

State universities helping freshmen

Many freshmen entering state universities this fall will find the pressure less because they learned the ropes by spending several days on campus during the summer.

The often-difficult transition from high school to a large university is receiving increased attention on these campuses, according to a recent survey conducted by the Office of Institutional Research of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. The result has been a proliferation of programs to make the adjustment less painful.

More leisurely summer orientation rather than the traditional jam-packed fall sessions immediately preceding the opening of school, special pre-matriculation and continuing tutorial and counseling programs for academically disadvantaged students, and academic offerings especially designed for freshmen are the new approaches.

For the first time this year, several universities also have begun special orientation programs for women. Among these are Cornell University, which planned a program "in response to women's lib demands," and the University of Virginia, which has enrolled 450 women in the College of Arts and Sciences, the last male stronghold of the university.

The most widespread trend in freshmen programs is the switch

from fall to summer orientation. Parents as well as students were invited to attend summer orientation sessions on a number of campuses. Generally four of five sessions are spread throughout the summer with a small group of the entering freshman class being invited to attend each one.

By keeping sessions small, these large universities are finding that the get-acquainted process is much easier. Students are able to complete their first term course planning, testing, counseling and registration with far less traumas than occur during the usual frantic fall scene. They also begin their college careers at ease with their environment and pre-informed about facilities and services available to them.

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FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING APPLIED TO paper-mache fish to be used in the A&M exhibit at the State Fair in Dallas Oct. 10-15. The handiwork, to be displayed in the Oceanus Pavilion, will demonstrate the different size fish in the ocean's food chain. Pictured are Mrs. Calvin Boykin, exhibits coordinator for the Sea Grant program and Jack Grant, a draftsman in the Oceanography Department.

Americans to evacuate from Jordan Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — A chartered civilian airline will fly from Beirut to Amman Thursday to begin evacuation of Americans who wish to leave embattled Jordan, the State Department said Wednesday night.

Arrangements are being made for the first flight of a Lebanese Middle East Airlines plane to pick up U.S. citizens and foreigners of other nationalities, officials said.

In the meantime radio broadcasts — including some by the Voice of America U.S. government radio — are telling those who wish to leave where they should gather and what articles they should bring with them.

Still unknown is how many of the approximately 400 Americans in Jordan will try to get to Amman's airport for the airlift. One estimate is the number could range up to 200.

The airliner slated to fly in Thursday morning has seats for 112 passengers, officials said. They indicated another rescue flight would follow after Thursday.

No U.S. military or security personnel will be flying into Jordan on the chartered craft, State Department officials said. They said it is assumed that the Jordanian government will provide security for those foreigners seeking to go to the airport.

Announcement of the evacuation flights came several hours after informed sources said such a plan was afoot, while the State Department through spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said at midday no evacuation had been ordered.

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2 bond issues, bids, topics for board meeting

Consideration of bids for construction and sale of bonds dominates the agenda here Tuesday for A&M's System Board of Directors meeting.

The board has received bids for nine projects throughout the state. It also will consider two bond sales totaling \$11.5 million.

Other possible board action includes appointment of a vice president and three deans for Tarleton State College as part of the Stephenville school's previously approved academic reorganization program.

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ulty is that it is important for faculty to have space when they need it for emergencies, Powell said.

Much of the problem will be solved when the new 1,000 space lot on the northeastern section of the campus is finished in November he says. Construction on other parts of the campus will cause a few more problems later in the year, he added.

Powell said daily space counts are being analyzed and as soon as patterns are seen, new designations will be set up for students.

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