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EDUCATION

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The newly formed Department of Educational Administration and Human Resource Development will be responsible for education areas relating to adult and continuing education, distance learning and higher education curriculum specialization.

These will go along with the original functions of the separate departments, which include kindergarten through 12th grade teaching and training of future college and school administrators.

According to the memo an increased focus on adult education, curriculum and administration has emerged because of the increasing existence of private sector teaching and training programs.

Dr. Larry Dooley, assistant department head of the Department of Educational Human Resource Development, and Bryan R. Cole, head of the Department of Educational Administration, said joining the departments will be an asset to students because it offers them more choices and resources. Cole said students should not be affected negatively by the restructuring.

"Drawing upon the expertise of all the faculty and working together to see what each others' work is, and how to use this work, will provide some new and different opportunities for people to plug in to," Cole said. "Our students won't feel any negative impact from any of this."

Conoley's memo stated that the completely new Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture will contain all staff from the former Department of Educational Curriculum and Instruction excluding some staff

working with educational technology. The new department will include one staff member from the integrated Department of Educational Human Resource Development.

This configuration will provide students with a rounded cultural education including explorations of contemporary issues of society, culture and schooling, social justice, inclusive education, multicultural education and urban and rural education.

"This emphases should facilitate efforts to recruit the diverse students and faculty needed for the pursuit of excellence in the changing demography of the century ahead," the memo said.

The reconfiguration of the Department of Educational Philosophy, according to Conoley's memo, will include the College of Education's technology education resources.

The goal, stated the memo, is "to enhance the academic, research and service functions associated with our technology work." The configuration is being put forth because of the success other universities have experienced in coupling their educational psychology departments with educational technology.

The college will add several interdisciplinary faculties to facilitate better communication and flexibility throughout the college.

Dooley said these groups are intended to be units within the College of Education to fill instructional gaps between formal administrative units.

The proposed changes are being considered now by A&M officials and committees and will be decided on soon. If they are ratified, the configuration will go into effect by Fall 2000 and then through a two-year testing period to determine any flaws or needed improvements in the system.

Bowen beefs up

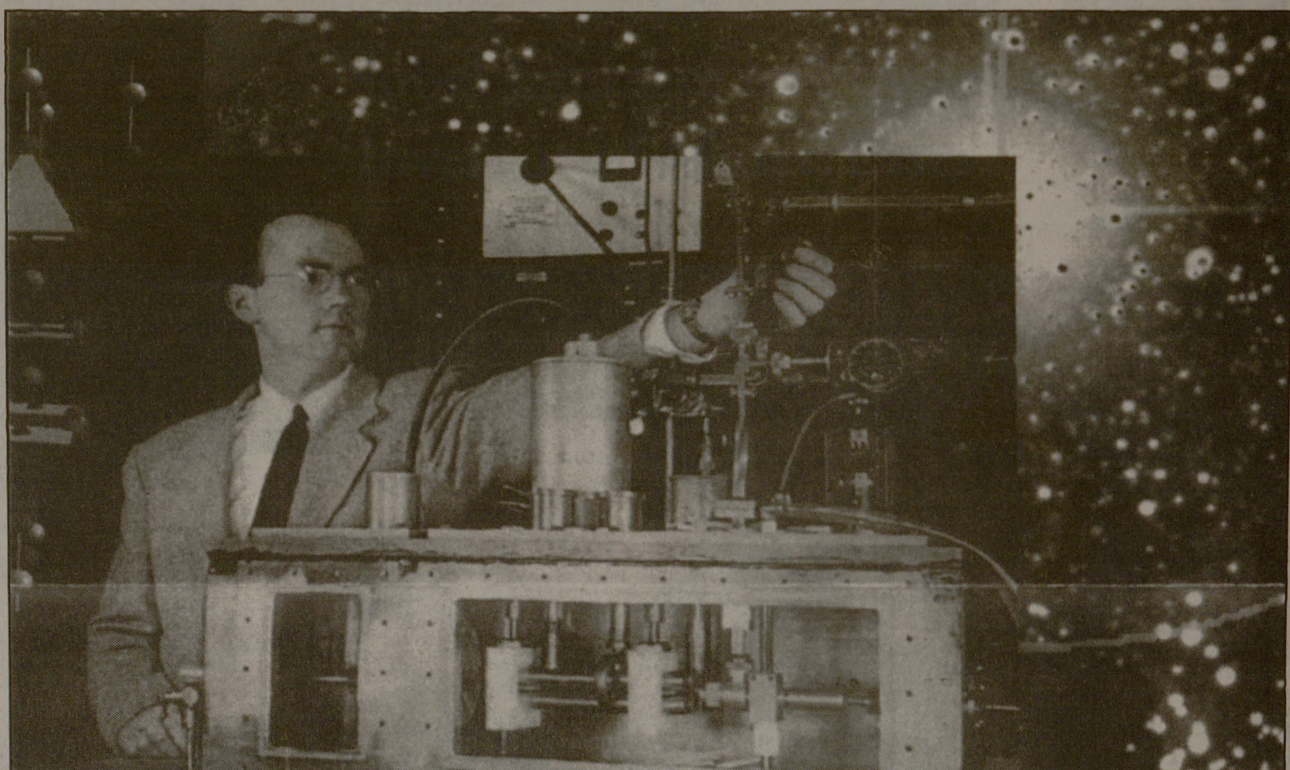


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