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Farmers Fight!

Eight thousand students gathered at G. Rollie Monday to get acquainted with Aggie tra-

ditions, the football coach and President Miller. Check it out on page 5.

Storm slams into coastline

United Press International
CAMERON, La. — A mass of wind and rain that began the day as a tropical depression, grew into Tropical Storm Debra Monday and slammed into the Louisiana and Texas coastline with 70 mph winds Monday night.

The eye of the storm, which almost gained hurricane strength before its landfall, moved ashore at the Texas-Louisiana border, formed by the Sabine River.

Thousands of oil rig workers fled to shore ahead of the storm and hundreds more in the low-lying marshes of Cameron Parish also abandoned their homes.

One oil worker died when he was swept off his rig by a 15-foot wave. Tides ran 5 feet higher than normal and tornadoes were spawned in southwestern Louisiana and southeastern Texas.

Several hundred residents, many coastal fishermen who depend on the gulf for their livelihood, were evacuated from the lower portion of Cameron Parish Monday afternoon. Some moved northward to bunk with relatives, but the sheriff's department and Red Cross also opened four shelters in Calcasieu Parish schools.

Debra formed last Friday off the Yucatan Peninsula as a poorly organized tropical depression without a definable center. It wasn't until midday Monday that the depression developed the familiar "eye" of a tropical storm and began gaining strength.

"We got 70 mile an hour winds at Grand Cheniere," said Hilarie Hebert of the Cameron Parish sheriff's department, referring to a tiny town east of Cameron on the Gulf of Mexico.

"We've got quite a few people left in town and there is little water rising. The Civil Defense announced people should

get out, but a lot of people didn't."

Rains fell most of the day throughout Louisiana and flash flood warnings were issued for the entire state. Similar warnings were in effect for as far north as the northeastern corner of Texas and heavy rains were expected Tuesday in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Late Monday, however, the only road covered by water in Louisiana was the coastal road in Cameron Parish, where in 1957 Hurricane Audrey killed 521 persons.

The rains were blamed for an accident involving seven cars on an interstate highway near Lake Charles, La. Seven people were injured in the mishap.

Lake Charles had received five inches of rain and three inches had fallen in Beaumont Monday night. But in Houston, less than 100 miles away, there were only cloudy skies and occasional light rain.

Much of the population of southern Cameron and Vermilion parishes, the memory still vivid from the disaster of 21 years ago, were evacuated. Many of those who left the area spent the night in a high school at Lake Charles and a recreation center in Vinton, La.

Larry Mayne of the National Weather Service in New Orleans said the eye of the storm passed to the west of Cameron.

"They could see blue sky off to the southwest," said Mayne. "The tides were four feet and we were getting reports of winds of 40 to 50 mph and gusts of 60 to 65."

But in the northeast quadrant of Debra, where the heaviest winds of such storms are found, gusts reached 70 mph.

Once it reached 55 mph and took on tropical storm status, Debra began moving quickly. The storm moved the last 100 miles to shore in less than five hours.

Begin anxious for peace talks

United Press International
TEL AVIV, Israel — Prime Minister Menachem Begin says he is willing to spend many days at Camp David to reach an agreement that will lead to further peace talks with Egypt.

It is not to be supposed that you can solve the problems of a conflict which lasts for 60 years in a few days," he said. "You have to negotiate."

Speaking after a four-hour Cabinet meeting Sunday, Begin said he will be taking Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and nine aides to the talks beginning Sept. 6.

The Israeli delegation will base its position on the government's 26-point plan cal-

ling for Israel to maintain its presence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, he said.

Israel stands by its willingness to discuss a territorial compromise, but the offer to grant the local population self-rule under Israeli control is a better solution, Begin said.

He also said Israel would be willing to discuss sovereignty over the territories five years after a peace treaty is signed a position he has previously stated.

Officials pointed out that a communique, issued after the Cabinet formally approved the trip, resolves that the Israeli delegation "will act to attain an agreement between the parties."

Dorm living resembles 'zoo'

By MARILYN BROWN
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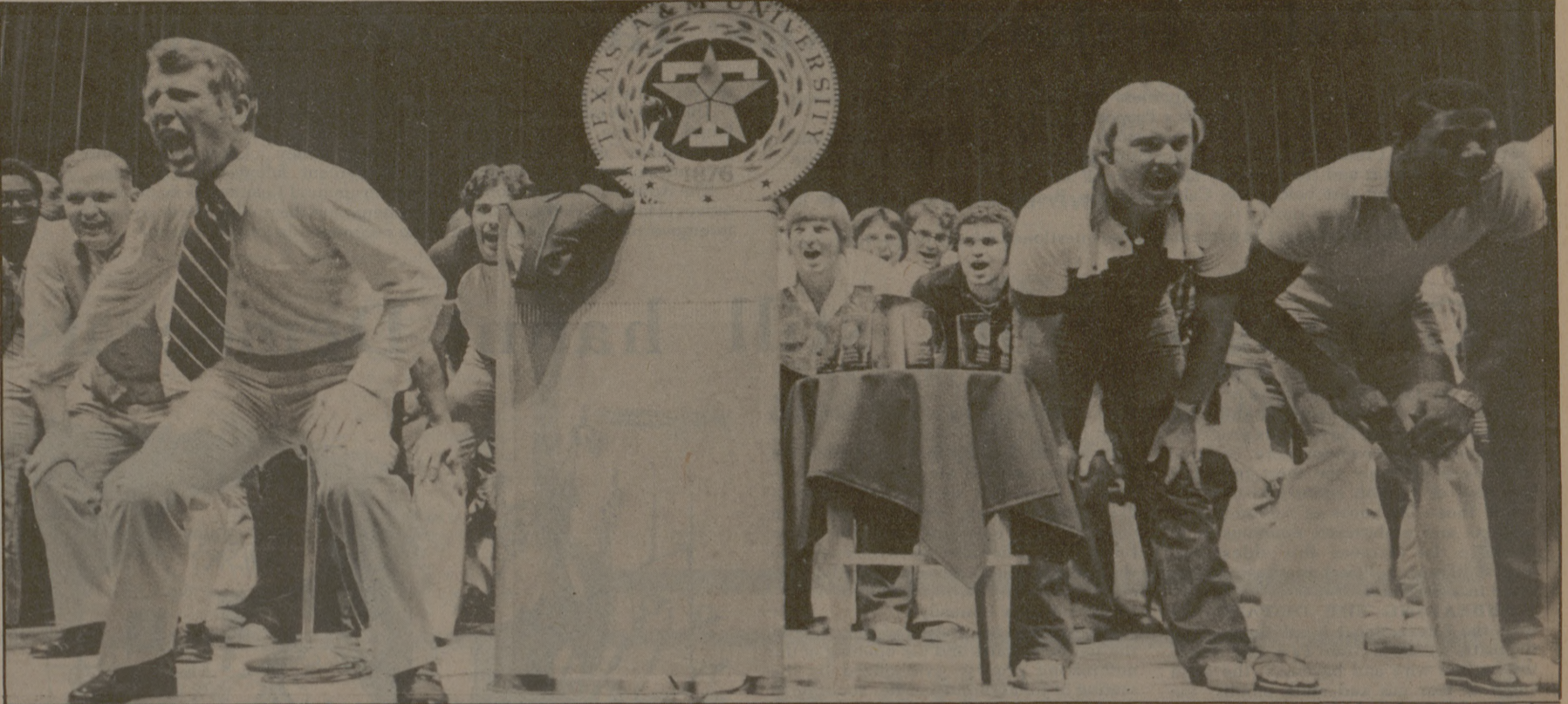
Dormitory living has never been the greatest for privacy on any campus. But there was even less privacy than normal for about 350 male Texas A&M University students who were without a dorm room Monday.

More students were assigned to rooms than there were rooms available for, and

those without rooms are living in dormitory lounges, study carrels and three or four to a room.

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Students living in the lounge of Crocker Hall described their room as a "zoo," but



Bellard's the name, yelling the game

Coach Emory Bellard leads one of the yells at All University Night in C. Rollie White Coliseum Monday. Bellard, football coaches, players and President Jarvis Miller, behind Bellard, joined about

8,000 students for the annual session. After seeing the enthusiastic crowd, the football coach said, "There will be a helluva lot of fun on this campus." See related story and picture on page 5.

Mail strike averted

Postal negotiations to reopen

By JAMIE AITKEN
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With a last-minute break in hard-line Postal Service bargaining strategy, postal customers have been spared a mail strike scheduled for midnight Monday.

Postmaster General William Bolger reneged late Monday afternoon, agreeing to open renegotiation of a postal workers contract agreed upon July 21.

Throughout the weekend, Bolger adamantly refused to renegotiate the proposed contract, and threatened postal employees with criminal charges and loss of jobs should they strike.

Under federal law, a postal strike is illegal.

Two postal unions, the National Association of Letter Carriers and the American Postal Workers Union, voted to strike late last week. Main points of contention over the proposed contract were cost of living and overtime clauses. The pact included a 19.5 percent increase in wages and benefits over the next three years.

Bolger won a six-day injunction from U.S. District Judge John Pratt Saturday barring a strike, an order union leaders

said they would honor. They warned, however, that local unions may disregard the injunction.

Although the vote of the rank-and-file postal workers was secret, local union leaders agree that the proposed contract was roundly rejected.

Tommy Scanlin, president of the Bryan NALC local, said Monday his local union members would strike if the national leadership called for a walkout. He said, however, that his contingency would wait for results of the latest round of talks.

Bryan area Postmaster Gayland Moulder said Monday he doubts that a strike will be called, describing negotiators as "dedicated and learned men" who will "be able to sit down and work out their differences."

"Frankly, I don't think we have a problem here," Moulder said. "I think most of our people here are concerned that if there is a strike, they'll be forced to really not show up for work, and they're just as apprehensive as I am about what's going to happen to them."

But Moulder had some strong comments for workers who may be considering

following the national leadership should it call a strike.

"Obviously, if we schedule people to work and they don't show up, we're going to have to take certain administrative actions against them, which would mean removing them from the service if they fail to show up for work without just cause."

"If we fire them for striking or not showing up for work and not providing a reason for it, obviously we're not going to turn right around and hire them back."

Under negotiating rules, Postal Service officials have until midnight Wednesday to return to the bargaining table before a strike can be called. If they meet that deadline, they have 15 days to settle before another opportunity for a strike.

Secret Service imposters reported at JFK shooting

United Press International
DALLAS — Several witnesses of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy claim they met men posing as Secret Service agents shortly before the president was shot, according to the Dallas Morning News.

In a copyrighted story Sunday, the News said the men were all seen near the grassy knoll where some assassination researchers claim other shots were fired. According to the Warren Commission, no Secret Service agents were on foot in the area at the time of the assassination.

The Warren Commission also said three shots were fired from the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository and that Lee Harvey Oswald pulled the trigger.

A House Assassinations Committee recently restaged the assassination in Dallas for acoustical tests. Sharpshooters also fired a rifle and a pistol from the knoll as part of those tests.

The News quoted Gordon L. Arnold, now an investigator for the Dallas Department of Consumer Affairs, who said he was neither interviewed by the Warren Commission nor the House committee.

Arnold told the News that a man told him to leave the knoll and "showed me a badge and said he was with the Secret Service and that he didn't want anybody up there."

Arnold, 37, claimed the first two shots were fired from behind him from the grassy knoll across from the Texas School Book Depository. He said he was later ordered to leave the area by police.

Arnold told the News he never reported his story until now because "I heard there were a lot of people making claims about

pictures and stuff and they were dying. I just said to devil with it, forget it."

However, two police officers, James C. White and James W. Foster were assigned to the area and said they never saw anyone claiming to be a Secret Service agent.

"If there was one up here we didn't know it," said White. "He wasn't on that bridge. I know that."

A woman who also claimed she was at the assassination site told the News she spotted a man dashing into a parking lot adjacent to the Texas School Book Depository immediately after the shooting.

Jean Hill said she chased after the man, but was stopped by another man who "whipped out" identification indicating he was a Secret Service agent.

"I thought he was trying to get away," she said. "But evidently he wanted me to keep from getting away and pursuing the fleeing man. He identified himself and I took it that he was a Secret Service agent."

Mrs. Hill told the News she thought the fleeing man looked a lot like Jack Ruby, the man who assassinated Oswald.

Mrs. Hill told the News that she told her story before the Warren Commission, but nothing came of it.

According to the newspaper policemen, Joe Marshall Smith was sent to the assassination site shortly after the shooting and encountered a man in the bushes who said he was a Secret Service agent. The policeman also said he showed a proper Secret Service identification.

"I remember one thing—he kind of had dirty looking hands or dirty fingernails," Smith said. "But hell, we all have to work on a car or something like that every now and then. That's what they looked like."

Smith did not testify before the Warren Commission.

Gunfire intensifies Nicaragua trouble

United Press International
MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Gun battles between antigovernment demonstrators and National Guardsmen and a nationwide general strike called for Monday intensified pressures against President Anastasio Somoza Debayle.

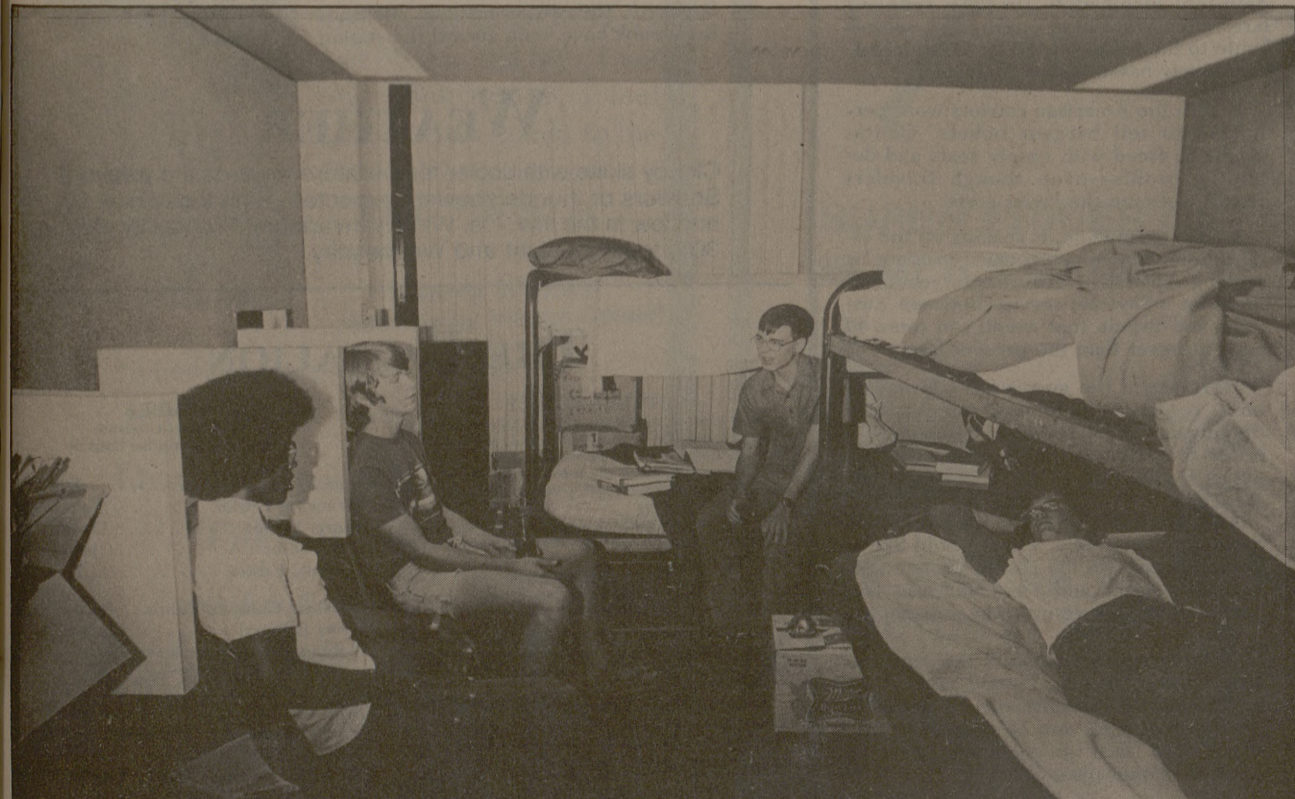
The Red Cross reported Sunday that marksmen fired at helicopters rushing the wounded from earlier clashes north of the capital.

The strike threatened to bring activity to a standstill in Managua, closing fac-

ilities, stores and banks.

Demonstrators, emboldened by a successful Sandinista guerrilla attack on the National Palace last week, fired at troops from the roof of the Matagalpa social club and from nearby hills in the city of 70,000 people, Red Cross officials said.

New fighting also broke out Sunday in Jinotepe, 25 miles south of Managua, where National Guardsmen continued to occupy the National University. Unconfirmed press reports said the fighting left a number of dead and injured.



Battalion photo by Scott Pendleton

Four freshmen are living in Aston Hall, but not in dorm rooms. Instead, they and others are staying in study carrels, lounges and putting more in a room until housing officials can find places for

them. Each semester, "no shows" in the dorms make places for some students. These carrel dwellers are, from left, Bryan Dawson, Mark Hudgens, Brian Haight and Allen Mabry.

Most of the dormitory residents said they had to live on campus because of transportation and living costs off campus.

The over-assigned students will begin finding out how long they will have to wait for a room today. The University claimed the rooms of "no shows" at 5 p.m. Monday for those waiting. Some may be housed in dorms ordinarily used by the Corps of Cadets, according to Ron Sasse, assistant director of student affairs.

The men said they received letters in August saying that they would have temporary housing for the latter part of the month. The letter stated that the over-assignments were based on "statistical experience" and that the "no-shows" simply had not materialized as predicted. The letter said "accommodations for a short time may be less than ideal," and that some fee adjustment would be made for the inconvenience.

Peter Nielsen, an Aston Hall-study carrel resident, said his situation was "not that bad." He said the housing office told him he was fourth on the waiting list. He said he would take "any dorm they would give me."

Robert Davis and Lanny Dusek, two other Aston-study carrel dwellers, said they would be willing to stay in the carrel if the room fee is lowered. Davis, who has been on a dormitory waiting list for a year, said, "We don't have a sink or anything—just four study carrels and two beds apiece." Some of the carrels have four students in them.

Davis said they weren't telling anyone what a good deal they had.