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# Employees recognized for superior service

□ The 1995 Outstanding **Employee** awards were given to two A&M System employees, Lynda Ferguson and Don Hamilton.

By Heather Pace THE BATTALION

Lynda Ferguson and Don Hamilton were recognized by the Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices for providing superb service to the University.

Ferguson and Hamilton, winners of the 1995 Outstanding Employees were selected by an anonymous committee that judged job performance, skills, improvement of the system and

recognition by employees. Lynda Ferguson is the staff assistant for the A&M System Human Resources Department. She is responsible for all financial aspects of the system employee insurance plan and handles the computers and the book-

keeping for the department. Dale Mason, an executive secretary for the department, has worked closely with Ferguson for many years and said he has seen the dedication that

Ferguson puts into her work.

"She wears many hats," Mason said. "She does a whole lot beyond her duties as department bookkeeper. She has taken on a role of computer troubleshooter because of her own initiative.

Known for being meticulous and careful, Ferguson devised a series of spreadsheets that amazed auditors because her records were so accurate.

Mason described Ferguson as "very humble and surprised when she receives praise. It doesn't matter how busy she is, she jumps up and helps you ...

"Most people aren't aware of the effort she puts in, but she doesn't like to call attention to herself," Mason said

Ferguson said she was proud to receive the award.

"I was pleased people would think enough of me to nominate me for this award," she said.

Hamilton is an electrical construction supervisor in A&M System's Facilities Planning

and Construction Office Max Hinojosa, the director of the Physical Plant at Texas A&M at Galveston, described Hamilton as a "godsend.

Hinojosa said he could not think of anyone else so richly deserving of this award or any one who could better validate the award's spirit and goodwill."
William Scott, Facilities Con-

struction Division project manager, has worked with Hamilton for more than 20 years.
"He goes beyond the mini-

mum requirements of his job, not only to get his job done, but to assist the users and the contractors," Scott said.

Scott said Hamilton has the

highest integrity.

"He's always been loyal to his employer to get the job done with-

out any breach of ethics," he Joe Estill, Facilities

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struction Division many emphasized Hamilton's ingness to help others problems they encounted his can-do attitude."



Lynda Ferguson is a recipient the 1995 Outstanding Employe film s

# Association of Former Students honors professor those things," Green said. "I am said Green deserved the award. "Dr. Green has work award. "Dr. College ad very

□ Dr. Marvin Cannon and Dr. J. Ben Green were rewarded for their distinguished teaching methods.

By Michelle Lyons THE BATTALION

Two Texas A&M College of Medicine professors were recently honored with the Distinguished Teaching Award by the Association of Former Students.

Dr. Marvin Cannon, an anatomy professor, and Dr. J Ben Green, an internal medicine professor, were recognized for their achievements and dedication in teaching.

Every year, the association selects récipients based on nominations from colleagues and students. Both men expressed pride

at being chosen to receive the

"I felt extremely honored and delighted and surprised — all "It's a tremendous privilege

to be a physician and an even greater one to be able to teach medical students. Then, when you're recognized for that teaching, that's such a great honor." Green, a College of Medicine

faculty member since the late 1970s, said news of the award

"I try to appreciate my students' "I try to appreciate my students"

honored to I was and I was get it, pletaly conthe amount of material contained in the curriculum."

Distinguished Teaching Award recipient learning fun

came as a complete surprise. "Actually, I was called in from vacation and was told I had to represent the Department of Medicine at a meet-ing," he said. "When I got there, I found out I had received the award.

Martha Marinek, College of Medicine program coordinator, enjoy learning.

hard within the College of Medicine," Marinek said. "He gen-"He is always open to them should they need him. He is a true teacher, and I think it [the

award] is very well-deserved. Cannon expressed pride at being chosen for the award,

"I didn't expect it," he said. "I was

pletely, complete-Cannon said

he teaches in a Dr. Marvin Cannon way that makes "I try to appreciate my students' points of

view and not lose sight of the amount of material contained in the curriculum," he said. "You have to give students what they need to know while making learning enjoyable. It's amazing how much material can be absorbed if the students "Getting to know the standard each year is the best part of teaching, and teaching is the best part of my academ career

Cannon has been a prossor at the College of Medica since 1976. He was honored Outstanding Lecturer in Mand received the Hindsip Award in Medical Microans my in 1992.

Dr. Ian Russell, an anatom professor, said Cannon was a excellent candidate for the award.

Tve taught with him sino 1990," Russell said. "He teach a major six-hour anator course. Basically, he taugh single-handedly while I out. I think he did a heroicio

"He's an excellent tead an outstanding teacher. [] award] came as a tremen surprise to him. He was delig ed and pleased and totally p zled as to how he won it." As recipients of the awar

both Green and Cannon w receive a certificate and a honorarium.

## Opal leaves path of destruction | Segregation

□ Fifteen counties in Florida qualified for federal aid in the wake of the hurricane, which inflicted \$1.8 billion in damage.

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Under blue skies, the damage wrought by Hurricane Opal became clear Thursday: hundreds of houses smashed into splintered boards, condominiums flattened, hotel walls caved in and boats tossed ashore along 120 miles of eroded beach.

"This is what I call utter destruction," an astonished Al Donaldson said as the homeowner looked over Santa Rosa Beach, west of Panama City.

Opal, which hit land late Wednesday with gusts up to 144 mph, killed at least 11 people and caused an estimated \$1.8 billion in damage to insured property along the Florida Panhandle. That made it the second-costliest storm in state history after Hurricane Andrew, which inflicted \$17 billion in damage in 1992.

Fifteen Panhandle counties were approved for federal emergency aid.

Opal lost its punch as it blew through Alabama but still knocked out power to 2 million in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas. Many homes also had no water or phone service.

Nearly 3,000 police and National Guardsmen were posted in Florida to prevent looting.

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segregation are housing quality, racial preference and income.

"The program is set up where I can maximize every factor to generate extreme segregation, then I can turn should not be generalize it all off to see what happens," Fossett said.

The goal of Fossett's work is to understand the causes of residential segregation.

"I think it's going to change the conventional wisdom a little bit," he said.

Fossett stressed the importance of further research in residential segregation for practical use.

"I think some really serious work needs to be done, and hasn't been done yet, to eva ate the preferences expres in that research and how real they are and go handle on whether they are haviorally important," he said

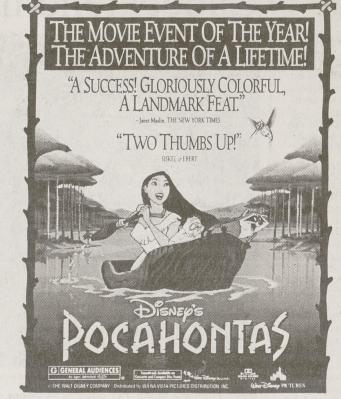
Fossett warns that puter simulations are no solute models of real life.

"These simulation res existing cities in Ameri he said. "What these sim tion results are useful for DC showing that logically, erences can be important

Fossett said he belie his studies are useful in termining policy for planning. "If you're designing cit

to make everyone happy, can't do it," he said. "In real world, you don't to preferences off."

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