

# The Battalion

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## Weather

There is a 20 per cent chance of rain through tomorrow. Wind warnings up to 25 miles per hour.



THE FEMALE ENSEMBLE of the Ballet Folkloric of Mexico go through the movements of a Chiapan waltz during the company's Thursday night performance in the Rudder Center Auditorium. An enthusiastic crowd attended the pageant of tradition-inspired dance. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

## Nacogdoches 'streak dance' draws 2,000

NACOGDOCHES (AP)—Hundreds of students at Stephen F. Austin University, in the heart of East Texas' Bible belt, began a spring break today in their birthday suits, joining a crowd of about 2,000 in a "streak dance."

A bosomy brunette co-ed, 19, stood naked in the throng and declared, "It's exhilarating."

University President Ralph Steen said the affair had the reluctant approval of the school.

"What else can you do? If we make one arrest it could touch off a confrontation with police," he said. "I've told them when they return from spring break there will be no more streaking. If we can help it."

Campus police wandered amid the dancers and spectators merely to keep order.

CITY POLICE took a hands-off attitude.

"They're really having a party out there. Our hands are tied. We can't go on campus unless they ask us," said police dispatcher Danny Shull.

The "streak dance" began around 8 p.m. with students blocking off about 300 yards

of East College Drive on the campus. It started breaking up about 12:45 a.m. as rain began falling and the band stopped playing.

While "The Tight Squeeze" ground out hard rock music, about 10 nude girls climbed atop a ledge over the makeshift bandstand and waved to the cheering mobs.

Flashbulbs popped in an explosion of light each time a nude streaker ran through the mob.

By student count, the number of students who doffed their garments reached 415 at midnight.

"I think it's great," commented a dormitory mother, a middle-aged matron who didn't want her name revealed. "I just hope there's no violence."

There were scattered reports of open sexual activity but for the most part, said spectators, no serious displays occurred.

"There are few couples, nude, dancing close—that kind of thing. There's a lot of drinking, though," said one.

A LIQUOR STORE three blocks from the campus was reported to have done a heavy business supplying the crowd beer and

whisky.

"Yes, I know we have some unhappy parents over this, but what else can you do?" Steen asked. "The best thing to do is try to keep it under control. The kids aren't hurting anything. We haven't had the kinds of problems here that they've had on other campuses."

"It'll probably go all night," observed one reveler before the rain began. "Many people are wearing masks, taking off their clothes, booing it up."

"It's turned into a regular tourist attraction," said another.

Dispatcher Shull said city police did not patrol the campus area more than usual, adding, "Of course, if they step off the campus we'll have to arrest them. But what they do out there is their own business."

Asked what her parents would think of her public nudity, a shapely co-ed said, "They're in Chicago. I'm in Nacogdoches."

Police said at a late hour they had made no arrests and had no reports of injuries or violence at the campus of some 11,000 students.

## Library computer rejecting students

Beginning Friday, the University Library will start rejecting delinquent students.

A new program will kick out the ID card of anyone attempting to check out a book, who has another book overdue 15 days or more.

Their checkout privileges will be returned when the books are.

According to Richard Puckett, assistant director for public services with the library, the program should be completely operational and de-bugged by April 1.

Work will then begin on upgrading the system to be completely automatic, and programming it to reject users who have books overdue as few as three days.

The rejection program is being initiated in conjunction with a library decision to drop fines for overdue books Sept. 1 next fall.

The goal of the Library Council, according to Puckett, is to make the largest number of books available to the largest number of people.

Other council steps in that direction have included reducing regular loans to two weeks from four earlier in the year.

## Chappelle, Gray new Corps heads

John D. Chappelle and Rickey A. Gray of Dallas were named Thursday to head the 1974-75 Corps of Cadets.

Chappelle will be corps commander, with the rank of cadet colonel of the corps. As deputy commander, Gray will be a cadet colonel.

Army Col. Thomas R. Parsons announced the appointments.

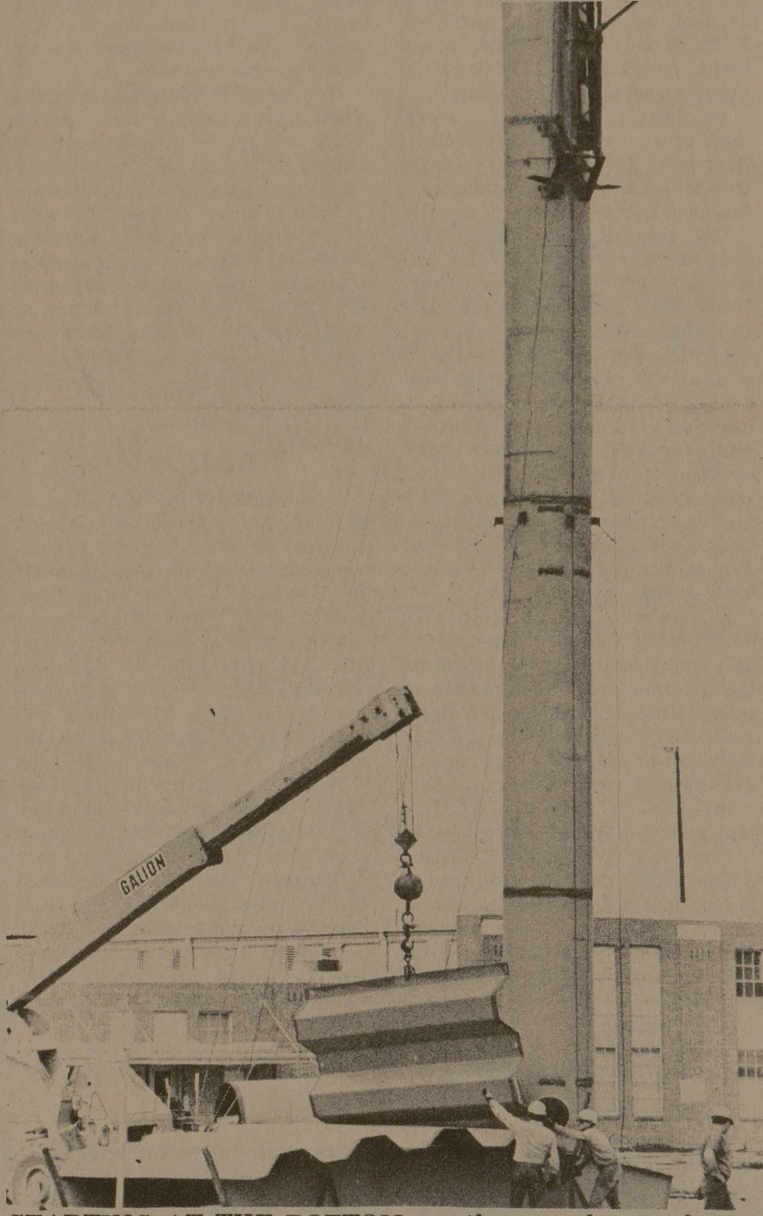
The commandant noted that both cadets are on contract to accept officer's commissions on graduation. Chappelle is in Army ROTC; Gray, Air Force ROTC.

TC. They will succeed Scott Eberhart of Dallas and Melvin P. "Slim" Noack of Georgetown.

"The corps has had a good year," Col. Parsons charged the junior cadets. "You have a good base on which to build and improve the corps next year."

Air Force Col. R. F. Crossland and Marine Corps Col. C. E. Hogan were involved in selection of the new corps leaders. They head TAMU's Air Force and Naval ROTC programs.

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STARTING AT THE BOTTOM are these workmen who are piecing together a shed storage area at the base of the new water tower. The tower, located near the A&M Laundry, will hold two million gallons. (Photo by Steve Ueckert)

## New water tower to alter TAMU skyline

By JULIA JONES

One of TAMU's more noticeable landmarks, the old spiderley water tower, is being replaced by a new super, light blue model.

Currently under construction behind Sbisas, the new 160-foot tower will have a two million gallon capacity, with a hydro-poise design and a sprioid shaped tank. It will look somewhat like a tall matchstick.

The \$785,000 tank, one of the last major improvements of the University water system, it will be capable of handling the University's growing water needs, currently three to three and a half million gallons daily. It is also designed to provide adequate protection in case of a major fire.

Other major improvements have been a new system of pipes in 1972, in front of the Academic buildings; and the increase of the capacity of pumping stations located on Fin Feather Road to a 16 million gallon capacity.

The old 160 foot tower was for many years the highest point on campus. It had a 150,000 gallon capacity. Built in 1920, it was for many years the target of graffiti and class insignias. "Welcome to Aggieland" was painted on it in the early 50s and graffiti ended.

The new tower completion date is targeted for March 1975. The old tower will be scrapped.

The steel shortage has pushed the completion date back from September 1974.

## Saloon death still being investigated

The Feb. 8 death of Larry Dow Sanders of Kurten at the Silver Dollar Saloon is still under investigation by the College Station police department.

Sanders was involved in a pushing incident at the saloon. He was dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Although the case has not yet been turned over to the district attorney's office, the incident is being investigated as a voluntary manslaughter.

A story in Wednesday's Battalion erroneously quoted police as saying no charges were to be filed and cited the autopsy as revealing Sanders had choked on his own vomit.

According to Detective Johnny Miller, the official autopsy report has not yet been received, and that is why the case has not reached the DA's office.

Miller said whether or not charges are filed in the case will be decided by the grand jury.

## Break slows down University Center

Parts of the University Center will close during spring recess.

The student holiday starts after Friday classes. Classes resume March 18. Faculty-staff will have March 14-15 holidays.

All areas of the University Center except the Rudder Tower and dining room, Aggieland Station Post Office lobby and Bralley Travel Service will be closed Saturday, Sunday and March 14-17.

Normal services will be provided at regular hours Monday through Wednesday (March 11-13) next week. The Memorial Student Center snack bar and

bowling-games area will remain closed throughout the student holiday period.

Entrance to the post office, which will have window service March 14 and 15, travel service and Association of Former Students offices on days the remainder of the building is locked should be by the south entrance. It is on Joe Routt Blvd., across from G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The University Center will return to normal operating hours Monday morning, March 18.

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

## The inquiring Battman

# Should streakers be suspended from the University?

Interviews by T. C. Gallucci

Survey taken by MSC fountain

Photos by Rodger Mallison



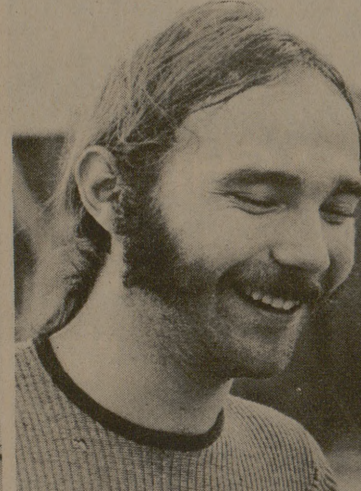
Sharon Elliot

No, not suspended, but there should be some kind of regulation. People shouldn't go around indecent and the University shouldn't let down its image.



Mike Glynn

I believe there should be action taken, but that's too strict.



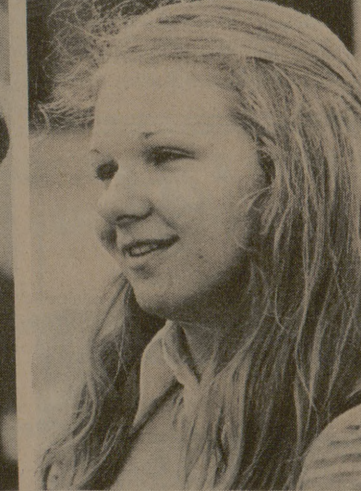
John Roberts

What are streakers? . . . oh, them! No, they're just having a lot of fun. Of course they shouldn't be suspended.



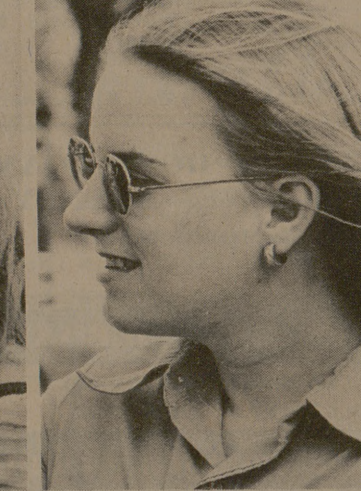
Richard Pugh

Yes, definitely. It's indecent. For moral reasons, I think it's not good for the image of the university to have a bunch of naked people running around campus.



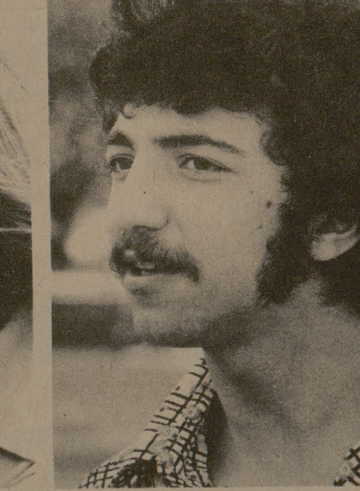
Lorraine Ploch

No, it's nothing serious. If it happens on the streets, it would be a different matter. But it's just a lot of fun.



Carol Adams

I really don't care. I think it's real stupid. A&M had to copy it and couldn't even invent it themselves.



Sandy Kovoussi

No, leave 'em alone. Let 'em do what they want. It's not right to go running through girls' dorms. That's exhibition. Elsewhere it's let down its image.