

Paid in grades

Building construction students from Texas A&M University construct restroom facilities in the wilds of the school-owned and

operated Hensel Park. The work was done as a class requirement.

Construction students apply class skills at Hensel Park

Building construction students and members of the Physical Plant Department at Texas A&M joined forces to build new restroom facilities at Hensel Park.

The requirement of a problems course was for the senior students to apply classroom skills to an actual project. Ron Haggin, head designer for the Physical Plant Department, knew of the class objectives and suggested the restroom project at the university-owned and -operated park to construction instructor Bob Segner.

The 14-member class assumed the role of contractor and architect. The students developed and presented design, budget and material proposals to University authorities. The

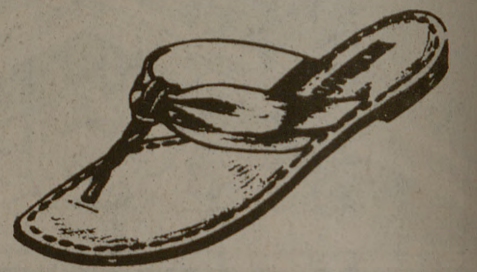
University accepted the proposal and construction began in the fall.

At this point the project was an integrated effort, with students providing most of the labor. Physical plant craftsmen provided plumbing, electrical, plastering and sitework expertise. Students alternated the role and responsibilities of jobsite superintendent. Segner and Jim Marsh, head of the building construction department, provided technical guidance.

The building was constructed at about one-half normal cost since the students were paid in academic credit. The course will be offered every year depending on the availability of projects according to Marsh.

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Anthropology master of arts is considered

The master of arts program in anthropology, now being considered by the Academic Council, will be unique, Dr. Vaughn Bryant, associate professor of Anthropology said.

"While the emphasis of the proposed program in anthropology will be to train students in areas of applied anthropology, we still plan to incorporate the other traditional aspects of anthropology into the program," he said.

Some of the traditional aspects of anthropology include biology, geography, agriculture, archeology, linguistics, medical anthropology and cultural anthropology.

Under the proposed program, specialized training in palynology, the study of pollen and spores; and ethnobotany, the study of plant lore will be included. Nautical archeology will possibly also be included.

The Academic Council meets to decide the change next Thursday.

Currently, a master's degree in anthropology is offered by Texas Tech, the University of Texas at Austin, Southern Methodist University and the University of Houston.

Most of these programs are very general in nature, Bryant said, and none will be comparable to the program being proposed at A&M.

Although the anthropology curriculum at A&M is less than five years old, it is one of the fastest growing disciplines in the College of Liberal Arts, he said.

A&M now has the only ethnobotanical lab program in the state. Researchers study human diets and the way man utilizes his environment.

The palynology lab studies pollen in order to determine what the prehistoric environment was like.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Omega Phi Alpha meets Feb. 18 in Rudder Tower 301 at 6:30 p.m.

Student "Y" Toast to Your Health meeting meets Feb. 18 in Rudder Tower 401 at 7:30 p.m.

Visiting Centennial Professor, Dr. Freeman Butts lectures at 7:30 p.m. in Evans Library 226.

The University Traffic Panel meets in Rudder Tower 302 at 3:15 p.m.

Sphinx & Polaris Student Y meets at 5 p.m. in MSC 231.

Cwens meets at 5 p.m. in MSC 141.

The Arts & Crafts Macrame "B" meets at 7 p.m. in MSC 137A.

Arts & Crafts Tatting meets at 7 p.m. in MSC 145.

The Bridge Committee meets in 212 MSC at 7 p.m.

The Marshall HTC meets in Rudder Tower 502 at 7:30 p.m.

The A&M Wheelmen meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower 308.

The Pre-Law Society meets in MSC 137 at 7:30 p.m.

Psi Chi meets at 7:30 p.m. in MSC 139.

Chi Epsilon meets at 7:30 p.m. in MSC 226.

Delta "Y" meets at 8 p.m. in MSC 228.

CAMAC meets at 8 p.m. in Rudder Tower 302.

The Sociology Club meets at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower 502.

The Soccer Team meets in Rudder Tower 510 at 7 p.m.

Madagora HTC meets at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower 504.

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