Dr. L.S. "Skip" Fletcher, associate dean of engineering, said A&M was selected because of the high quality of its engineering programs.

"ECOPETROL, the Colombian national petroleum company, wants to improve the abilities of its employees and increase development and adaption of new technologies in its national oil industry," Fletcher said.

In the next year, he said, ECOPE-TROL will spend about \$300,000 to send A&M faculty members to Columbia to teach petroleum engineering courses to 20 students who have bachelor's degrees in engineering.

The program, started in mid-July, will run through next June.

At the end of the program, four or five students will be considered for graduate education at A&M, Fletcher said.

"We are very excited about the program because it provides technical assistance to Columbia," Fletcher said. "It also brings Texas A&M some top-notch graduate students."

Petroleum engineering department head Dr. Doug Von Gonten, who developed the program, said it will help bring A&M into the world view.

"We're not only bringing international students into our engineering program, we're fostering good relationships for further research between A&M and country's who are major producers of petroleum," he said.

Fletcher and Von Gonten have worked on similar programs in China and Saudi Arabia.

"This kind of program is not unique to our engineering department," Fletcher said. "We often deal with foreign countries to further research. We're expanding the quality of engineering education in the international arena."

Billionaire invests in California S&L

FORT WORTH (AP) — The acquisition of American Savings and Loan Association by the Robert M. Bass group is the latest in a flurry of activity this year by the Fort Worth billionaire whose family fortune traces back to Texas oil money.

Bass, 40, has agreed to put up \$550 million in cash to acquire the Stockton, Calif., thrift, the nation's largest insolvent savings and loan.

"This is obviously one of the biggest deals that they've done," said Bruce Benteman, a research analyst for Wealth Monitors, a Kansas City investment advice firm. "It shows the pockets of Bob Bass and his affiliates — it shows how deep they are."

Bass' personal wealth is estimated at more than \$1 billion. The wealth of the Bass family, including Robert's brothers Sid R., Lee M. and Edward P., is estimated at \$5 billion to \$6 billion.

The family has a history of buying troubled businesses and then waiting for a turnaround and the profit that follows.

Their fortune dates back to Texas wildcatter Sid Richardson, who made a series of successful oil strikes. Richardson never married and left some of his millions to his partner and nephew, Perry Bass.

Perry's four sons each inherited \$2.8 million, and they combined assets to form Bass Brothers Enterprises. In 1968, Perry, a competitive sailor, handed over the business to son Sid.

All Yale-educated, the Bass brothers have been described as atypical Texas tycoons with a conservative style and quiet manner.

After starting his business career after Yale at Wells Fargo Bank, Robert M. Bass returned to Texas in 1974 to a spot at Bass Brothers Enterprises.

Tales of rivalries among the four brothers have surfaced in recent years, and in 1983 Robert M. Bass broke away and formed Robert M. Bass Group to pursue deals on his own.

The savings and loan deal announced Monday is one in a series Robert M. Bass has been involved in recently.

He bought the Westin Hotel chain from Allegis Corp. for \$1.53 billion.

In March, Bass sold the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan for \$410 million to fellow billionaire Donald Trump.

And on May 17, Bass reached an agreement to buy Bell & Howell Co., a publishing and information services company in Skokie, Ill.

In a further venture into the publishing field, Bass has been making offers for Macmillan Inc., another publishing and information company.

The Robert M. Bass Group already owns 9.2 percent of Macmillan. Now London-based Maxwell Communication Corp. has announced its intention to buy the firm.

The Macmillan negotiations are pending.

Consistent with past involvement in acquired companies, Benteman predicts Bass group will not become heavily involved in managing the newly-acquired savings and loan.

"He's (Robert M. Bass) not a hands-on manager," Benteman said.

Burn victims tell air show crash horror

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An American couple recovering from burns suffered during an air show crash in West Germany said Tuesday they still wonder how they survived the disaster and vowed never to attend another aerobatic exhibition.

Air Force Sgt. Jeffrey McCanch, 23, and his wife, Tammy McCanch, 21, and their 28-month-old son, Jeffrey McCanch II, are among a group of Americans being treated at the burn unit of Brooke Army Medical Center.

The McCanches were among several hundred spectators injured Aug. 28 when three Italian jets crashed during a demonstration at Ramstein Air Force Base, West Germany. More than 40 people died.

McCanch said he and his family were sitting in a group when the crash occurred and that parts of the aircraft landed about 30 feet from them.

The McCanches suffered burns to their hands, but their son, who was asleep on the ground at the time of the crash, suffered burns to his face, neck, back, legs and chest.

"It was just like a nightmare," Ms. McCanch said. "When I was laying there on the ground ... I just kept on saying, 'This is not real. It's not happening.'"

Both McCanches said they would never go to another air show as spectators, but they agreed on whether air shows should be banned.

"I don't think there is a purpose for the air shows," Ms. McCanch said, whose parents live in Indianapolis, Ind.

But her husband, who is assigned to a bomb disposal unit at Kapaun Air Station near Ramstein, said the public is interested in the expensive craft.

What's Up

Wednesday

AGGIE DEMOCRATS: Dukakis Campaign Coordinator Darryl Shaper will speak at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: will have a freshmen meeting at 6 p.m. and a general meeting at 6:45 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

MSC VISUAL ARTS: will have a lecture at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC and a reception for artist Lynn Gurney of Dallas at 7 p.m. in the MSC Gallery.

STUDENT CHAPTER AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: will have an executive board meeting at noon in the VPH meeting room.

EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 10 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

TAMU PISTOL TEAM: will have team tryouts from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Military Sciences Building.

AGGIE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION: will have an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 144 Blocker.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a mid-week study break at 7:30 p.m. at the student center. There will also be a discussion on penance, reconciliation and sin at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the quad.

AGGIELAND: Contracts for all university recognized organizations are available in group mailboxes and in 230 Reed McDonald and are due Friday, Sept. 16.

CLASS OF '91: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 604 Rudder.

CLASS OF '90: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder.

CLASS OF '89: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder. Applications for Dance sub-chairmen are available in the Student Programs Office in the MSC.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will elect officers at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. All students are welcome.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in Blocker Building. Check the monitor screen for the room number.

HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY: will have an organizational meeting for anyone interested at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will have a new member meeting and social at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Check the monitor screen for the room number.

PLACEMENT CENTER: will have an orientation session for all December, May and August graduates at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

INTRAMURAL: will meet with fraternity intramural representatives at 7 p.m. in 167 Read.

SPANISH CLUB: will have its first meeting at 7 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

MSC GREAT ISSUES: will have its first meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

MEXICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will have an organizational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

Thursday

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Shell Oil will offer information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. at the University Inn penthouse.

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: will show the film "Highlander" at 7:30 p.m. in 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

SOUTHWESTERN BLACK STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: Applications for assistant director of operations, hospitality, marketing and program are due today at the multi-cultural services office or the student activities office.

FISH CAMP/CAMP DUNCAN: will have a reunion and slide show at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

UNIVERSITY ART EXHIBITS: Dr. Nadia Tscherny of The Frick Collection will speak at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC for the opening of the exhibit "Aspects of Baroque Painting 1500-1800." A reception will follow in Rudder Exhibit Hall.

THE AGGIELAND: Freshmen and sophomores may have their yearbook photos taken from Sept. 12 to Sept. 23 at Yearbook Associates behind Campus Photo at Northgate.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

AGGIE DEMOCRATS: will host a reception for students to meet elected and appointed officials of Brazos County from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at United Citizens Bank.

WILEY LECTURE SERIES: will have an information session for interested students at 6 p.m. in 146 MSC.

ATHLETIC, AGNOSTIC AND FREETHINKER SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder.

ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 231 MSC.

MEXICAN AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

TAMUCC: will meet at 7 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Check the monitor screen for the room number.

LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS: will discuss some of the Vatican documents at 6:15 p.m. at St. Mary's student center.

PI SIGMA EPSILON: will have an open rush party at 7:30 p.m. in the observatory of the Oceanography and Meteorology Building.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at All Presbyterian Church.

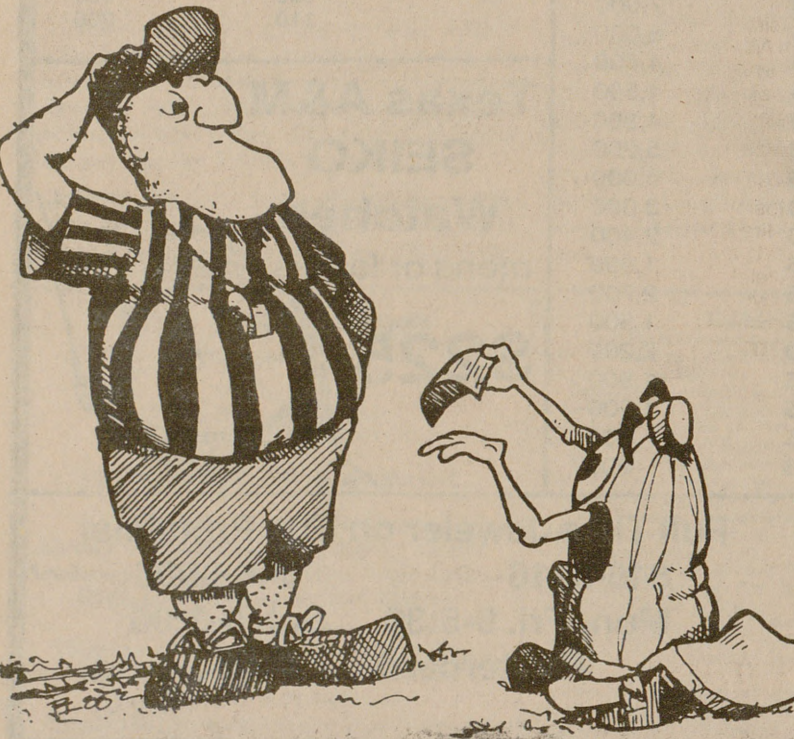
INTRAMURAL: will have a meeting for indoor soccer team captains at 5 p.m. in 167 Read.

MUSTER: Applications for committee positions are due by Friday at 5 p.m. in 202 Pavilion.

TAMU SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB: will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

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 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.

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