

# Student-Run Day Care Center Folds After Two Weeks

By VICKIE ASHWILL

Competition and apparent lack of need caused the Student Government Day Care Center to close its doors after two weeks of operation.

"We opened for the convenience and service we could offer the Aggies," said Virginia Lealey, chairman of the board for the center which closed the middle of September. "When we (the board)

found there was no longer a need for our existence, we decided to close down."

Three years ago A&M took a survey to see if a day care center was needed, according to Lealey. "At that time a center was needed for students' children."

"Last fall when I took over the project the Ags still needed such a utility," continued Lealey. "So the Student Senate approved the

project and agreed to sponsor it."

This year the area need for day care services was partially met by local churches. The remaining need was met with the opening of a community day care center in College Station.

Originally the non-profit organization was set to open Jan. 15, 1973. The date was postponed to Feb. 1 providing an adequate number of children had paid tuition.

The Feb. 1 deadline was not met either and the opening of the center was set for the fall semester.

Lealey did say the middle of the year was a bad time to open any type of day care service.

SG President Randy Ross emphasized that the "center was a professional operation with an educational environment for the children of A&M students in the two to four age bracket" in the Jan. 17 issue of *The Battalion*.

"It is not a babysitting service," he continued.

But according to Lealey the facility was turning into such a service.

"We were attracting children two and under, some of whom were not trained to use the toilet," said Lealey. "This was not a part of our purpose."

"We were running our workers to death with such a young group," continued Lealey. "They were at ages where they really couldn't do anything."

Another reason the organization folded was lack of interest

on behalf of the public and the Lealey.

"Our purpose was to help Ags out but they did not help us."

The state-licensed agency required the enrollment of 20 children at \$60 a month in order to meet the monthly bills. When the center closed, eight students were attending regularly.

"The board decided why waste SG money when they could be spending it on something else?" Lealey said.

The price included one hot meal daily plus a morning and afternoon snack. The center was open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays at 305 Welborn Rd., a location close to campus.

The organization had initially

planned to begin business in the Lutheran fellowship hall but amid other changes the center was relocated.

"Without the original help of the Lutheran Church the Day Care Center could never have opened," said Lealey earlier.

Lealey continued to say that the short operation of the center was successful for those who worked with it.

"Even though it was not physically successful, it was mentally so," said Lealey.

"We connected with the center learned a lot. The SG became acquainted with business and all of us met a lot of people in the Bryan-College Station community."

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One Does Not Gain Much  
By Mere Cleverness.

## Spiro Bids Farewell With Emotional Plea

WASHINGTON (AP)—Spiro T. Agnew bade farewell to public life Monday night with praise for Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford and a call for political and judicial reforms as a result of "my nightmare come true."

Agnew, who resigned Wednesday and did not contest a charge of federal income tax evasion, vowed that his final moments on the national stage would not be spent in "a paroxysm of bitterness."

And, while the words were emotional, his nationally-televised farewell address was delivered in calm, unimpassioned tones.

Agnew repeated his denial of bribery and extortion accusations, and noted that his tax conviction stemmed from a plea of no contest, not a guilty plea. He was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to three years of unsupervised probation.

He said he had been proud to serve 57 months with "a great President," who had advanced the cause of world peace.

Agnew said that despite his personal sorrow, he sees only good ahead for the nation.

Agnew said Nixon made "a wise nomination" in choosing Ford to succeed him as vice president.

The nomination of Ford, now House Republican leader, has been sent to a receptive Democratic Congress, which is expected to confirm the choice.

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Agnew complained that leaked accounts of the federal criminal investigation into his activities as governor of Maryland and as vice president had prejudiced his civil rights and put him in an impossible situation.

He had only praise for President Nixon, and for Ford, the

man nominated to succeed him in the vice presidency.

"In choosing Gerald Ford, the President has made a wise nomination," Agnew said. "... He'll make an excellent vice president, and he is clearly qualified to undertake the highest office should the occasion require."

Agnew said he did not want his last moments on the public stage to be spent in "a paroxysm of bitterness." But he said he wanted the nation to understand fully the reasons for his resignation last Wednesday.

Agnew specifically denied, as he had before, the accusations of bribery and extortion leveled by government prosecutors. And he said that while he accepted conviction on the tax evasion charge, his plea of no contest was not an admission of guilt for any other purpose.

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DEFENSIVE BACK Tim Gray bows his head to the astroturf in a moment of futility in Lubbock Saturday where the Aggies fell to the Texas Tech Red Raiders, 28-16.

## UT Mascot's Mother Dies

"Hook Horn," mother of the University of Texas mascot "Bevo," is dead.

"Hook Horn" died Sept. 28 at age 23, Parks and Wildlife officials said Thursday.

She died at Ft. Griffin State Park where the official State Longhorn herd is kept. She was the matriarch of the official Texas Longhorn herd.

Parks and Wildlife personnel gave the cow the name of "Hook Horn" because of the unusual configuration of her horns. One curved into the air, while the other dropped below her face.

## Teacher Graduate Hasn't Changed

An updated survey of A&M teacher graduates reveals the "typical" individual has not changed.

He is nearly 40 years of age, holds a master's degree, is a teacher or administrator in a Texas public school, holds two or more professional education certificates and is member of two or more professional organizations. Findings are detailed in a College of Education publication by Dr. Paul R. Hensarling. He directs TAMU's Teacher Placement Service.

Hensarling noted that data on the year-long study is on file for use by researchers from departments of the College of Education.

The publication, "Follow-Up Study, Teacher Education Graduates, 1923-73," involved work by graduate students Burton Hermann and Pamela Faulkner. The study was funded by the Council on Teacher Education. Hensarling noted that the Association of Former Students and Registrar's Record Section cooperated.

It updates a study made in 1972. By combining data from both researches, the report was compiled on the basis of responses from 3,422 graduates, or nearly 70 per cent of the total population.

Hensarling said ages of respondents ranged from 20 through the "over 60s."

"It is interesting to note that many who are over 60 gave their ages as a matter of pride," the report states. "For example, statements like: 'I'll be 84 in May' were quite common."

Predominant teaching fields are vocational agriculture, general science and industrial arts. The early history of TAMU teacher education emphasized vocational agriculture and industrial arts. The trend began to broaden in the 1960s.

"Another point of interest," the report indicates, "is the male/female ratio of the respondents: 2,877 males or 81.2 per cent and

University National Bank  
"On the side of Texas A&M." Adv.

## Aggie Players Set Cast for 'Wives School'

The upcoming play concerning the Women's Liberation movement produced by the Aggie Players, "A School for Wives," was cast last week. It is a satire on sixteenth century attitudes toward women written by the French playwright Moliere.

Analphie, played by Tim McCanlies, has raised Agnes, played by Stephanie Inman. He has fashioned her into what he feels is the perfect woman. However, she soon meets Horace and complications ensue.

"It says a lot about today, it is still contemporary," said C. K. Easton, director.

The date of opening night remains unannounced due to a problem of location. The cast is as follows: Tim McCanlies, Analphie; Kenneth Dimmick, Chrysalde; Ken Brown, Horace; Jim Dennis, Alaine; Pat Lockstedt, Georgette; Stephanie Inman, Agnes; Bradley Ellis, notary; Mark Scott, Enrique; Kevin Cowser, Oronte.

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## Weather

TUESDAY—Decreasing cloudiness later this afternoon with scattered showers expected to dissipate. Warmer and partly cloudy weather anticipated for tomorrow. Today's high 77° tonight's low 67°. Tomorrow's high temperature is expected to be around 83°.



SONNY AND CHER did their best to outdo each other in their Sunday night verbal debate style, with Sonny usually having to work for points, while Cher—well, being Cher.



PAULA BOATRITTE, a belly dancer, strikes a mystic pose for performances at the Brazos County People's Festival held in Manor East Mall Saturday. Thousands of people attended the second annual event. (For more photos see page 5)

## Five-College Conference Housing Problems Outlined

By GREG MOSES

Representatives from five Texas universities met here Sunday to exchange ideas on student fair housing committees.

The TAMU Fair Housing Committee hosted the conference in the Rudder Tower.

Jackie Heyman from TAMU began the preliminary presentation by explaining the compiling and distribution of TAMU's apartment guide. She also mentioned plans for the next issue including an evaluation of duplex and house landlords.

Of the four other schools participating in the conference (Prairie View A&M, Stephen F. Austin, North Texas State, and Southwestern) only North Texas

had an existing fair housing committee. The other schools planned to institute programs of their own.

North Texas related case histories to the conference concerning their tenant problems. One interesting case involved two coeds who served notice to their landlord that they would be leaving in 30 days. The apartment manager then told them they had to leave the next day. When the girls did not comply he cut off their electricity and entered the apartment with force and tried to move a bed out of the apartment.

The North Texas committee, which usually refers students to the small claims court, has decided to prosecute on a higher

level. The case is pending.

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