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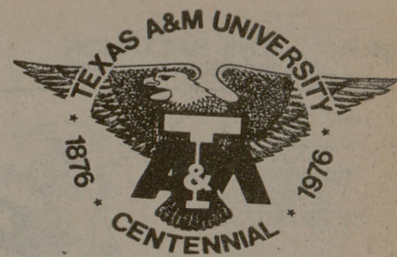
Partly cloudy and mild through tomorrow. High today — 81. Low tonight — 63. High tomorrow — 83. Gradual clearing tonight & tomorrow, with 20 per cent chance of rain tonight. Fair & mild late tomorrow.

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## Budget of \$286 million approved by Regents

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents yesterday approved the 1976-77 operating budgets totaling \$286,688,616. This is an increase of \$23.6 million over the present year's budget.

Regents attributed most of the increase to large enrollment gains and expanded research activities.

Effective Sept. 1, budgets for the system's separate units will be: Texas A&M, \$161,834,431; Prairie View A&M, \$25,140,899; Tarleton State, \$7,851,222; Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources, \$2,549,381; Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, \$26,813,975; Texas Agricultural Extension Service, \$32,790,715; Texas Engineering Experiment Station (including TTI), \$15,140,513; Texas Engineering Extension Service, \$4,328,312; Texas Forest Service, \$1,162,835; Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service, \$1,197,952; and system offices and departments, \$2,878,381.

Separate state agency budgets administered by the regents include \$1,203,220 for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and \$85,000 for the Texas Petroleum Research Committee.

The board also approved contracts totaling \$2,127,315 for construction projects at College Station, Stephenville and Conroe.

James & Williams Construction Co. of Waco was awarded a \$1,019,500 contract to convert Milner Hall, an obsolete dormitory, into an office and classroom building. Other Texas A&M awards were \$437,380 to Jordan & Woods of College Station to build three new greenhouses and a supporting office and laboratory facility near the College of Veterinary Medicine, and \$83,685 to R. B. Butler Inc. of Bryan to repair a fuel storage tank, all located at the University Power Plant.

Ed A. Wilson Inc. of Fort Worth re-

ceived a \$511,850 contract to renovate Tarleton State's science building and Trans-Am Construction Co. of Navasota was given a \$74,900 contract to build a district headquarters facility at Conroe for the Texas Forest Service.

Additionally, the board authorized \$42,000 in appropriations for design work for Duncan Dining Hall modifications and additions to parking lots 56 and 61 at Texas A&M, new physical education facilities at the Mitchell Campus in Galveston and a greenhouse facility for the Texas Forest Service at Lubbock.

A system-wide student accident and health insurance program was authorized through a policy offered by Keystone Life Insurance Co. of Carrollton. The firm was the low bidder on a proposal drawn up by a committee comprised of students from Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M and Tarleton.

Room and board rates at Prairie View A&M were increased a total of \$50 per semester to offset higher costs for labor and supplies, and a \$15 student health center fee was established to help support operation of the school's new student hospital.

The Board also authorized the Texas A&M University administration to conduct studies to determine if any new dormitories or apartment-type housing need to be built by the state on the A&M campus.

President Williams reported that the top priority for any new student housing would be a women's dormitory that would be used in part to house women athletes.

The Board also revoted on an addition to an insurance policy for dependents of University employees. The policy is with Southwestern Life Insurance Company. Regent Richard A. Goodson asked that the issue be revoted, explaining that when the

original vote was taken at the March 23 Regents' meeting, he was ineligible to vote. Goodson said that at that time he was unaware of a state conflict of interest law that required him to abstain from voting. He declined to vote on the matter yesterday even though he is no longer on the Board of Directors of Southwestern Life. The policy addition was approved.

The Board appointed Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel as director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, subject to concurrence of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

The establishment of a Public Works Resource Center to serve as a state clearinghouse for new urban-related technology was also approved.

The new center will draw on the academic programs of Texas A&M University, the research activities of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Texas Transportation Institute and the training programs of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, all part of the statewide College Station-headquartered system.

James R. Bradley, director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service under which the center will be operated, described the facility as a "focal point where public works technology may be collected and disseminated on an organized basis."

"The availability of technology in a usable form would greatly decrease the time lag between the development and the implementation of new technology," Bradley noted.

He said the concept for the new center has been discussed with key municipal administrators and with representatives of the Texas Municipal League and the Texas chapter of the American Public Works Association.

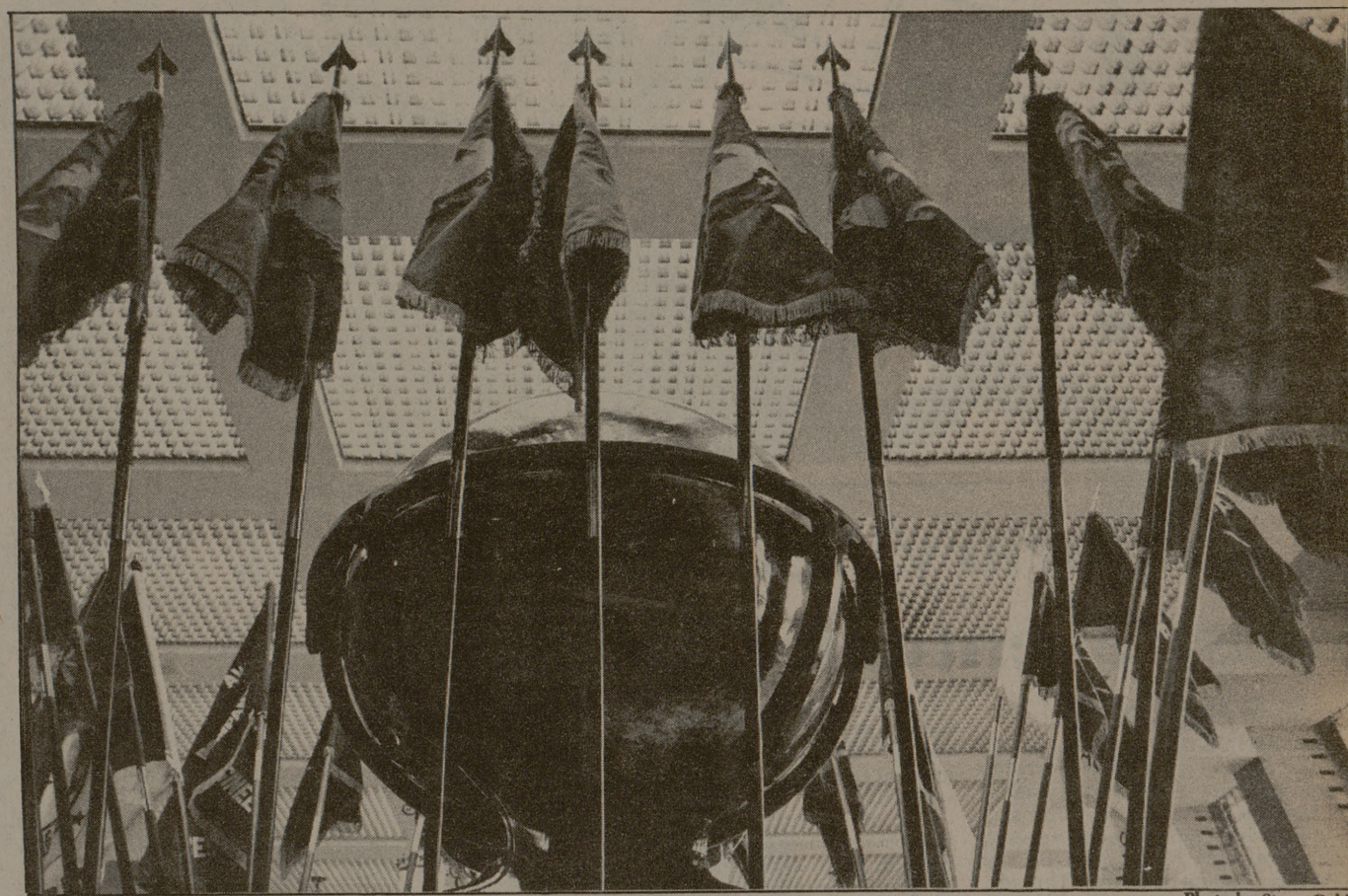


Photo by Steve Goble

### Flags are flying

The Corps flags, taken down last year, are once again flying in the Student Lounge of the

Memorial Student Center. The flags represent different divisions in the Corps.

## News Briefs

### Campus

#### Announcements may be ordered

Texas A&M students expecting to graduate this summer may now order graduation announcements.

Orders will be taken at the Student Finance Center, MSC 217, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Samples and advice are available.

The office will continue taking announcement orders for the Aug. 13 commencement through June 4, said Marilyn Abbate. Delivery also will be made at the center on dates to be announced.

#### Registration begins

The casual pace of the past few days on the Texas A&M University campus comes to an end this week.

Summer students register Monday, May 31, and start classes Tuesday.

Texas A&M enrolled 8,610 students for its first summer session last year.

Robert Lacey, registrar, announced that the first group of students begin signing up for classes Monday at 7 a.m. Registration packets will be issued in the east wing of Duncan Hall. Students whose last names begin with H through O get them first, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. P through Z receive packets from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and A through G, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Course approval and class cards will be given at department stations in the west wing of Duncan. Students also will get schedules approved by their respective deans there.

Registration is then completed at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

First session classes continue through July 6, with final exams that evening and July 7.

#### Dance in Grove

Tommy Allen and the Brazos Sound will open the Grove '76 schedule with a dance Monday, May 31. The dance will begin at 8:45 p.m.

"Barebella," starring Jane Fonda, will be shown the following night, Tuesday, June 1.

### City

#### Consol has course for preschoolers

The Community Education Department of the A&M Consolidated School District is offering a Summer Educational Appraisal program for children ages 3 to 6 who have not yet entered first grade.

Registration will be held June 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Special Services Building, 1300 Jersey with a registration fee of \$5. The program is only open to children in the Consol district. The first seventy to register will be accepted for the program.

Phyllis Perkins, Special Services Director, and Charles Greenawalt, Community Education Director, said that the program has been designed to assess the readiness of the child for programs in Child Development, Kindergarten, and first grade.

Screening procedures used will include vision and hearing, speech evaluation, language development, and gross and fine motor skills. The program will include games, stories, art activities and refreshments.

Each child will attend for two 2-1/2 hour sessions on either a Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday schedule. Appointments will be made at the time of registration.

#### New students begin seminars

The first of 18 new student conferences began Monday at Texas A&M University.

Designed to prepare entering freshmen and transfer students for starting classes next fall, the two-day conferences are planned through the summer.

Fourteen are for freshmen, three are for transfer students and the other is an Aug. 25-26 make-up conference. Texas A&M starts fall classes Aug. 30. Returning students preregistered in April.

An expected increase in enrollment, with a corresponding growth in the size of the freshman class, has projected larger summer conferences. S. Austin Kerley expects an average 400 students per conference.

"With these divided among the 10 colleges, we feel we will have new students well within the grasp of personal attention," said the Academic Counseling Center director. He chairs the New Student Committee.

Conferences are planned so that a new student can complete all preliminary academic and personal matters toward starting the fall semester. He takes placement tests the morning of the first day of a conference. Student life orientation is scheduled in the afternoon and placement evaluation in the evening.

The student reports to his college the second morning for placement consultation and preregistration. Many students purchase textbooks and other essentials at conferences, so that they need only pick up a room key for on-campus housing when they return in August to be ready to start classes.

A parents meeting is held the first morning. They are encouraged by university officials to participate in the rest of the student meetings.

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## Council to consider taxes, ambulances

The College Station City Council is scheduled to hear two proposals for use of the city's hotel-motel tax funds at its regular meeting Thursday night.

The city has \$76,591 in uncommitted funds collected from guests of the city's hotels and motels during the past

According to state law at least 16 per cent of the funds must be used to promote tourism in the area.

Proposals for the use of the funds will be submitted by the B-CS Chamber of Commerce and by Clifford H. Ransdell.

The council will also consider two applications asking for permission to operate an ambulance service in the city. Applications have been submitted by Sherrill's Ambu-

lance Service and by Mid-Tex Fire and Safety. Sherrill's currently holds the permit for College Station.

The council will also consider for the third time an amendment to the zoning ordinance which would allow fraternity and sorority houses in certain commercial and apartment zones as a conditional use.

Other items on the agenda include: consideration of a final plat of Brentwood Section II, appointment of a Board of Equalization, and appointment of a sign ordinance review committee.

The council is also expected on Thursday or Friday to call for a capital improvements bond election for late June or early July.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at city hall.

## Ford wins upset victories; increases delegate strength

President Ford held off challenger Ronald Reagan and Democrat Jimmy Carter increased his delegate lead yesterday during the heaviest presidential primary day yet.

Ford won in three of the six primaries yesterday, while Reagan captured the other three.

In Oregon with 73 per cent of the precincts counted, Ford led with 52 per cent to Reagan's 48 per cent.

Ford gathered 50 per cent of the vote in Tennessee and 51 per cent in Kentucky with 99 per cent of the precincts reporting in both states.

Reagan got 63 per cent of the Arkansas vote (96 per cent complete), 74 per cent in Idaho (99 per cent complete), and 65 per cent in Nevada (88 per cent reporting).

On the Democratic side, Carter took Tennessee with 78 per cent, Kentucky with 59 per cent and Arkansas with 62 per cent.

Sen. Frank Church of Idaho won in Oregon and Idaho with California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. capturing Nevada.

Reagan gained 20 delegates in the day's balloting, but President Ford still leads in delegate totals, 779 to 642.

With the addition of 28 delegates gained

in district conventions in Missouri and two in an Alabama runoff, Carter leads the Democratic race with 876 delegates. Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona is second with 298 delegates. 1,505 delegates are needed for the Democratic nomination.

There are only eight state primaries left with four next Tuesday and four the following Tuesday.

## Lindsey gives painting, supports art

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lindsey of Houston have presented a third painting by E. M. "Buck" Schiwetz to Texas A&M University.

"Sugar Cane Harvest," painted in 1946, hangs with other works of the Texas A&M artist-in-residence in the Memorial Student Center. It is valued at \$5,000.

The Lindseys, benefactors of Texas A&M in other ways, also gave Schiwetz' painting of the old president's home that burned in 1963 and one of his Spanish missions paintings. The latter is the San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo, which contains the famous "Rose Window." It is among Schiwetz' portfolio for the Texas Hemisfair.

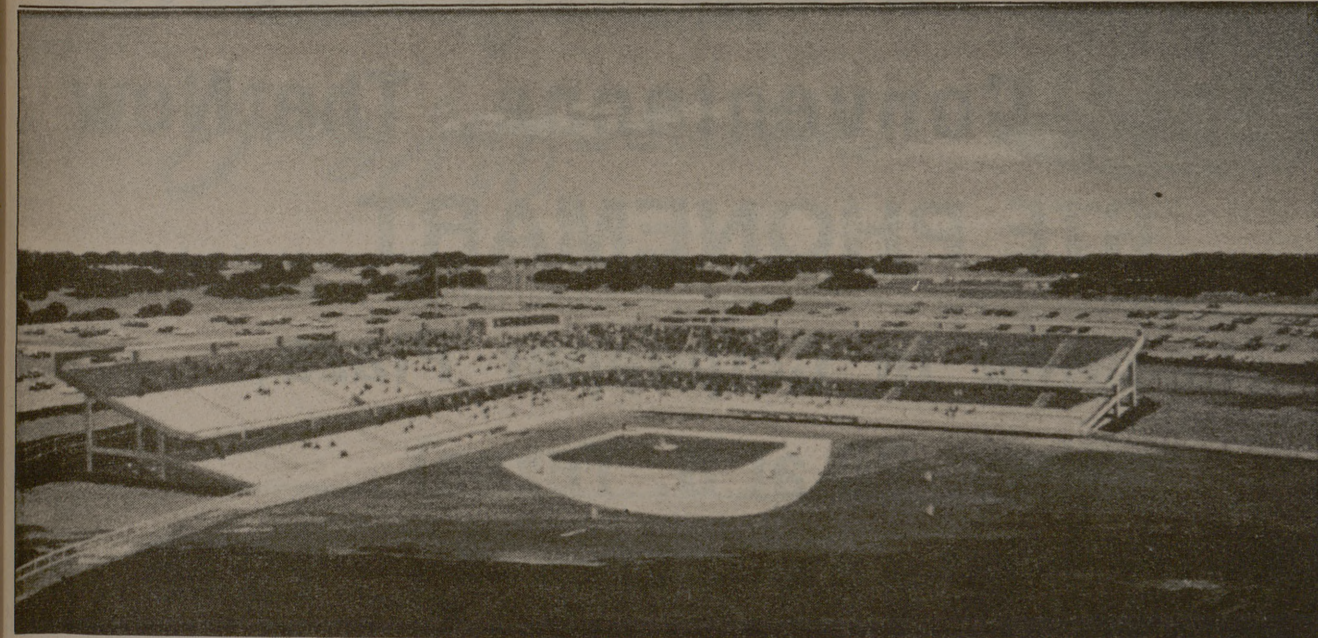
Lindsey is a 1944 Texas A&M graduate and Houston insurance executive.

He has long been a supporter of fine arts programs at Texas A&M and has made numerous contributions to the Student Conference on National Affairs and MSC leadership trips, among other student activities.

The Lindseys commissioned Schiwetz, 1921 A&M graduate, to paint the former home of Texas A&M presidents after it burned in 1963, before its gutted shell was removed. The noted artist used old photographs to reconstruct the home's appearance. It was the residence of Texas A&M presidents from Lawrence Sullivan Ross to Earl Rudder.

Lindsey, a part of an Association of Former Students committee, encouraged Schiwetz in 1972 to do a series of recently released paintings for a Texas A&M centennial art collection.

"Buck Schiwetz' Aggeland: A Portfolio of Eight Scenes from Texas A&M University" (\$37.50), was issued by the Texas A&M University Press in April.



### New ball park

This artist's rendition of the preliminary plans for a planned new Texas A&M baseball field was presented to the A&M Board of Regents Building Committee Monday. The Regents budgeted \$1,365,000 for the ball field stadium,

which would seat almost 5,000 people. The Regents anticipate awarding the contract in September with construction taking 10 to 12 months. The ball park will be located on the West Campus across from Kyle Field.