

Weather

Mostly sunny Thursday becoming partly cloudy late afternoon. Partly cloudy and hot Friday. High both days 95; low tonight 76.

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Cadets join sub-groups

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As the school year swings into high gear many members of the Corps of Cadets will be joining or resuming their activity in various supplementary Corps organizations.

Junior cadets will be awaiting the announcement of the 72 new Ross Volunteers to be chosen from their class.

The R.V. Company, commanded this year by Stewart Gregory, is the oldest student organization on campus, formed in 1887.

Activities begin with the induction banquet, and include marching performances in the Bryan Streetfight Parade and the King Rex Parade at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

The Ross Volunteer Firing Squad will be present for duty at Silver Taps and Aggie Muster under the leadership of R.V. Executive Officer David Hackemeyer.

In its third year at Texas A&M is Parsons' Mounted Cavalry. The unit, composed of juniors and seniors, will ride at football games, Corps trips to Houston and Fort Worth, and Corps reviews. The Cavalry is commanded by DeWitt (Tall) Ellison.

The Recon Company, primarily made up of Navy/Marine cadets, begins its fourth year of training members in the skills required at the various summer camps. The company is commanded by Carl Rabcikow and participates in such maneuvers as map and compass orientation and physical training marches. Approximately 150 cadets are involved with the program.

Similar in its objectives is Rudder's Rangers, under the command of Frank Gearing. Open to sophomore and junior Army ROTC cadets, its purpose is to prepare members for U.S. Army Ranger school.

For the fish in the Corps there is the precision Fish Drill Team. The team is under the direction of senior advisor Joe Wallace and will be defending its Texas State championship and competing in several other meets.

One organization whose membership is closed to most A&M cadets, but which is a growing unit now boasting 41 members is Company W-1, the women's unit. W-1 is commanded by David Dean, with Nancy Hart serving as executive officer.



Lunch crunch

Photo by Jack Holm.

Although traditionally crowded during peak dining hours, the on-campus eating facilities are now filled beyond capacity.

Little relief is seen for the slow-moving long lines or the resulting cold food.

Crowds jam dining halls

By SANDY RUSSO
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As waiting in lines becomes a student profession, Texas A&M's board cafeterias add to the endless processions.

Sbisa Dining Hall, still under renovation, has its normal morning, mid-day and evening rushes. The Commons, although not so crowded, causes confusion due to its "shopping center" approach to feeding the masses.

Not to be left out, Duncan's cadets are standing in line because there are too few waiters to serve meals "family style," the corps way.

Board cafeterias feed approximately 12,500 students daily. What this means in terms of meals is about 2,400 for Duncan, 3,600 for the Commons and 4,500 for Sbisa per serving time.

"Students are learning how to use the cafeterias," said Ed Davis, a member of the University's business division. They have to learn to tolerate the inconvenience; it's just something everyone's faced with."

Davis also explained that people having meal conflicts because of class hours will receive refunds for those meals missed.

A sign posted at the Food Service Office at the Food Service Office in Sbisa's basement, said students wanting refunds must fill out a form and those refunds will not be given until the end of the semester. Repayment will be through the Fiscal Office.

"Those students with other conflicts will be handled individually," said Davis.

According to workers in the Food Services Office, those persons with work or intermural schedules which conflict with serving hours have no choice but to give up meals.

"Class schedules cannot be helped," one worker said, "but those working must arrange their hours."

Another food fight is being waged by Dorm 12 residents who assumed they would have the choice of dining halls as they had in the past.

Upon arrival at school they were told they would eat all their meals at Duncan, where there is no selection of food except at lunch.

Dorm 12 men threatened withdrawal from the board plan if they didn't have some choice. Food Services said that the men could eat breakfast at the Commons or Duncan due to smaller numbers of people eating breakfast than other meals and the forced hours.

"The only reason we're allowing it is because someone made a prior commitment to the men. The physical limitations of the Commons prevent the men from eating the other two meals there," said Davis.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

More Aggielands arrive

Another shipment of Aggielands, the Texas A&M yearbook, were delivered to the Student Publications office at 7 a.m. today.

Norman Chatman, editor of last year's annual, said 2,500 yearbooks were delivered. The balance of this year's order, another 5,070 books, are expected Monday or Tuesday.

The yearbooks are just coming off the presses at Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas, Chatman said.

Monday more than 8,000 yearbooks were distributed in six hours.

The latest shipment reached the Bryan-College Station area at noon Wednesday, Chatman said. "Technical difficulties" at Central Freight Lines Inc. and in getting an unloading crew prevented any Wednesday distribution.

"I don't know who's fault it was," Chatman said. "It took longer than we figured but we're still getting the yearbooks early."

Library closes earlier

The Texas A&M Library will start closing at midnight this fall. Library Director Irene Hoedley announced hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. to 12 midnight on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. to midnight Sunday. Reduced service is planned during holidays.

The new schedule will not affect 24-hour operation during final exams, according to Richard Puckett, public service assistant director.

Student radio seeks help

Texas A&M Student Radio will hold a meeting Thursday night at 7:30 in Rm. 216N of the MSC. All students are encouraged to attend. Positions available include DJs, newpersons and assistant engineer.

Student Radio will broadcast over both cables this fall at 89.1 FM. The station will offer classical as well as progressive music this fall.

Anyone desiring more information that is unable to attend should call Station Manager Scott Sherman at the Student Government Office, 845-3051, or come by Student Government in Rm. 216 MSC.

Meetings scheduled

The A&M Camera Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 8 in Rooms 228 and 229 of the Memorial Student Center. Dues for Fall 1975 will be \$15 for new members and \$10 for old members.

Aggie Cinema will meet Monday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 230 of the Memorial Student Center. All members must attend.

The Political Forum Committee will meet Thursday, at 8 p.m. in Room 206 of the Memorial Student Center. Interested persons are urged to attend.

The A&M Horseman's Association will meet Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 215 of the Animal Industries Building. There will be a slide presentation and all interested are urged to attend.

The A&M Flying Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 501 of the Earl Rudder Tower.

The Inter-Service Council will meet Sunday, Sept. 7 in Room 305 of the Earl Rudder Tower.

Alpha Phi Omega will meet Sunday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. in Room 229 of the Memorial Student Center.

The Irving Hometown Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. in Room 141 of the Memorial Student Center.

The A&M Isshinryu Karate Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 256 of G. Rollie White Coliseum. (Members should call George, 845-6328).

Three accounting societies are looking for student participation. The Texas A&M Accounting Society and Beta Alpha, national honor society in accounting, will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 701 of Rudder Tower. Interested persons are urged to attend. The Tau Beta Pi 1976 Convention is looking for students who will be here in October 1976. Students must have taken one or more accounting courses. Those interested should call Phyllis Adams in the Office of the Dean of Engineering.

Rocks

Pebbles let water through

By LORI RAESNER
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The shiny gravel sidewalks at Texas A&M University, which resemble a botched effort to match the already existing dull walkways, are actually a new innovation designed to save trees.

Called "prairie film," the sidewalks are made of two-inch layers of loose gravel covered with a mixture of gravel and epoxy.

After it dries, the aggregate is strong enough to support pedestrian and bicycle traffic but still allows tree roots to breathe and receive water.

"We were looking for something

to use in places where grass wouldn't grow, whether because of heavy foot traffic or too much shade," said Gen. A. R. Luedecke, executive vice-president of Texas A&M University System.

The idea for the pebble walks came from those at "Six Flags Over Texas," an Arlington amusement park, he said.

Landscape designers and A&M officials investigated the technique before deciding to use it here, he added.

Also, prairie film is a relatively new construction process so it is still unknown how long it will last, Luedecke noted. Tests show it

should last as long as concrete sidewalks providing it is not abused.

"If people drive cars on it, it will probably start to crack and buckle," he said. "It wasn't designed for vehicles."

Areas around trees might have to be repaired within a few years, he said, since the sidewalks may crack as the trees grow.

Luedecke warned that the new sidewalks may be slippery when wet, but that time will probably dull the slick, shiny finish.

"Overall, I think it looks very nice. It is easy to keep clean, and will keep people's feet out of the mud," he said.



Prairie Gravel

Workmen spread gravel (right) and a student worker pours epoxy (above) as crews put more prairie gravel on walkways on the campus.

