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The Chemistry Building will keep its original architectural design.

## Building's facade maintained despite modern renovation

By MARSHALL LOVE

Special to THE BATTALION

In the midst of some of Texas A&M University's newest buildings, the Chemistry Building looks just as it did 60 years ago, and the \$7 million renovation is designed to maintain the building's original facade while updating its utility.

The renovations on the building, designed and built by F.E. Giesecke in 1932, were undertaken to update laboratories and bring them into compliance with modern safety codes, and to freshen up the building's appearance.

Bright yellow and blue tiles displaying chemical symbols accentuate the geometric patterns carved in the building's sandy stone walls which have been cleaned and sealed with a protective coating to insure minimal weathering in the future, foreman Virgil Weed said.

The ornate artwork and tapestries on the ceilings and walls of

the main lobby and large lecture halls have also been cleaned and sealed, he said.

The style Giesecke used was typical of Texas institutional construction in the 1930s, though the period itself moved away from architectural trends of other periods, said Tim Donathen, assistant manager of facilities planning at A&M.

"Giesecke borrowed some classic elements, but not in a pure classical style at all," Donathen said. "The 1932 wing marks a decided departure from anything previous in terms of its use of color through tiles, or terra-cotta, and through interior detail."

Texas A&M student Jason Eubank viewed the restoration as beneficial to the University.

"The Chemistry Building really catches your eye," he said. "I'm glad the University has decided to preserve it."

Additions to the chemistry building include 18 laboratories, new windows and doors, and a central heating and air system.

## Society names president-elect

By ROBIN GOODPASTER

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Dr. Leon H. Russell, professor of Veterinary Public Health, Medical Microbiology, Immunology, and Food Science and Technology at Texas A&M University, says that for the first time in twenty years a person from the academic world rather than a practicing veterinarian has been named president-elect of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).



Russell

"Most of the members of the AVMA are practicing veterinarians, and academicians usually don't get appointed to this position. I'm very honored," Russell said.

As AVMA president-elect, Russell will act on the AVMA Executive Board and the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors consists of three people, and it decides policies for the AVMA.

Russell said the president is a spokesperson for the AVMA speaking when the president is unable to be there.

"Basically, I am a public relations person," Russell said. "Each summer the 52,000 member organization holds an annual meeting to discuss national and local concerns."

Topics discussed at the conference include issues such as animal welfare and food safety.

"I've been interested in veterinary medicine all my life," Russell said.

Russell received his veterinary medical degree from the University of Missouri in 1956, and his master's degree in 1958 from Texas A&M University.

Russell received his doctorate in 1965 from Texas A&M University.

Russell will succeed Dr. Everett Macomber as AVMA president in 1993 at the 133rd annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Ross Volunteers induct juniors into honor guard

By JULI PHILLIPS

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Seventy-two Corps juniors will join the oldest student organization in Texas - the Ross Volunteers.

The majority of the 72 inductees come from the Air Force cadets, followed in numbers by the Army cadets, the Navy/Marine cadets and juniors from the Aggie Band.

Ross Volunteer Company Commander Jon Scott explained that the number of juniors chosen from each military branch depend on a ratio of qualified juniors in each branch to the number of qualified juniors in the Corps as a whole.

There are ten "at-large" slots that can be filled from any branch.

To be a "qualified" junior, the cadet must have, and maintain, a 2.3 grade

point average and be in good standing with the Corps.

Scott said he feels the recent problems the Corps has had, such as the scrutiny after the Midnight Yell riot, the sexual harassment allegations and other conflicts, are not affecting the Ross Volunteers.


"The RV's are normally the leaders of the Corps, and the problems are not coming from the leaders," Scott said.

"The problems are coming from those following bad examples."

The Ross Volunteers invite 72 juniors every year to become a part of the honor guard, whose duties include participation in traditional ceremonies such as Silver Taps, Muster and the inauguration of the Governor of Texas.

The Ross Volunteers are also in the lead marching unit in the Rex Parade during Mardi Gras in New Orleans.





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