

Three veterinary medicine workshops are scheduled for this week-end at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

One workshop on fractures of dog and cat flat bones will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Another covering the diagnosis and treatment of cat diseases will go from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

A two-day clinical pathology workshop for veterinary assistants is set for 9-5 Saturday and continues at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Courses in creative writing, Texas history, the American novel, human aging, the psychology of alcohol abuse and European people and customs will be offered by Learner's Marketplace, a liberal arts program offered by Texas A&M University.

Registration for these courses has been extended to Jan. 21. Enrollment forms are available at the Harrington Education Center, 845-5141.

A fee of \$30 per class is required.

Lee Burks, one of the nation's rising young women engineers, will speak at the opening ceremonies of the Conference on Women and Engineering beginning at 7 p.m. Friday in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The conference, which is open to Texas high school girls, parents and counselors, will end Saturday.

Local

"Up the Down Staircase" will be performed by the Junior Class of Bryan High School on Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 in the Civic Auditorium.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Texas

A state district judge has ordered State Attorney General John Hill to respond within a week to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s claims to losing "several hundred thousand dollars a day."

Health officials have reported the 24th case of rabies found in Laredo in the past seven weeks, despite the inoculation of half of its dogs.

State Treasurer Jesse James is conducting business from a hospital bed while recuperating from the amputation of his lower left leg.

James, 71, was hospitalized before Thanksgiving for treatment of a blocked artery in his leg. He has served as treasurer since 1941.

World

The U.S. aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt and a Liberian freighter collided Tuesday night in rough seas off the coast of Italy. No one was hurt and there was little damage to either ship, a spokesman said.

A French court Tuesday freed Palestinian leader Abu Daoud, 39, after rejecting arrest warrants from both France and West Germany. He was flown to Algiers where he was given a hero's welcome by the Algerian Foreign Ministry.

Daoud is the suspected mastermind of the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre of 11 Israeli athletes.

weather

Overcast skies with light, intermittent rain this afternoon. No downpours are expected. Temperatures will get cooler with a high of 47 today. Tonight's low will be about 40. This morning's low was 41. Winds will come from the east at 8 to 12 m.p.h. There is a 70 per cent chance of rain.

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One may face Senate opposition

Briscoe appoints three regents

Senator William T. "Bill" Moore, D-Bryan, said that he will oppose Governor Dolph Briscoe's appointment of Dr. John B. Coleman to the Texas A&M University Board of Regents if it was made to fulfill a political agreement.

The appointment of Coleman, the first black designated to A&M's governing board, was one of six made by Briscoe yesterday to the boards of regents of the Texas A&M University System and University of Texas.

Moore said that he heard a report that Coleman's designation to the A&M board resulted from an agreement Briscoe made for black support for Calvin Guest, D-Bryan, who was re-elected as the state Democratic Party chairman.

"I'm going to check that out and if that's true, you can be damn sure that man is

going to run into some opposition," Moore said.

George G. Lowrance, appointments secretary to the governor, said, "That rumor is not factual. It's an out and out lie."

The governor also appointed John Blocker of Houston and reappointed H. C. "Dulie" Bell Jr. of Austin to the board of the A&M System.

The three new regents appointed for the University of Texas, one of whom replaced Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, were named by Briscoe before the 65th Legislature convened, which enabled them to begin their terms without Senate approval. The regents named for the Texas A&M University System will have to wait for confirmation by the State Senate because their names were not announced

until after the Legislature met at noon yesterday.

Bell said that he was proud to have been reappointed by Briscoe and that he will continue his work within the A&M System to make the state of Texas No. 1 in agriculture.

"I've just begun to be effective," Bell said.

Bell is a 1939 graduate of Texas A&M who majored in history and economics and was a member of the Aggie Band. He is president of Central Texas Equipment Co. and is chairman of the service units of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Blocker, a 1945 graduate of A&M, is a vice president of Dresser Industries. He is a Trustee of the A&M Research Foundation, an advisor on a development board for the university and donated the flag-

poles at Kyle Field in memory of his brother who died in Italy while serving his country.

"I was surprised," Blocker said of his appointment.

Blocker said he was anxious to help make A&M an even better institution of higher learning.

Dr. Coleman, a physician who has degrees from Fisk and Howard universities, has been active in the improvement of higher education for blacks. The Houston resident was unavailable for comment regarding his appointment.

Jess Hay of Dallas, a fund-raiser for Briscoe and member of the Democratic National Committee, replaced A. G. McNeese Jr. of Houston on the University of Texas board.

Another member of the DNC, Mrs. Ro-

land (Jane) Blumberg of Seguin, will take over for Mrs. Johnson. Roland is an active leader in conservative Democratic politics.

Dr. Sterling H. Fly Jr. of Uvalde, who graduated from Texas A&M and the UT Medical Branch, will replace Dr. Joe T. Nelson of Weatherford on the UT governing board.

Although all of the persons appointed to the UT board are personal friends of Briscoe's, Fly's designation raised some comments from the senators gathered in Austin.

"I thought everybody from Uvalde had been appointed to something already," one senator said in reference to the fact that Fly is from Briscoe's hometown.

"He's recycling," another senator said.

Jobless America awaits Carter's economic plan

By SARA FRITZ

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Unemployment fell to 7.9 per cent at the end of 1976, still slightly higher than when the year began, the Labor Department reported today.

December's decline from the year's highest level of 8.1 per cent in November brought some relief for Jimmy Carter as he prepares to assume the presidency. But the year-end rate was still only 1 per cent below the 1975 recession peak.

The report also heralded a full year of virtual stagnation on the American job market. The December rate was 0.1 per cent higher than last January.

President Ford previously predicted that unemployment would be cut below 7 per cent in 1976. As a result, Carter has been cautious to promise no more than a 1.5 per cent decline in 1977.

Unemployment dipped to a 1976 low of 7.3 per cent last May, but those improvements were wiped out by July. Joblessness hovered between 7.8 per cent

and 7.9 per cent for four months prior to November.

Combined with this grim news was another Labor Department report showing that wholesale prices rose 0.9 per cent in December, reflecting a double-digit annual rate.

President Ford originally predicted that unemployment would drop below 7 per cent in 1976. His goal seemed reasonable last May when it fell to 7.3 per cent, but it

again began to climb when the economic recovery stalled.

As a result, Carter has been cautious in his projections. He has warned Americans they should not expect more than a 1.5 per cent reduction in joblessness during 1977.

Labor leaders believe Carter is being too cautious. AFL-CIO economist Rudy Oswald thinks unemployment can be cut to 6 per cent by the end of 1977 with the right stimulus.

Oswald says that the measures the Democratic Congress passed over the objections of President Ford "did reduce un-

employment from 8.9 per cent to 7.3 per cent from May of 1975 to May of 1976. We would hope that a more favorable administration, with the active support of Congress, would pass programs that would be more effective."

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AFL-CIO leaders earlier this week advised Carter to forget about tax cuts, and concentrate instead on job-creating programs. They estimated an immediate expenditure of \$30 billion on such programs would put 2 million people back to work.

Carter estimates his own program would create fewer than 800,000 new jobs. But he expects the stimulus of a tax cut to promote many more jobs indirectly — a plan the AFL-CIO deems inefficient.

Some 7.8 million persons were counted as unemployed in the United States last November. Many more, who were too discouraged to look for work, were not even counted.

Court refuses to stay execution

United Press International

AUSTIN — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals today rejected a second appeal from Jerry Lane Jurek and refused to block plans to execute the convicted killer one week from today.

Unless federal courts intervene Jurek will be electrocuted in the electric chair in Huntsville Jan. 19.

Chief Justice John F. Onion said the state's highest court for criminal matters considered Jurek's petition for a stay of

execution but decided to refuse the request.

Jurek's attorney went to the court for the second time in as many days today seeking a delay in the execution plans to allow time for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court of criminal appeals yesterday rejected a habeas corpus petition on Jurek's behalf, indicating Jurek will have to turn to federal courts to save him from

the electric chair.

"This court is of the opinion that the writ of habeas corpus should not be issued, that the requested stay of execution should be denied and that all relief requested in said petition should be denied," the appeals judges ruled.

The last U.S. execution was in Colorado in 1967. Jurek's scheduled execution date is two days after the scheduled execution of Utah murderer Gary Gilmore.



These are two starlings that were maimed within the past week by university police. University officials say that all of these birds are being gathered up by ground maintenance and then being disposed of. Those not captured will remain at the mercy of the environment and predators.

Birds' feces a problem; killing used as last resort

There are mixed emotions concerning the killing of many birds on the Texas A&M campus, but university officials said that they tried every reasonable way to scare the birds away from the campus before resorting to the shooting of the birds, which covered trees and sidewalks with up to 1 1/2 inches of fecal matter.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which okayed the killings, estimated the number of the birds which have roosted on the campus for the past month to be about 2 million.

A university spokesman says that the birds, which consist mainly of grackles, starlings and brown-headed cowbirds, are attracted by the large trees and the buildings that absorb heat during the day and radiate the warmth at night.

Dr. Keith A. Arnold, associate professor in the Wildlife and Fisheries Science department, said that the trees on campus should have been trimmed so they would not offer the birds adequate shelter before the shooting began.

Arnold, an ornithologist, inspected thousands of the dead birds, which were delivered to him by ground maintenance crews, to locate any birds that may have been banded for research purposes.

Officials say the killings, along with cannon blasts and recordings, seem to be driving the birds away.

Well, even if the birds are not being scared away, Arnold said that there are about 22-25,000 fewer birds that persons on campus have to contend with.

Legislature convenes; Speaker is Clayton

United Press International

AUSTIN — In the midst of a squabble about organizational procedures, Texas legislators will have something more substantial to think about — Gov. Dolph Briscoe's suggestions for solving critical financial problems without new taxes.

The legislature planned to interrupt organizational debate to hear Briscoe's recommendations today on how the state should contend with costly school finance and highway funding problems.

Briscoe's address to a joint legislative session was scheduled for 11 a.m.

The governor earlier had said he would recommend spending more than half the \$2.9 billion budget surplus on an \$800 million school finance plan, and an \$850 million plan for increasing highway funding. Briscoe also has announced his plans to recommend strong law and order legislation.

Neither the House nor Senate had resolved questions about operating rules for the 140-day session before Briscoe's address. There were more than 30 proposed amendments to the House rules, and Speaker Bill Clayton indicated the rules debate could take most of the day.

Clayton, 48, was easily reelected to a second term during Tuesday's opening ceremonies. He was the only candidate

nominated for speaker by acclamation although two members refused to support him. Rep. Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, registered a vote against Clayton, and Rep. Paul Ragsdale, D-Dallas, registered as "present but not voting."

Clayton cautioned his colleagues they would be expected to work hard with little time off during the session, and said he will base his committee appointments on their work records.

"I will take a hard look at past performance and work product and personal acceptability by members when making selections of those who will chair our 24 substantive and four procedural committees," Clayton said.

"Some people will be pleased, and others will certainly be unhappy. It will be a hard chore for me, but the end product reflected in my appointments must assure results through dedication and desire to solve the problems we face."

Both Clayton and Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby are expected to announce their committee assignments by the end of the week.

Senators Tuesday officially elected Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Fort Worth, as president pro tempore for the session, making her second in the line of succession to the governor.



The one-ton Liberty Bell was returned to Texas A&M last week.