

Rescue rates A.F. award

A 1963 Texas A&M University graduate stationed at McClellan AFB in California was awarded the Air Force Association's David C. Schilling Award in Washington, D.C. Sept. 16.

Major George B. Stokes was given the award for commanding the rescue of two severely injured seamen following a record helicopter flight over 1,500 miles of open sea on July 11, 1974.

The rescue took place 800 miles off the California coast near San Diego.

Stokes and the crew of his HH-3 Jolly Green Giant helicopter rescued one seaman with a severed foot and another with a partially severed hand, both from the deck of a fishing vessel.

The flight took nearly 14 hours of flying time and five aerial refuelings.

The recovery, which was complicated by rain and low ceilings in the vicinity of the ship, took only 15 minutes.

Stokes is the unit Aircrew Standardization Officer of the 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at McClellan AFB.

Since entering the Air Force in 1963, Stokes has served with air refueling squadrons in California and New Mexico.

He flew HH-3E helicopters, making 19 rescues, during the Vietnam war.

Stokes has been assigned to McClellan AFB since July 1973.



A&M graduate honored

Maj. George B. Stokes, helicopter pilot with the 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, received the Air Force Association's David C. Schilling Award at ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

City Council

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the ordinance to the main office in San Angelo.

"We are still looking at the ordinance and the rates contained in it," he said.

The passage of the ordinance was only one in a series of moves and counter-moves made by College Station, Bryan and General Telephone.

General Telephone requested a \$1,073,193 increase in local revenues on April 25. The College Station Council delayed any action on the request until two public hearings had been held to receive community input on the quality of the phone company's local service.

Bill McMorries, an Amarillo-based phone rate consultant, was hired by both cities to help determine a "fair" rate increase to grant to General Telephone.

The final public hearing was held on Sept. 9 and six days later, the College Station and Bryan City Councils offered the phone company \$219,307, about 20 per cent of General Telephone's original request.

A meeting was held Sept. 18 between the two cities and General Telephone to try to reach a compromise.

No compromise was reached and General Telephone on Monday declared the franchise granted by the cities to the phone company "null and void" and put the rate increase into effect.

The cities sought and were awarded a temporary restraining order against General Telephone by 85th Dist. Court Judge W. C. Davis on Tuesday.

The restraining order was sought because of a conflict of opinion between General Telephone and the two cities as to the law and accounting principles to be applied in arriving at the fair rate of return.

A hearing, which must be held within 10 days of the issuance of a temporary restraining order, was then scheduled for Oct. 3 to determine whether a permanent injunction would be awarded against the phone company.

In other action Thursday night, the council voted to accept the safety committee's recommendations to build the following sidewalks in the following priority: 1) south side of Boswell Street from Langford Street to Lawyer Street; 2) Caudill Street from Lawyer Street

to Gunsmith Street; and 3) south side of Francis Street from Williams Street to Ashburn Street.

The estimated cost of the three projects is \$9,254. North Bardell, city manager, said funds are provided in the budget to meet these.

The establishment of a 17-acre arboretum in Bee Creek Park was also authorized by the council.

The arboretum has been actively sought by the arboretum committee of the Brazos County Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

A spokesman for the arboretum committee said the plans are to utilize the existing trees and plant life and add other native Texas plants to the area.

The council's ambulance committee reported that Sherrill Ambulance Service, Inc. is voluntarily keeping records on responding times and services rendered.

The council voted to turn over the new modular ambulance to Sherrill as soon as insurance requirements are met. The contract for operation will be on a day-to-day basis until a formal agreement is passed by the council.

Academic Council

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In other business, the Academic Council set July 31 as the cut-off date for applications for undergraduate admission.

"This will in effect reduce the number of students to some extent," said Cooper. "But the main idea is to allow one month to provide for better planning of the fall term."

Twenty-three new courses were approved by the council, ranging from Agricultural Economics 344 (Agricultural Law) to P.E. 605 (Leadership in Outdoor Education) to Planning 672 (Urban Transportation Study).

The basic curricula requirements for a degree program in Earth Sciences, Entomology, Wildlife and Fisheries, Food Technology, and Economics were also approved.

History professor Dr. Betty Unterberger was elected to serve as vice-chairman of the 128-member council for the next year. The chairman of the council is Jack Williams.

The point was raised by Councilman Jim Dozier that under the current subdivision ordinance, only a developer who subdivides his land is required to make a park land dedication. A loophole exists because of the wording of the ordinance so that if all of a developer's land is built in apartments and therefore not subdivided, there is no requirement for park land dedication. A statement of policy was approved by the council to remedy this problem, stating that no developers may avoid the park land dedication by not subdividing.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Arab Student Association will meet at 9 p.m. Friday in room 410 of the Tower.

Military Corps Briefing will be held at 4 p.m. Friday in room 401 of the Tower.

Pre-Law Association will meet at 4 p.m. Saturday in room 302 of the Tower.

Alpha Phi Omega will meet at 7 p.m. in room 229 of the MSC.

Student Government Executive Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the MSC.

GROMMETS (war games encounter group) will meet at noon Sunday in rooms 225 and 226 of the MSC. Everyone is welcomed.

American Nuclear Society will meet at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Research Annex for a picnic.

Crickets Club will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Drill Field for a regular practice.

Veterans Club will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at 801 S. Bryan St. A fee of \$2 will cover dues and picnic cost. Dates are welcomed.

Wildlife Biology Association will meet after the game Saturday for a picnic.

Building Construction Wives Club will meet Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at 201 East 27th St. in Bryan.

Bahai Introductory Group will meet at 8 p.m. Sunday in room 401 of the Tower.

Wildlife and Fisheries Wives' Club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at 1204 Walton Dr., College Station for a patio party.

National Association of Bio-Engineers will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in room 401 of the Tower.

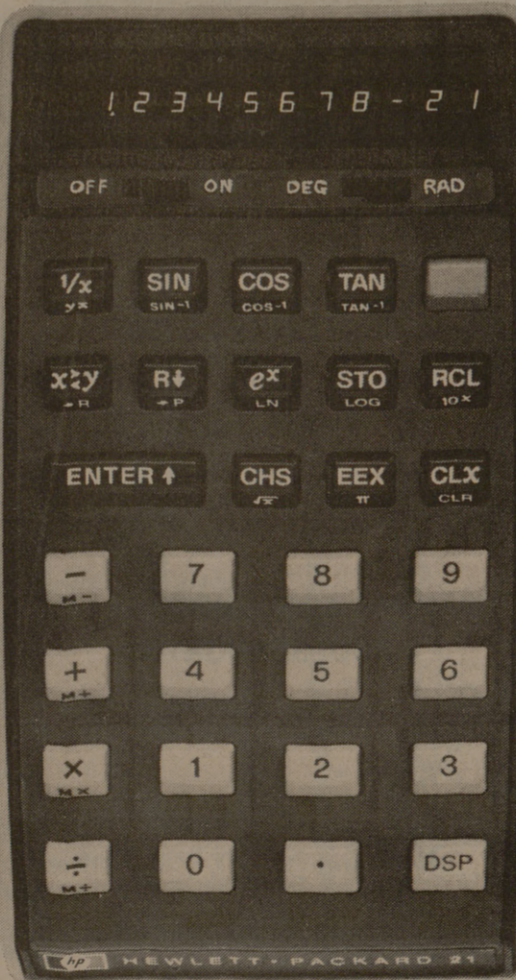
The Bass Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in room 410 of the Tower.

Soil Conservation Society of America will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in room 410 of the Tower.

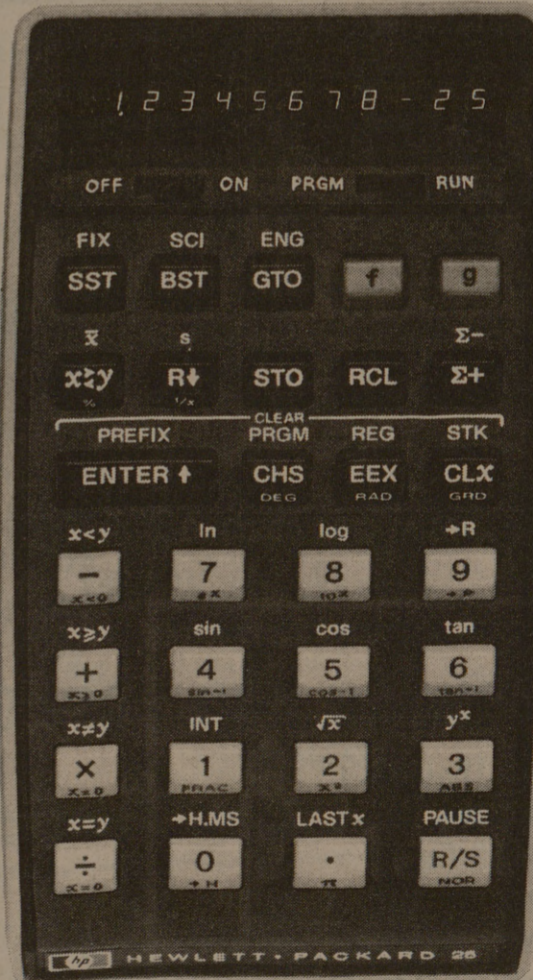
Phi Sigma Beta will meet Monday at 8 p.m. in room 510 of the Tower.



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