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## Weather

Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers. High in the mid 90's and low tonight mid 70's. Winds will be South Southeast at 5-10 m.p.h. 30% chance of rain today and 20% for tonight.

## Oilslick remains stable tropical storm has no effect

United Press International  
CORPUS CHRISTI — Coast Guard officials Tuesday said a stalled tropical depression did not bring huge quantities of oil ashore on Texas beaches as feared but a 10-square mile blob of crude approaching Padre Island was threatening to cut further on the area's profitable tourist beaches.

beaches on Monday, had spotted the huge concentration of oil.

Maynard said bad weather forced the plane to return before the crew had determined the length of the patch. She said the oil was expected to reach Texas beaches in "a few days."

"It would be hard to tell (when oil would hit the shores)," she said. "It will just depend on the weather."

The patch is part of the 1.96 million barrels spewed from Mexico's blown-out Ixtoc 1 well in the Bay of Campeche. A spokesman for Petroleo Mexicanos, the monopoly that owns the well said engineers have ordered construction of a giant steel "sombbrero" to suck up oil at the well.

The spokesman said the "sombbrero" — 12 yards in diameter and 6 yards tall — was being built in the United States and would divert the spewing oil to storage tanks.

When the tropical depression turned toward Mexico and stalled Monday, Coast Guard Lt. Jake O'Neill said government officials had received "a reprieve."

"We got good news from the weather. The tropical depression did us a favor and went ashore 60 miles into Mexico," he said.

O'Neill said strong winds at Brownsville and Padre Island had broke some of the booms stretched across inlets to keep out oil but no serious damage had resulted.

"Some booms broke loose but they were second defense containment," he said.

"There were no major breaks in our defenses."

However O'Neill said the depression was strong enough to send tar balls ashore at Port Isabel and tarballs and sheen also were reported in the south jetties of Port Aransas.

At midday Tuesday rain had ceased and clear skies were reported. However, the NWS also reported waves were two feet above normal at South Padre Island and winds gusting to 40 mph were forecasted for the Gulf Coast.

O'Neill said a crew of 40 had returned to help clean Port Isabel's beaches. The crew had been called off while the depression approached.

Coast Guard Lt. Ed Thompson said a crew of 90 continued clean up efforts on Mustang Island.

O'Neill said the beaches of South Texas would be cleaned as much as possible in anticipation of the Labor Day weekend, the last summer holiday where beach merchants rely on big profit.

"We've got a significant amount of equipment to handle whatever goes on shore," he said. "We will make the beaches as clean as possible for the Labor Day weekend."

Laurie Peters, a representative of the South Padre Tourist Bureau in Port Isabel, said motel operators probably would have a 50 percent to 60 percent drop in occupancy.

"Things are very slow and should continue that way," she said. "I think it has more to do with the fact that people are reacting to the adverse publicity. The people that are here are having a good time."

Hotels were running at a record occupancy rate before oil started washing ashore.



Texas A&M University President Jarvis Miller addressed the Brazos County A&M Club Wednesday night in Memorial Student Center. Miller said the past year was the most successful in Texas A&M's history. Miller will join Gov. William P. Clements on a tour of five Eastern European nations beginning Saturday.  
Battalion photo by Keith Taylor

## Miller tells group A&M on the move,

By KEITH TAYLOR  
Battalion Staff

Last year at Texas A&M was the most successful in its history. President Jarvis Miller told members of the Brazos County A&M Club Wednesday night.

"Any way you look at it this University is on the move. During the past year we had our first faculty member elected to the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Perry Adkinson. He is the first person to do all his research and build his reputation at Texas A&M. We take that as a challenge. We think that he is the first of many."

Miller also said the University is continuing its rapid growth. Enrollment may approach 32,000 this year, but will be tapering off with a peak of 34-35,000 in 1983, he said. The Corps will have at least the number of members it had last year and will possibly be larger, he said.

The University will stress new dimensions with the student body, Miller said. "We are going to try to groom the students to be scholars. We are starting a new system of counseling, particularly for bright students. Counselors spend an inordinate amount of time with problem students while our bright good student slip through here with a minimum of input from the counselors."

He said Texas A&M will try to train talented students to be competitive for prestigious awards.

"We believe we have the caliber of student that can excel in any kind of competition," he said.

The club was also reassured that home football games would be played in Kyle Field.

The planning and facilities department told the Board of Regents Sunday that the first supports for the third deck of Kyle Field will be placed Sept. 15, and the University of Houston game can be played there Oct. 13, Miller said.

"By Nov. 17, for the University of Arkansas game, the stadium is expected to be essentially complete," he said.

Other construction will also continue, with work beginning on another modular dormitory this fall, he said.

Miller talked about a new public relations program the University has started.

He said Texas A&M had a contract with a New York public relations firm to promote the image of the University nationwide.

"This is leading us into all kinds of new dimensions. You're seeing a new dimension in the national media. You'll be seeing a good deal more of this (national exposure about University programs) in the future."

Miller said Texas Governor William P. Clements will visit the Texas A&M campus to see how programs at the University can help in the administration of the state.

"We are trying to impress upon him the sources that are available at this institution."

Miller will accompany Clements on a five-nation tour of Eastern European countries Saturday. The purpose of the trip is to build good will and promote Texas agricultural products in the countries, Miller said.

Miller and Clements will visit the Soviet Union, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia.

## A&M Consolidated offers 'em

## Take extracurricular courses to help make student life easier

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The A&M Consolidated Independent School District is offering community education courses that may benefit university students.

Among the courses offered are cooking for bachelors, powder mechanics for women, shorthand, and typing.

Registration for the courses will be Tuesday, September 11, at the A&M Consolidated High School Cafeteria located at 701 West Loop South. It will be conducted from 7-8 p.m. for College Station residents, and from 8-9 p.m. for non-residents. Late registration is from Sept. 12-14 at the Community Education office at 1300 Jersey St. from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuition will vary from class to class, but may be paid during registration. Fees may run anywhere from \$25 for welding, to 25 cents for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. The average runs from \$40.

The tuition helps pay the \$5.50 per hour wage of the instructor, said Paul Cox, the new director of Community Education. The money also helps defray some of the program's cost. The entire budget for the previous year was \$91,995, roughly \$4,000 of which came from school district funds, he said. This year's budget should run \$106,000.

Class times vary, but usually are at night.

Instructors come from different backgrounds, including those who are Texas A&M University students. Doris Wilding, for example, who will teach tumbling to youngsters, is currently attending Texas A&M, Cox said.

The aim of the program, said the director, Cox, is to promote a

sense of community identity, and to make better use of school facilities. He said he is glad to be working with one of the larger community education programs in the state. "Per capita, it's probably the largest in the state," he added.

Cox, who recently worked for Texas A&M as a consultant on Community Education programs, has taken over a program that began in 1975. It was in existence before that, Cox said, but never did much.

Cox said wants to expand the program and work closely with the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of College Station and with various service clubs, such as the Lions Club.

Cox said he does not consider the Consol Education program to be in competition with Texas A&M's Free University. Free University features courses that are similar to those given by Community Education. They start later in the year, however.

"Even in a town with a university with continuing education programs, there are enough people out there for the both of us. Some people who would not feel at ease going to the university for courses feel more comfortable in their high school or neighborhood school," Cox said.

It is his goal to reach as many citizens and students in College Station as possible, Cox said. He keeps a file of possible instructors and applicants for courses, and tries to find teachers for any subject in demand.

Though recently some school board members have questioned spending the district's funds on community education, Cox said he feels he can count on administration support.

"I think that Dr. Anderson, the new superintendent, is very supportive of the concept and accepts the concept as part of his philosophy of education and community involvement."

## David spares Barbados; other islands threatened

CASTRIES, St. Lucia — Hurricane David, one of the mightiest storms of the century, thundered past Barbados Tuesday, knocking out communications and closing air traffic but sparing the island from the full force of its 140-mile-an-hour winds.

Forecaster John Hope at the National Hurricane Center said late Tuesday night the storm's center was expected to pass about 40 miles north of the island, raking it with gales and "probably" gusts of 75 miles an hour.

"We cannot verify what is happening because they have been out of radio contact for two hours," he said. No severe winds were expected, he said, since the island was south of David's eye.

Hurricane force winds were expected to hit St. Lucia Wednesday, he said, when the storm passes north of that mountainous island nation.

Telephone and telegraph links with Barbados, hub of communications for the British Caribbean, were broken late Tuesday. All international flights to and from the island were halted.

David's winds dropped from 150 to 140 miles an hour Tuesday night, according to Force reconnaissance planes, but

forecasters said it was still "an intense and extremely dangerous hurricane," the worst to threaten the resort islands that rim the southeast corner of the Caribbean this century.

At 9 p.m., the San Juan Weather Bureau centered the hurricane about 90 miles east northeast of Barbados, near Latitude 13.7 North and Longitude 58.2 West. It was moving on a west northwest path at about 15 mph, a course it was expected to hold for the next 24 hours.

The double red and black hurricane warning flags already posted on Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Martinique and the Grenadines were extended to the islands of Guadeloupe and Dominica.

At nightfall, the tempest was aimed directly at St. Lucia, a volcanic island 27 miles long and about 14 miles wide, which has a French heritage but is British in character. Its population is about 150,000. Larger Martinique, the "queen of the Antilles," lies just to the north, also in the path of the hurricane's fury.

The crew of the "hurricane hunter" plane measured barometric pressure in the eye center of David at a low 27.52 inches of mercury at midday Tuesday, but it had climbed to 28.17 by nightfall.

"This central pressure indicates that David is probably the most intense hurricane to threaten the Windward Islands in this century," the midday advisory said.

"Hurricane David at this moment is comparable to the great hurricanes in the history of the Antilles — like the 1831 hurricane of Barbados and the 1891 hurricane of Martinique."



New Corps members

Charlie Jumper, a junior in engineering technology at left, and Ray Midkiff, a junior in agricultural engineering, escort a group of incoming freshmen corps members back to the quad after a jaunt about campus. The new members wear

T-shirts and blue jeans until they receive their uniforms next week. This is Freshman Orientation Week for the corps, a time when freshmen are shown about campus and taught the proper way to shine brass and leather.

## Regents approve budget; 18 percent increase OK'd

The Texas A&M University Board of Regents approved Monday a \$24,787,853 increase in the operating budget of Texas A&M University for the 1979-80 school year.

The new budget totals \$206,186,034 for the University. The Texas A&M University system budget was increased 18 percent over last year to \$379,823,523. This budget covers all parts of the university system involved in teaching, research, and public service.

Board of Regents Chairman Clyde H. Wells said the increase was due to a combination of inflation, increases enrollment and more research and extension programs.

Prairie View A&M University received a \$11,028,364 increase bringing its budget up to \$39,214,079. Tarleton State University received a \$1,121,469 budget

increase to \$10,090,070. Texas A&M University at Galveston (formerly Moody College) will have a \$6,315,153 budget, an increase of \$2,785,260.

The Texas Forest Service received a \$730,510 increase bringing its budget to \$7,601,961. The budget for system offices and departments will be \$5,353,907, up \$92,688.

The new budgets take effect Sept. 1.

Two construction contracts were awarded by the regents. A \$1,318,500 contract was awarded to Thurmond and Stuart of Bryan to renovate the animal industries building at Prairie View A&M. Nunez Construction of Texas City received a \$1,126,100 contract to build small boat berthing facilities at the Galveston campus.

The board also approved the establishment of a coal and lignite research laboratory at Texas A&M.