

Skylab to contain home comforts

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I can't get used to th' idea of Aggies holding hands with each other!"

Listen up

Apartment rates questioned

Editor:
I have uncovered a few facts that should interest those students who live in the University owned Apartments. We are permitted to install air-conditioners in our apartments and we are charged only for the electricity the air-conditioner uses. On May 23, 1972 I compared the rates we students must pay with those of residents of College Station. I found that the rates of the University were

100-70 per cent higher than regular College Station rates for homes.
Since this fact is rather unsettling, I tried to find the reason for the rate difference. I called the Apartments Office and received little or no information. I called the Physical Plant Planning Section and talked to Mr. Lewis. He told me to submit my complaint in writing to Mr. H. L. Vestal, director of Management

Services. No explanation was given however except that that is the way it is. I urge each interested student to do the same, or call me and sign my letter also. I urge residents to check these rates for themselves or call me (846-0234) for the specific rate schedules.

(Maybe with the extra money they can buy grass-burr seed.)
David N. Bailey

Dr. Burns receives '72 Cruess Award for teaching excellence from institute

Dr. Edward E. Burnes, associate professor in the Soil and Crop Sciences Department at A&M, will receive the 1972 William V. Cruess Award for excellence in teaching.
The award consists of a medal and an honorarium of \$1,000 and will be presented May 22 at the annual convention of the Institute of Food Technologists in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Northern California Section of the Institute of Food Technologists is donor of the award.
Purpose of the award is to recognize the basic importance of the teacher's role in food technology by honoring a person who has achieved excellence in teaching food science and technology, according to Calvert L. Willey, executive director of the Institute of Food Technologists.
Burns, a native of Columbia City, Indiana, received his B.S.,

M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University. He was a research fellow and instructor at Purdue and assistant chief inspector of the Indiana Federal State Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service before coming to A&M in 1956.
Ordering begins for vet graduates
Graduation announcements may be ordered by A&M veterinary medicine students beginning Monday, May 29.
Orders should be placed between May 29 and June 9 at the Student Finance Center in the Memorial Student Center, according to Judy Davis. She said the cashier's window will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for graduating student orders.

He is a member of the Institute of Food Technologists, Association of Southern Agriculture Workers, American Society of Horticultural Science, Texas Canners Association, Southwest Canners Association, Texas Nutrition Council, Sigma Xi, Phi Tau Sigma and Alpha Phi Omega.
An honorary life member of the Longhorn Section of the Institute of Food Technologists, Burns is also listed in Who's Who in the Southwest and American Men of Science and Personalities of the South. He is a deacon of the A&M Presbyterian Church and has held unit and district positions in the Boy Scouts of America. Also he is deputy director for Brazos County Civil Defense and a Brazos County Deputy Sheriff.
Burns is married and has four children.

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OPTIONAL BOARD PLAN SUMMER 1972

Summer students may dine on the board plan during each term of summer school at Texas A&M University. Each board student is entitled to three meals each day if the seven day plan is elected, and three meals each day, Monday through Friday, if the five day plan is preferred.

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Seven Day—\$102.50
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Day students, including graduate students may purchase either of the board plans.

Skylab will greatly extend man's stays in space and at the same time offer a better "quality" living environment than on any previous manned space flight.
Astronauts on Mercury, Gemini and Apollo have lived in cramped quarters, been fed foods sometimes described as "bland," and complained about the lack of small luxuries they enjoy on Earth.

For the first time, Skylab will offer some of the more common comforts of home. There will be 364 cubic meters (13,000 cubic feet) of area in which to move about and work. Privacy will be possible. Provisioning for these space flight missions includes an adequate supply of food, water, clothing and equipment to keep the space explorers happy and safe.

Planners feel the quality of life aboard Skylab will be enhanced by offering a greater variety of food, much more like the crewmen are accustomed to at home. Water for occasional showers and other personal hygiene needs is being provided. Giving the travelers tools with which to work and some recreation equipment is also a step toward the time men will spend longer periods in space. All of the supplies and equipment must be stowed in safe locations and be easily found when needed in orbit.

Skylab is being planned for launch in the spring of 1973. A two-stage Saturn V rocket will

place the Skylab into orbit. Once there, three three-man crews will be launched aboard Apollo/Saturn IB vehicles, about 90 days apart. These crews will live and work in the early space station for five of the eight months following the initial launch. The first Skylab mission is planned to last 28 days, the remaining two not more than 56 days each.

Compared with Apollo, Skylab is some 50 times greater in volume. However, with all its size Skylab still has some weight and space restrictions. Thus stowage experts at the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center have a strict plan for providing and stowing the more than 13,000 individual items needed for the long duration mission.

Skylab gear will be stowed primarily in the workshop, airlock module and multiple docking adapter. Everything which can be stowed for eight months will go aboard the initial launch. Crewmen traveling to and from the Skylab in Apollo spacecraft will carry only a few critical items.

Lockers are arranged where they will not interfere with the Skylab operation or the craft's structural integrity during launch. Some of the stowage containers will be moved from their launch locations to other areas to make room for on-orbit activities.

Food storage is concentrated in or near the workshop's crew quarters. On previous space missions, astronauts ate pastes, concentrates and liquids out of plastic bags. On Skylab there will be some 913.2 kilograms (2,000 pounds) of food stored in 11 food stowage containers and five food freezers. The food is packaged primarily in metal cans with pull-off tops and will be a mixture of frozen, dehydrated and dry foods to give some variety to the meals. The capability to heat or chill food is available within the crew quarters.

Water is located in 10 tanks

mounted in the forward end of the workshop. More than 2,721 kilograms (6,000 pounds) of water will give the crewmen a supply for drinking, food preparation, showers and other needs.

Clothing for Skylab crewmen will be stowed in "28-day clothing modules" located in lockers in the crew quarters. Clothing will not be washed on Skylab, so when a crewman changes he will dispose of the used garments by placing them in a "trash can"—an empty tank beneath the floor of his living quarters.

The garments are sized for individual astronauts and stowed in specially marked lockers. There will be 60 changes of jackets, shirts and trousers. Thirty constant-wear garments, 15 pairs of boots and gloves, and 210 pairs of shorts are among the clothing inventory. Extra garments are carried in two contingency modules.

For the first time, astronauts will also share a bathroom or waste management area in the spacecraft. Lockers here will store some 55 bars of soap, 95.8 kilograms (210 pounds) of towels and some 1800 urine and fecal bags. While the Skylab "bathroom" serves the needs of the crewmen, it is really a laboratory necessary

to carry out medical experiments. Medical studies of the crewmen's mineral and body fluids balance are two important Skylab biomedical experiments.

Miscellaneous storage items in Skylab include 156 rolls of teleprinter paper, 104 film magazines, a medical kit, 108 pens and pencils and a vacuum cleaner.

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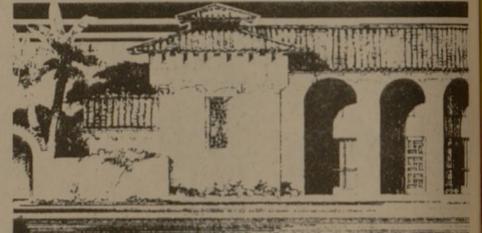
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Student dies in accident

Grady B. Lake III, A&M student from Crockett, died Thursday near his home when a farm tractor he was driving overturned and pinned him.

He was a sophomore chemical engineering major this year and a former member of Squadron 4 in the Corps of Cadets.

The tractor veered off FM 2076 west of Crockett and overturned. Lake's father was driving a pickup truck behind the tractor and saw the accident. The A&M student was 19 years of age.

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