

Stadium pickets quit for now

By LAURA HENDERSON
The two-man picket line located in the entrance of the new Texas A&M University baseball stadium has come to a temporary halt. Jimmy Comer, area representative of Local 130 of the Painters Union, said the picketing will resume Monday or Tuesday. He would not comment on why it had stopped.

The picketers, who wished to remain anonymous, are protesting the fact that A&M Paint Co., a non-union company, is in charge of painting the new stadium. Raymond Rychlik, owner of the A&M Paint Co., said the men were told to picket because of Comer's personal grudge against him.
"It goes way back. He's just trying to stop me," Rychlik said. According

to Rychlik, he and Comer had a serious disagreement while working together many years ago.
Comer denies that he is trying to stop Rychlik. "It's nothing personal whatsoever. It's a union problem," Comer said. "What we're doing is legal," he added.
Comer said the picketing would resume and continue until negotiations solve the problem he declined to define.
He will be in College Station Monday to discuss a possible solution.

Ag guinea pigs are mini pigs

Pigs are being used as human research models at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.
Miniature swine raised and housed in the University's veterinary research park are currently the subjects of research on fast neutron radiation, embryo transfer, a new tranquilizer, genetics and in studies of how endocrines influence tumor development.

The herd, as large as 50 head at times according to Dr. Max Amoss, was developed several years ago because of traits shared by pig and human that allow model research.
Currently, the pigs' similarity in their reaction to radiation is under study to help clarify existing research data on fast neutron radiation treatment.
In another project, embryo transfer is examined to determine if certain characteristics can be transferred from swine that have these singularities to those that do not.
Other studies are looking at whether the incidence of tumor production, rather high in this particular breed, is genetic or is perhaps triggered by hormone levels.
The herd has also become a convenient group for a new tranquilizer undergoing government proving tests.

The A&M Paint Co. was subcontracted for the job by Thurmond and Stuart General Contractors of Bryan. That firm is in charge of stadium construction.
According to A.D. Griggs, the superintendent of the stadium, progress has not been slowed by the picketers. "It's in its third week and no one has failed to come into work yet," he said.

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