

Classroom Computers Move Closer With New System

The concept of computers in the classroom moved a step closer to reality at Texas A&M this week with the university's announcement it will install an advanced IBM 360/65 system in its Data Processing Center.

"This third-generation computer is as sophisticated as any in the entire Southwest and one of the finest on any campus in the country," noted A&M Engineering Dean Fred Benson.

Dean Benson said that in addition to being five times as powerful as the university's current equipment, the new 360/65 will incorporate remote capabilities enabling professors to operate the machine from classrooms or laboratories and receive their information on TV-type screens.

The new computer will be installed during the Christmas holidays.

"We hope to be doing a little of the computer-in-the-classroom work next spring and be going pretty good the following fall," the dean remarked.

In addition to opening new areas in instruction, the 360/65 will enhance Texas A&M's fast-growing research program.

"We've gone about as far as we can go with our current 7094 which is the top of the line in IBM's second-generation equipment," Dean Benson observed.

The 360/65, capable of storing more than a half-million characters for rapid access and billions for random access, should handle the university's requirements through the early 1970's.

Dean Benson explained the new machine has "building block" capabilities allowing expansion to meet the requirements of a growing university.

The 7094, which now carries most of the Data Processing Center load, will be transferred to the university's Cyclotron Institute and used to monitor its giant new "atom-smasher." The university also will maintain one of its three 1401 systems.

Texas A&M was one of the first universities to use computers on a large scale and is now taking a leading role in the national trend to make the machines available to students as part of their normal course work.

Six Hours Credit Is Given For 'School At Sea'

High school graduates and college freshmen can earn six hours of academic credit while cruising down to Rio with Texas A&M University's unique "Summer School at Sea."

The June 11-Aug. 14 cruise is jointly sponsored by A&M's Texas Maritime Academy and College of Liberal Arts, utilizing a 15,000-ton converted ocean liner, the "Texas Clipper," as a floating classroom.

While getting a taste of the sea, qualified students may earn college credit in English, history, government and mathematics.

Credit for the courses may be applied to a standard degree from Texas A&M or another college or university. It also can be applied to a TMA course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering or marine transportation.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Texas Maritime Academy, Texas A&M University, College Station.

Prof Surprised With Cake Party By Absent Class

As Dr. Delbert McGuire walked into his 10 a.m. Journalism 420 class, he noticed something different.

No one was there. Bewildered, Dr. McGuire trod softly back to his office. He was intercepted by student Neal Cook and was led into the journalism library.

"I heard a remark in a class this morning about my departure August 1; but I really didn't expect anything so soon!" McGuire said, smiling towards a large cake with the inscription "Best Wishes to You" across its middle.

Sandra Kirchner, department secretary, and the missing journalism students greeted McGuire with slices of cake and fresh-perked coffee.

As to who bought the cake, the blushing secretary revealed: "I used the profits from our coffee money."

Calhoun Elected To Board Position

Dr. John C. Calhoun, Texas A&M vice president for programs, has been elected vice chairman of the board for the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research.

The non-profit organization met this week in Boulder, Colo., in conjunction with the dedication of new facilities for the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Geosciences Dean Horace Byers, a member of the UCAR board and its former chairman, also attended the dedication ceremonies and presided at the organization's luncheon.

UCAR is composed of 23 U. S. universities which have graduate programs in the atmospheric sciences and related fields. It operates the National Center for Atmospheric Research under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

Peking's Opponents Prepare To Seek Out Mao Supporters

TOKYO (AP) — Opponents of Mao Tse-tung are preparing a big offensive to root out his supporters in the turbulent western province of Szechwan, a Japanese dispatch from Peking said Wednesday.

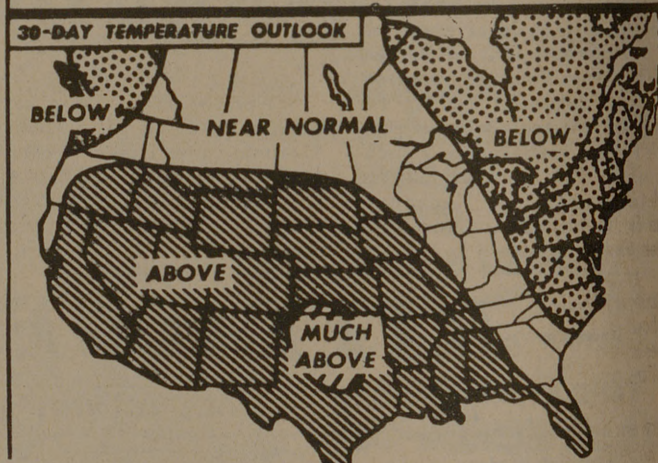
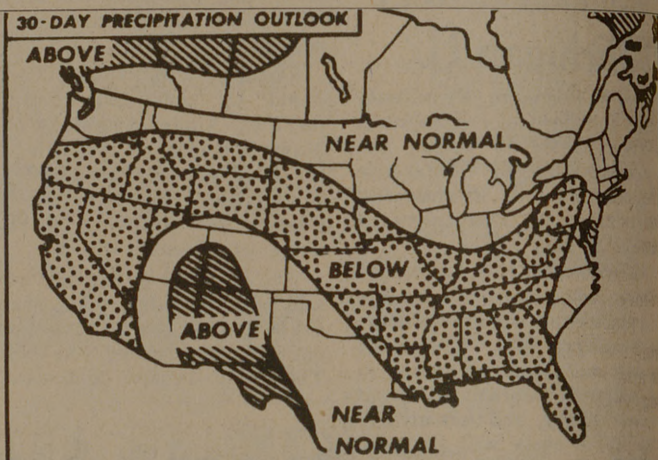
The newspaper Asahi's correspondent said a wall poster reported more than 100 persons were killed and countless others injured in armed clashes in the province the past four days.

The wall poster said the "conservatives" or supporters of President Lin Shao-chi, Mao's

arch rival in the power struggle have been storing weapons and ammunition in preparation for the offensive.

Szechwan is one of China's most populated provinces and the home of the Communist party secretary-general, Teng Hsiao-ping, another Mao enemy.

Asahi said the city of Iping, Southern Szechwan is under control of Mao's opponents and Maoist revolutionaries had been forced to hole up in several buildings.



30-DAY WEATHER FORECAST MAP These maps, based on those issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, show precipitation and temperature outlook for the next 30 days. (AP Wirephoto)

Two More Speakers Named For I.E. Management Meet

Names of two more speakers for the Department of Industrial Engineering's June management seminar have been announced by Dr. Wilbur Meier.

They are Joseph J. Moder, head of the University of Miami's Department of Industrial Engineering, and Bruce H. Frank, project coordinator with the Wakefern Food Corporation of Elizabeth, N. J.

Moder, who is also vice-president of Management Science Atlanta Inc., is a consultant in scheduling problems and the author of several articles on project management and control. He is co-author of "Project Management with CPM and PERT,"

a book written in collaboration with Cecil R. Phillips, who was earlier announced as a seminar speaker.

Frank is a former staff specialist with Sylvania Electronic Systems, and has coordinated the application of cost systems for the financial control of several large projects. His topic will be "an Integrated Approach to Project Planning and Control."

Dr. Meier said approximately 75 people have indicated they will attend the conference, and he expects the final number to be more than 100. Leading engineers, professors and business executives from the Southwest have been invited.

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