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Wednesday — Clear to partly cloudy, easterly winds 5-10 mph, high 96°, low 69°.

Thursday — Partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy, rain showers and thundershowers. Northerly winds 5-10 mph, high 88°, low 69°.

## Flood of cars baffles students and the police

By Bruce Black  
Staff Writer

"I don't know where all these cars came from," Morris A. Maddox, assistant chief of University Police said.

The police office has been flooded by students and faculty members requesting permits and appealing tickets during the first week of classes. There is really no way of knowing how many permits or how many tickets for parking violations have been issued thus far, Maddox said.

In the past, the department has held that more parking per-

mits than parking spaces could be issued, since all the students are not on the campus at any one given time. But this year a much greater number of dormitory students have brought their cars on campus, he continued.

"We are working around the clock to keep these students from blocking driveways and parking in the staff lots," he said.

Parking along most of the major streets on the campus are reserved strictly for the overflow from the staff parking lots.

There have already been over 2,200 staff parking permits is-

sued for the 2,046 spaces in these lots, Maddox said.

And there is little relief in sight.

Students in civilian dormitories such as Hart Hall are encouraged to park either in lot 48 next to Kyle Field, or lot 50 across the street from the new Engineering building, Maddox said, and not in the Corps area.

The overflow from the corps area, he continued, should also go to these lots, and not along the streets where there are no spaces.

"If it will eliminate the corps parking problems, put the freshmen in these lots," Maddox said, "though I don't think the Kyle Field parking lot can take them."

The only long range plans for future parking lots, he said, are for a possible lot across the railroad tracks from Kyle Field, and an extension to corps parking lot 24 next to the new dormitory, scheduled for completion fall semester 1972.

"If they don't make this 800-1,000 space addition," Maddox said, "we're really in a fix."

Traffic-parking regulations state all cars in parking lots No. 48 and 31 next to Kyle Field, No. 49 along Wellborn Road and No. 9, the day student lot by the drill field, must be cleared before 10:00 a.m. on football game days.

Football parking will be permitted in a temporary lot stretching for the length of the campus across Wellborn Road by the railroad tracks.

"These are good lots as long as it doesn't rain," Maddox commented.

Much of the football parking has been lost to the construction on campus, he continued.



Dr. and Mrs. Jack K. Williams (right) greet Mrs. Andrew Bowtell, wife of math department faculty member, at the President's reception for faculty-staff in the MSC Tuesday night.

## MSC goes may use visitor parking

A&M campus visitors, students and personnel using Memorial Student Center services or attending events at the "C" may use visitor parking in the area, officials remind.

Areas designated "visitor parking" include most of the streets immediately around the MSC and most of a new gravel lot west of Clark Street.

University Police Chief O. L. Luther and MSC director J. Wayne Stark explained the "visitor" in this case applies to people from off-campus and students, faculty and staff in the MSC for meetings, conferences, concerts, speakers or business, either day or night.

MSC visitor parking may not be used for day student nor faculty parking for class attendance purposes, Luther reminded.

Campus police have determined in several instances that individuals are using visitor spaces for class parking and issued citations, he warned.

Luther and Stark jointly announced a description of the MSC visitor parking situation. Visitor parking includes both the dead-end Bailey Street and a short unnamed drive just west of White Coliseum, formerly for faculty-staff parking.

The north half of the east lane of Clark Street is now zoned 30-minute visitor parking. The MSC contractor has the south end of the lane fenced off.

The west lane of Clark Street is temporarily a two-way street with two-hour parallel parking on both sides. The contractor has agreed to try to keep the west lane open, especially for home football games and special events at the MSC.

A new 220-car gravel lot between the Grove and MSC also includes visitor parking. MSC staff personnel have 20 spaces next to Clark Street and also park on Ferguson Street.

Also designated visitor parking are the north lane of Lamar Street, between the MSC and drill field, and Joe Routt Blvd., south of the center.

The south lane of Lamar Street, currently blocked for service tunnel construction, is expected to be open soon. It also will be for visitor parking.

## Rice fowl turns up missing; joke may be on the thieves

HOUSTON (AP)—Sammie the owl turned up missing Tuesday, but the joke may be on his abductors.

Sammie is the mascot of the Rice University Owls, who play their first game of the season Saturday and their first ever

against the University of Houston.

Gregg Young, who cares for the great horned owl, said he apparently was stolen from his perch over the Labor Day weekend. Rice officials said they suspected a prank.

But the prank may backfire.

Officials said Sammie had been under a veterinarian's observation for the past six weeks. He is suspected of having parrot fever, a malady dangerous to humans.

## Whole new concept 6 to test new dorm furniture

By STEVE DUNKLEBERG  
Staff Writer

"A new furniture concept for dorms" will complement the 1,000 student dormitory complex when it opens next fall, according to Howard Vestal, director of Management Services.

Vestal is heading a pioneer program where six students will evaluate three proposed room furnishing designs. The six students will be divided into three groups of two each, and each group will live in a different room for a week. At the end of the week they will turn in a written evaluation.

The students will evaluate the

rooms in order to help in the selection of the design of furniture to use. They will judge the prototypes in relation to their function, their appearance, and their maintenance.

A mock-up of the new furniture designs has been set up inside the old laundry station across from Sbisla. Each of the three designs is represented there in simulated dorm rooms.

Vestal explained that all the furniture would be movable. He said he felt it was a more practical situation and it was better for the student if he could arrange the furniture in the manner he wanted.

The three designs include designs from the R-way Furniture Co., Thornet Ind., and an original design presented by Robert S. Boyce, architect for the Physical Plant.

R-way Furniture Co.'s ideas include a dual set of desks, chests and beds. One set for male students and one for female.

The furniture is made from laminated plastic with a simulated wooden finish. The beds are stackable, and can be made into bunk beds or singles.

The main difference in the designs is that the female students' desks and chests will have an all-purpose white top, with a rosewood finish on the panels.

The men's will have a mahogany-type finish.

One of the major innovations, according to Vestal, is that swivel chairs will be provided in each room.

"I have never seen a swivel chair in a dormitory," Vestal said. "I think a guy needs something to relieve the rigidity of studying."

Thornet Ind.'s design features a bright color arrangement in their furniture using vinyl panels set in aluminum.

The desk has a built in overhead bookshelf with a reading light.

The desk's main feature however, is that the drawer cabinet is detachable and can be moved from under the desk top to anywhere in the room. It also serves as a typing table. The drawers are claimed to be "indestructible" and are made of molded plastic.

The beds in this design also can be made into singles or bunk beds.

"The nice thing about the design of this group's bed," Vestal said, "is that there is an extra panel at the foot of the bed where a girl could stairstep," rather than have to use a ladder."

Boyce's design did not incorporate stacked beds. Instead, he stacked everything else.

The desks, chests, and book-

cases, all have flush tops. Therefore, someone can have a long work table, or they all can be stacked on top of each other.

Under the beds there are four large drawers, which will provide the student with more storage space.

There are several things that all the rooms will have in common no matter which design is picked.

Every two rooms will be connected by a bath. The sinks in the new complex will be in the bathrooms, rather than in the rooms as they are presently.

All of the rooms will have drapes, and there will be around six to eight electrical outlets, with twice the normal power.

"We didn't know that girls would be in there," Vestal explained. "They have so many things to plug in that they would pop every circuit in the building."

Each room will also contain a large wardrobe, with sliding door closets. They have a storage cabinet above the closet.

The halls of the new complex will have a different color scheme for each floor. The halls and the rooms will be painted to match the color scheme of the carpeting.

The new complex will have larger rooms than most present dorm rooms. The rooms measure about 220 square feet.

Of four in nation

## A&M now Sea Grant College

A&M received federal designation Tuesday as a "Sea Grant College" with a mandate to provide leadership in developing the nation's marine resources, announced Sen. John G. Tower.

Only four institutions in the nation were awarded Sea Grant College status under the program administered by the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Also named were the University of Rhode Island, Oregon State University and the University of Washington.

"Sea Grant College designation recognizes the increasingly important role that Texas is playing in the field of marine affairs," Senator Tower said. "I believe that in years to come, this designation will be as important to A&M as was the land grant designation in the 19th century."

Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans said designation as a Sea Grant College symbolizes the mutual recognition of the continuing responsibility by the Department of Commerce and the institution to maintain and develop marine resources.

"I know of few other programs which offer as much long-term promise for the nation," Secre-

tary Stans observed.

The formal designation, with official ceremonies scheduled in Washington, D. C., later this month, comes more than three years after A&M and several other institutions received initial grants to begin programs which could lead to Sea Grant College status.

A&M has been awarded federal funds totaling \$3.8 million, including the recently announced \$1.4 million grant for support during 1971-72. The university has contributed nearly \$2 million to the program, bringing total funding up to approximately \$5.8 million.

"We expect to develop a total program which will do for marine resources what the land grant colleges did for development of agriculture," noted Dr. Jack K. Williams, A&M president. "Sea Grant College designation clearly reflect A&M's leadership and commitment in marine affairs in the state and nation."

A&M's Sea Grant Program includes research and education activities, as well as advisory services. The university is currently conducting more than 60 projects through 16 departments and divisions.

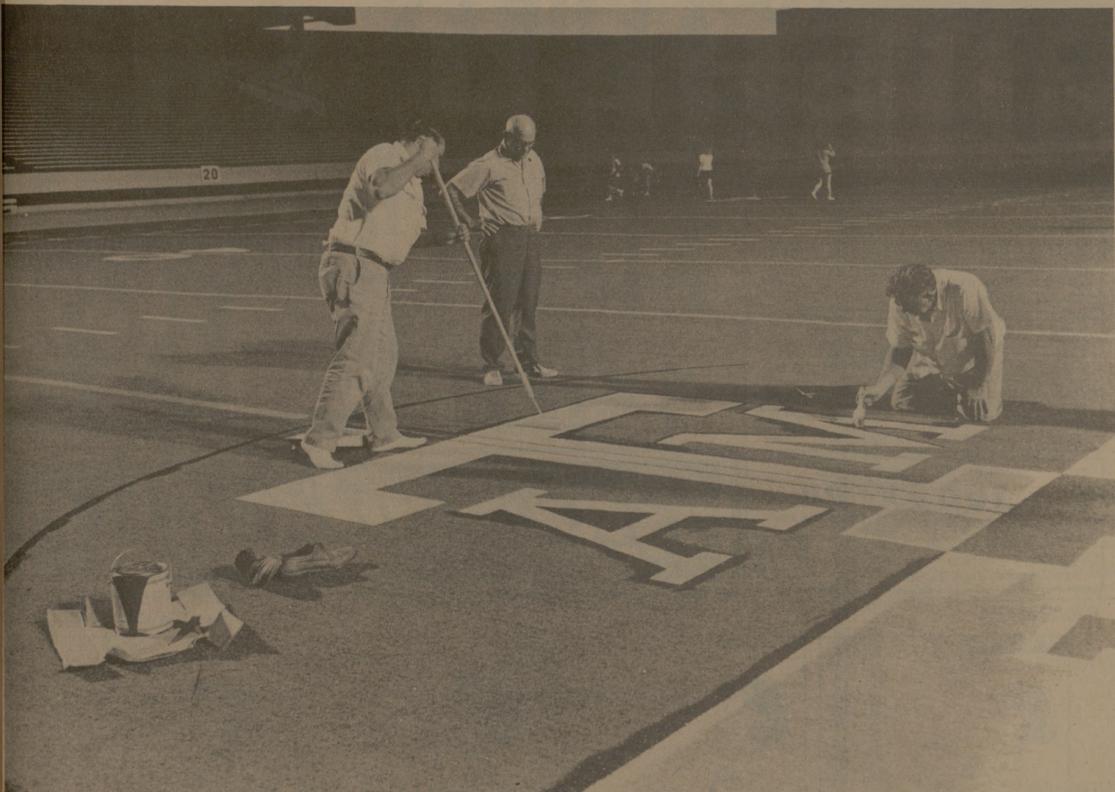
Cooperative work also is in progress with the Bates College of Law at the University of Houston, Dow Chemical Co. and Brazosport Junior College at Freeport, Lamar University at Beaumont, Del Mar College at Corpus Christi and Texas State Technical Institute at Waco.

Dr. John C. Calhoun, director of A&M's Sea Grant Program, cited coastal zone laboratories being initially supported at Galveston and in the Sabine Lake area as "focal points" in the University's Sea Grant plans.

"Designed as a nucleus of organized research activities, these laboratories emphasize development of marine resources and understanding of environmental quality measures in each area," explained Dr. Calhoun, who also serves as A&M's vice president for academic affairs.

The A&M Sea Grant Program emphasizes research in six major areas: fisheries, commerce, sciences, environmental quality, engineering and technology and resources management.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."  
—Adv.



Workers give new life to the Aggie trademark at Kyle Field. S. M. Meeks, stadium equipment manager (center), supervises the operation, which is just in time for the opening of the fall season. (Photo by Joe Matthews)