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Friday — Partly cloudy. Winds northerly at 15-20 mph. High 61°, low 38°.

Saturday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Winds easterly 10-15 mph. High 68°, low 42°.



A Grounds Maintenance crewman improves the lanscape between Law and Puryear Halls. Students are also helping on the project. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Students play major roles in Law, Puryear renovation

By CHARLES MASTERSON
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Final plans are being laid for the major renovation of both the outside and inside of Puryear and Law halls, Don Williams, counselor for both dorms, said Wednesday afternoon. Terry Van Dyck and Carl Cook, presidents for Law and Puryear halls, respectively, said some of the changes will include fluorescent lighting, new tables and chairs in the rooms, complete repainting of the rooms and tiling of the showers in each ramp.

The outside improvements will include asphalt walkways, landscaping and planting grass in the quad area between the dorms and the erection of a student memorial for Sam Reeves, a previous resident advisor from Law hall who drowned last summer trying to save a child's life.

This summer benches and indirect lighting will be added. Completion date for the improvements is scheduled for April 18, Parents' Day at A&M. The work is being done by Ground Maintenance crews and by the students themselves. The materials are being supplemented by leftovers from university jobs.

Williams said the original idea came from Van Dyck and Cook. They took the proposal to Associate Dean of Students Don R. Stafford and a committee consisting of Stafford, Howard Vestal, director of management services; Howard Perry, director

of civilian student activities; and Allan Madley, director of housing, gave the okay for the improvements with money from the Grounds Maintenance Fund.

University Landscape Architect Robert Rucker designed and has supervised the quad improvements, Van Dyck said.

"We are really pleased with the cooperation and time Mr. Rucker has given to us," he said.

Some of the costs of dorm im-

provements come under the regular summer hall improvement program, Stafford said. He added that no state aid is given for dorm improvements.

Also included in the cost of this program was the renovation of Hotard hall which is having its interior redone. Some improvements will also be made next year in the north quad area west of Sbia Dining Hall in the Moore and Davis-Gary area.

War opposition rising in religious groups

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sharpening opposition to U. S. military operations in Indochina is rising in the churches, with special protest tactics being undertaken by various religious groups.

Among them: —A "Set the Date Now" campaign, sponsored by top-echelon Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders, demanding that President Nixon and Congress set Dec. 31 for ending all U. S. military involvement in Indochina.

—A planned tour of this country by antiwar South Vietnamese Roman Catholic priests, possibly led by Archbishop Nguyen Van Binh of Saigon, although the plan reportedly has encountered some obstacles in Saigon.

—Pastoral letters, written by Massachusetts Protestant leaders and read in pulpits of congrega-

tions throughout the area, calling for a speedy end of the war.

—A delegation of about 50 Protestant leaders, including several top denominational officials, scheduled to leave this Friday to talk with parties to the Paris peace talks and urge a settlement.

Bob Hope won't get 'Family of Man' award

NEW YORK (AP) — An upheaval in New York City's Council of Churches has forced it to cancel plans to give its annual "Family of Man" award to comedian Bob Hope, it was learned Wednesday.

Objections to his selection were said to have centered partly on claims that he was identified with the military establishment and the Vietnam war.

The conflict over the matter

State gives colleges \$510 million: Miller

Right now the amount of money going into the Legislature toward college expenditures is just not as much as the amount being spent, Hermas L. Miller, chief examiner of the Texas Legislative Budget Board said Wednesday.

"State supported colleges in Texas presently account for \$510 million a year," Miller said. "Texas A&M accounts for about \$26.5 million of this."

Miller spoke in a Political Forum noon presentation to a large

crowd in the Memorial Student Center in place of Thomas Keel, the director of the Budget Board, who could not speak due to illness.

There are several tuition bills in the legislature presently, Miller said.

"It is the out-of-state tuition bill which has passed the House of Representatives," Miller said, "and which would raise the out-of-state tuition to \$700 per semester. Foreign students would also be included in this proposal."

"The House has also just passed a bill which would raise the in-state tuition to \$105 per semester," he added.

Neither bill has passed in the Senate, he said.

It is the feeling that out-of-state students should pay a larger part of the cost of their education, Miller explained.

"But there is a genuine feeling to prevent anyone from not going to school," he continued.

"I might add that there is a provision in this bill that if the

student has 60 semester hours, he does not have to pay the added tuition," he said.

"Public education is the largest expense the state has," Miller continued. Any time you talk about a faculty salary increase or any other increase in government spending in higher education, you're talking about a huge expenditure."

The Legislative Budget Board now has recommended appropriations totaling \$6.9 billion from various state agencies, with agency requests in the senate and house totaling \$8.3 billion, Miller said.

"The legislature needs to raise a minimum of \$640 million," he said, "and these lead to hikes in state taxes and tuitions."

"Texas' constitution makes the state's budgeting process legislature-oriented," Miller explained. "This is quite different from most states, where appropriations recommendations originate with the executive branch."

"This is a typical budget request," Miller said. "The board gets one from each of 200 state agencies and the state-supported colleges and universities every two years."

He said the two-year board cycle includes typical three-day trips to each institution and agency to hear and familiarize themselves with budget requests.

"After these hearings, we go in the office, shut the door and hold staff conferences in which all these requests are discussed, sifted and combined into one document," Miller continued. The House and Senate each seat members on the 10-member board chaired by the lieutenant governor. Tax bills, of which 13 were tried last session before a compromise was reached, are derived from the document.

Miller said one staff member each from Keel's office works full time with the two legislative finance committees.

Year's mother contest signup now at MSC

Application forms for the Aggie Mother of the Year award are now available in the Memorial Student Center Student Programs office, according to John Sharp.

Applications will be accepted to March 26, Sharp said. Any Aggie can make the nomination, he added. For more information call Sharp at 5-6167.

Broken marriage possible if no transition, forum told

By MIKE STEPHENS
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Discussing the difficult transitions from a single life to a married life, which every married couple has to make, and then ending his talk by telling the audience that he had delivered his wife to the maternity ward and that he needed to get over there, Dr. William R. Smith opened the three-part Marriage Forum Series Wednesday night.

Smith, head of the Psychology Department at Texas A&M and a marriage counselor for 22 years, gave his views to a small Memorial Student Center ballroom audience on how important a proper transition from single to married life is to a couple.

"The transition is necessary and if it doesn't occur, a broken marriage can take place," Smith said.

Smith, father of six children, gave his talk and then answered questions before telling the audience of his wife's condition.

He cited economics as the main reason the transition is important. He also added that the

transition is more difficult today than in the past, as proved by two factors. The divorce rate is growing and the number of marriage counselors is going up.

"I observed and have observed over the past decade that different sets of values are a great cause of marriage troubles," he said.

"A set of similar values is very important in the transition from single to married life. A difference in the meanings of a couple of words like honesty and dishonesty can lead to problems," he said.

He then warned: "These value systems do not always show up in the courtship period. The first five years is the most difficult part of the transitional period and which, actually occurs all through life. It never ends."

Another problem during the transitional period is habits such as a lack of neatness on the part of one mate, Smith said.

Also, a need for achievement motivation can also cause a few problems, he said.

"When the female believes that the couple will never stop socially

or economically progressing or when one individual is too far ahead of the other, trouble is ahead."

He then went into the factors which make a good transition happen which in turn causes happy marriages.

"A respect for other persons' points of view and a persistent curiosity of the other person is very important if a good transition is to take place," Smith said.

"An ability to problem solve is also very helpful," he listed. "The sooner the couple learns how to solve problems together, the sooner the marriage will work right."

"But when one person always solves the problems, independently, marriage is in trouble," Smith warned.

He then discussed the issue of how important sexual compatibility is during the transition period. He said that a problem of sex is not as difficult now as it used to be.

"There are fewer people who now have misgivings of sex than

before, and I believe that education or knowledge of sex has decreased that formidable problem which was there before," he said.

"Actually, homosexuality is more a problem than actual sexual incompatibility."

Smith then summed up the discussion by saying that the real problem in the transition period is not sexual, as most people believe, but small, incidental problems such as individual habits, values and interests.

He added that views and values can shift and offered the advice of a long courtship. He said that a courtship which is open and honest could expose problems before marriage.

The next Marriage Forum will



Psychology Department Head Dr. William R. Smith addresses Marriage Forum Wednesday night at the Memorial Student Center. (Photo by Bob Cox)

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