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Project to benefit future environment Continued from Page 1

the high level radioactive elements from the low level - because they're treated in different

Paul Sylvester, a research assistant working on the project, be-lieves the process is vitally important to the future of the environ-

"However you feel about the nuclear industry, whether you're pro or against it, whether it continues or is phased out - whatever

happens - you've got a hell of a lot of waste to deal with; both in this country, Europe, and the far East," Sylvester said. "You've got to find some way of encapsulating it safe-

ly for thousands of years."

Clearfield said he began working on the separation process in

the mid-1960s. "No one got excited about it then," he said. "The United States likes to defer problems, rather

than handle them right away." Now, with the nuclear waste "Any heavy metal that is disproblem mounting and the politicharged into the environment is a

cal climate more attuned to environmental problems, Clearfield believes that this project's time

The Department of Energy has asked people for ideas on how to solve this problem," he said. "We're now in the process of getting funding from them to apply these techniques

The process, if widely accepted, could impact many areas of environmental concern.

pollutant," he said. "These mate rials can take out most heavy me

als as well as radioactive mater Clearfield said an enormou amount of money could be generated by this project.

"The money would initially go to my group," he said. "I have about ten graduate students, eight post-doctoral students, and on undergraduate student working in my group. We need a lot of care and feeding."

International students take part in talent show

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'Some people got nervous and said their introductions a little early, but basically it went very well,"

There were 400 international students who performed from 21 different countries.

A judging panel of eleven judges selected the five best performances. The judges included A&M faculty members and community leaders.

The best five performances were handed to Indonesia, Korea, India, Mexico and the Philippines.

Indonesian students performed a welcoming dance called Saman" and Indian students performed a folk dance called Bhangra.'

Korean students decided to let catch the spirit."

their children take the spotlight as 20 small Korean children danced 'Children in the Spring

Mexican students performed a polka dance called "Evangelina" and Philippine students performed a synchronized dance with large bamboo sticks.

For the grand finale, all 400 international students sang "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" in front of a display of 60 different flags.

'It was very colorful," Koestoer said. "Everyone seemed to enjoy it (the finale).

Koestoer said everyone practiced hard for the talent show and dress parade.

It's more than just entertainment," she said. "The international students carefully plan their acts so the audience can really

Following the talent show and dress parade, an awards ceremony was held at the College Station Conference Center, complete with

refreshments and dancing. In addition to the talent show awards, five awards were presented for the MSC cultural displays. The most hospitable display went to Saudi Arabia and the Most Informative Display was presented

Sri Lanka won the Most Creative Display award and Brazil won the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) display award for raising the most money for UNICEF.

Pakistan won the award for best relation to this year's International Week's theme, "Hope in a Changing World." Pakistan's display featured the changing roles

Two awards were also pres ed for the international buff held Wednesday night. Sai Arabia won the Most Enthusia Award and India received th Most Popular Award.

In addition, Texas A&M Exe utive Associate Provost Dr. Jer Gaston presented the Epprig Outstanding International Stude Award to Ranjan Natrajan, a gra uate student in agricultural eng neering. Gaston also presen the Outstanding Community Vo unteer to Melinda Hallmark, d rector of Discovery.

Discovery is an organization 50 local women who volunted their time to help wives of intern tional students adjust to American culture.

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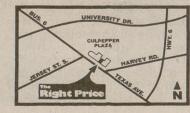
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Economists forecast steady climb in economy

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were not as sharp as previous thought. They were revised up ward to 0.2 percent for each month from the 0.3 percent de clines originally estimated last month.

For the year, the Bush administration and many economists at forecasting growth of just 1.5 pe cent compared with an average 6 percent during the first year recovery from other post-World War II recessions.

In a second report, the depart ments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development sa sales of new homes shot up 125 percent in January, the steep advance in a year. It was the thin increase in four months and mo than wiped out a 4.6 percent de cline in December. and how

Except for the Northeast, all n gions posted advances including a huge 63 percent gain in the Mide ey from

Analysts said the report was another sign the housing indust had assumed its traditional role leading the economy out of ther cession with its spillover effect of sales of appliances and other home furnishings Greenspan cited the big jum

in housing activity as one reason he too believed the economy w beginning to show promise mounting a sustained recovery.

He cautioned there was "anex ceptional measure of uncertain to the current picture" because unusual forces such as high co sumer and business debt burden which were holding back growth

Greenspan said the Fed's parate cuts were "clearly working What is not clear is whether wh we are seeing at this stage w create a self-sustaining econom recovery.

Greenspan once again said the central bank stood ready to d more if the expected economic bound does not materialize. said he was not convinced th "we may not need some ins ance" in the form of further ra

Besides stock prices, other in cators boosting the leading inde were increased orders for ne plants and equipment, increase building permits, rising prices raw materials suggesting creased demand, rising orders consumer goods, stronger grow in the money supply and fewe initial claims for unemploymen insurance.

Those were offset somewhat by a shorter work week, a declin in an index measuring consum confidence, faster delivery time and a decrease in unfilled factor orders that suggested slack de mand.

The various changes left their dex at 146.5 percent of its 198 base of 100. The index had rise 0.6 percent from August through January, compared to 4.9 perce the previous six months.

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