

Couples, steak his business

Minister retires after 10 years

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A Texas A&M University employee retired Jan. 18 after serving more than 10 years in what he calls his "second vocation" — a job with duties ranging from performing marriage ceremonies to frying steak.

Logan Weston, YMCA Coordinator of Religious Life since 1968, came to Texas A&M as an ordained minister with 28 years of service in the U.S. Army. Weston attained the rank of colonel before retiring from his first vocation, the military, in August 1968. He began his military career as an enlisted man in World War II.

Weston learned of the job opening at Texas A&M while he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He arranged an interview with President Earl Rudder and began work here the day after his retirement from the army.

Weston is probably best known for the many wedding ceremonies he officiated at while at Texas A&M. In his career as a minister he has performed over 2,700 marriages, and a good number took place in All Faiths Chapel. A father of four, Weston includes among the weddings he had performed those of his son Merrill and daughter Susan. In addition to the ceremonies themselves, Weston conducted rehearsals and scheduled counseling sessions for the couples in his "spare time."

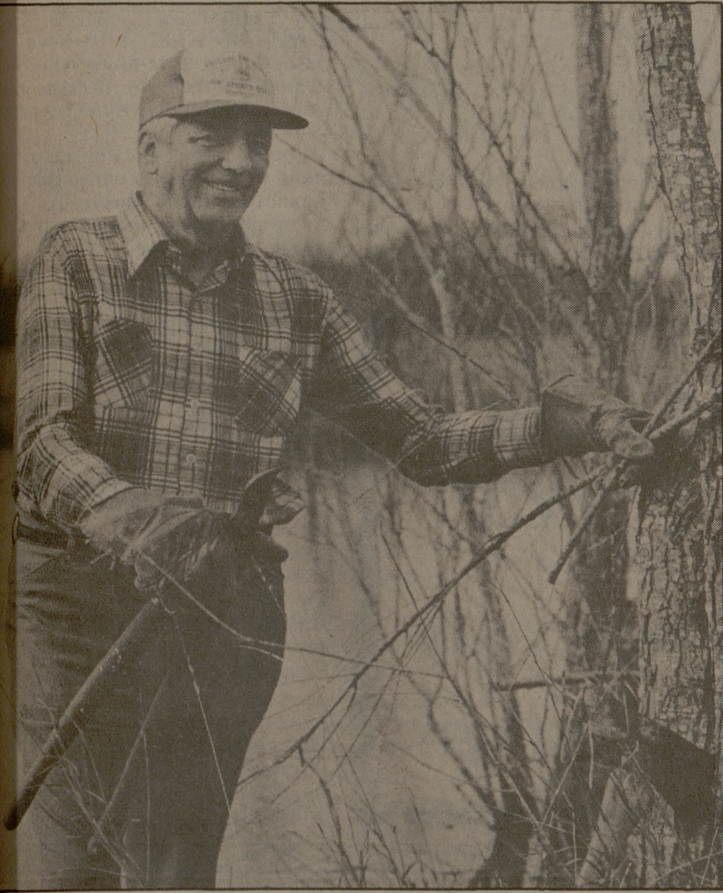
Fish Camp was another special interest of Weston's, and in his 10 years as Coordinator of Religious Life he saw camp grow from 125 students to 1,500. YMCA-sponsored steak fries in Hensel Park also took

up his free time, and he says his second year here he remembers cooking 19,000 plates of steak.

Weston said he will miss his job, especially "the fellowship with students, and the activities of students in general." He says he still holds the philosophy he shared with President Rudder in 1968. "My purpose in coming here was not what I could get out of the job, but what I could put into it."

Asked what he enjoyed most about his work, Weston said, "One of the most satisfying experiences of this job has been working with young people. Working with students has kept me young, but trying to keep up with them has made me old," he added.

Weston has no definite plans for the future, but will be in the Bryan-College Station area for at least another year. He says now he will finally have time to do some much needed work on the fences and buildings on his five acres that all those weddings and picnics made him put off.



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Col. Logan Weston, recently retired YMCA Coordinator of Religious Life at Texas A&M University, now has time to work on and enjoy his five acres. First on the agenda is pruning his trees and fixing the fences, he says.

Remote Computing Center moves to cushing basement

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Students heading for the Remote Computing Center for the first time this semester have a surprise in store when they reach the second floor of the library. The RCC has moved.

With the completion of the new building, the Data Processing Center was asked to vacate the space previously occupied by the RCC.

The move, which was completed over four days, took place over the Christmas holidays.

The RCC is now located in the basement area of the old Cushing Building, directly under the space it formerly occupied. This was the space made available by the library to accommodate the RCC. Contractors have renovated the area, which appears smaller than it is because of a lower ceiling and a series of pillars spaced periodically throughout the room.

Data Processing Center Director Dick Simmons says that although "we like the old space bet-

ter," there is one chief advantage to the move. "We have our own outside entrance now. Before, we couldn't keep the RCC open past library hours." The RCC currently remains open until 2 a.m., and Simmons said that the 2 a.m. closing time could change in the future, depending on students' needs.

Although, as Simmons said, "the other facility was inadequate and this is even smaller," he does see some relief for the congestion problem in the future. Three rooms in the new Academic and Agency Building will be devoted to data processing, and Texas A&M is following a computing trend which utilizes cathode ray tube (CRT) terminals as a means of running programs. The CRT's allow the user direct access to the computer system. A person using a CRT can view his instructions to the computer, type them on a screen and enter his program into the computer without ever getting up.

This could eliminate "traffic" problems that now exist around the card reader, keypunch machines and printer. CRT's can also be lo-

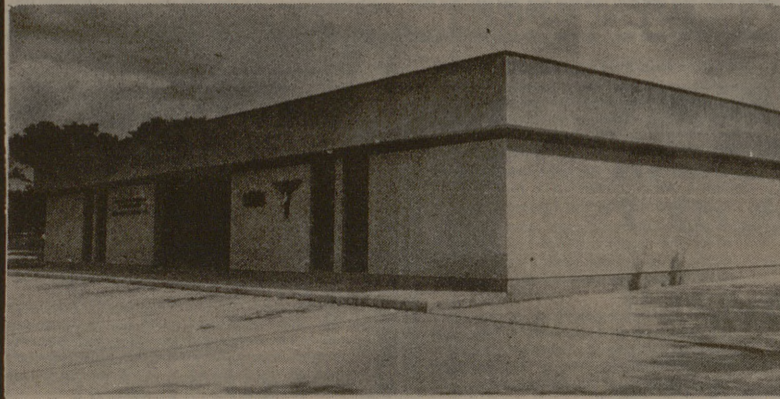
ated within specific departments, allowing all computing work to be done independent of the RCC. The computer science department has 30 CRT's, and 30 will be installed in the RCC in the near future. "One-half to one-third of all jobs now come in on terminals," Simmons added.

The Zachry Computing Center has also moved. It is still on the ground floor of Zachry, but is now located under the main stairs in the middle of the building. Zachry Computing Center will close at midnight with the RCC staying open until 2 a.m. It will not be open on weekends as before.

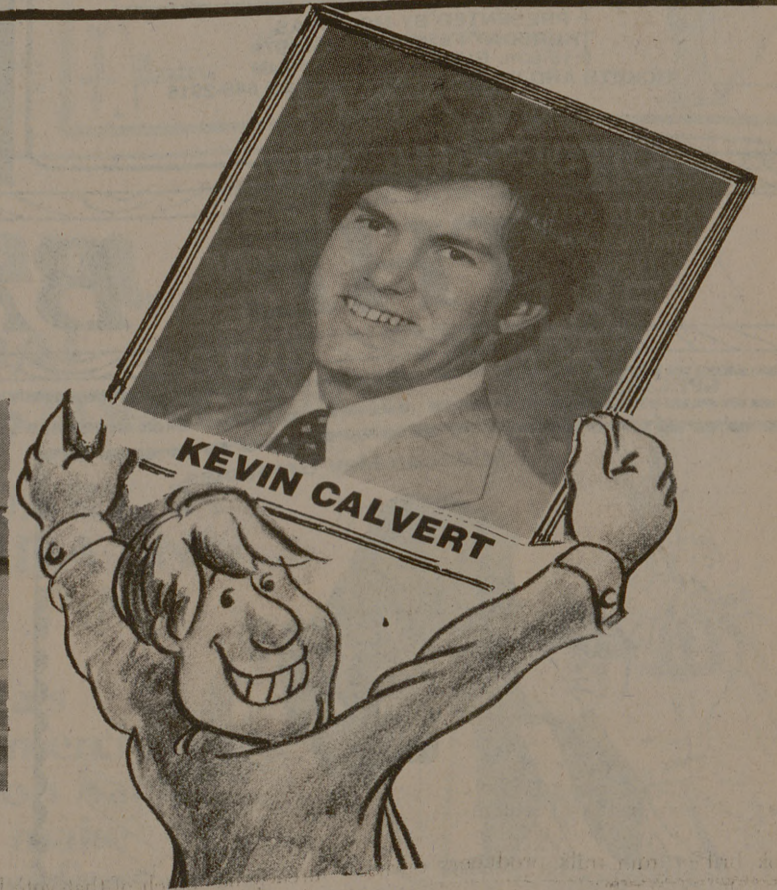


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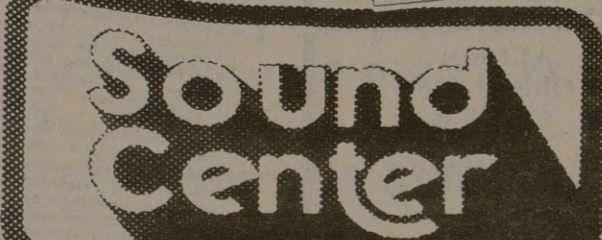
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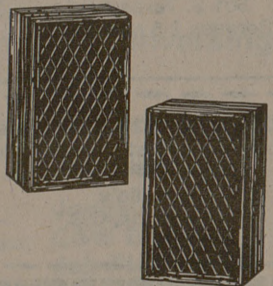
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