

# Computer Registration Study Group to Be Revived

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A committee set up last spring to study computer registration will be reactivated during the next two weeks to study proposals concerning the new system and make recommendations for improvement.

"(A&M) President (Earl) Rudder has asked for the committee to be reactivated so we can get things going well in advance of spring registration," said Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

Computer registration was first

used on a large-scale basis at A&M last January, Lacey noted. He pointed out that all enrollment procedures were fully automated in May for pre-registration of students for the fall term.

"We now have two registration periods to look at," observed Dr. William R. Stewart, who served as head of the study group last spring.

"There may be additional problems that have come up which were not discovered during the initial period," the agricultural engineering assistant professor

noted. "Although we had recommendations to make last time, a report was never submitted because we failed to meet the deadline for May pre-registration."

He added that, because the report was not written up, the original findings will be reviewed at the first meeting in order to consolidate recommendations of various interest groups.

"I'm very anxious to see the committee reactivated," Lacey said. "We need a working committee to listen to suggestions and see what can be done about

them."

He added that, although some wishes would be impractical, there would be many that could be incorporated into computer registration.

Stewart and Lacey noted that several factors contributed to the stall in the committee's assigned task last spring, including spring election problems, finals, and graduation.

"Nothing could be done during the summer, either, because several committee members were gone from the campus," Stewart

continued. "Also, I probably didn't push the members hard enough for recommendations."

"Last spring we got organized and were all present at a couple of meetings," Lacey added, "but the big problem was that it was May before we started getting results."

The original committee, composed of deans' representatives, faculty advisers and students, was divided into three sub-committees, each representing one of the interest groups.

The 27 members of the com-

mittee were appointed by Rudder on the recommendations of deans and student groups.

Members included one representative from each dean's office, which in most cases was an assistant dean who handled student affairs. There was also one faculty adviser from each college who was chosen from among the individual departmental registration representatives.

Other members included representatives of the School of Architecture and the Texas Maritime

Academy, three students recommended by the Student Senate, two by the Graduate Student Council, two from the Corps of Cadets, and two from the Civilian Student Council.

Also on the committee, besides Lacey and those mentioned, was Systems Analyst Elliot Bray, who did the computer programming.

Changes and additions will need to be made on the committee to accommodate two new academic colleges and to replace students who graduated, Lacey said.



SAD, SO SAD

Members of the cast for "Dinny and the Witches" rehearse their parts in preparation for the Aggie Players' first production of the year. Performances will be Tuesday through Thursday Oct. 22 through 24. The play is a satire on man in the atomic age. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Voter Registration for 1970 Now Under Way In Texas

Voter registration for the 1970 voting year is now under way. Registration began Oct. 1 and will continue through January 31, 1970, announced County Tax Assessor-Collector Raymond Buchanan. Buchanan urged all persons who are eligible to register early.

Registration is being handled in the County Tax Assessor's office in the Brazos County Courthouse, Buchanan said, noting that persons must register in the county and precinct in which they reside.

To be eligible to register a person must meet several require-

ments, Buchanan said. He said a voter must be a citizen of the United States and be at least 21 years of age. Anyone who is under 21 now but will reach that age before the end of the voting year is eligible to register but will not be allowed to vote until he reaches his 21st birthday, the county official pointed out.

A voter must be a resident of the state for at least one year prior to the election day and, Buchanan continued, local elec-

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tions require the voter to be a resident of the county for at least 6 months prior to the election. The same six-month residence is required in city elections, he said.

Those persons who have been committed to a correctional or mental institution, he added, are ineligible to register.

A person who has not reached his 21st birthday but will do so

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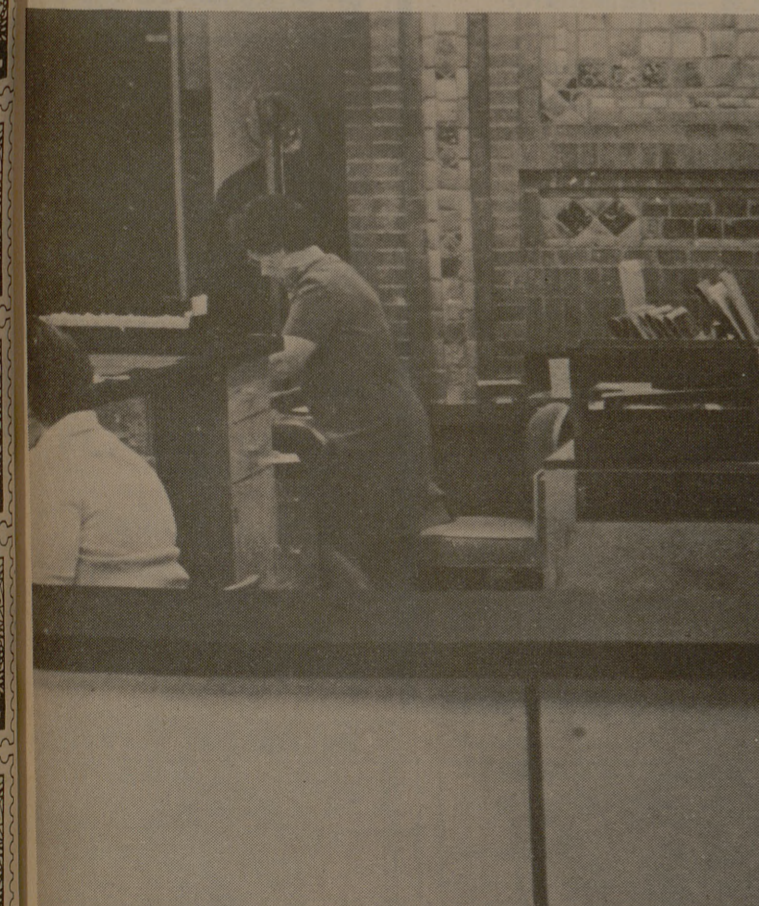
## Thundershowers Forecast Along CS-Lubbock Route

Those driving to Lubbock Friday for the Saturday night A&M-Texas Tech game can expect thundershowers, forecasts Jim Lightfoot, A&M meteorologist.

The thundershowers should move out to the east by Saturday, the weatherman said.

Based on the weather forming Friday in the panhandle "moving rapidly eastward, as it should," Lightfoot's forecast for the 7:30 game is partly cloudy skies, no precipitation, southwest winds at 15-25 mph, and 40 per cent relative humidity.

Lightfoot said that Aggie football fans returning to the campus Sunday should find scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the College Station area.



NEW INTERIOR . . .

Housing office employees go about their daily work in their new first-floor YMCA office. The office facilities previously were located in the basement of the building.

## 'Y' Takes On New Look: Renovation Is The Clue

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Gone is the YMCA Building familiar to so many Ags—at least the inside of it. Renovation has made itself known internally.

The new YMCA should be complete by the end of October, after a \$480,000 remodeling job, according to Howard S. Perry, director of civilian student activities.

"This is the second major overhaul of the building since the early '50s," Perry said. "They may even install a new elevator next summer."

The Political Science Department, a former Nagle Hall resident, now occupies the entire second floor of the YMCA. Their quarters were temporarily shared with Campus Security while the basement was remodeled, but the university police have now taken over their new home.

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The portion they occupy used to be a confectionary, where candy was made, Perry noted.

The Texas Maritime Academy Office, located near where a swimming pool used to be; the Registrar's Office, located near an area formerly used as a barber shop in the '40s; and the National Science Foundation, located in what was once a bowling alley; occupy basement space along with Campus Security. Parts of the Fiscal Office, transplanted from the Richard Coke Building, will take up the basement area once used as a pool hall.

The main floor, formerly composed of two conference rooms, a lobby, and a few small offices, now contains office space for the Dean of Students' office, the Housing office, YMCA offices, the Director of Civilian Student Activities' office, the Residence Halls Program Adviser's office, and Student Affairs and Veterans Affairs offices.

The third floor, housing students' quarters and a radio station back in the '40s, now consists of the Placement office, Stu-

dent Financial Aid office, and the Development office, along with the Student Employment office.

All of these changes began last January.

"The day before the Christmas holidays," Logan E. Weston, general secretary of the YMCA and religious life coordinator, said, "we were told that we had to vacate by Dec. 30, and move to the basement."

"The eviction notice came so late that we couldn't change the publicity we had out about our foreign student New Year's Eve party," Weston recalled. "The party went on as planned while the partitions were ripped down."

Weston said that all main floor offices had had to move to the basement until early August, when they moved back upstairs.

Air-conditioned, the "Y" is now a cool place to go, and, with its recently-cleaned exterior, and new insides, is one of the sharper buildings on campus.

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By Clifford Broyles  
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The future political possibilities in Cuba are "zero," charged a Cuban political refugee here Wednesday night.

Dr. Miguel Tarrab, who worked for Fidel Castro and Che Guevara before defecting, spoke to a crowd of about 250 people in a Great Issues presentation in the Memorial Student Center.

Political rights such as voting and citizenship are not possible in Cuba, he said, because people are not allowed to voice their opinions. He added that it is a crime against the state for a person to express his disapproval of the regime in any manner.

Punishment for a person accused of expressing disapproval ranges from being fired from his job or being put in jail or even being sent before a firing squad, Tarrab noted.

A person may be sent to the firing squad several times with the soldiers using blanks, he said. The object of this, he explained, is to psychologically depress the victim.

Tarrab noted that there are two ways a person can leave Cuba; he can leave illegally by boat and head for Florida, or he can apply to the government for permission to leave.

Two things hinder escape by boat, Tarrab continued: sharks and Cuban gunboats under orders to shoot on sight any person trying to escape.

Concerning application to the government, he said, during the past two years no applications have been granted. When an application is filed, the government sends the person filing to a job while it is being processed, he explained, adding that processing may take three or four years.

The applicant must also make an inventory of his belongings and state his financial status,

Tarrab said. If the application is approved, a new inventory must be made, and must match the old one, he continued, or the applicant will not be allowed to leave.

For example, he said, if a person has a television set and lists it on the first inventory, but doesn't have it when the second inventory is made, his application will be refused.

Che Guevara headed the land reform program in Cuba when Castro took over power, Tarrab said. He noted that he (Tarrab) worked directly with Guevara in Europe, when both attended a United Nations trade and development conference in Switzerland.

While head of the land reform program, Guevara decided that the exportation of sugar cane to the United States was getting Cuba too involved with American imperialism, Tarrab said, so he stopped the shipments.

Guevara also set up co-operatives, he continued, which were operated by government-employed managers. The project failed, he added, and Castro replaced it by setting up people's farms. This, Tarrab, said, meant that every farmer became a slave of the state.

Another project of Guevara's that failed, Tarrab said, was the issuance of the Cuban peso while he was president of the national bank. Worth \$1 at one time, the peso is now worth only two cents, he said.

The rationing of food is also a problem under the Castro regime that was not present before it came to power, Tarrab claimed. He explained that the rationing includes 12 ounces of beef per week in Havana and eight ounces elsewhere; four ounces of fish, three eggs, one and one-half ounces of coffee, and three pounds

of rice per week; two ounces of butter and six pounds of sugar per month; and three-fourths of a pound of bread per day.

Chicken and milk are two commodities that are rationed differently than other foods, he said. Chicken is rationed only to persons under five years or over 65 years of age. Those people, however, must have a medical certifi-

cate saying they need the items, Tarrab added.

Milk, Tarrab, continued, is rationed on a similar basis to persons under seven or over 65 years of age.

Tarrab noted that Cuba is the world's largest exporter of sugar and said that the country also exports eggs in exchange for money.

## 1,700 Plus Ticket Volume Sets Record

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A record number of more than 1,700 parking tickets has been given out since the first day of school according to Morris A. Maddox, assistant chief of Campus Security.

As of Oct. 1, 1,245 of the tickets had been paid by the students, the YMCA traffic ticket

## 11 File For 6 Senate Posts

Eleven students filed as candidates Wednesday in the Student Senate election scheduled for Oct. 23, according to Tommy Henderson, executive vice president of the election commission.

"Names of those who filed will not be released until Monday due to the regulation that a candidate must be cleared through the students' deans and the registrar," Henderson said. "Also, we have to extend the deadline date of filing for the junior and senior representative for the College of Education until Monday."

office reported. The office said that 597 tickets were paid the first week, 580 in the second, and 248 for the first three days of last week. The ticket office estimated that between 400 and 500 tickets are still unpaid.

A spokesman for the ticket office estimated that 1,000 more tickets will be issued in the next few weeks if parking violations continue at their present rate.

He explained that between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Campus Security has at least three men covering the 10,030 registered cars in the parking lots. Of these, he said, 7,026 belong to students, 2,775 to the faculty. There are also 229 registered motorcycles on campus.

The total figure is expected to rise to approximately 11,000 as soon as all vehicles have been registered, said a ticket office employe.

Those receiving tickets have 72 hours, excluding weekends, (See Ticket, page 2)

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. . . AND SCRUBBED EXTERIOR

The exterior of the YMCA Building now gleams with new life after workman gave the building its first outside bath in many years. The cleanup was part of the renovation work being done in the YMCA. (Photos by Steve Bryant)