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Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Cong. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague head the list of participants in the Oct. 4 inauguration of Dr. Jarvis E. Miller as the 18th president of Texas A&M University, announced Chancellor Jack K. Williams.

Governor Briscoe will formally bring greetings to Dr. Miller on behalf of the state, and Congressman Teague will be representing the nation.

Several hundred delegates from colleges, universities and learned societies nationwide are expected to attend the ceremonies, which also mark the 101st anniversary of Texas A&M's formal opening.

The 10:30 a.m. ceremonies at G. Rollie White Coliseum are open to the public and will be followed by a review by Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets at 1:15 p.m.

Other key participants will be University of Texas President Lorene Rogers, representing the delegates; L. F. Peterson of Fort Worth, member of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System; Dr. John Knox of Houston, president of A&M's 80,000-member Association of Former Students; Dr. William Bassichis, Faculty Affairs Council Chairman, representing the faculty, and Robert Harvey, student body president.

Dr. Miller succeeds Dr. Williams, who assumed the chancellorship of the university system last spring when separate administrations for the main university and the overall statewide teaching, research and public service institution were established.

A 1950 Texas A&M graduate, Dr. Miller formerly served as director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

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Students gather around one of the four monitors set up by the Video Tape Committee on the first floor in the main lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

Video-taped shows at MSC daily

Group helps 'boobtube' addicts

By BEVERLY MANJEOT
"Boob tube" addicts tired of fighting over channel control with their roommates are solving their problem by tuning in to monitored TV programs in the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

The programs are presented daily by the Texas A&M Video Tape Committee (VTC). The group rents tapes from a New York network, tapes concerts at the MSC Basement Coffeehouse and provides audio-visual advertising for other University recognized committees.

"Our purpose is to serve the students with prerecorded rented tapes and to allow the students in our committee to become involved with actual TV production," said John Hancock, VTC chairman.

The concept for the committee started over two years ago, but wading through bureaucratic red tape and proving the project's usefulness has taken much longer.

Program selection for this year was determined by a survey given by Joe White, programming chairman.

The survey was designed to show what students like to watch on the monitors. Categories surveyed were: cartoons, comedies, concerts, documentaries and sports programs.

"The survey proved that students at A&M will watch anything we put on the boob tube. We wanted to appeal to as many people as possible this year so we decided on a wide variety of shows. We know how well each program goes over by the size

of the crowd," White said.

Several upcoming programs for this year are: "Charlie Chaplin," a Fleetwood Mac concert, a documentary on heavyweight fighting, and the cartoon "Popeye."

Four television monitors are located in the MSC. One monitor is located in the basement by the snackbar, another is in the main lounge and two are on the second floor in the Student Programs Office (SPO) and above the MSC hotel. Time schedules for the programs are taped to the monitors.

"VTC plans to produce a science fiction play written by a member of Cepheid Variable (a MSC science fiction committee). We are also planning a campus-oriented news show," said Terry Stanislav, production chairman.

The production studio for the VTC is on the second floor of the MSC. The room was sound and light proofed during the summer and is equipped for future productions and seminars given on Saturday mornings. Seminars are held to teach staff how to properly handle

the video tape equipment.

Bill Hughen, public relations chairman, said, "We are trying to let everybody know we are doing because we want the student to know who we are and what we are doing."

The average viewing audience during a program varies between 20 and 200 people per location during the program.

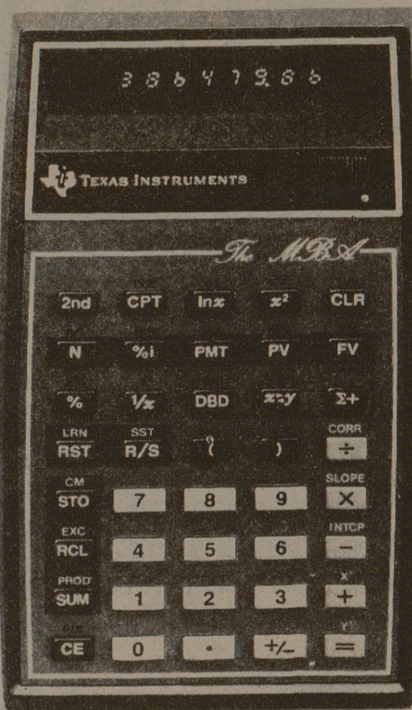
"I'm not happy with 100 people per location, but we're still an organization trying to let the student know about us. To be heard is a major goal for this year," he said.

"I'm always surprised when people come to the SPO with compliments about our programming," he said.

"VTC is trying to do as much as possible within our limitations," Hancock said.

The only negative comment from a piano player who was practicing in the main lounge couldn't be because a group of students were watching the monitor.

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