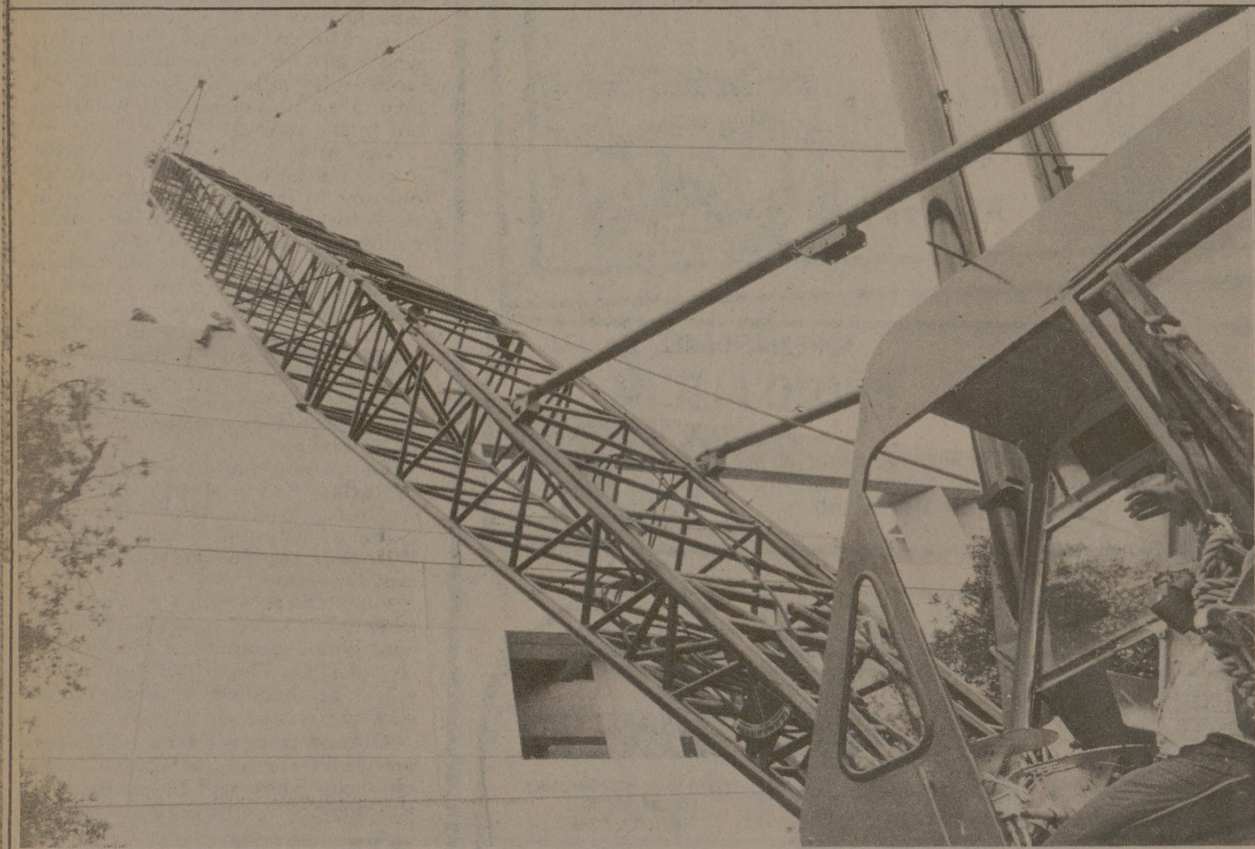


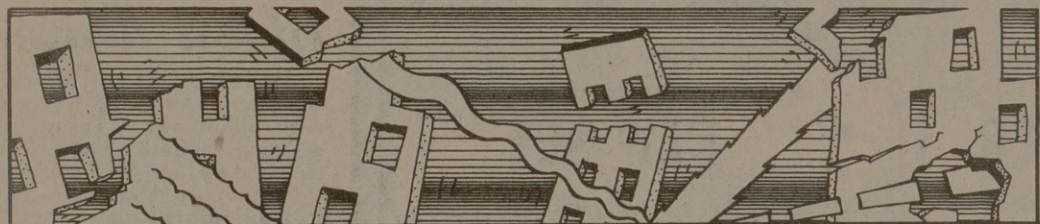
The new Architecture building on the main campus and the two new buildings on the west campus are

being constructed from pre-cast components. The pieces are trucked in . . .



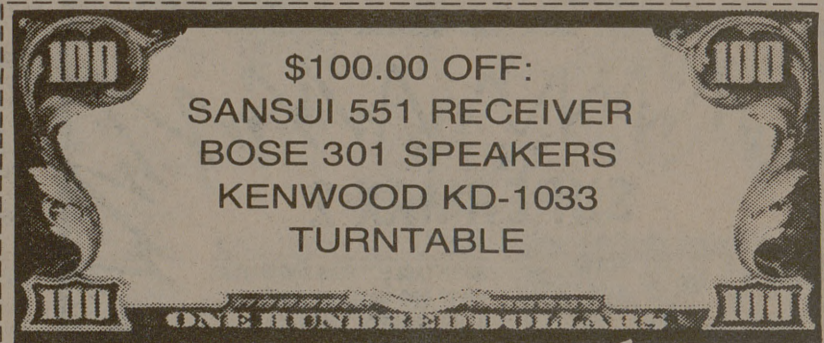
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# A&M construction booming

Major construction projects currently underway on the A&M campus should be completed by the beginning of the fall semester, according to Gen. A. R. Luedecke, executive vice president of The Texas A&M University System.

Construction is continuing on schedule for the Architecture building and new classroom and labs building on the main campus and for the Soil and Crop Sciences and Entomology building and the Animal and Poultry Science building on the West Campus.

Luedecke said that when the buildings on the West Campus are completed, traffic lights and railroad signals will be installed to accommodate increased traffic flow.

He added that much of the building space will be used for faculty and student research, rather than for undergraduate classes, and said that he does not anticipate any major traffic problems.

Photos by Steve Goble

Since 1970 Texas A&M has spent more than \$165 million on construction on the main campus. More projects are now in the planning stages or under construction, including a Lab Animal Resources building estimated to cost \$3 million, an addition to Sterling C. Evans Library, new greenhouses, P.E. tennis courts, a turfgrass lab, Equine Nutrition Barn and Animal Science Shop and a new parking lot near Kyle Field.

Construction of the new library addition will begin in early 1977 and will last for nearly three years. Luedecke said that the actual starting date is dependent upon whether extensive changes are necessary after the detailed design has been submitted to the Board of Regents by the architectural firm, Preston Geren of Dallas.

A new baseball field is planned for the area now occupied by the Aggie Rodeo Arena, which Luedecke said was "put up by some boys one hot summer with lumber they salvaged over in Bryan."

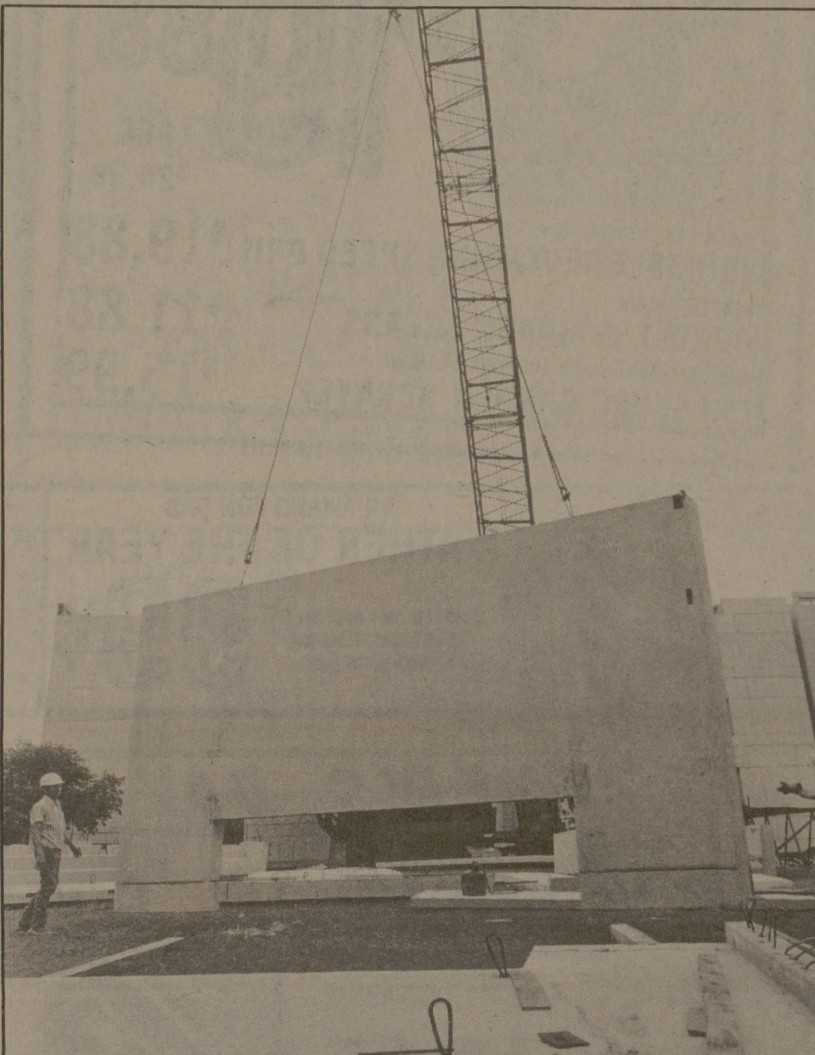
The arena will be replaced with a more modern version that will be constructed near the Polo Club northwest of the campus. A replacement horse barn will also be built at the site.

Luedecke said that no specific plans have been formulated for the expansion of G. Rollie White Coliseum or Kyle Field.

"I'd be glad to expand Kyle Field if someone could tell me how," Luedecke said.

Pedestrians and bicyclists on campus will be pleased to hear that more roads will be eliminated within the next year. Systems designers plan to close the part of Spence Street between the Animal Husbandry Pavilion and the old Engineering building. They also plan to close the part of Ross Street that lies between Houston and Asbury Streets.

Luedecke said that planners are aiming for a balance between pedestrian and auto traffic, and are trying to eliminate through traffic.



When things go according to plan, the crane lifts the pieces into place. Mere 14-ton pieces (like the one above) pose no problem, and even 50-ton loads can be handled . . .



unless the ground shifts under the crane. When it did last spring at the Soil and Crop Sciences building site, the boom snapped off and made a hole in the building's floor.

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