

# Cold 'melons to be sliced again Tuesday

Cold watermelon will be sliced again Tuesday (Aug. 4) for Texas A&M University summer students.

The melons, musical entertainment and volleyball will be available at the picnic area east of G. Rollie White Coliseum from 5 p.m. until dark, announced Allen Huddleston of the Memorial Student Center Summer Directorate.

He said the watermelon will be 20 cents a slice or four cents per pound.

"Attendance wasn't too good at the first watermelon feast July 15," Huddleston noted, "but there was so much interest afterwards, we decided to have another one."

The watermelon feast and other activities during June, July and August are provided by the MSC Directorate for A&M's 5,482 summer students.

"It's getting close to the end of the watermelon season," the special events chairman pointed out. "This may be one of the last opportunities to get some really good watermelon this year."

## Smoke-eater

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Firemen today are better equipped and have to deal with more complicated types of fires, but are probably somewhat less enthusiastic than in the all-volunteer days.

He combated dwindling enthusiasm at Belton by installing a partial-paid system.

"The first 10 men to a fire got a dollar apiece, for fighting a blaze and staying around to take up equipment afterwards. That was a lot of money then," he chuckled.

"We had a register they had to sign in order to be paid," Hammer recalled.

# Continent home for Cunningham

Stick a pin in a map of the Americas.

Chances are it's probably within a few miles of where graduate student Richard E. Cunningham at one time worked or studied.

The 31-year-old junior high science teacher, his wife Diane and six children are as foot-loose as the early day American Indian. "Texas A&M is the 10th school I've attended," smiled Cunningham.

He will be studying for a master's degree in science education in the 1970-71 Academic Year Institute conducted by A&M and the National Science Foundation.

He points out that A&M was one of three choices. Cunningham also was considering a University of Texas at Austin program and a teaching position in Ethiopia.

For the last two years, the Portland, Ore., native was a Bureau of Indian Affairs employe, teaching Sioux Indian sixth graders while obtaining data for a master's degree thesis at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

He's traveled from Alaska to the Canal Zone and has 11 years in the Coast Guard Reserve.

"Two of our kids were born in Panama," he commented. Because of health service conditions, the Cunninghams had four-year-old Joseph and Judith, 3, delivered in the republic.

"Their Panamanians," he confessed. "I think they will have to go through immigration procedures to become American citizens."

"Whenever they act up," Cunningham added, "we call them Panama Joe and Jungle Judy."

He received his bachelor degree at the University of Portland in 1962. Between the junior and senior years, he worked as a radioman for a seafood firm in Alaska, utilizing skills acquired in the Coast Guard.

He later studied at Portland State and a linguistics institute at Chico, Calif. State, among others, and received the master's at Pacific University.

Cunningham is a semi-professional photographer and has teamed with his wife to illustrate

published articles. One in a national Catholic magazine deals with ghetto-like problems of the Sioux Indians at Pine Ridge. Mrs. Cunningham plans to complete her undergraduate work in journalism here.

Though Dick is foot-loose, he's far from fancy-free. During four years teaching in Oregon public schools, he was president of the Central Washington County Education Association. In the Canal Zone, Cunningham was U. S. city council treasurer. As president of the National Federation of Federal Employees group at Pine Ridge, he represented all federal workers on the Indian reservation 30 miles south of the Badlands National Monument.

Though the Oglala youngsters' truancy rate (absenteeism ran around 25 per cent and as high as 50 per cent in good weather) wasn't ideal for Cunningham's research of teaching method effectiveness, the Portland couple came to share the Indian problems.

"It was a musical sort of experience to call class roll," pointed out Cunningham, who has performed extensively as a vocalist and once had his own radio show.

The Sioux school roster included names like Red Nest, Blue Bird, Yellow Hair, Roan Eagle, Black Bear, Yellow Thunder, Runs Close To Lodge, Returns From Scout and Good Voice Flute.

## Industrial

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Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Ohio and Tennessee.

Municipal classes finished Friday. Industrial firemen reported Sunday for their one-week session and Spanish firemen will be on campus Aug. 2-7.

The schools are sponsored by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency.

The Texas Engineering Extension Service, through the Firemen Training Division, conducts and coordinates all three schools.



"I had this urge to demonstrate, but didn't have anything in particular to say!"

## Shopping-try bulletin board

Shopping for a set of golf clubs, a wicket, SCUBA diving gear, gerbils, power tools, typewriter, camper or Judo outfit?

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Besides cars, books and apartments or rooms which are in abundance, the shopper might find a bargain in a set of car tires, furniture and home appliances, an air conditioner, cameras, a wide assortment of dogs or sound equipment.

A mobile home, the means of moving it and a lake-front lot are advertised. Some of the card notices ask for typing and baby sitting work and others offer jobs.

There is one selling a 1969 "Ag-gieland yearbook. And several offer tutoring services.

Car parts, motorcycles, record and tape players, cassettes and tapes are listed. Musical instruments from clarinets to trombones and electric guitars are offered. One seller has some vending machines and another has a water cooler.

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