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Weather

Partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid 90's and a low in the mid 70's. Winds will be Southerly at 5-10 m.p.h.

A&M, UT to share graduate facilities

Texas A&M University and the University of Texas now share more than a dozen graduate facilities.

The Texas A&M Board of Regents agreed Thursday to a resolution with the University of Texas System Board of Regents to establish a program to have common use of graduate education facilities and courses within the two universities.

The joint resolution states that the quality of education may be increased by the joint use of unique graduate educational facilities, such as laboratories and courses.

The A&M regents passed a similar resolution applying to graduate students within its own system, which includes

campuses at Prairie View, Stephenville, College Station and Galveston.

The board additionally approved a proposal by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station to establish a research center at Prairie View A&M. Prairie View also received funds of \$15,000 for the construction of an Industrial Education Building.

The regents also authorized Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller to negotiate the purchase of a Corpus Christi waterfront tract developed by the Southwest Research Institute.

The waterfront facilities are valued at \$250,000 and will be used by the Texas Engineering Extension Service Oil Spill Control school and by TEES for research.

In other business, the board approved a \$5.5 million bond for the financing of the proposed modular dorm to be completed by September 1980.

To finance other construction, including a horticulture laboratory, greenhouse and furnishings for a new fine arts complex at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, the board issued \$10 million worth of Permanent University Fund Bonds.

The bonds were sold to Harris Trust & Savings Bank and Associates of Chicago at an effective interest rate of 5.4342 percent.

The board also promised to issue a statement August 1 concerning the progress of construction on Kyle Field.

Mineral Wells is new home

Refugees arrive in Texas

MINERAL WELLS, Texas — Some Cambodian refugees who spent four years in a holding camp in Thailand arrived in West Texas Monday, despite some local concern they would cause health and education problems in the community.

Mayor Robert J. Shiflet, who was out of town during Monday's arrival, said he had received many calls from people who understood the refugees' problem but didn't understand why they were coming to Mineral Wells.

Russell Whatley Jr. said he didn't see why the refugees were receiving so much attention when some Americans needed help.

"I'm not trying to sound belligerent or humane, but by the same token I don't think we should take on the problems of the world," he said.

Dallas businessman L. Dale Ireland agreed to house 72 refugees and hire those eligible for employment. Ireland is president of Airline Instruments Inc.

"If everything works right, we'll try to bring more people in," he said. "We can't be too tough because we need to run three shifts."

Despite reports that some residents were unhappy, Ireland said he felt everything would work out.

"People have been more than cooperative," he said.

Church groups as well as local employers sponsor the refugees, who must be an employer before they arrive. Ireland said his initial involvement began when he contacted the Catholic diocese in Fort Worth and offered to help.

City Manager Jim Stiff said the refugee sponsors, including Ireland, addressed a City Council meeting earlier this month to allay local fears.

Ireland told the Council the refugees would be screened before they entered the United States to make sure they were not carrying contagious diseases, Stiff said.

A bilingual teacher will have to be hired to teach the Cambodian children who will

enter the school system this fall. School Superintendent Bill Hall said he understood most of the children could neither read nor write in their own language, which could make teaching English more difficult.

Stiff said the school system was trying to raise funds to initiate pre-training courses, particularly in English, before the school year begins.

The town's leaders were not notified about the Cambodians arrival until late last month. Stiff said he thought that was why some residents had a negative attitude.

About 15 Cambodian families will live in renovated apartments at nearby Fort Wolters Village, a former U.S. Army base. Ireland pays for their housing until they earn enough to pay him back.

Consol board OKs funding for irrigation

By ROY BRAGG
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The A&M Consolidated School Board voted Monday night spend \$75,000 for the completion of landscaping work at three district campuses.

The \$75,000 will be provided from unappropriated construction funds, said Dr. Donald Ney, Assistant Superintendent for Finance for the district.

The unappropriated funds come from interest on invested district bonds, Ney said.

The money is to be spent on the South Knoll and College Hills elementary school campuses and the Junior High School campus.

The majority of the landscaping work already funded involves erosion control for the campus grounds.

The landscaping work was contracted through and partially funded by the Soil Conservation Service.

Nearly \$18,000 of the newly appropriated funds will be used to replace the irrigation systems that have been installed at the campuses.

There are problems with with the sprinkler systems currently being used at the three schools, Ney told the board during a progress report on the landscaping work.

The current system, partially installed at the schools, involves the use of removable sprinkler heads.

The new system would have sprinkler heads attached to the pipes.

Sprinklers have been damaged through accident and a few have been misplaced or stolen, he said.

In addition, it requires excessive manpower to move the sprinkler heads when using the system, Ney said.

Changing to the new system would alleviate the theft and damage problems and save the cost of replacing the systems later at a higher expense, Ney concluded.

In other business, the board voted to adopt a new system for staff utilization at district schools.

In a related move, the district then established a student-adult ratio (SAR) of 18.0 for each campus in the district.

The SAR is a number used to represent the number of district personnel in a school building during a teaching day. It is calculated by a series of figures drawn from actual school enrollment and the number of staff members in each school (excluding custodial and lunchroom personnel).

The SAR will be established by the administration of individual schools and subject to approval by the district, said H.R. Burnett, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

The SAR is part of the staff utilization system, he said.

The staff utilization system will be used to calculate budgetary needs and teacher allocations and needs for each school, Burnett said.

In addition, the staff utilization plan will allow the district's staff to begin budget planning at an earlier date because each school's needs will be based on actual enrollment figures and predetermined criteria, said superintendent Bruce Anderson.

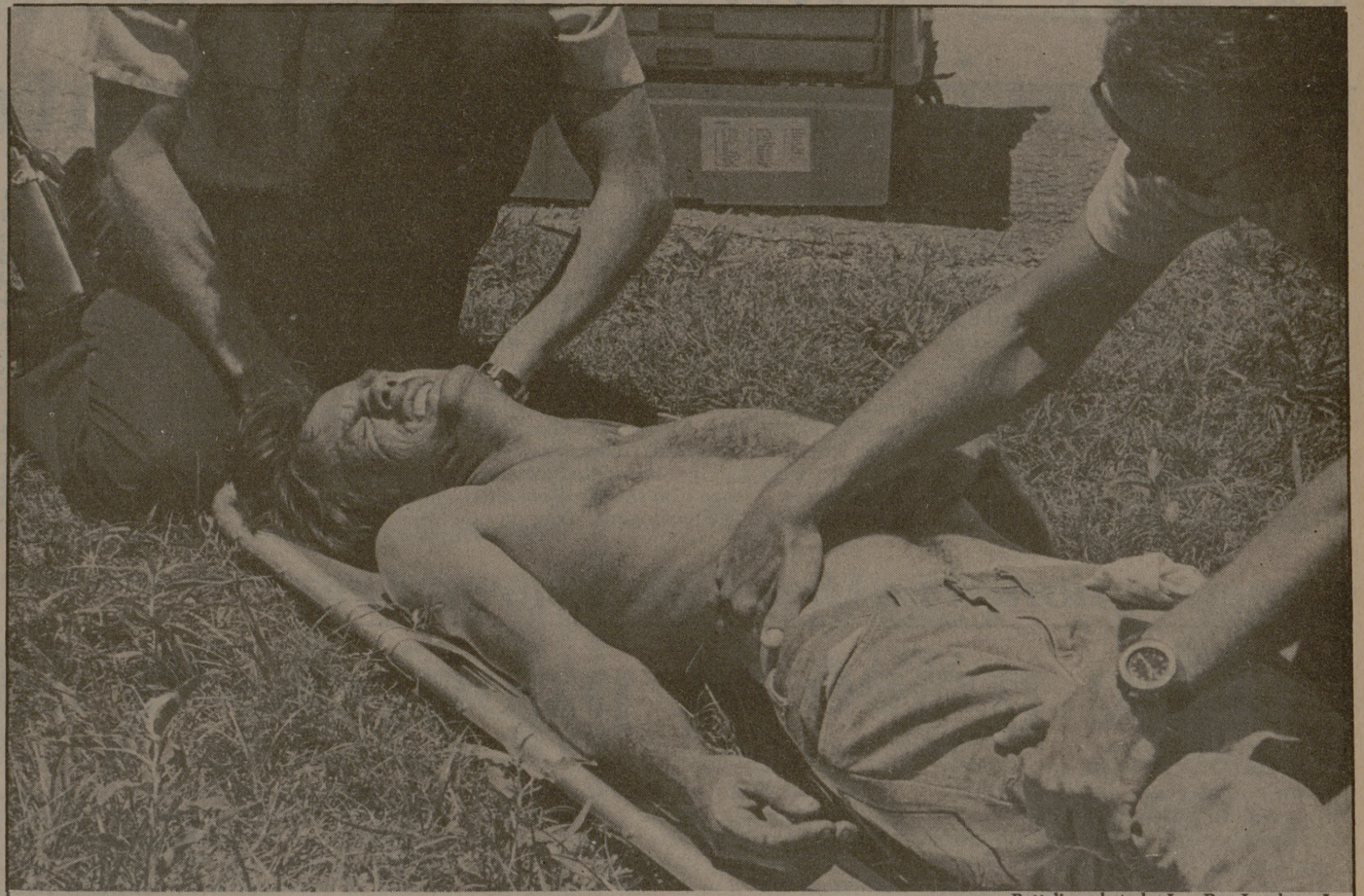
In other action, the board:

— approved a performance and leadership plan for district staff members. The plan will permit the superintendent and the school board to assign salaries for administrative staff members based on achievement predetermined goals set at the end of a year.

— raised the salary for substitute teachers in the district salary from \$22 to \$25.

— voted to appoint Ney as the district liaison to the Soil Conservation Service.

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Charles Outlaw groans in pain as emergency medical technicians gingerly ease him onto a stretcher.

Hitchhikers beat driver, steal car

Charles Outlaw learned the hard way that picking up hitchhikers can be a bad idea.

Outlaw, from Lovelady, Texas, was beaten and left on the side of Hwy 30 near Texas Ave. Monday afternoon by five hitchhikers he had picked up earlier in the day. Four of the men sped away in Outlaw's 1971 army surplus Ford LTD, leaving the fifth hitchhiker near the intersection of Hwy 30 and Hwy 6. College Station police had the fifth man in cus-

tody Monday. The other four remain at large.

"They were a dirty, ugly-looking bunch, with long hair and all," a witness said.

Outlaw, 29, told police he picked up the five hitchhikers on Interstate 10 between Houston and Beaumont while driving to Lovelady from a job in Louisiana. He told police he didn't know any of the five hitchhikers.

Witnesses said the men beat Out-

law repeatedly before leaving him by the roadside.

"He just got the shit beat out of him," one man said.

Outlaw was treated and released from St. Joseph's Hospital emergency room after X-rays indicated he had suffered no broken bones.

Outlaw said the hitchhikers took about \$80 from his wallet before fleeing as bystanders from nearby apartments ran to his aid.

'Cave men' charges lowered

CARLSBAD, N.M. — A state district judge Monday handed back to federal officials a case involving four men arrested in the armed takeover at Carlsbad Caverns National Park earlier this month.

District Judge John Walker granted a request by defense attorneys for a writ of habeas corpus, a move which allowed the prisoners to be released from state felony charges in the case.

U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson said in Albuquerque the suspects were immediately rearrested on federal warrants charging them with damage to federal property and aiding and abetting in the damage to federal property. He said the charges are misdemeanors, carrying maximum penalties of one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The judge's action apparently ended three weeks of indecision about jurisdiction in the case, which had been bounced back and forth between federal and state officials.

The suspects, Dennis James Mark, 39, of Riesel, Texas, Eugene Hiram Meroney,

31, William Charles Lovejoy, 28, and David W. Kuczynski, 28, all of Odessa, Texas, were arrested on federal misdemeanor charges when they surrendered following a 5½ hour armed takeover of the underground cafeteria at the national park.

During the takeover, the four men held a park employee as a hostage. About 100 tourists were trapped in an adjacent room.

The purpose of the takeover was not fully clear, although the gunmen presented a rambling list of grievances and at one time demanded \$1 million in cash and an airliner to Brazil.

In order to secure release of the hostage and to insure the safety of the 100 trapped tourists, FBI agents who negotiated the surrender of the four men promised they would be charged only with misdemeanors.

After they surrendered, federal officials later determined there was a jurisdictional problem and decided that the suspects should be arraigned on state misdemeanor charges.

But at their arraignment, District Judge

Harvey W. Fort of Carlsbad refused to accept the misdemeanor charges in the case. The Eddy County District Attorney's office then filed state felony charges of kidnapping and aggravated assault against the suspects.

Defense attorneys for the suspects then challenged the state action, filing the motion for a writ of habeas corpus so the men could again face federal misdemeanor charges as they had originally been promised.

The suspects were to have faced a preliminary hearing Tuesday in Carlsbad on the state charges. That hearing has been canceled because the state charges were dropped.

Leaded gas legal for all in crisis

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Environmental Protection Agency Tuesday issued rules clarifying situations where it would be legal for a gasoline station to put leaded fuel in a car designed for unleaded.

Leaded fuel in sufficient quantity can destroy the air pollution control devices on later model cars. Retailers who put leaded gas into such cars are usually liable to fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.

But, the agency said, there can be a "bona fide emergency" where the retailer would not be liable.

"The retailer who introduces the leaded fuel must have no unleaded fuel at his station. The gasoline tank of the vehicle must be almost empty and there must be no other station within a several-mile radius that is available to dispense unleaded gasoline," the agency said in a notice in Monday's Federal Register.

"The retailer can introduce only enough leaded fuel to enable the motorist to reach the closest open station with unleaded gasoline, or the motorist's destination, whichever is closer," it added.

The EPA also said a general shortage of unleaded gasoline does not constitute an emergency.

"In a situation where one retail outlet is out of unleaded gasoline but there are other stations with unleaded gasoline nearby, no bona fide emergency exists," the notice said. "We believe it is reasonable to expect that retailers will assess the unleaded gasoline availability in their immediate areas just as they assess the pricing by competitive stations."

The EPA has been worried that tight supplies of gasoline will cause more switching to leaded gasoline, and result in increased air pollution.

Students program expansion cause

A&M movie and concert prices will go up for the fall semester

By CAROLYN BLOSSER
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While it's gotten more and more expensive to live and have fun in the "real world," Texas A&M students have taken refuge with low-cost entertainment offered by the University.

But no place is immune from inflation, not even Aggie land, where one-dollar movies and free concerts will soon be a thing of the past.

This fall Aggie Cinema, Cepheid Variable and the Arts Committee will charge \$1.25 admission to their movies. Town Hall will raise its ticket costs and will no longer have free concerts.

Even the Grove, whose free movies are the entertainment mainstay for many, will charge a 25-cent admission next summer.

"It (price increases) was just a matter of time," said Ermen Haby, vice president of finance for the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate. "It had to happen sooner or later."

The expansion of the Student Programs Office (SPO) staff along with the growing programs and goals of the committees necessitated the price increases, Haby said.

"If you want to improve you've got to find more money," he said. "In the past student service fees were enough because the programs were small enough. This year we're getting larger and we need more money."

"We've gotten increased student service fees, but not comparable to the increase in programming," he said. "Because of what students wanted to do, we asked the committees to find additional revenue to support those expenses."

The student government decides how to allocate student service fees. All twenty student program committees receive some portion of these fees except for Aggie

Cinema, Cepheid Variable, Free University and Scona, Haby said.

Committees like Aggie Cinema and Town Hall "which have the potential to be self sufficient," can best raise the additional money needed for the SPO budget, he said.

Members of Aggie Cinema, Cepheid Variable and the Arts Committee met early last May to consider raising their prices, said Henry Harlos, chairman of Aggie Cinema. He said either all three committees would go up to \$1.25, or all three would stay the same.

"We felt it was for the best interest to go up," Harloe said. "I don't think \$1.25 is asking too much. It's a heck of a lot cheaper than anything in town."

"I think we're comparable with other universities," he added.

The last price increase came in 1973, when the Arts Committee and Aggie Cinema went from 50 cents to a dollar.

Aggie Cinema will still charge only one dollar for its classic/International series, which features classic Bogart films and others on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

In the past Aggie Cinema has not paid anything to help with overall student programming expenses, but it has been asked to give \$10,000 to the SPO budget this next year, Harlos said.

Town Hall is the only committee whose tentative 1979-80 budget has been cut, Haby said. Town Hall requested \$65,000, its same budget as last year, but student government cut it to \$44,500.

Student government felt that Town Hall could increase its revenue and compensate the budget cut by raising ticket sales, Haby said.

The student government's budget recommendations must be approved by Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller and the Board of Regents.

Boozers run to raise money for bar manager

DENVER — Pot bellies jiggled. Faces reddened. But all the runners in the Smokers, Wheelers, and Boozers Marathon crossed the finish line and then headed into a bar to celebrate.

More than 50 runners left one air-conditioned bar to run in the race Saturday and ran all of 10 blocks to Copperfield's bar.

Winner John McNulty, 22, a student at Colorado State University, attributed his victory to the number of beers he drank before the race.

McNulty's winning time wasn't available, but race observers said his perfect calculation of when stop lights would turn green was the key to his win.

The "marathon" raised "several thousand dollars" for Jeff Ferrell, a night manager who was shot in the head last month at the Topsy Tiger Lounge in Denver. The money will help pay his medical bills.

Ferrell had ordered two men out of the bar June 29. One of the men returned and shot Ferrell in the forehead with a .32-caliber handgun. Since then, he has been unable to speak.

He watched the runners as they left a starting line at The Parlour Bar and Restaurant for the 10-block run to Copperfield's.

More than \$1,500 was raised, race sponsors said.