

**NEW ENGINEERING COMPLEX**  
Here is a different view of the construction now beginning on the A&M's new engineering complex located across from the cyclotron. It will be completed by the summer of 1971. (Photo by Monty Stanley)

## '67 Grad Oates Dies In Vietnam

Army Capt. Eugene C. (Gene) Oates III, Texas A&M graduate and son of a student counselor at the university has been killed in a helicopter accident in Vietnam. The 1967 A&M graduate in civil engineering died Monday. Captain Oates, a combat engineer, had been in Southeast Asia since January. He is survived by his wife, the former Sharon Walding of Bryan; parents, Col. and Mrs. Eugene C. Oates Jr., of Jones Bridge Rd., and sister, Shirely. Colonel Oates is a member of A&M's Student Affairs Office staff.

Captain Oates was serving with Company "C" of the 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. He was commissioned in the Regular Army at A&M in May, 1967. The Ross Volunteer went to Fort Hood for his first duty assignment, then attended jungle warfare school in Panama, the engineer officers basic course at Fort Belvoir, Va., and Range School at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Two tax-supported Texas institutions have an operation going in which everybody wins. Especially Texas taxpayers.

The Texas Department of Corrections and Texas A&M have cooperated in an interagency contract for nearly two years, to their mutual benefit.

A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine sends clinicians and students to the state prison system's various units for herd health training and work in TDC's Agriculture Department.

Students gain practical experience. The college gets access to a vast quantity of livestock for clinical practice purposes.

TDC secures a great amount of needed assistance with its more than 33,000-herd and 101,000-plus poultry flock.

"Taxpayers receive a very real benefit through direct tax savings and improved efficiency in the state-owned livestock operation of the Texas Department of Corrections," commented Byron W. Frierson, assistant director in charge of agriculture.

"The program has been very important to us in view of our doubled enrollment," A&M's veterinary dean A. A. Price referred to recent expansion of the college's professional course. "It fills a great need for our additional students and enables the college to maintain a high-standard clinical training program, even under the rather sudden and drastic enrollment increase."

"This kind of training can't be bought," Price pointed out.

Frierson noted the prison department's herds are subject to every sort of health hazard. Compounding such inherent problems for the system's one fulltime veterinarian, Dr. A. G. Ollre, is widespread dispersion of the department's 15,745 beef cattle, 2,401 dairy animals, 13,938 swine, 763 horses, 428 dogs and 101,337 fowls.

They are located at four points in Brazoria County, two in Fort Bend County, one in Harris County, three in Walker County and one each in Madison, Houston and Anderson counties.

The system headed by Dr. George J. Beto has a dozen units scattered over a 170-mile strip of Texas from west of Palestine to near the Gulf Coast at Freeport.

"There are other herd health programs," Price remarked, "but none as large nor diverse."

Object of the contract arrangement, he explains, is preventive medicine. Aggie vet teams work with herds to prevent serious problems, rather than treating

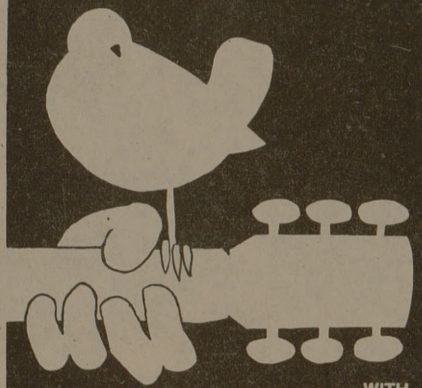
individual already-stricken animals.

Actual workings of the arrangement are supervised by Dr. W. M. Romane, A&M vet medicine and surgery professor who arranges instructor-student groups for work in the system.

Three or four teams consisting of a clinician (instructor) and four students are in the system each day, involving daily a total of 16 students and four or more instructors, he noted.

Student training varies widely. It includes palpating mares during and following breeding season, worming, vaccination, sterility checks and eye surgery on the department's Herefords, among many others.

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## State Officials Join TMA Cruise

Several legislators and other state officials have accepted invitations to participate in the final leg of the Texas Maritime Academy's summer cruise, a one-day jaunt Sunday from Port Arthur to Galveston.

The "Texas Clipper," TMA training ship carrying 196 students, will be returning from a 10-week, 13,676-mile Mediterranean cruise.

Adm. James D. Craik (USCG-Ret.), TMA superintendent, said

the legislators and other guests are being invited aboard to give them a first-hand look at the academy during operations at sea.

TMA, a division of A&M is one of six major maritime academies in the nation and the only one on the Gulf Coast.

Port Arthur civic leaders will roll out the red carpet for the Friday arrival of the 15,000-ton converted oceanliner, with five area mayors and a band group.

**Art Show**—Paintings and sculptures on trees, on grass, surrounded by the Hudson valley, will be displayed. Accomplished artists, "Ghetto" artists, and would-be artists will be glad to discuss their work, or the unspoiled splendor of the surroundings, or anything else that might be on your mind. If you're an artist, and you want to display, write for information.

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