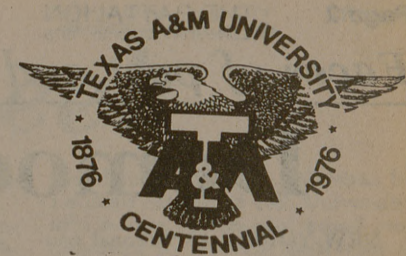


Partly cloudy and warm. High temperature 91. South winds 8-10 mph. Widely scattered showers and thundershowers. No significant change for tomorrow.

The Battalion



Moratorium on new degrees to continue, says Ashworth

The 18-member Coordinating Board of Texas College and University System will maintain its moratorium on new degree programs until the group gathers more information on the status of higher



Dr. Kenneth Ashworth

education in Texas, the group's top spokesman said Monday.

Texas Commissioner of Education Dr. Kenneth Ashworth said the Coordinating Board will use the data to try to convince institutions to withdraw some of the more than 120 new degree requests now before the board.

Ashworth spoke to administrators attending a Centennial Academic Assembly on Higher Education sponsored by the College of Education at Texas A&M.

He said that off-campus teaching in Texas is being expanded far too much, and said that when funds are limited they should be channeled into more traditional approaches to education. Ashworth said that the 4,000 off-campus courses taught each year are equivalent to a floating university, and more than satisfy the need for such courses.

Ashworth told the new and prospective administrators to worry less about the end product of education and to have more faith in the process. He said that the founding fathers of our nation were dedicated to process and not just the products of government, and rejected the idea of fixed leaders.

"Ours is a participating society, not an

exclusive one. Such a society is based upon analysis of fact...not tradition," Ashworth said.

He said that to retain the ability to analyze facts and make decisions top administrators should keep from losing touch with reality. Ashworth said that administrators often become isolated from the real world since most of the news they receive is filtered: nobody wants to take bad news to the boss.

Ashworth contrasted the courtier, who seeks popularity by praising the boss, with the adviser, who presents the boss with honest information. Ashworth said courtiers isolate and capture leaders by preventing exposure to others.

"They are the employees that take very short vacations," Ashworth said. He stressed that they want to "keep the boss to themselves" so they can retain their control over him.

Ashworth told the administrators that they must make a distinction between the problems facing them and the messengers who bear the tidings, to avoid favoring those that only bring them good news.

"If the individual loses his autonomy to make moral decisions in a large organization, then we are truly lost," he said.

Friday deadline for tickets to dinner

Friday is the deadline for purchasing tickets for the Texas A&M University System retirement dinner honoring A. R. Medecke, Tom D. Cherry, John E. Hutchison and J. A. Amis, Jr.

The dinner, open to residents of the community as well as to faculty and staff of the University and System, will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the banquet room of Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center.

Tickets are available at all local financial establishments and at four campus locations. They may be obtained on campus at the University Center ticket office, the MSC main desk, the fiscal office in the Cole Building and the System Administration Building 012.

1,600 firemen to attend

Fire school gearing up

Planning for the impending influx of 1,600 participants to the 47th Texas Firemen's Training School has reached a fever pitch.

People in fire prevention, fire control and safety from municipalities, industries and the armed forces arrive Sunday, July 25.

They will participate in 20 courses, in-

cluding two new offerings, on the Texas A&M University campus and at Brayton Firemen's Training Field.

Chief Henry D. Smith and his Fire Protection Training Division staff of the Texas Engineering Extension Service have tied together a gargantuan package that makes the school possible.

Instruction will be by 450 individuals

A&M research tops \$40 million this fiscal year

Support for Texas A&M researchers has pushed past the \$40 million mark for the first time in a fiscal year, announced Dr. Robert R. Berg, Office of University Research director.

The newest milestone came after the University received \$2,678,707 in support during June, boosting the current fiscal year's total thus far to \$41,807,696.

Last month's dollar value total moved the current year's figure past the previous record of \$39,348,802 set in 1974-75.

Fiscal year research totals have established records each year since the early 1970s.

Support so far this year is more than \$8.82 million ahead of the same time last year.

The College of Science received the largest portion of June aid, \$1,088,501. The College of Agriculture and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station shared a \$973,485 total.

Other support included a \$296,064 total for the College of Engineering, Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Texas Transportation Institute; \$160,307 for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design; \$86,000 for the College of Geosciences; and \$74,350 for the College of Liberal Arts.

MSC dinner theater to present 'Fantasticks'

Good tickets are still available for three of the four dinner theaters featuring the Aggie Players in "The Fantasticks."

The play is the world's longest-running musical and is Texas A&M's second dinner theater of the summer.

The Players began rehearsal Friday for the July 29-30 and Aug. 3-4 production. The director is Robert Wenck.

As of last Monday, the July 30 performance was sold out.

"The Fantasticks" will be presented in the round, in cooperation with the Memorial Student Center Summer Directorate and Food Services Department. The musical, a story about young lovers, parents, the world and human nature, was conceived by Texans. Tom Jones, Harvey Schmidt and Ward Baker were working on it while they were still students at the University of Texas at Austin.

"Fantasticks" is in its 17th year as an off-Broadway show at the Sullivan Street Playhouse. That makes it the world's record running musical.

Wenck has five veteran Aggie Players and three newcomers in the cast, with "some good singers" to present the music. The production has the well-known "Try to Remember" along with "Never Say No," "Plant A Radish," "It Depends on What You Pay," "I Can See It" and "They Were You," among others.

The MSC dinner theater had four sold-out performances of "Barefoot in the Park" earlier. Tickets were going for "Fantas-

ticks" before the July-August show was cast. They can be obtained at the Rudder Center box office, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

"A parable about love," the musical with a blend of satire, romanticism, bright comedy and serious verse takes young lovers Matt, played by Brian McPherson, and Luisa (Boni Petersen) in and out of love through the planning of their fathers Huckleby (Philip Hafner) and Bellomy (Bruce Kates).

El Gallo, the bandit-narrator, is portrayed by Michael Wilson.

New Aggie Players appear in the roles of Henry (James Hall), Mortimer (Thomas Owen) and The Mute (Vanessa Watts).

Piano and musical direction is provided by Su Rudd, who first worked with the Aggie Players in "Godspell." Assistant director and stage manager is Sanford Russo.

The production staff under Wenck also features a new theater arts faculty member, Roy O'Valle, as designer.

Technical assistant is Mitchell Hall. Costumes are the jobs of Nancy Gandy and Shirley Kitzman; sets, Jane Vanore and Marla Hammond; properties, Jamie Craig and Trish Morgan, and lights, Walt Meisser.

Jones wrote the book and lyrics of "The Fantasticks," which opened in May, 1960. Schmidt, a Bryanite, wrote the music and Baker provided direction.

The menu of the dinner will feature turkey tetrazzini and shrimp creole.

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Positions open; SG sells books

Student Government reports that there are two off-campus graduate positions and two graduate engineering seats vacant in the Senate. Also, there are two sophomore, one junior, and one senior position open on the Judicial Board. Anyone interested in any of these positions should go to the Student Government office in Memorial Student Center 216 during the first week of fall semester classes for an interview.

Student Government is also continuing to sell books through the Book Mart. Books are not being bought at this time, but are being sold to deplete the inventory. The Book Mart is located in MSC 216.

Energy seminar set

Architects, builders, homeowners and other interested persons can learn first-hand about solar energy equipment and techniques at a free public seminar at Texas A&M University Saturday, Aug. 7.

The applied solar energy seminar will be in Rudder Tower 701 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All persons high school age and older are welcome to attend, said Dr. Peter Jenkins, University mechanical engineering professor and seminar chairman.

The event is being sponsored by the Energy Advisory Service for Texas, a new program of Texas A&M's Center for Energy and Mineral Resources, and by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

Jenkins said solar equipment and methods now available for this part of the country will be emphasized.

We hope to give area residents an idea

of what solar energy is about and how they might apply solar equipment to homes and businesses," he added.

Five or six university solar energy specialists will speak at the seminar, including representatives from the Universities of Houston, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas A&M. Representatives from several commercial solar energy equipment firms also will give presentations.

Jenkins said individuals will have ample time to visit informally with the solar specialists. Preliminary plans are to have a two-hour lunch break in which persons can view and examine solar energy collectors and related equipment displayed outdoors. Individuals also are welcome to question the solar specialists at the end of the program.

No pre-registration is required for the free seminar. Individuals need to only sign a register when entering the seminar room.

representing cities, industries, manufacturers, state and federal agencies and the armed services.

Cost of operation of the school would be almost impossible to compute, Smith said, because of the magnitude of materials and supplies loaned and donated. He said it would be financially impossible to attempt the training without such support.

New courses this summer are Firefighting IV and State Agency Fire Prevention and Control.

They join a catalogue that includes three levels of firefighting, five fire prevention courses, officer training and executive development. Also offered are courses in pump maintenance and operation, armed services and specialized fire protection, fire service subjects teaching methods, course making, training center-classroom organization and management and disaster rescue training.

Firefighting IV covers tactics and simulation of large-scale, multi-alarm fires. Such fires would tie up all equipment and firefighters of cities of 100,000 population and more, requiring aid from other cities.

"It's very seldom that officers get training in coordinating resources of other cities and communities," commented Hershel Sharp, division official and former Lubbock chief. Bryan Fire Chief Keith Langford will be the program chairman.

A&M enrollment up 9.5 per cent

A second-session record 8,503 summer school students are enrolled at Texas A&M University, Registrar Robert A. Lacey reported Tuesday.

He said this year's total represents a 9.5 per cent increase over the same period last year.

Second-session enrollment is traditionally lower than for the first session, Lacey said. Enrollment was 9,602 for the first six weeks.

Fare is short stories, poems

Prof publishes lit magazine

By LISA JUNOD
Battalion Staff

Words spoken in unfamiliar tongues and the intriguing sights and sounds of foreign lands fill the pages of the latest issue of "Quartet," a literary magazine owned and published by Texas A&M English professor Dr. Richard Costa.

The first copies of the spring—summer issue of the quarterly magazine rolled off the presses late Monday afternoon.

Costa says that the 11 poems and 5 short stories in this issue deal with exotic places and follow the paths of innocents abroad in foreign lands. Travelers in the short stories in "Exotica: Incense Abroad" realize that although the freshness and flavor of foreign countries may be appealing, they cannot escape the memories and thoughts they carry with them. Some of them are troubled by their memories even while basking in the glitter and glamour of their new surroundings. Like Louise, in Barbara Reid's "Bird of Passage," who watches her shipmate Angelo drain his martini on an oceanliner sailing out of Naples...

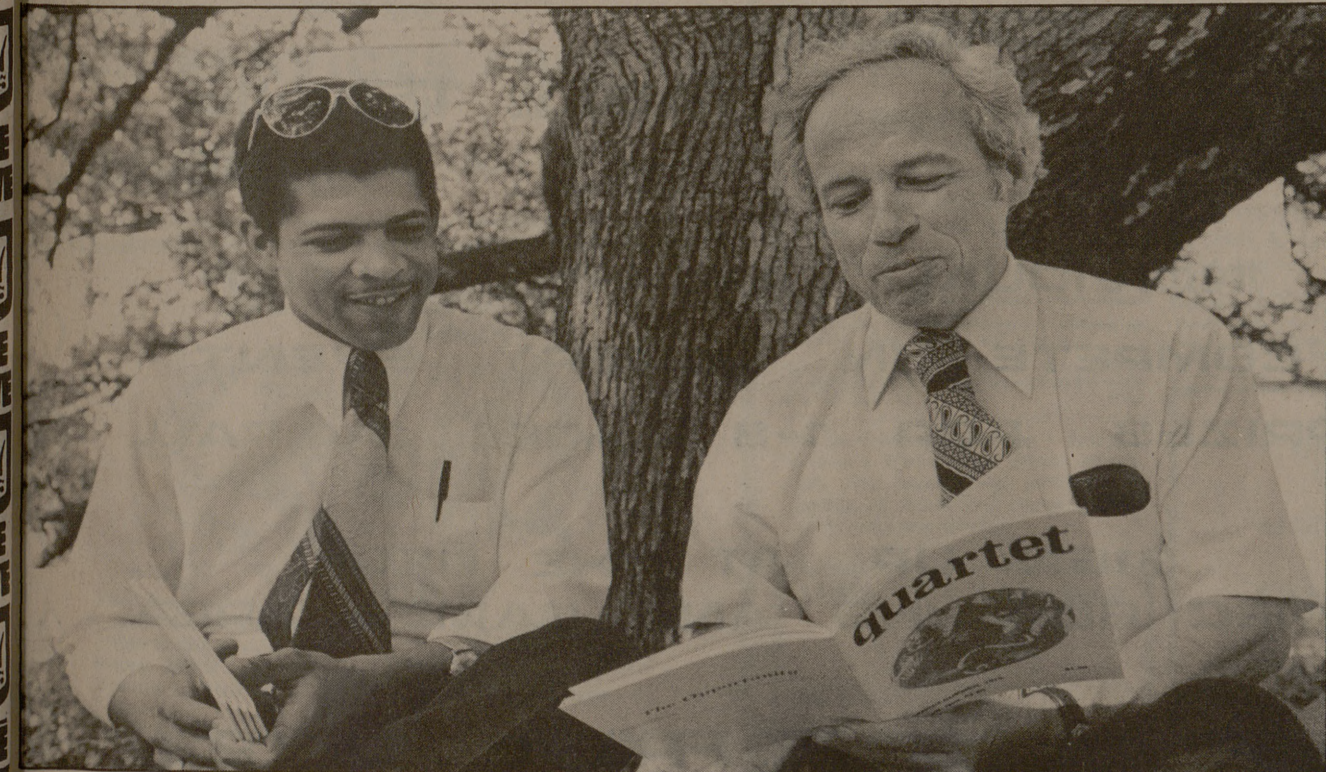
"He's a sweet boy, she thought, simpatico.

And then pity for him swept her, mingled with regret, thinking that she never got what she was looking for, something always cheated her. Whether it was a man, a job, a place she felt safe in, sooner or later something came along and the



Bring on the new

The last of the Milner Roaches have moved out and the wrecking crews have moved in. The 65-year-old Milner Hall is being renovated into an office building. Some people view the work as the cleaning up of a lot of junk; others see their home being destroyed. For the story, please turn to pages 10-11.



Nine lives of 'Quartet'

Dr. Richard Costa (right) admires the latest issue of his literary magazine "Quartet" as Luis Jimenez looks on. Jimenez is an A&M student

who has a short fiction story in the issue which began rolling off the presses Monday.