

Registration: more people, shorter lines

Fee increases made little impact on the students registering Monday for the first summer session, but the absence of the long lines and interminable waits of previous years made many a veteran summer term gape in awe.

In a joint effort by the Admissions Office and the Fiscal Department, the registration process was revised to allow students to pay their fees any time during the first week of the summer term.

Students had only to secure card packets, sign up for courses, and report to C. Rollie White Coliseum for housing

clearance. The card packets were then turned in, thus bypassing what had formerly been the greatest hassle in the entire process: standing in long lines to pay fees.

Under the new system, the card packets were turned in to Fiscal Department personnel, who worked most of Monday night computing fees.

Edwin Cooper, Dean of Admissions, said, "I think it's a major improvement. It's such a massive operation in such a short time period, but the change has greatly reduced the number of students waiting in front of the Coliseum."

Although the specific figures will not be available until enrollment closes this Thursday, it is already apparent that there will be a significant increase over the number of summer school students last year. "Based on the first day's heavy enrollment," said Cooper, "it appears that our prediction will hold true that we will exceed 8,000 students for the first summer term."

Cooper explained that, due to the already heavy loads of all of the academic advisors, it would be difficult for a summer school pre-registration to be established for students attending

TAMU during the spring semester. "But," he added, "we still want to make the process as comfortable as possible for everyone involved."

This goal is being achieved by allowing the students to enter the coliseum through the air-conditioned hallway at the back of the building. Should a line exist, the wait will at least be cool.

There are also plans for the second session's registration to allow students to locate their card packets should they not be in with the majority of the files.

Weather

Partly cloudy and warm Wednesday and Thursday. 20 per cent chance of showers tomorrow. High both days 88; low tonight 72.

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Consol school board hears building proposal

University National Bank was unanimously chosen as the recipient of the A&M Consolidated School District's depository contract at a special meeting of the Board of Education Monday night.

University National also held the contract for the past two years. The new contract will begin Sept. 1.

The Board's building committee, composed of Jon Botsford, William Lancaster, and Lambert Wilkes, has been working on the classroom shortage problem for the past several months.

Lancaster presented a proposed building program for the district. He said the building committee looked at several ways to finance the facilities. These were a lease-

purchase plan, local financing, and a bond issue.

The Board unanimously accepted the committee's five-point recommendation which included the following:

1) that the administration actively begin to prepare for a bond issue with the amount to be based on recommendations by the Board's Long-Range Planning committee.

2) that the administration attempt to obtain financing within the district's legal limits for construction prior to a successful bond issue.

3) that a plan be put into operation to construct physical education facilities with two classrooms attached at both elementary schools and three special services clas-

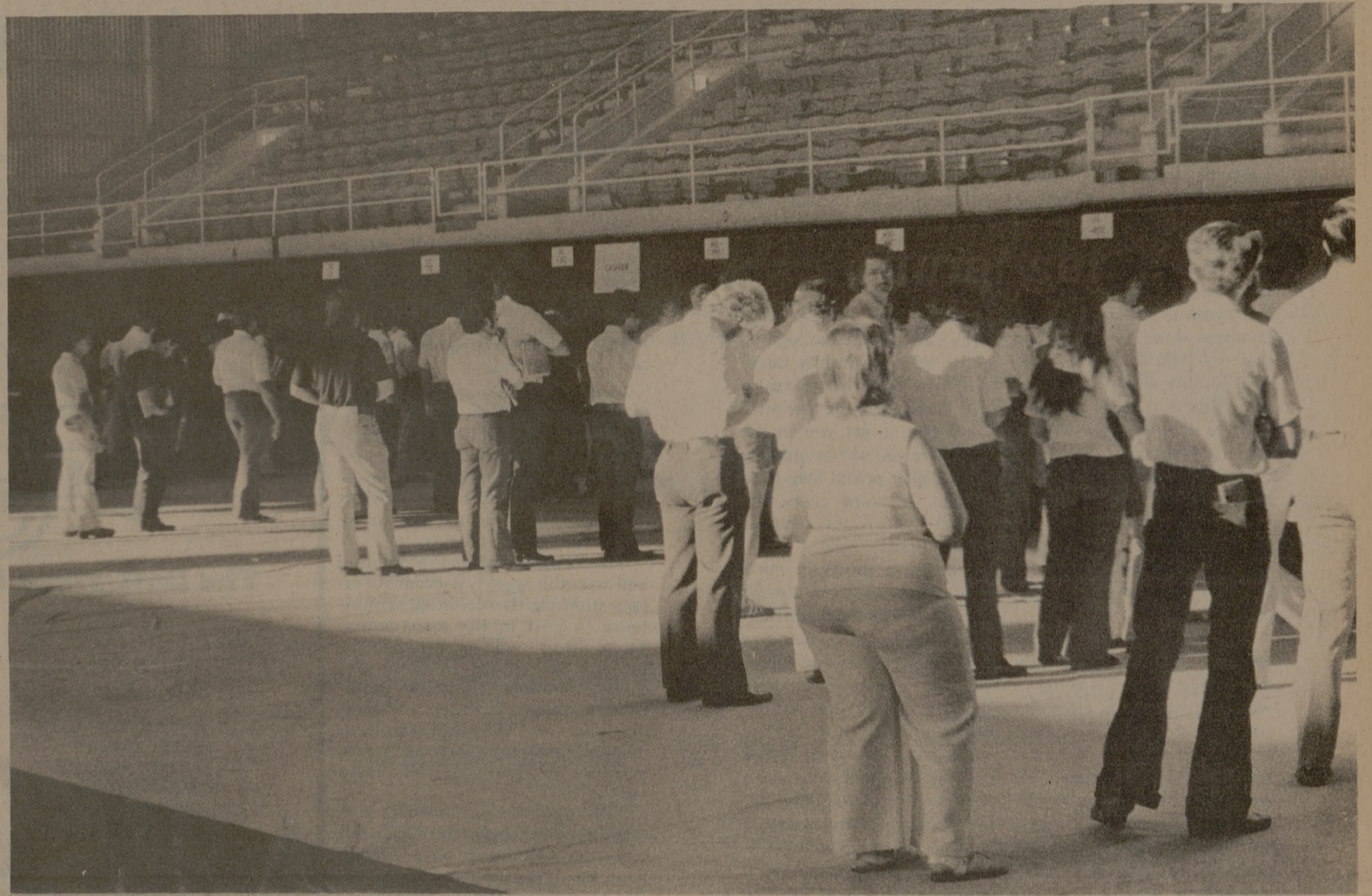
rooms at College Hills Elementary.

4) that the administration direct an architect to make plans for buildings and secure bids on plans for construction.

5) that consideration be given for future land purchase or to obtain options for future land purchases.

The architect is to be chosen through a screening process by the building committee.

Superintendent Fred Hopson said the new buildings "would meet the needs for next year only." He said each new physical education facility would cost from \$178,000 to a maximum of \$250,000. The earliest possible completion date Hopson could project would be Nov. 1.



As the above picture shows, the lines at summer school registration were quite a bit shorter than in previous years. The

minimum hassle system was accomplished by separating the payment of fees from the rest of the registration process.

Computer program aids environmental cost study

Texas A&M University researchers have developed a computer program to study the environmental impact of constructing a nuclear power plant.

The Data Processing Center group has completed the development for "The Blue Hills Project" which is in part a study of the construction site of a nuclear power generating facility planned by Gulf States Utilities in East Texas.

Gulf States, responding to the need for energy and the protection of the environment, vowed to keep ecological damage to a minimum and protect endangered species of wild animals and decided a study was necessary. The study resulted in the unique computer application.

The design, methods and specifications were the work of Dr. Jack Inglis of the Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department and his associates. The computer programming was done by B. L. Lisenbe and Barbara Nair of the DPC.

The approach to the project was first to inventory the land conditions in terms of soil types and vegetation. Then, by sampling and applying special knowledge of wildlife habitat requirements, the land conditions were used to make estimates of areas of habitat and total animal populations on the site and its surroundings. The impact of the proposed construction was evaluated as a base to measure change.

First a grid map called Standmap was made for computer access.

The conditions were then determined for each grid square based on forestry and wildlife habitat criteria and punched on cards. These data were edited by computer to form a data base.

Data were collected on important species of wildlife so that, by computer, queries could be made of the data base to generate quantity figures by location and season of the year, as well as computer plots of densities.

Impacts of alternate configurations were then studied by modifying the base map conditions and comparing the analysis of the modified map with the base map.

This represents a straight forward method of using the computer to process a large volume of data.

First day registration sets mark

First-day summer registration at Texas A&M University totaled 7,572 students, for an increase of 941, or 14.2 percent, over the same period last year, reported Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

Registration continues on the

main campus through Thursday.

Lacey noted the current total does not include registration at Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources in Galveston, where some 200 Texas Maritime Academy cadets and

"Summer School at Sea" students depart Sunday on a two-month Caribbean cruise.

Last year's first session enrollment totaled 7,777, the current summer record. The corresponding figure for this session will be the

enrollment Friday, the fourth class day and official reporting period for the state.

Prior to the start of registration, university officials predicted enrollment would exceed 8,000.



Burial set for Reveille

Burial is planned next fall for Reveille III, Texas A&M University collie mascot that died Saturday.

By delaying the rites, TAMU's main student body can participate.

Two previous interments have occurred at a small plot near Kyle Field. Rites for Reveille II also were postponed during the summer for the start of fall semester classes.

Reveille III died of a prolonged disease of the pancreas. She had romped TAMU's football fields, sidewalks and classes nine years. Nearly 10, Rev was the equivalent of almost 70 human years.

Texas A&M veterinarians had treated the purebred collie for pancreatitis several months. The illness nearly took the collie two weeks ago.

Due to the seriousness of her condition, finding Rev III's successor began last week. Mike Clark of Corpus Christi said candidates of several breeders recommended by Texas A&M veterinarians will be considered. The animal will be given to TAMU by the Class of 1976.

Clark will be the 1975-76 commander of Company E-2 in the Corps of Cadets. The Corps unit guards and cares for the mascot.

Reveille III came to Texas A&M in May, 1966, as a puppy. She was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Husa of Fairbanks, Alaska. Their sons, Randy and Steve Andes, were A&M students at the time.

Rev, like a black and white part Spitz, part collie and Shetland shepherd who preceded her, was first lady of the corps and a prominent part of Aggie athletic events, corps trip parades across Texas and most A&M football games.

Her second grid season was a championship one for the Texas Aggies. Rev's excited barking was accompaniment to more than 120 basketball wins and two Southwest Conference titles, in 1969 and last season.