

TOP OF THE NEWS

Campus

As those lucky enough reach the borders of Louisiana, there are still some things that can be done in the line of entertainment on the home front.

"The Sting" will be shown at 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday in the Rudder Theatre. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at the door.

raphed books, gift certificates and furniture will take place at Manor East Mall, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Basement Coffeehouse will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings this weekend. Tonight, the featured attractions are Jana Farwell and Stan Jones. On Saturday Byrd Larberg will head the list followed by Bruce Wooden and Paula Lozano-Canning. The coffeehouse which provides an on-campus location for student performers is open from 8 to 12 and admission is 50c. Corps members do not have to wear uniforms. Anyone wishing to audition should contact Skip Bruner at 845-2558.

The TAMU Diamond Darlings will hold tryouts at 5 p.m., Tuesday, on the Kyle baseball field.

The Darlings, "batgirls" for the Aggie baseball team, will add two new members and two alternate members through the tryouts and a multi-step screening process.

During the Tuesday tryouts applicants will be required to show some basic knowledge of baseball. They will also be asked to demonstrate their abilities at running and at throwing and catching a baseball.

Applications can be obtained at the baseball field before the tryouts, or in baseball coach Tom Chandler's office, 8th floor, Rudder Tower.

City

Today's weather is mostly sunny with southerly winds 10-14 mph. Twenty per cent chance of rain is expected Saturday. The high today is 89.

Auction of antiques, art, rare books (first editions), autographed books, gift certificates and furniture will take place at Manor East Mall, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the A&M Library fund.

"Plaza Suite," a Niel Simon play, will be performed at Stage Center, 3100 S. College. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$2.50.

The A&M Consolidated School Board will discuss a possible \$4 million bond issue for new facilities at its regular meeting Monday night at 7:30.

The meeting will be at the A&M Consolidated High School at 701 West Loop S. in the cafeteria.

Also on the agenda will be the possible offering of six pieces of school property for sale.

The order for levying taxes for 1975-76 will be discussed.

Other reports to be presented include finances, enrollment, drug abuse, and the Head Start program.

Action will also be taken on a loan for salary and operating expenses.

A rummage sale sponsored by the classes and clubs of A&M Consolidated High School will be held in the high school parking lot at 701 West Loop S. on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to pay operational costs for the participating groups for the 1975-76 school year.

Clothes, small electrical appliances and home-made items will be sold.

Onedia Hensley, student council sponsor, said the sale will be moved into the cafeteria and courtyard in case of bad weather.

In the past the organizations have raised money by operating concession stands at Texas A&M football games.

This year those concessions were given to Bryan High School by the concession lessee.

Texas

Texas oil allowable was set at 100 per cent for October (the 43rd consecutive month) while Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace warned of a federal plan to raid Texas of its oil and gas reserves this winter.

A State Bar of Texas committee says the state court system faces "a slow death by case-load strangulation" that can be prevented by passage of the judiciary article of the new constitution.

A state trooper has been arrested and charged with aggravated robbery as the third law enforcement man involved in the stick-up of a Caddo Mills bank.

About 200 law students marched peacefully on the governor's mansion Thursday to complain about the manner in which Dr. Lorene Rogers was chosen president of the University of Texas at Austin.

National

A former CIA intelligence analyst said yesterday that U. S. officials tried "to fool the American press, the public, and Congress" by deliberately underestimating enemy forces during the 1968 Tet offensive in Vietnam. As a result, he says, the military itself was caught by surprise.

The Postal Service said it moved Thursday to increase the price of a first-class stamp from 10 to 13 cents, effective shortly after Christmas.

An expert on sexuality told an Air Force discharge board on Thursday that Technical Sgt. Leonard Matlovich, a homosexual, would not be subject to blackmail and could not pervert other servicemen if allowed to remain in the military.

World

Hurricane Eloise ripped across Cuba Thursday, and still remains a threat to the southeastern United States.

Moslems and Christians agreed Thursday to a cease-fire in Lebanon's communal strife, but factions expressed doubt it will hold.

FBI grabs Hearst

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — Fugitive newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst and three radical comrades were arrested Thursday, ending one of the longest and most bizarre manhunt in American history.

Almost by chance, FBI agents spied two of Miss Hearst's fellows in the Symbionese Liberation Army jogging on a San Francisco street, William and Emily Harris were taken without a struggle.

Miss Hearst and Wendy Yoshimura, an artist linked to the radical movement, were apprehended about an hour later, taken into cus-

tody at an apartment in the city's Mission District.

"Thank God she's all right," Miss Hearst's mother, Catherine, said in a barely audible voice when informed of the captures.

Her husband, Randolph A. Hearst, was in New York on business and said as he boarded a plane for San Francisco, "I am very pleased that things turned out the way they did."

Hearst said that despite the bank robbery charges against his daughter, "I don't think anything will happen on that score; after all she was a kidnap victim, you must re-

member."

In a crowded courtroom 2½ hours after her arrest, Miss Hearst was arraigned on charges that included bank robbery and federal weapons violations.

Her hair a reddish-brown color, cut in a shag style, the slightly built Miss Hearst listened as the charges against her were read by U. S. Magistrate Owen Woodruff. She wore tinted glasses and appeared quite pale.

Miss Hearst was kidnaped from her Berkeley apartment Feb. 4, 1974 by the then-mysterious SLA.

Within two months, she had joined her captors and declared herself a revolutionary.

In addition to federal charges, Miss Hearst and the Harrises face state charges that include kidnaping and robbery. Asst. Dist. Atty. John Howard in Los Angeles said the three would be brought there next week for arraignment.

William Harris, 30, and Emily, 28, were arraigned after the 21-year-old Miss Hearst was taken from the courtroom.

Bail for all three was set at \$500,000.

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Helping hand?

Ed McClintock receives an assist from his class number at the yell practice last night.

Staff photo by Glen Johnson

Despite U.S. trend

SAT scores rise

By VICKIE D. ASHWILL
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While the Associated Press reports a decline since 1964 in the average scores of high school graduates on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the scores of entering freshmen at A&M have risen steadily.

The average score of 4,617 entering students this fall was 1041 (combined verbal and math). The latest national average score on the SAT is 906, 135 below the A&M average.

This year's average score, however, was below A&M's 1974 average of 1057. Auston Kerley, director of counseling and testing, was not concerned with the drop.

"There's no answer for the drop," Kerley said. I think it is because more and more students are taking College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) tests and broadening the base. The drop in averages here is not significant, merely a fluctuation which occurs from year to year.

SAT scores are required for admission, but Kerley added that the CEEB never intended for these scores to be used alone for admission to any college or university.

"We tie the SAT scores to the high school record," Kerley said. "The better the record, the lower the scores are required."

Entrance requirements at A&M say that students in the first and second quarters of their high school classes must make at least 800 on the SAT. Students in the third and fourth quarters of their high school classes must make 900 and 1000 respectively.

Students are also required to take CEEB achievement tests but minimum scores have never been set. Kerley said these scores are used for placement and credit by examination.

SAT test scores have only been used for admission purposes since 1963. Kerley said the tests and the results were studied for two years by the university to be sure they were fair.

"We still feel they're fair," Kerley said. "We have held to the same standards we set in 1963 and have found no need to raise them. They were never set for image purposes, only to help determine whether or not the student can profit from training at the university."

Nearly 90 per cent of A&M's present undergraduates were in the top half of their high school class. In 1974, 67 per cent of the entering

freshmen were in the top quarter of their high school class.

Why are the percentages so high?

"Part of it is because A&M's image has changed," Dr. Bill G. Lay, director of admissions, said. "We're no longer just agriculture and engineering but we're known for all areas and are attracting better students. There has also been a

change in image from college to university."

Lay said the changing times, increasing numbers of girls and a voluntary corps probably all helped to encourage the relatively fast change.

A&M's rule of thumb has been to accept anyone who meets admission

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Compromise fails

Rates rise

By STEVE GRAY
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The cities of Bryan and College Station and the General Telephone Company on Thursday failed to reach a compromise concerning the phone company's request for an increase of \$1,073,193 in local rates.

Representatives from General Telephone met for more than two hours with officials from both cities trying to reach an agreement on the rate increase request in order to avoid a possible court battle.

Bill McMorries, an Amarillo-based rate consultant was also present at the meeting. He was hired by both cities to assist them in making a fair offer to General Telephone.

The closed meeting at Briarcrest Country Club focused on the offer made Monday by both cities to grant the phone company \$219,307 of their original request.

B. A. Erwin, division manager for General Telephone, after the meeting said neither side could agree on a fair figure.

"We completely turned it down,"

he said of the cities' offer. "It was obviously too low."

The offer by both cities, about 21 per cent of General Telephone's original request, was submitted in a letter to the phone company.

In the letter, the cities said "the difference in the amount proposed by General Telephone Company of the Southwest, and the amount proposed by the cities, arises from a difference in opinion as to the law and accounting principles to be applied in arriving at the fair rate of return."

Erwin said the phone company plans on Monday "to declare the franchise (granted by the city to the phone company) null and void" and to put the scheduled rate increase into effect.

The new rates, effective at 12:01 a.m., would increase single-party residence line charges from \$6.50 to \$9.65 per month. Single-party business line charges would jump from \$13.55 to \$21.20 per month.

The rate of return on invested capital on present telephone rates is

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