

Graduation plans scheduled for May

The Centennial Class of '76 will receive their diplomas on Friday, May 7, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 8, 1976, at 9 a.m. according to Edwin H. Cooper, Dean of Admissions and Records.

President Jack K. Williams and the Academic Programs Committee recently approved a plan for all candidates for graduate degrees, and undergraduates in the Colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Education, Liberal Arts, Science and Geosciences to graduate on Friday night, Dean Cooper announced.

Undergraduates in the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, Business Administration, Veterinary

Medicine and Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources will receive their diplomas Saturday morning, he continued.

Commencement exercises are again scheduled for G. Rollie White coliseum and since over 2,300 students are expected to receive degrees it is necessary to have two programs in order to insure seating for families and friends.

General Fred C. Weyand, Chief of Staff, United States Army, will be the commissioning officer at 1:30 Saturday afternoon when some 134 members of the Corps of Cadets will receive Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps commissions. Final Review will follow at 3:30 on the Drill Field.

Two thousand feared killed in Guatemala earthquake

Associated Press GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — Aid poured into Guatemala today as the estimated death toll from the devastating earthquake Wednesday rose to more than 2,000.

"The 2,000 figure is conservative," said Col. Manuel Angel Ponce, head of the Emergency Rescue Committee.

"We think it may be higher. We are still receiving reports from the interior of the country. Many areas are still without communication and we just do not know how serious the damage really is."

Officials said at least 3,000 were injured in Guatemala. The U.S. Embassy reported no American casualties although it was the height of the tourist season and

damage in Guatemala City was heavy.

Relief officials appealed for plasma, antibiotics and other medical supplies. The government also asked for tents, food, portable electric generators and earth-moving equipment to open roads.

The earthquake struck shortly after 3 a.m. Wednesday across 2,000 miles stretching from Mexico City south through the heart of Guatemala and into Honduras and El Salvador. The epicenter was located 30 miles southwest of Guatemala City between the villages of Siguinta and Iscuinta.

Severe damage but no deaths were reported in Honduras near the Guatemalan border. There was less damage in El Salvador and very minor damage in some parts of

southern Mexico.

Aid poured into Guatemala City through the international airport which remained open. Mexico sent a delegation of relief specialists and began an airlift of supplies.

The presidents of El Salvador and Honduras visited Guatemala City to coordinate aid from their countries. The Red Cross in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras sent convoys of trucks and ambulances with trained disaster teams and relief supplies. The American Red Cross sent a disaster specialist to assess what was needed.

The Guatemalan government declared a state of emergency and centralized all public services in the defense department. Warnings were issued against looting, and a radio broadcast asked that no more bodies

be brought to the morgue because it was full.

Col. Ponce said the death toll in Guatemala City was estimated at more than 300, but other reports said it might reach 500 to 600.

The relief committee said the central areas of the capital, inhabited mostly by the poor, were hit hardest. Electrical service was restored to some areas Wednesday night, but drinking water for the 1.5 million residents was scarce.

People used sheets, blankets and plastic covers to build makeshift shelters in streets and ball parks.

Such hotels favored by tourists as the Camino Real, the Ritz Continental and the Conquistador were damaged. Guests were evacuated, and some had to spend the chilly night in the open.

Upset patient shoots, kills male nurse

Associated Press AUSTIN, Tex. — A 26-year-old nurse was shot and killed Wednesday in an emergency treatment room where he was working by a patient who became upset, police said. Immediately after the shooting, a policeman critically wounded the gunman in the doorway of the emergency treatment room, the nurse was fatally wounded.

The dead man was Steven Lulenski of Austin, a native of University Heights, Ohio, who had been in Austin since 1966. He was a graduate of St. Edwards University who began working in the hospital while a student at the University of Texas School of Nursing.

Police Lt. Colon Jordan said the 27-year-old gunman who was treated in the emergency treatment room about 5 p.m. became upset and the hospital without permission. The attending physician, Jordan, said the man returned carrying a .38-caliber gauge shotgun.

He entered the hospital's emergency treatment room and shot the nurse, who was standing in the doorway about 4 minutes later of a man wounded to his left shoulder.

Justice of the Peace Jim McMurtry, who acted as judge for the man walking through the corridor where, of course, there were at least one case, a nurse died.

McMurtry identified the policeman who shot the man as Capt. Greg D'Amore, who was in the emergency treatment room when the gunman shot him in the doorway of the emergency treatment room.

Police Chief Bob Miles said a preliminary inquiry would be held today. No charges have been filed against the gunman.

Mad scientist . . .

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is that senior faculty members are available to help freshmen. O'Connor has been teaching large classes since 1960. He estimates that he has taught over 22,000 students, many of these here at A&M.

"We have the largest freshman chemistry program in the world. No other university has so many students enrolled in a single course," O'Connor said.

Students in A&M's first year chemistry program use a thick blue textbook entitled, "Fundamentals of Chemistry." O'Connor wrote the first edition of the text while teaching a class of 2,000 by himself. He also co-authored the accompanying lab book and problem-solving manual.

O'Connor has revised his book twice and is in the process of revising it a third time. He spends 20 to 30 hours per week on the project. O'Connor said that he spent a great deal of his writing time in the laundry room of his house.

"Have you ever tried to write with the washer and dryer clanging away and your kids playing choo-choo train at your feet?" O'Connor asked.

Students interested in reading an original poem written by O'Connor may turn to page 226 in their texts. O'Connor said that the poem, that

details the fall of a snowflake, is the only one he's ever had published.

"I really don't like to write," O'Connor admitted. He said that he prefers to interact with students and enjoys the classroom atmosphere. To relieve classroom boredom O'Connor cracks jokes during his lectures and highlights his explanations with class participation activities.

At various times O'Connor has thrown beach balls, shaving cream, candy and powder at his students. He said that quite often they are thrown back at him.

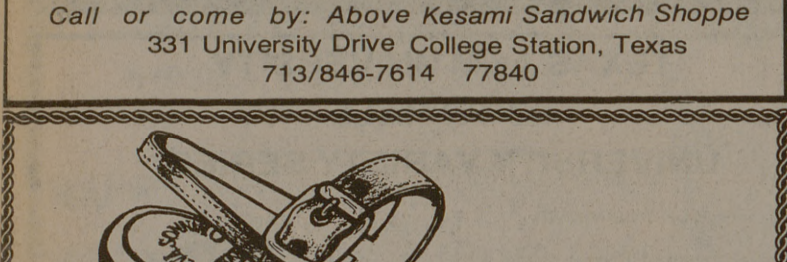
O'Connor said that he enjoys the atmosphere at A&M and loves working with the students.

"Texas A&M has the best bunch of students I've seen in the country in terms of numbers willing to work hard and in terms of pleasant personalities."

"They're a different breed," O'Connor said.



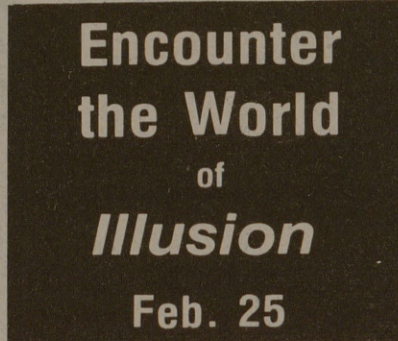
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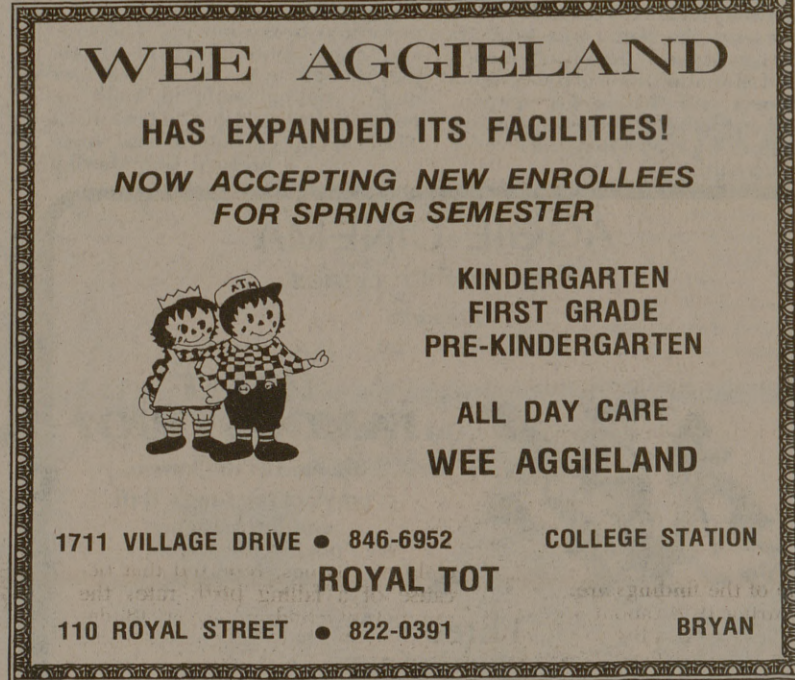
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Ten years ago, President Richard Nixon flew to Hawaii for the last time before he left the Vietnam war with American and Vietnamese officials.
Five years ago, Fog and rain slowed an American and Vietnamese military campaign in northern South Vietnam.
One year ago, President Jimmy Carter urged Congress to reconsider its cutoff of military aid to Turkey.
Today's birthdays: Baseball's time homerun king Hank Aaron, 42.
Thought for today: If a manland, the land owns him — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American, 1803-1882.