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By DEBBIE KRENEK

Criteria for hiring an architect to draw up plans for the construction of three buildings in the A&M Consolidated school system were the main concern of board members at a regular meeting of the school board

Each member expressed a desire for day-by-day supervision of each construction site by the architect. Architect Wes Harper told the board than an architect would not be responsible for this type of supervision under the standard form agreement. He discussed the possibility of a

clerk of works who would be paid by the school district to visit the con-

struction sites daily, keep progress contract with no extra fee to the records and watch weather condi-

The architect's ability to enter into a joint venture with an engineering firm was a stipulation suggested by board member Jon F. Botsford. He said an engineer would suggest a more functional design rather than a fancy design that would run up the cost of the architectural fee.

The architect we choose must be 100 per cent willing to enter in the kinds of associations the board chooses," Supt. Fred Hopson said. He maintained that the architect must be available for landscape architecture, as provided for in the

The board also called for a com-

mitment from the firms of the time required for the completion of the project, their experience in building public schools and letters of reference from satisfied clients.

Hopson said he will mail a list of the criteria to local architectural firms and professional architectural chapters within a 160-mile radius of College Station by May 2.

The board is unresolved whether to deal with more than one architectural firm. Board member Bruce Robeck said that employing one firm would be a financial advantage and would avoid differences in design

In other business, the board reviewed a committee structure report submitted by Robeck and adopted the financial report pending final au-

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Aggies spelunk in West Textor

The young man made a last check of the ropes and webbing that encircled his body at various points to make sure they were secure. He glanced at the tense spectators around him, took a deep breath, and leaned back out over 136 feet of empty space. The next instant he was 10 feet down, sliding smoothly downward along a blue rope into one of Texas' most beautiful and yet least known natural phenomenon: Devil's Sinkhole.

The young man was one of eight Texas A&M students who explored Devil's Sinkhole over spring break. The students were members of the Aggie Speleological Society (ASS), or the Caving Club, that took a day out of their vacation to engage in spelunking, their favorite sport.

Devil's Sinkhole is located about

seven miles northeast of Rocksprings in West Texas on a ranch owned by Clarence and Katherine Whitworth. The Whitworths allow experienced



charge, provided they sign a damages release. Whitworth has been down into the pit himself many

Although the entrance to the Sinkhole is 75 feet across, it is difficult to locate. It is set on a rocky hill country plateau in a dry area of scrubby bushes and small oak trees. This vegetation hides the hole from view. A rough road runs close to the entrance but it still possible to drive right past it without noticing it.

Once located, getting into the pit is a formidable task. The walls of the pit cut sharply back under the entrance, creating an overhang that makes the entire cave somewhat bottle-shaped. Below the entrance, some 136 feet is the top of a steep mountain, formed long ago when the ceiling of the cave collapsed, open-ing the sinkhole to the outside

The Aggie cavers descended to the top of the mountain using highstrength aluminum rapelling gear and mountaineering rope. Each person was securely tied in to a second belay" rope in case the main rope, which was tied to a truck, came

The descent is breath-taking. Underneath the overhanging lip of the entrance are dozens of large hornets nests. The nests are far enough away from the opening so that the cavers

are rarely stung.

As the spelunker slides down the rope, he observes a colorful variety of clinging ferns and dripping mosses. Closer to the bottom live hundreds of cliff swallows that whirl angrily from their holes in the wall to scold the descending caver.

Once on the mountain, the real work began for the Aggies. They clambered down the rocky slope for about 200 feet until they came to the bottom. The going is rough because the slopes are covered with a thick layer of soft guano, or droppings, from the thousands of bats that inhabit the Sinkhole.

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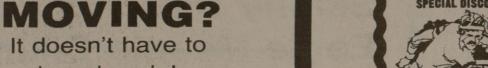
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