



Accrediting team views med school

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An accreditation team is visiting the Texas A&M University Medical School to see how the program is progressing and to consider renewing the college's accreditation.

Dr. Elvin E. Smith, associate dean of the College of Medicine, said a site survey team from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education is here to survey the program and to give assistance if needed.

Smith said the college is now on provisional accreditation. The team comes every two years to check on the progress of the school.

He said all new medical schools have to go through the provisional period and the team will return before the first senior class graduates and review the college for full accreditation then.

Smith said the team visited the Temple campus for third and fourth year medical students Wednesday and will meet with Texas A&M President Jarvis E. Miller and the dean of the College of Medicine, Dr. Robert S. Stone Thursday.

Smith said the decision of the team will not be known for about two months, but he had no reason to think the college will not be accredited.

Dr. Valter Brindley, director of the clinical board at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, confers with University President Jarvis Miller just before dining Wednesday night with the medical examining team that is inspecting Texas A&M's medical program.
Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper

Swimmers to begin water ballet shows Saturday night at 8

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The Texas A&M Synchronized Swimming Club will present its third annual show, "Swimming With the Oscars," Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. in J.L. Downs Natatorium, the indoor swimming pool.

The two-hour show will feature swimming routines that contain stunts choreographed to the music of theme songs from Oscar-winning films.

"The girls started practicing and planning for the annual spring show before Christmas," said Pam Morton, sponsor of the synchronized swimming club.

"Each routine is usually written for the fall by a girl in the club, who decides what costume will be worn," swimmer Suzy Gieseck said.

The costumes are sometimes ordered from Houston or are made by the swimmers. "The material for the costumes must be sheer, net-like material that is very porous so the water will not be absorbed by the fabric and weigh down the swimmer," Morton said.

"Sometimes we just improvise for costume not available," Morton said. For example in last year's show, "Salute to Walt Disney," the swimmers resembling Mickey Mouse bought the plastic ears sold in stores.

The swimmers have no professional make-up artists to help them. All the waterproof make-up is bought and applied by club members.

Spotlighting, colored lights and other lighting techniques used in the show are performed by friends of the club members. Lighting equipment is usually rented from the University or the Aggie Players.

KTAM radio's disc jockey Kurt Williams will be the master of ceremonies. "We usually try to get someone well known around the Bryan/College Station area to narrate the show," Gieseck said.

The club swims two hours every

Monday night in the Natatorium. Two weeks before the show, the swimmers practice every other day, Morton said.

"A girl may practice two hours every day depending on how many routines she is in and how much pool time she can get," Gieseck said.

Morton said due to the need of practice time for athletic swimmers and all-student swimming hours, there usually is only a minimal amount of time left for the synchronized club, although she said more time has been available this year than in the past.

The three-year-old club already has participated competitively in Memphis, Tenn. and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Members are rated for stunt execution and choreography composition.

The admission price is \$1 for adults and students and 75 cents for children under 12. The proceeds will further the club's finances towards a trip to Birmingham, Ala. to compete with other synchronized teams.

'Save the seals' campaign starts on Eiffel tower

United Press International
PARIS -- Doug Allen, 23, of Decatur, Ill., a member of the Greenpeace movement, scaled the Eiffel tower in freezing weather Wednesday and strung a banner above the second platform reading "Save The Seals."

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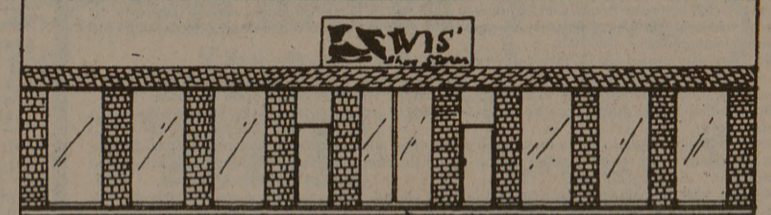
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