

### Trying out the yells for the new year

Yell leaders for 1978-79 lead about 8,000 students in a yell Monday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The school-wide pep rally is a chance for new and old students to get into the

spirit of football season. Coach Emory Ballard introduced the team, coaches and led a few yells himself.

Battalion photo by Paige Beasley

## Capacity crowd at All University Night

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Campus notables welcomed a capacity crowd of students to Texas A&M University at All University Night in G. Rollie White Coliseum Monday night.

Many Corps of Cadets outfits and territories attended as units. Out-and-dorm "hump its" resounded friendly competition throughout Rollie before the program even began.

The coliseum was filled to capacity of 8,000 as Texas A&M President Ellis Miller addressed the student

body for the first time in the new school year.

The 1978 Texas Aggie Band and Aggie Yell Leaders made their debut in front of the student body, and new student leaders were introduced.

"I was really impressed with the turnout," said Brian Hill, junior yell leader. "If student body support for the University keeps up like it was tonight then it will really be a great year for Texas A&M," Hill said.

Texas A&M Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Emory Ballard was introduced to the student

body amid enthusiastic yells.

"There will be a helluva lot of fun on this campus this year," he said. He introduced the players and coaches and then led a yell practice.

"I wanted to go to All University Night to learn the Texas A&M cheers," said Diana Luschen, sophomore transfer student from Southwest Texas State University.

"I came to All University Night because the upperclassmen in my outfit made me, but I'm really glad they did, so I could see a little bit more of Texas A&M," one freshman cadet said.

## Group says shortage leveled as more student apartments built

A continuing boom in the construction of apartment complexes and duplexes has made off-campus housing relatively easy to find this year, said Linda Kocman, secretary of the Off-Campus Student Association.

"This is the best I've seen in the last few years," said Brenda Rees, OCSA assistant student development coordinator.

"There's not an overabundance of housing, but there is enough."

"This is the second year that things have been good for students looking for places to stay off campus. Three and four years ago, the situation was tight," she said.

The 1977 Bryan-College Station Home Book lists 46 numbers under unrented apartments in the yellow pages, compared to 35 in the 1974 book. There are 51 listings for unrented apartments in the 1977 book, but only 33 in the 1974 edition.

Rees declined to estimate the number of vacant units, but said, "There will be some left over once everybody is settled."

She said it is difficult to tell how many apartments will be empty, partly because several complexes are still under construction.

Kocman said, "In a lot of cases, the people who have the apartments rented are still looking for roommates."

She said that as these people get together, more units will be left vacant.

"The thing we're working on hardest now is finding a roommate for everyone," Rees said. "We're not really concerned with the number of vacancies; we're just worried about getting everyone settled."

Rees said she hasn't noticed a decline in rent prices and she isn't sure whether there will be one in the next few years.

OCSA has a list of complexes with vacant units and a list of students seeking roommates. OCSA is located in the Puryear lounge.

## Thousands stranded in European airports

PARIS — Thousands of stranded passengers jammed European airports, their flights delayed as much as 26 hours by a slowdown strike of French control tower operators.

Hardest hit were London's Gatwick airport and Spain's Palma de Majorca. Palma closed three times Sunday and today it reported delays running up to 19 hours.

One group had been waiting 26 hours at Gatwick to fly to Spain.

Tie-ups lengthened when the operators, who had been observing the work-to-rule strike only spottily, heeded union instructions to handle no more than eight planes at a time on their radar screens compared to the normal 15 or more.

French Transport Minister Joel Le Theule repeated today that there can be no negotiations while a strike is on. The current go-slow is scheduled to continue until noon Monday, Sept. 4, the fifth such

strike this summer. The operators are demanding higher pay, shorter hours and better equipment.

Worst hit were passengers heading home from southern Spain, Spain's Balearic islands and North Africa. Most flights between these areas and the rest of Europe fly over southern France where the French go-slow is being most effectively enforced.

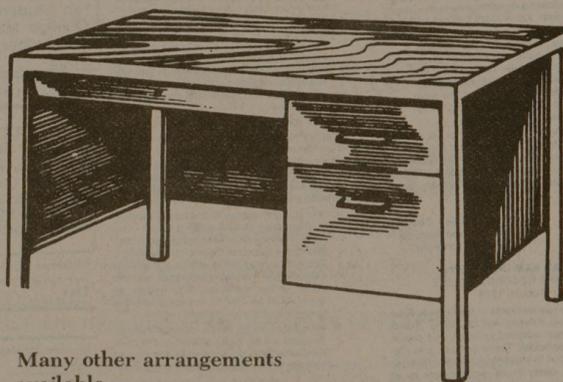
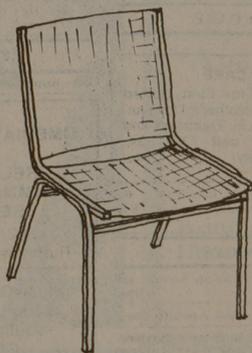
An estimated 6,000 stranded tourists were overflowing the Palma de Majorca airfield this morning with 61 planes waiting for takeoff. The number of waiting passengers later dropped by half with 31 planes still awaiting takeoff permission.

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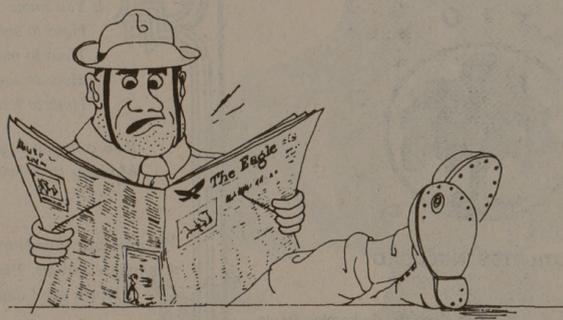
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