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Wednesday & Thursday—Partly cloudy to cloudy. Winds Southeast 10 to 12 m.p.h. High 94, low 72.

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Urban planning alters program

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The urban and regional planning program at Texas A&M University is being restructured to organize and implement a "truly interdisciplinary program," Acting A&M President A. R. Luedeck said Monday.

Urban planning students who have been responsible to the College of Architecture will be under a director of Regional and Urban Planning Programs.

Fred J. Benson, dean of the College of Engineering, is acting director of the program now, but a new director is being selected, Luedeck said.

Dean Edward J. Romieniec, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, said Dr. Joseph McGraw, head of urban planning, submitted a letter of resignation to him Aug. 27.

"I suppose he wanted to return to 100 per cent teaching," Romieniec said. "Twelve people were in to talk to me yesterday (Sept. 2) about this (McGraw's resignation). All got carried away with emotion. I'm not interested in rumors. All I'm interested in is that he (McGraw) is a teacher and one of the best in planning in the country. We can't look at this emotionally. Those of us who are here today have to work for tomorrow."

McGraw refused to comment. It will take three years to make a transition from the present program to a more diversified program, Luedeck said.

"We have to fulfill a commitment to the student who already has his degree planned," he explained, "and at the same time lay out a program for new students."

When the urban planning program began, about four years ago, it was interdisciplinary, Luedeck said. Then it moved over to the College of Architecture, now it will become more interdisciplinary again.

"We would like to broaden the Luedeck will greet Women's Social Club
A&M Acting President, A. R. Luedeck will greet women faculty members and faculty members' wives Friday at 2 p.m. in the main ballroom of the Memorial Student Center during a meeting of the TAMU Women's Social Club.

Programs for the coming year will be outlined, officers will be introduced, and founding members of the club will be special guests.

Friday will mark the 50th year of the club.

Any women having questions concerning membership eligibility may contact Mrs. E. J. Dyksterhaus, president, or Mrs. Gilbert Witsell, membership chairman.

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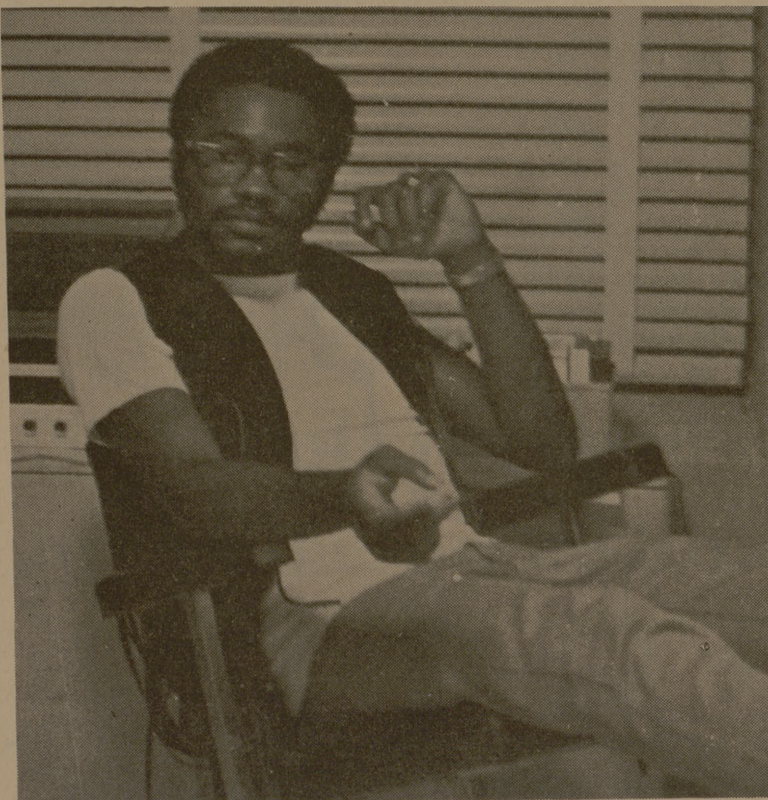
base, to go beyond the capability of one particular college," Luedeck said. "If we get too narrow we're not going to do anybody a favor. The problems urban planners will have to face in the future aren't even known now. You may know the ones staring you in the face, but you don't necessarily know the solutions."

The new program will include courses in agriculture, architecture, engineering, geosciences and liberal arts.

New courses are not being instituted, just coordinated into a new curriculum, Luedeck added.

A committee advising the director will define requirements for students entering the graduate program.

These requirements will be studied and changed with the passage of time, due to the nature of the problem, Luedeck said.



Shelton Wallace discusses his committee. (Photo by Bill O'Conner)

Students question Luedeck concerning campus problems

Situational training, self-evaluation, analysis of problems at A&M and meeting other student leaders on a casual basis were aspects of the two-day leadership conference at Lakeview Methodist Assembly in Palestine last weekend.

Eighty-nine students from residence halls, corps outfits, clubs and organizations attended the conference directed by Dr. William R. Smith, Psychology Department head.

The conference opened Friday night with a speech by Acting A&M President A. R. Luedeck. He spoke of a faith that, he said, should be created between the administration and the students.

"I can say my door is wide open 24 hours a day, but I can't spend 30 minutes a day with each

Students asked to fill 'C' jobs

Student applications are now being accepted for Memorial Student Center Vice President of Recreation and Chairman of Contemporary Arts Committee at the MSC Student Program Office, Paul Scopel, director of public relations, said Monday.

Deadlines for applying is Sept. 9 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants' interviews will be held the evening of Sept. 10.

All applicants must not be on probation of any kind, and must have a minimum grade point ratio of 2.5 for vice president and 2.4 for committee chairman.

student," he said. "It comes down to a matter of understanding where you stand, a faith. If the administration has a policy, then everyone knows you mean it and knows you can bank on it. The same is true from the student's point of view."

"Everyone is looking at us," he continued. "People wanting chaos look at us as a target. Those proud of us are looking to us as an example. A large group is just looking to see what we're going to do. Those need convincing. This can be done only by performance. Financial support is as high as it has ever been. I hope we can maintain this kind of an image."

Students questioned Luedeck and a panel made up of Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, Associate Dean of Students Don R. Stafford, Dean W. David Maxwell, College of Liberal Arts, Howard S. Perry, civilian student activities director, Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant of the Corps of Cadets, and Col. Keith C. Hanna, air science professor.

When questioned how a stable university could change and improve, Luedeck replied:

"I didn't mean to imply that we should be staid and stable. The administration feels that if change were needed and not made, there could be no worse situation except one: and that is making a change which isn't progressive, and that's easy to do."

When asked what he saw as the biggest problem facing A&M, Luedeck commented:

"I'm not convinced we have any really big problems that we

can't handle collectively. The president and the panel were questioned about students on policy-making boards, student parking, the possibility of replacing the Exchange Store with a co-op, student rights and responsibilities, women's housing, campus speakers' policy, the university hospital, recruiting programs in the high schools, and why military science can no longer be counted for four years' credit.

There never was a lull in the questions. Saturday, student leaders, in 10 small groups, evaluated each other as leaders. In these groups, they also tried to list the priorities of challenges to be faced at A&M. These centered around improved relations between the student leaders and the students, between different student groups, and between the students and the administration.

Luedeck to host faculty, spouses at evening social

A reception for university faculty and staff members and their wives or husbands will be hosted Tuesday by acting A&M President and Mrs. A. R. Luedeck.

Honored guests at the 7 to 9 p.m. social at the Memorial Student Center Ballroom include new faculty members. Retired faculty and staff members and their husbands or wives have also been invited along with widows of faculty and staff members.

Blacks form campus group

Black students at Texas A&M now have an organization under the sponsorship of the Memorial Student Center (MSC). The Black Awareness Committee is the result of a three-year effort by black students to get a recognized committee on campus.

"The committee is designed to integrate black students into student life at A&M, and allow students to be aware of the contributions of black people to society throughout history," Shelton Wallace, committee chairman said.

The committee is open to individuals in all ethnic groups, Wallace said.

Wallace said black students have a right to express their culture, and by feeling a part of A&M, black students could feel more at ease in a predominantly white institution.

"Since we live together, work together and go to school together, we should learn about each other," Wallace said. "We now have an element with which to do this."

"We want to get across that this is not a separatist movement, it is not a fear group. We hope that through the committee we can

become closer to both students and administrators, and push A&M upward in an orderly manner," Wallace said.

Mac Spears, 1969-70 president of the MSC Council and Directorate, Kent Caperton, Student Senate president and Tommy Henderson, Texas Intercollegiate Student Association president, were instrumental in finding a common agreement with the administration about a black organization, Wallace explained.

"I liked the way (acting A&M) President (A.R.) Luedeck talked; he seems very student oriented, and very involved in student welfare," Wallace said.

Wallace said he hopes to include such activities as art exhibits, a few speakers, an all-university dance and possibly a performance by a recording star such as Issac Hayes in the committee's agenda this year.

The officers of the Black Awareness Committee are Wallace; Ray Jones, vice chairman; Vernon Lewis, treasurer; Anthony Jean, secretary; and Sidney Chacere, advertising and public relations.

Twenty high school seniors chosen president's scholars

Twenty Texas high school seniors whose academic work has been near perfect have been named President's Scholars at A&M.

The students receive the most lucrative scholarships offered by A&M and carry the President's Scholar designation accorded by the university throughout their final year of high school study.

Acting A&M President A. R. Luedeck said 1970 recipients of the elite award are Linda G. Anderson of LaMarque; Thomas A. Bell III, Robert L. Fountain, David W. Gent, Bruce C. McComas, William E. Moerner, Antonio F. Pelletier and Timothy M. Wold, San Antonio.

Also, J. Steve Chaffin, Midland; Steven J. Eberhard, New Braunfels; David M. Funderburke, Terry W. Myrick, John D. Nash and John O. Tyler, Houston; Corbett D. Harkey, Victoria; Paul L. Hirt, Harlingen.

Additionally, Randal L. Janne, College Station; Walter W. Kingsberry, Beaumont; Ruben E. Ochoa, Laredo, and John D. Shelton, League City.

They were selected from 670 students nominated by the state's high school principals and will be joining 55 President's Scholars at A&M next fall. Ten of the 75

President's Scholars will be seniors during 1971-72.

Enrollment at A&M activates a \$1,000-a-year scholarship for up to five years of study.

The 1970 recipients rank from first to 11th in high school classes of from 21 to 1,020 members. Their scores on standard tests rank the 20 students scholastically in the top one per cent of the nation's 1970-71 graduating classes, Luedeck said.

The President's Scholar awards program, inaugurated by the late President Earl Rudder in 1967, is designed to recognize outstanding scholars and retain the

state's most promising students in Texas for their advanced education.

"These students are not only outstanding scholars but also are developing into well-rounded adults through leadership-strengthening extracurricular activities," said Robert M. Logan, student aid director, who conducts the program.

In order to be considered for selection by the A&M faculty Scholarships Committee, students must rank high in scholastic achievement and show, through school, church and community activities, evidence of non-academic interests and abilities.

Phi Delta Sigma meeting to entertain interested men

Phi Delta Sigma (PDS), off-campus social fraternity, tonight opens its annual fall rush for pledges.

Sam Parigi, president of PDS, thinks there is a lack of social atmosphere at A&M. He says his organization can give students a more rounded social outlook on life and the future.

PDS also strives to serve the community in many ways, he said. Rush opens with a smoker at

the Casa de Sol party room at 8:30. All interested male students are invited to attend and learn exactly what the fraternity is all about, Parigi said. There is no obligation.

Dress for the meeting will be coat and tie.

If any information is needed, booths are in front of the Exchange Store and Sbsa Dining Hall, Parigi said.

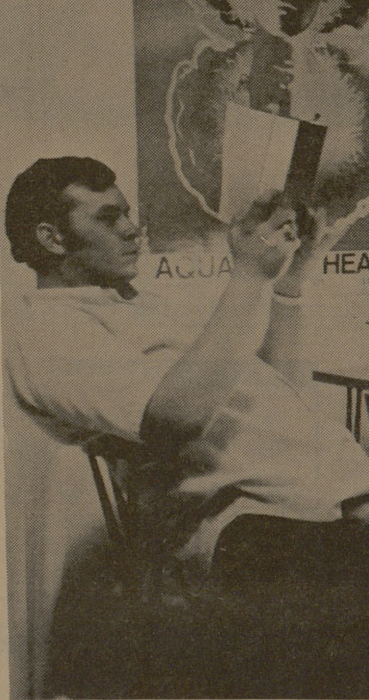
What do Ags do when they don't leave on weekends?



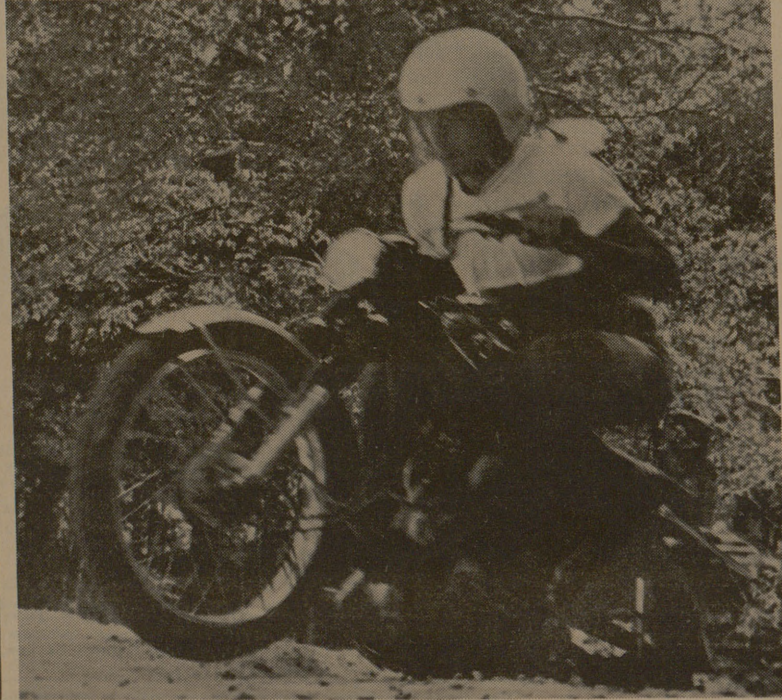
DIVER Robert Hitchcock, Midland zoology sophomore, takes a cool dip and practices form over the weekend as student looks on.



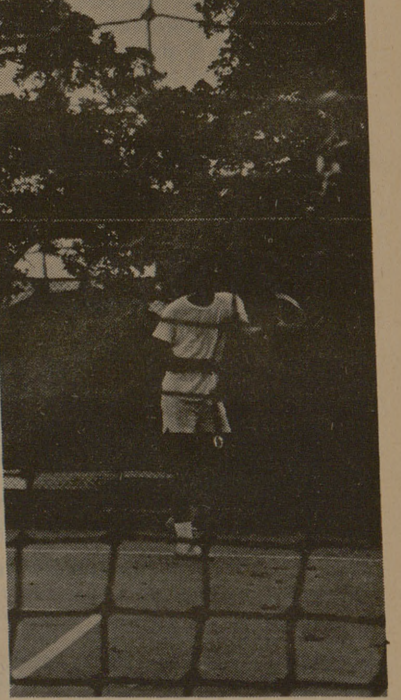
FOOTBALL PLAYERS Bill Core (left), Abilene freshman, Richard Thomson, Abilene freshman and Jim Perrin, Adrian freshman get in some plays over the first weekend of the school year.



STUDYING is always in style, as Larry Hurst, Weatherford fifth-year student, shows. Most students find other, less painful, ways to spend the weekend.



CYCLING is the big thing for some, like Nick Naccoarato, Donna fifth-year student, and without it the weekend wouldn't be complete.



TENNIS turns some students on, even if the weather is hot and humid. Dan Truit, Houston sophomore gets in some sets as he passes the time over the weekend. (Photos by Patrick Fontana)