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Top of the News

Campus

SENIOR CLASS RINGS ordered during the 1976 fall mid-semester term will be ready for delivery tomorrow at the Registration Center located in the Old Exchange Store. Rings may be picked up from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Registration Center tomorrow and Monday only. Any rings not picked up by 4:30 p.m. Monday will be located at the Ring Clerk's desk in Rm. 7 of the Coke Bldg.

POETRY, PROSE OR ART WORK for the April issue of *Mobius* should be submitted by Tuesday. Students eligible to contribute include undergraduates enrolled for at least 12 hours per semester and graduate students enrolled for at least nine hours per semester. Specifics on entry format are available from editor Susie Turner.

FISH CONSERVATIONIST Richard H. Stroud, executive vice president of the Sport Fishing Institute, will speak on "Changing Challenges in Recreational Fisheries" at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Rudder 301. The internationally recognized fisheries scientist has served on many state, federal and private conservation advisory groups, and has had much success in starting new programs of national significance in both freshwater and marine fish conservation.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (OCSA) organization plans are underway. Students interested in helping may contact Karen Switzer, YMCA 108 or attend meeting Thursday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in YMCA 106.

AGGIE PARENTS OF THE YEAR applications are available in the Student Programs Office, MSC 106, and are being accepted now through March 25.

Local

THE COLLEGE STATION CITY COUNCIL will meet today at 7 p.m. to consider a resolution for the formation of a Civil Preparedness program. The objectives of the program will be to coordinate all resources and provide aid to College Station, Bryan or Brazos County in case of a natural disaster or enemy attack.

Texas

WEBB COUNTY health officials yesterday asked the Department of Health Resources for permission to use strychnine poison on stray dogs to control a rabies epidemic that has infected 44 animals in the county since late November. Laredo-Webb County administrators confirmed three new cases of animal rabies yesterday. They said 50 dogs had been killed the first four days of this week and some 650 since the outbreak of rabies.

THE STATE SENATE Affairs Committee has approved a proposal for a constitutional amendment to legalize bingo. If approved by two-thirds of the Senate and House, the proposal would be submitted to voters at the November 1978 general election.

National

PRESIDENT CARTER paid special tribute to Attorney General Griffin Bell yesterday by attending the ceremony at the Justice Department. He used the occasion to open the Great Doors to the department, which had been sealed since the anti-War demonstration in 1970. I don't doubt the need for it at the time," Carter said, "but it was a symbolic separation of both disfavored and disadvantaged people from the core of justice.

THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD has called for a reduction of violence in television shows. The guild said viewers who see repeated violence on television come to accept it as normal society.

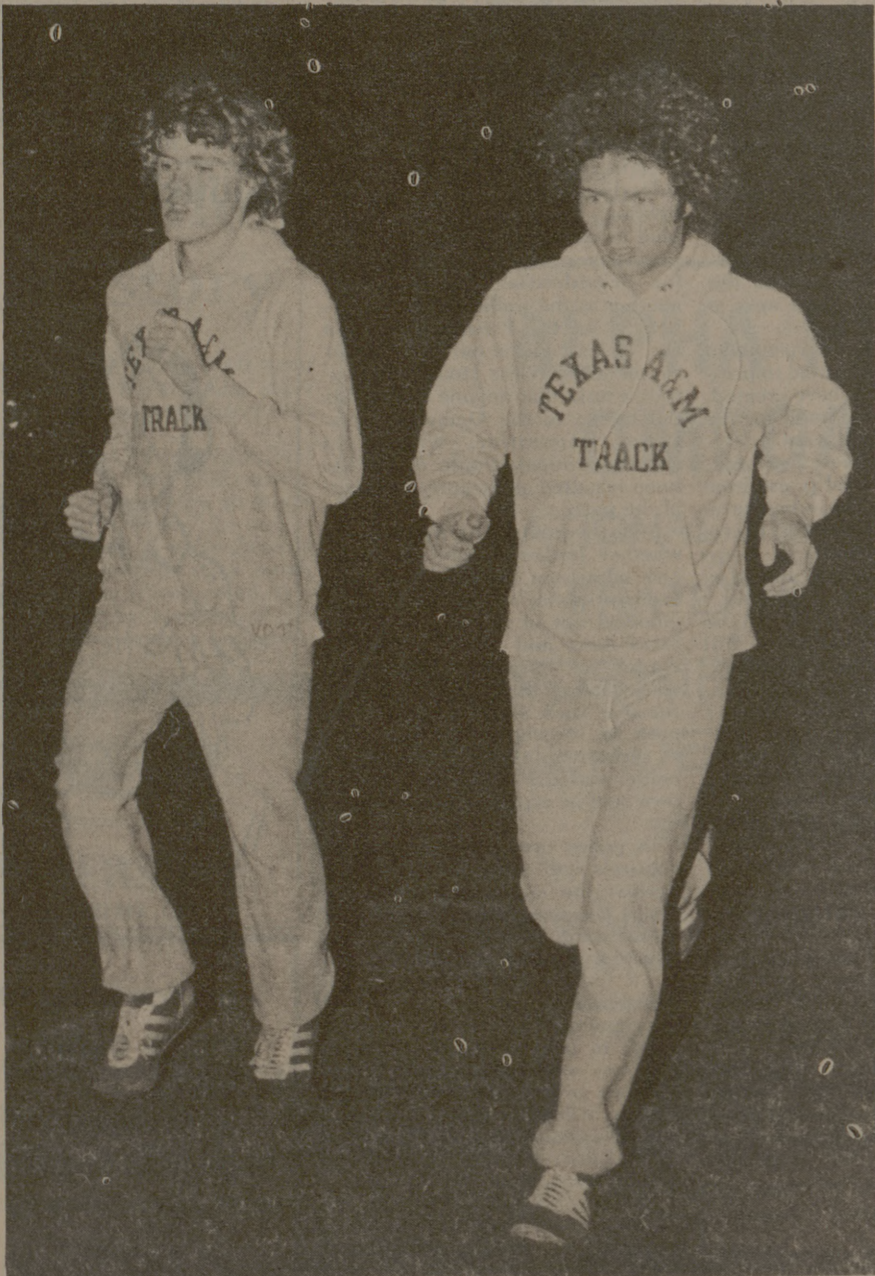
TEXAS SENATORS voted 25-3 for a resolution commending television stations that don't plan to broadcast executions of Texas criminals.

World

POPE PAUL VI has reaffirmed the Roman Catholic church's ban on women priests in a major document released today. Sources said that the 18-page document backs up the Vatican stand by citing ancient church tradition, the attitude of Christ himself toward the question and "the practice of the Apostles."

weather

Partly cloudy and mild today and tonight. High today in upper-60s. Low tonight in mid-50s. Increasing cloudiness and cooler tomorrow with a high in mid-60s. Precipitation probability zero.



Battalion photo by Kevin Venner

Tracksters run 15-miles daily

Working-out at sunrise and sunset prepares the A&M track team for their second meet in Monroe, La. this Saturday. Running 15 miles every morning at 6:30 are (L-R) sophomore Joel Vogt, biochemistry major, and junior Manfred Kohrs, finance-economics major.

Reserve spaces for staff only

By DAVE TEWES

For a \$15 fee, Texas A&M University students can get a quick lesson on how not to park in a reserve space on campus.

Many students think they can park in reserve staff parking spaces after business hours. They are wrong, a University Police Department spokesman said Tuesday.

"It's illegal to park in these spaces all the time," Sgt. A. W. Onstott, University Police, said. "We issue tickets 24 hours a day for this violation."

There are some staff parking lots students may park in from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. "Students can park in any staff parking area after 7:30 p.m., except lots 13, 26, 27,

58, spaces reserved for females, spaces for the handicapped and individual reserve spaces," Onstott said.

Those who do not obey regulations may be forced to pay the price. They may get a ticket or have their vehicle towed away.

"We tow the vehicle off if the owner of the reserve space requests it," Onstott said.

Violators often cannot be contacted to move their vehicles because they are usually in class.

University Police try to keep costs down for the violator by calling A-1 Wrecker Service.

"We charge \$15 if the University Police

Watergate burglar Hunt granted February parole

United Press International

WASHINGTON — In less than a month Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt is expected to leave a federal prison, the result of a decision by the U.S. Parole Commission.

Hunt was granted a parole Wednesday effective Feb. 25, provided he pays the

\$10,000 fine included in his sentence. His lawyer said that would be no problem.

In another decision, the commission refused to release convicted swindler Billie Sol Estes from parole status. Instead it referred Estes' case for hearing before a parole examiner in his native Texas, at a time and place yet to be determined.

Estes, 51, was convicted of mail fraud in 1963 in a widely publicized case in which he built a \$150 million fortune by mortgaging nonexistent fertilizer storage tanks.

He was imprisoned in the Leavenworth, Kan., federal penitentiary from 1965 until his parole in 1971, and claimed as he entered the prison gates he had become a born-again Christian.

The Hunt decision means former White House aide John Ehrlichman and Gordon Liddy, who helped Hunt plan the Watergate burglary, soon will be the only Watergate convicts behind bars.

Hunt, a former CIA agent and Nixon White House security consultant, has served about 30 months of a 2½ to 8-year Watergate conspiracy sentence.

He pleaded guilty in January 1973, to six counts of conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping in the June 1972, break-in at Democratic National Headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex. He tried unsuccessfully to withdraw the guilty plea and has been imprisoned in a minimum security federal facility at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

His lawyer, John Schneider, said he told the parole commission the sentence "equals or exceeds any other Watergate figure." And, he said, Hunt has cooperated in federal investigations of the CIA and Watergate.

Schneider also said Hunt's family situation is "devastating." His wife was killed in a plane crash during the Watergate investigation and their 12-year-old son lives with friends.

Schneider said Hunt probably will use some of the insurance money from his wife's death to help pay his fine.

Med school to take applications for fall

By DARRELL LANFORD

The Texas A&M University College of Medicine is accepting applications for its first 32-member class. The class will start this September, said Dr. Elvin E. Smith during a seminar last night.

Dr. Smith, associate dean of the College of Medicine, clarified facts about the new college and explained course guidelines and curriculum to about 100 students.

"The College of Medicine is alive and living in College Station," he said. "There has been at times a little doubt about the prognosis for the final output or failure, but we assure you the outcome is quite positive. The patient is well and we are ready to admit the first 32 students in September."

Dr. Smith explained that the college received funds in 1976 from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a joint committee of the American Medical Association and the American Association of Medical Colleges.

"It's the one powerful accreditation committee that medical education has," he said. He explained that the college re-

ceived its provisional accreditation designation from that group. He added that the word "provisional" has caused some confusion.

"Quite frankly, lately I've heard a few nasty rumors that we were on probation," he said. "I'm very unequivocally denying it. Our college of medicine is as fully accredited as it could possibly be. We have all the rights and privileges that are granted thereby."

He said the term "provisional" was used until the accreditation committee examined the college's final product.

"I would like to say that the committee, in giving the provisional accreditation, pointed out that this program has many significant strengths," said Dr. Smith. He added that the committee said the A&M College of Medicine had "every opportunity and the potential to be one of the finest in the nation."

Aided by a slide presentation compiled by the biocommunication group of the College of Medicine, Dr. Smith outlined the course of study.

He said during the first two or three years of study, premedical students will begin their curriculum with no interference from the college. This is to be followed by two years of basic medical sciences at the A&M facilities in Temple. Bachelor of science degrees will then be awarded, he said.

The two following years medical students will be stationed in Temple, Houston and regional cities where they will work with established physicians. An M.D. degree from A&M will then be awarded, followed by postgraduate education in a primary field.

Dr. Smith said that college officials are especially interested in students willing to work in rural or non-urban areas.

Evaluations are based on grade averages and medical college entrance exam scores, he said.

There are usually five times as many people that want to get in as there are openings, said Dr. Smith. "We're looking for the best possible 32 students."

Better meat supplies expected

Winter's effect on food bills may not have quite the bite

United Press International

WASHINGTON—Prices for fresh tomatoes and other tender winter vegetables destroyed by the Florida freeze could double through February and March, but overall consumer food bills through the first half of 1977 may not be affected much, Agriculture Department experts say.

One report from vegetable specialist Charles Porter Wednesday said prices for tomatoes, green peppers, snap beans and cucumbers could reach double their early

January levels and remain high through March.

Another official, however, added that higher vegetable costs for the next couple of months could be offset in total grocery bills because meat and poultry supplies might be bigger than expected, bringing down predicted prices.

The official said it was too early to make any firm forecasts, but he thought overall average food prices for the first half of 1977 may still turn out close to earlier predictions of a moderate 2 to 4 per cent increase over the first six months of 1976.

The full potential impact of the freeze on citrus prices is still uncertain, the official said, because officials still don't know how much of the damaged crop will be salvaged for use in frozen concentrate in operations currently under way in Florida.

Porter, meanwhile, said that in addition to the "tender" vegetables like tomatoes which suffered a near wipe-out in south Florida, there was lesser damage to har-

dier crops including lettuce, sweet corn, cabbage and celery. But there will be price increases of perhaps 20 per cent for them, too, he said.

Porter said Mexico, a regular supplier of fresh winter tomatoes in addition to Florida, may ship a few more if restrictions on sizes and quality of imports are relaxed. But the increase wouldn't be enough to keep domestic prices from rising sharply, he said.

Porter said that even before the freeze, experts were forecasting a 5 per cent drop in winter vegetable tonnage because of cuts in carrot and cabbage acreage in Texas.

The analyst said it would be "reasonable to expect" an Agriculture Department index of farm prices for all fresh winter vegetables including those not affected by the freeze to show an overall advance of 35 to 45 per cent in February over December levels. But by April, he said, new supplies from other Florida areas and replanted crops could ease the situation.

Congressional reaction mixed on energy proposal

United Press International

WASHINGTON—President Carter's request for temporary emergency authority to allocate natural gas supplies has wide support in Congress but many members doubt it will do much to ease this winter's crisis.

"It is like saying to someone who has smoked for 30 years and who has a spot on his lungs, 'stop smoking,'" said Rep. Robert Krueger, D-Tex. "He can stop smoking, but that doesn't mean his health is restored."

Congressional leaders said there might be action on the Carter proposal by next week.

Rep. William Hughes, D-N.J., who represents much of the southern New Jersey glass industry hard hit by natural gas shortages for several winters, said he was "delighted" with the emergency proposal.

"I don't think it will trigger a sufficient amount of new gas to really rectify the problem," Hughes said. "The shortfall is too great, but it will help."

Hughes said he will introduce a bill for the federal government to regulate all gas, both interstate and intrastate; place allocations under the control of the federal power commission, and require conservation by industries.



Thinking of brighter days

Unimpressed by the A&M-TCU basketball game last night in which A&M won 79-60, Reveille IV seems to be thinking of brighter days ahead. Last

night's win gives the Aggies a 4-4 conference record.

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