

Campus

A record 25,247 students enrolled at Texas A&M University this fall, a 17.6-per cent increase over last year, Registrar Robert A. Lacey announced Wednesday.

The 3,784-student increase is the largest in Texas A&M's 99-year history, Lacey noted.

Registration includes 7,182 women, for a 32-per cent increase over last fall.

Graduate enrollment totals 4,457 up 398 from last year.

Phi Eta Sigma membership certificates can be picked up in room 237-D, Zachry Engineering Center on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For further information, contact Patrick Breen, Phi Eta Sigma president, at 845-3078.

Students interested in joining the Bonfire Safety Committee should register today for the Free University course First Aid. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

To be considered for the committee all students must be certified by the Red Cross as a qualified First Aider.

For further information contact Committee Chairman Dan Logan at 845-5395.

Registration for fall Free University classes will be held tonight in the first floor corridor of the MSC from 7 to 9.

"The Sting" will be shown in the Rudder Theater tonight and Friday and Saturday nights at 8. Cost is \$1 per student. Tickets can be purchased before show time at the Box Office, ground floor Rudder Tower.

City

The Texas Highway Department reports a low bid was submitted for installing traffic signals at Jersey Street and Wellborn Road in College Station. The low bid of \$27,497 was submitted Wednesday by Blackburn Electric Service of Fort Worth.

Texas

Domestic oil and gas operations continue at 12-year high for the third consecutive week.

Director of U.S. Geological Survey said Wednesday the nation's energy outlook for next several years is one of shortage and of increasing dependency on foreign supplies.

University of Texas students demonstrated and boycotted classes Wednesday in protest of the naming of Dr. Lorene Rogers as UT-Austin president.

A former Duval County school official testified Wednesday that he signed checks and gave money to Judge O. P. Carrillo.

Two Texas lawmen were captured and charged with bank robbery in Caddo Mills after mayor shot out their car tires.

The Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations said Wednesday that two-thirds of its members have voted by secret ballot to support the new constitution on Nov. 4.

When court recessed Wednesday, 16 persons had been qualified as prospective jurors in the Hunt brothers trial.

National

Former Central Intelligence Agency Director Richard Helms acknowledged that he never issued a written order to implement a presidential directive requiring the agency to destroy its stockpiles of poisons. See inside, Page 5.

A House committee Wednesday recommended lifting the arms embargo against Turkey; after President Ford warned again that its continuation would result in a closure of U.S. bases in that country.

Politicians in both parties agree that the election of Democratic Senator John Durkin in New Hampshire spells "trouble" for Washington incumbents in the budding 1976 campaign.

World

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger confirmed Wednesday that the U.S. may give Israel a missile system capable of delivering nuclear strikes upon Cairo and the Aswan Dam. Meanwhile, the administration and Congress reached an agreement over the sale of defense missiles to Jordan. See inside, Page 3.

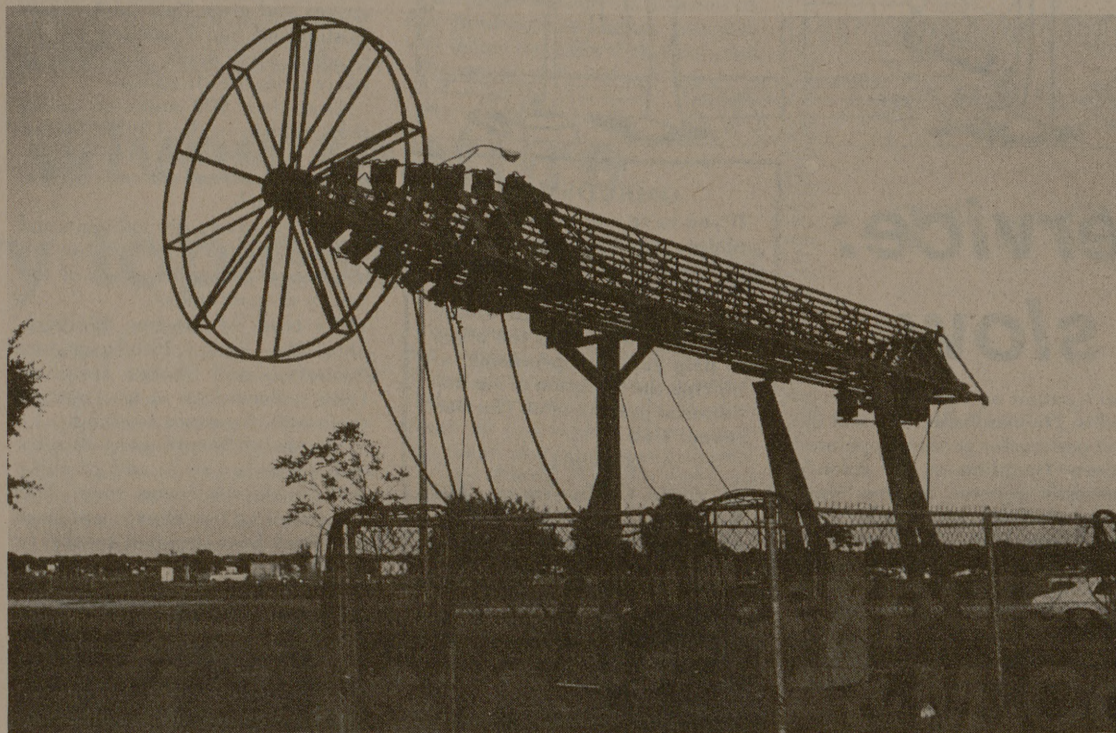
Hurricane Eloise killed at least 25 people in Puerto Rico, then hit the north coast of the Dominican Republic.

An English judge ordered doctors not to sterilize an 11-year-old girl described as mentally backward, declaring it would deprive her of the basic right of woman to reproduce. See inside, Page 5.

Two Juarez policemen were gunned down Wednesday by a terrorist group police identified as the "23rd of September organization."

A Denmark court ruled that a policeman can see from the way a girl walks whether she is soliciting as a prostitute. See inside, Page 4.

The weather for Thursday and Friday is mostly cloudy mornings becoming partly cloudy in the afternoons. No rain is expected today; 20 percent chance of showers expected tomorrow afternoon. The high for both days is 87.



Environmental antenna

The strange looking apparatus in Hensel Park is not really a pip sculpture. It is just part of the research apparatus at the Texas Highway Department's Mobile Environmental Lab in the park.

Staff photo by Deborah Killgore

Hensel Park guards get rent-free cabin

Two male freshmen will receive free rent in exchange for taking care of the grounds at Hensel Park, Col. Logan Weston, Student Y Association coordinator, said Tuesday.

A building is being renovated on the grounds for the students to live in. The building, when finished, will be named Cashion Cabin.

The cabin, originally, was three small buildings located at the railroad tracks. They were combined in the form of a T, consisting of one large room and a fireplace. Moved several years ago from the tracks, it has been used as a meeting place for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, said Weston.

"The inside is being paneled with veneer paneling and plaster board on the ceiling. The room has been partitioned off to form a kitchenette-living room area, one large bedroom, one smaller bedroom and a bathroom. It is ideal for a couple or two or three students," he said.

"A patio will be built with a green plastic roof and concrete floor. The cabin will be furnished the same as University Married Housing," he said.

A water line is now being laid, as the cabin has no water or sewer facilities. Kitchen appliances, such as an electric range, and a window air conditioner will be installed, Weston said.

"A metal gate will be put across the entranceway to the park. The students will be responsible for controlling the traffic into the park. Only those people who have reserved an area in the park through the Student Y are allowed to use park facilities. The students will be responsible for seeing that all persons in the park are there legally, and to see that any area used is left in the condition it was found. This, we hope, will minimize the vandalism that occurs when unauthorized persons are in the park," he said.

Weston said that the students would be moving into the renovated cabin by Thanksgiving. The occupants will be chosen from applications, taken later in the semester by a Hensel Park Committee. This committee will be responsible for policies relating to the park upkeep, use of the park and contractual agreements with the occupants.

As the students will receive free housing in exchange for caretaking duties, the occupants will be selected on a basis of financial need. They will be chosen on an annual basis, Weston said.

One of the students will be expected to be on duty at all times, he said.

"These renovations are a part of a three-phase program at Hensel Park," Weston said. "Phase 1 involved the renovation of the cabin itself. Phase 2 will be an improvement of the park grounds. Included in this phase will be the addition of five barbecue areas. Phase 3 includes expanding park facilities northward to increase the park to three times its present size. The land is already there, but it has not been cultivated."

Also under construction at the park is the recycling center, which will be a drop-off-pick up site for materials such as paper, rags and clothes. Students will be able to deposit recyclable materials which will then be picked up and used by Twin-City Mission's recycling program.

Drop-off locations will also be designated at various locations on campus.

The center at Hensel Park is sponsored by the Student Y, with

funds (\$350) provided by Student Government.

The recycling center is about one-third completed, and when it is finished it will consist of a roofed patio surrounded by a cyclone fence, Weston said.

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Consol may sell schools

By PAULA GEYER
Battalion Staff Writer

The A&M Consolidated School District is trying to determine if there is any local interest in buying six pieces of property the district may soon offer for sale.

A couple of weeks ago the school district began soliciting offers from local business, commercial and community interests for the land which totals slightly more than 50 acres.

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"If there is enough interest shown in the property," Hopson said, "we will put the land and buildings up for bid."

If there is not enough interest shown in the property, the school district may be forced to hold a \$4 million bond election in the near future to finance new school buildings and classroom construction.

The school board will meet Wednesday to determine if such a bond election will be necessary. Parties interested in the property must notify the school district in writing by Saturday.

Hopson said the plan now is to determine if the district would be better off selling the property and relocating the school building sites, depending on the present value of the land and buildings in question.

The school district's long range building and planning committee met Sept. 9 and determined that an additional 47 classrooms would be needed to meet the district's expansion needs by 1980.

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School board holds expulsion hearing for A&M Consol student

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The A&M Consolidated School Board was still undecided about the expulsion of A&M Consolidated

Middle School student Jerry Thayer at 11 Wednesday night.

Thayer, 13, was expelled by Superintendent Fred A. Hopson on Sept. 4 for disturbing classes, fighting and leaving the campus without school approval.

Thayer's expulsion will be effective until Nov. 14, unless the school board decides otherwise.

Thayer's parents requested the public hearing before the school board concerning the youth's expulsion.

Hopson and Middle School Principal Jim Ross said they believed Thayer to be the aggressor in three separate fights on Sept. 2.

Don Thayer, Jerry's father, said he did not consider his son to be a bully.

Jerry Thayer claimed the other boys involved in the fights had insulted his mother.

The other boys involved in the fights claimed they had said nothing to induce Thayer to hit them.

Richard Parsons, one of the students, said Thayer had chased him and his brother home one afternoon from school, prior to the fight.

Thayer approached Parsons at the bicycle rack before school on Sept. 2 and hit him, Parsons said. He said he did not hit Thayer back.

Mike Freeman, another student, said Thayer approached him in the lunch line of the cafeteria Sept. 2 and accused him of insulting Thayer's mother.

Freeman said Thayer then hit him with his belt buckle twice and then punched him in the face with

his fist.

None of the three boys allegedly struck by Thayer knew each other before the incident.

The fights with Thayer were reported to the school office separately by each boy.

Hopson said this was not the first time Thayer has been suspended for fighting.

In the two years Thayer has been in the school he has been in the office for numerous fights and disturbances, Hopson said.

Duncan Covington, a Middle School math teacher, said during his class on Sept. 2, Thayer refused to take a math quiz taken by the other students. Thayer removed his belt and wore it around his neck during class, Covington said.

"I asked him to put it back around his waist," Covington said. "He complied but later in class he wrapped it around his fist."

Thayer's father said he did not think it was fair to expell his son while the other boys involved in the fights were allowed to attend school.

"I think my son is being denied an education," he said. "The boy has a right to defend himself."

Hopson said the policy of the schools was to deal with discipline problems on the campuses if it was possible.

He said if Thayer would seek outside counseling and show progress towards eliminating the problem he could return to school before Nov. 14.



Sizzling Summer Returns

The south Texas area got an unusual break from the normal summer heat over the last few days when a cool front moved

through. The relief was not for long, however, as temperatures yesterday soared into the 90's.

Staff photo by Jack Holm