

Weather

Partly cloudy and hot Wednesday and Thursday. 20% chance of showers both days. Maximum temperature 93° Wednesday. Low tonight 75°. High tomorrow 94°.

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Detailed Corps area plans completed, up for bids

By KATHY YOUNG

TAMU's landscape plan moves nearer to completion as bids will be taken some time this week on the Corps Dorm Area, according to Gen. A. R. Luedecke, executive vice president.

Detailed planning on the Corps dorm area has been completed with few changes from earlier plans. Some walkways will be enlarged while others will be repaired.

Brick arches denoting the entrance to the corps area will be 11 and one half feet high with a span of 15 feet. A recessed light will be located at the top of each arch.

Bicycle parking areas are designated around the corps area with down ramps on the curbs to facilitate the riders accessibility to the area.

The war memorial located in front of Duncan Dining Hall will be elevated to five feet tall with different surroundings than those now present. Luedecke emphasized that the war memorial will remain the same and that it will only be raised to make it more noticeable.

The grass along the corps dorms that face into the quadrangle will be removed and replaced with same kind of ground cover, according to Luedecke. This is the only grass that

will be removed in the area, Luedecke added, in response to Corps complaints that this would disrupt "quadding efforts."

At the same time bids are going out for the Corps dorm area, bidding will commence on several street projects. Lewis and Bizzell streets will be double streets while Ross Street will be converted into the pebbled mall surface in some areas while others will be of composition to fit into the surrounding landscape.

In other areas Luedecke said that the parking lot across the railroad tracks was completed and ready to hold 500 cars. Another lot in the same area with a 589 car capacity has already had a contract let on it.

Luedecke also mentioned that the athletic dorm is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy this fall.

The North Plaza area will be the next division of the landscape plan to be completed and ready for bid. It is presently in the detailed planning stage.

Although the landscape plan is progressing, it is not without its critics. Several student leaders involved in the Long Range Campus Planning Committee felt that students' opinions were not being con-

sidered by Luedecke.

Barry Brooks, Steve Wakefield and David White wrote their comments and suggestions to the landscape plan and sent the letter to Luedecke in March.

These three students suggested that the proposed Northgate wall was too much of a "physical barrier whereas, a three foot wall would still indicate a division, and could be used by those walking by."

As an alternative they suggested a "soft barrier such as shrubbery in conjunction with sections of a lower wall." The high cost of the wall was also mentioned as a possible reason for an alternative means of separating the campus from Northgate.

The group also criticized the 18 inch Main Entrance Wall at the east gate as being "aesthetically too high for the location." They suggested lowering it.

The next area the students questioned was the possible retention of an eight car parking lot by the University Hospital in the center of a pedestrian mall. The students urged its removal.

The students pointed out the need for designated bike paths where bicyclists must share the streets with automobile traffic. They expressed a desire to rid the

campus of potential hazard traffic patterns where pedestrians must cross the path of cars.

When Luedecke was asked about the letter he said that "the comments in writing were reviewed by the master architect in charge of reviewing."

The students complained about lack of input. Luedecke said that it "was a misunderstanding and that all of their comments were taken into account." He added that they were present during the presentation of the designer's concept, the sketches and the development program phases. However, Luedecke admitted that no students were invited to the final review of the plans as it was just a technical review.

Luedecke explained, "They didn't understand the procedure. They felt that their input was effective only if changes were made."

The procedure as outlined by Luedecke is "to listen to everyone's comments and weigh them, have the architects take a professional look at it and then make a decision."

"If you take out everything they complain about there would be nothing left," Luedecke said.

Luedecke felt the students must have "a good reason other than 'I

don't like it,' in order to change something."

Discussion was more beneficial than concrete suggestions, according to Luedecke. "How to mark bike paths and where to place bike racks and such decisions were aided by student discussions," he added.

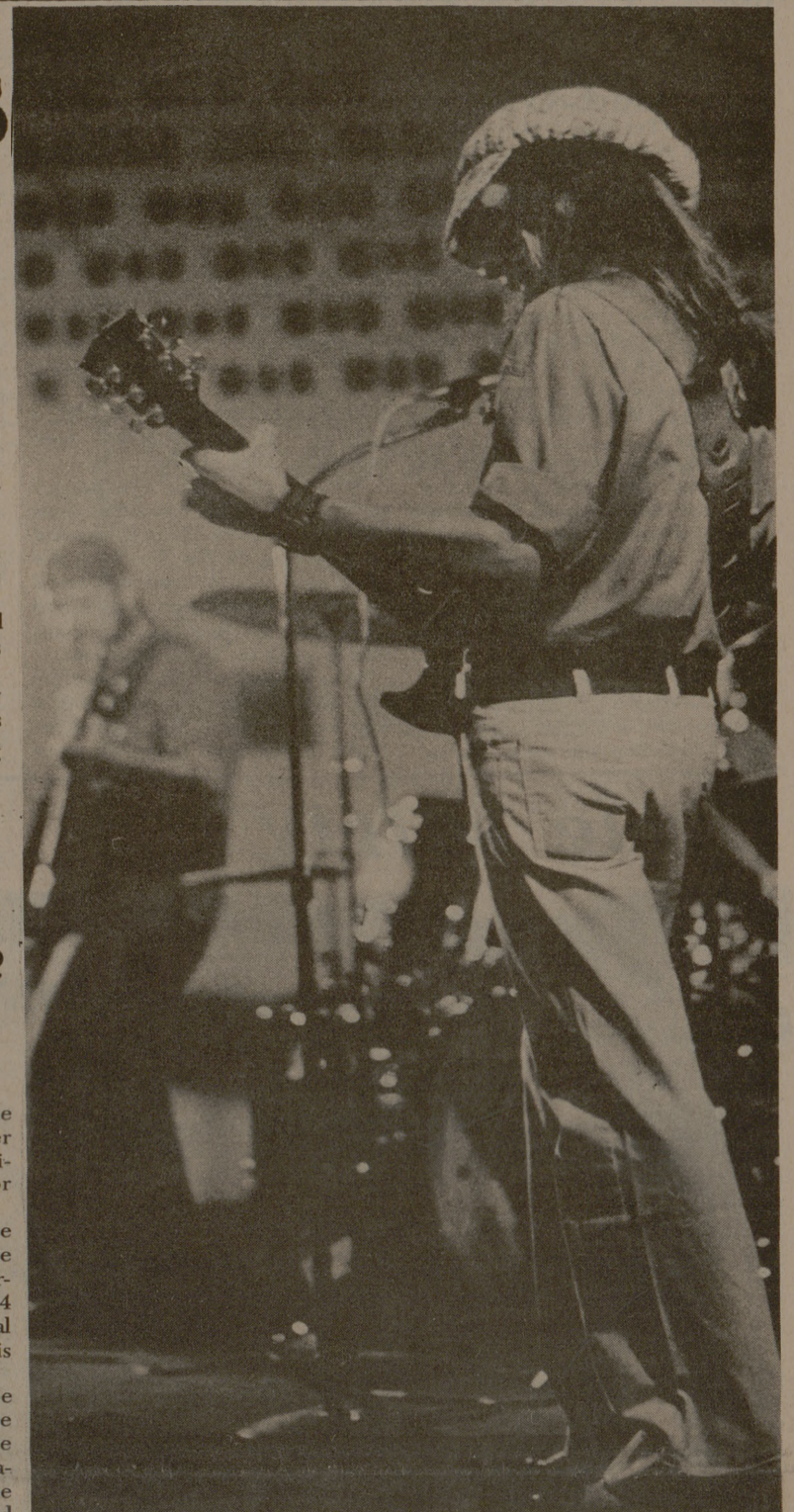
One of the most controversial parts of the landscape plan perhaps is the wall around the campus. Gen. Luedecke said, "a wall is the very last way I think it. It shows me this is the campus. It will prevent us from seeing the back end of a lot of cars," Luedecke said.

Degree deadline June 14

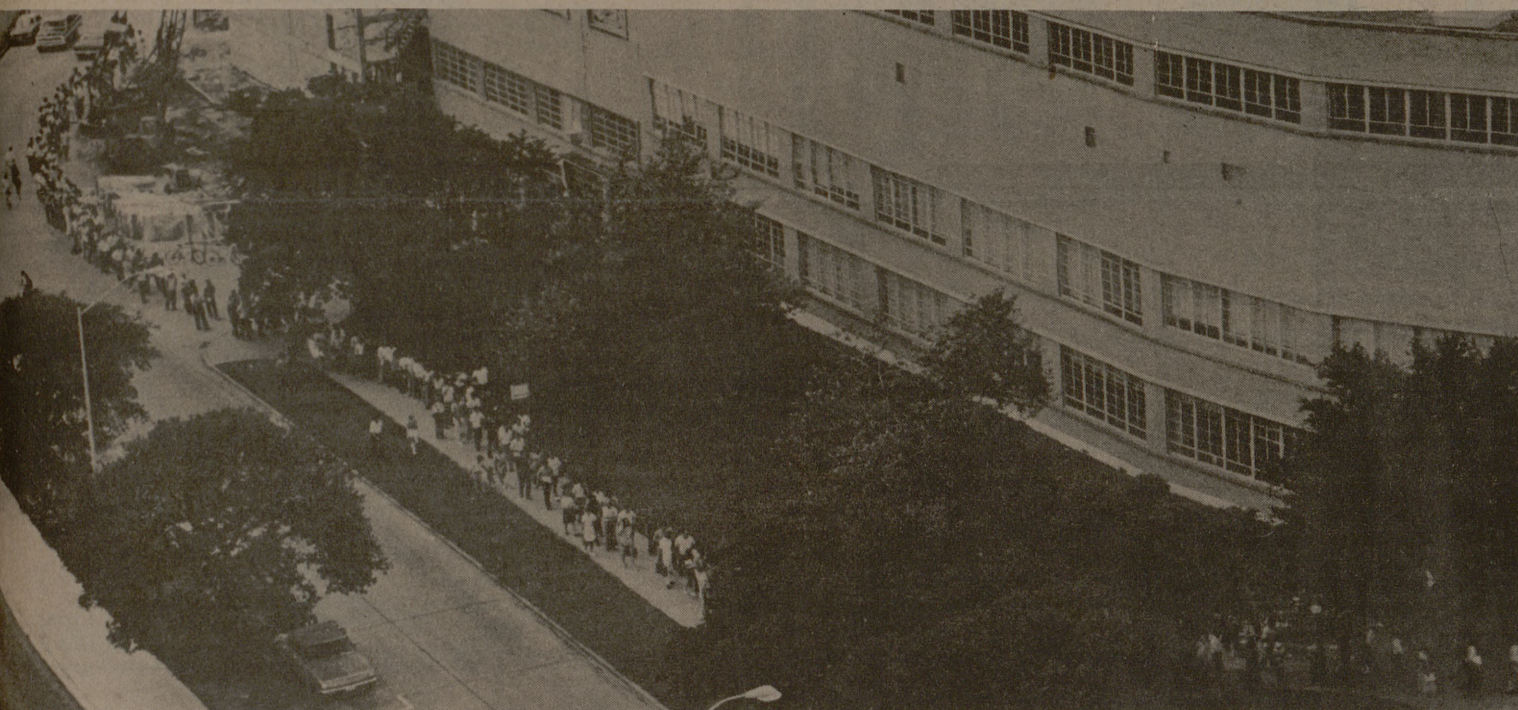
Registrar R. A. Lacey says June 14 is the deadline for first summer term undergraduate degree candidates to make applications for graduation.

Graduate and undergraduate students who expect to complete the requirements for a degree during the second summer term 1974 are also encouraged to make formal application for their degree at this time.

A six-dollar graduation fee will be collected at the fiscal office in the Richard Coke Building. Graduate students may make formal application for degrees in the office of the Graduate College, Room 209, and undergraduate students may file applications in Room Seven of the registrar's office, both of which are in the Coke building.

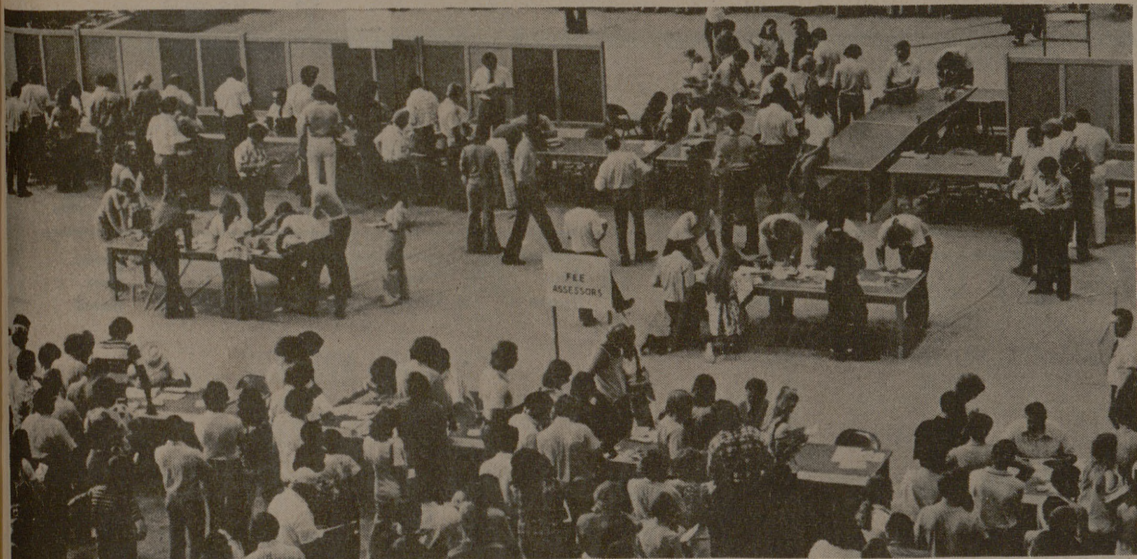


"THE TEXAS BLEND" provided the music as the Grove got off to a good start in its summer program Monday night. The music along with plenty of soft drinks smoothed out a rather hectic day of registration and was met with general enthusiasm. (Photo by David Kimmel)



LONG LINES and the hot sun made registration somewhat of a hassle for the near 8,000 students who showed up for the first summer term. Some people waited as long as an hour outside G.

Rolie White Coliseum to pay their fees and found the situation not much better inside. (Photos by David Kimmel)



Parking lot protested Scandia runoff unwanted

By GERALD OLIVER

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission recommended rezoning changes on four tracts to the city council for approval, Monday night.

A 7.9 acre tract on FM 60 northeast of FM 2818 was rezoned from single family residential to general commercial. Two other tracts in the same area were changed from single family to multi-family (apartment) zoning.

The land is owned by A. P. King, a Houston developer who plans to build student oriented apartments and a small shopping center. Commissioner Tom Chaney expressed

concern that the commission might have little control over building in the complex once the rezoning request had been approved. He recommended that the commission wait until the final plat for construction was submitted to pass on the request. Commissioner George Boyett reminded him that the commission must also pass final plats before construction can begin.

The commission also approved two similar requests for the rezoning of a 16.4 acre tract to general commercial and a 39.8 acre tract to apartment zoning in the area. Building similar to King's and coordinated with his are being planned.

In further action the commission approved the rezoning of four lots in Kapchinskie Subdivision from single family to multi-family. The lots are owned by Scandia Apartments. Two of the lots are to be used for storage buildings and the other two will be converted to parking lots.

A group of concerned citizens led by L. B. Groce expressed concern that runoff from Scandia parking lots was entering their yards. Groce was assured by a Scandia representative that if the next rain proved to produce drainage into the adjacent property a curb would be built to prevent future instances.

TAMU research in top 20

TAMU is now among the country's top 20 educational institutions in volume of research and development, according to data compiled by the National Science Foundation.

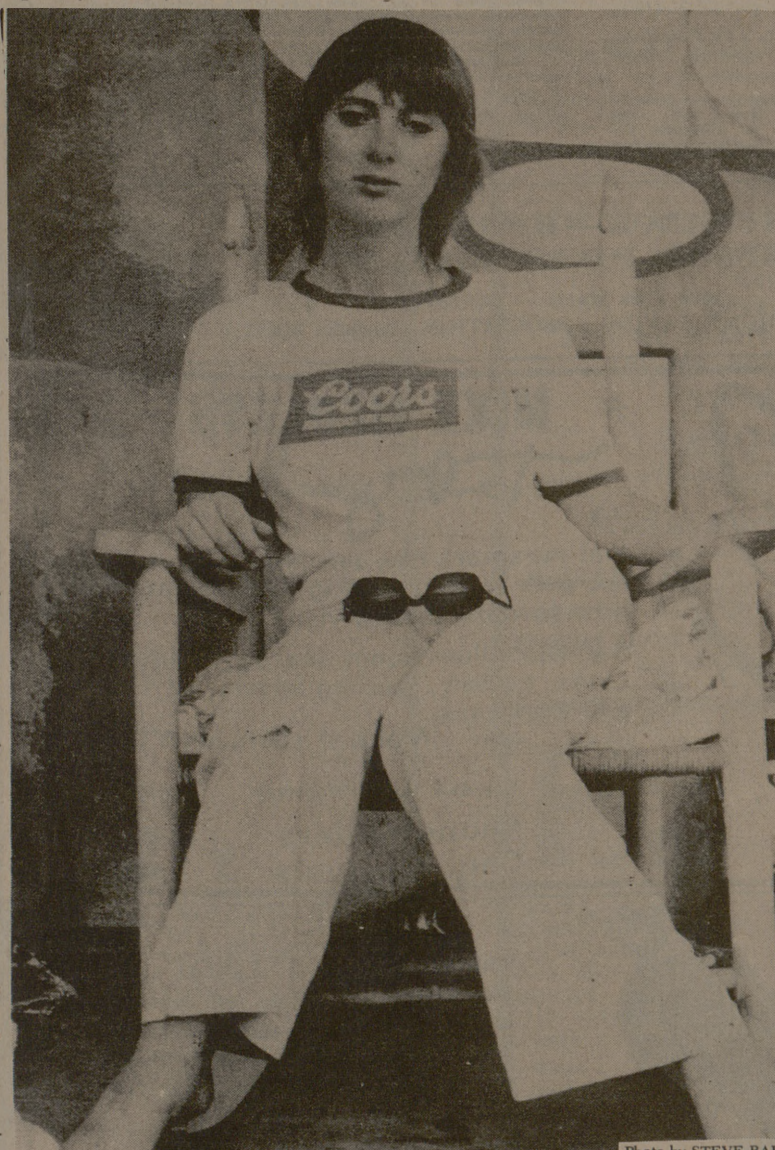
TAMU is the only college or university in the South or Southwest ranked among the nation's research leaders.

The list is headed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology and includes the Universities of Wisconsin, Michigan, California, Minnesota, Washington, Chicago, Pennsylvania and Illinois, along with Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, John Hopkins and Yale.

NSF's survey covers activities for 1973, during which period TAMU invested \$33,618,226 in research activities. This accounted for 44 percent of the total dollar volume for Texas' 26 senior colleges and universities, based on information released by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

TAMU's research funds so far this year represent an increase of approximately \$2 million over the same period in 1973, noted Dr. Robert R. Berg, director of university research.

TAMU's research program includes projects ranging from high-way safety to agricultural and marine resources, as well as air and water pollution studies and several medically-related activities.



JULIA JONES ROCKS at the Rockdale Centennial Rocking Chair Marathon. Julia went on to set a new state record of 100 hours of rocking time.

Coed breaks Texas record in rocking chair marathon

By STEVE BALES

ROCKDALE—TAMU's Julia Jones broke the Texas Rocking Chair Marathon record of 91 hours, 21 minutes, at the Rockdale Centennial Celebration.

Jones, a very tired and sleepy 26-year-old TAMU coed, broke the standing record held by Eugene Suttle of Hamburg, Texas, at 1:22 p.m. yesterday.

"I'm going to stay with it and try for 100 hours to keep in line with the Rockdale Centennial," Jones said.

Jones stayed with it to set a new state record of exactly 100 hours at 10:00 last night.

The marathon started off the Rockdale Centennial Celebration Friday night at 6, with 30 entrants. The youngest entrant was seven years old and dressed like TV's

"Dirty Sally." She only lasted until 1:30 Saturday morning.

Jones won \$300 for placing first in the marathon. She also won \$200 for breaking the state record in addition to \$100 given to her from the local merchants.

"All totaled, Julia won more than \$1,000 including the other money people gave her," Alan Jones, Julia's husband, said. "They auctioned off her shoes after she broke the record for \$100. A local barber is supposed to buy her comb for about \$25 today."

Roger Sadler, third place winner, said, "I think we've done a lot to help the city of Rockdale. The people here have really been behind us all the way."

The marathon took place on the porch of the Lucy Hill Patterson Memorial Library. Jones wasn't allowed to move from her starting position.

Each of the entrants were allowed a 15-minute snack break every four hours and a seven-minute rest stop every two hours. They had to keep rocking after their breaks.

"I don't know how she has made it this far," Jones' husband said. "She usually has to have from eight to 10 hours sleep just to survive. I know she will hit the sack as soon as she is finished here."

There is going to be another rocking marathon this August at Victoria, Texas, for those interested. Jones said, "I don't think I'm going to enter it. I've had enough rocking to last me for a while."

TV feature to spotlight Gen. Rudder

The late Earl Rudder, former president of A&M, will be among 10 Allied officers featured in a film presented by KAMU-TV Thursday night, 10 p.m.

Dr. Mel Chastain, director of TAMU's educational television station, said the film "Ten Men Went to War" chronicles the efforts of Allied officers instrumental in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.