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Peek-a-boo

Michael Palmer, 23 months, and this puppy size each other up as the pup peeks from between Michael's mother's legs. Michael, son of educational psychology professor Doug Palmer, encountered the pup outside the Memorial Student Center. Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

David sweeps into Gulf; 60 mph winds in Miami

United Press International
MIAMI — Hurricane David, churning across the Gulf Stream toward boarded-up, battened down South Florida, hurled its vanguard squalls and 60-mph winds into Miami Beach early today.

"There could be hurricane force winds in any one of these bands of rain approaching the coast," said National Hurricane Center forecaster Joe Pelissier at 4 a.m. EDT. "It's the leading edge of the eyewall."

Steady, howling winds of 60 mph drove sheets of rain almost horizontally through the pitch-black night, whipping palm trees with the sound of waves crashing into a beach. Gusts up to 70 mph — 5 mph

below hurricane force — were reported.

For the 4 a.m. report, the hurricane center located David's eye 60 miles from Miami, and reported that readings from hurricane hunter planes showed its peak winds may have fallen below 100 mph.

"The center is still several hours away," Pelissier said.

As the storm that cut a path of death and destruction through 1,500 miles from the Bahamas, blue-green flashes of lightning flickered across the rolling clouds over the Atlantic, an ominous latticework on the dense black night.

The first squalls came in on a barrage of thunder, and lights flickered in downtown buildings. Power lines flashed and

burned.

Hurricane warnings flew from Marathon in the Florida Keys to the launch pads at Cape Canaveral. By midnight 37,000 people had checked into public shelters in the Miami area.

As David was battering the tourist-packed Bahamas Sunday en route to the mainland, haggard officials of the Dominican Republic reported the storm had killed hundreds and perhaps thousands when it struck the island of Hispaniola Friday. A government spokesman said more than 600 were known dead, but many outlying areas were still isolated and the death toll was "incalculable."

Clements visits A&M campus; interested in research facilities

By KEITH TAYLOR
Battalion Staff

Gov. William P. Clements visited the Texas A&M University campus Thursday to look at the University's research facilities here and see how the research could help his administration.

"I am on the campus to see how Texas A&M can be beneficial to the administration to the Texas government," Clements said.

He said he was "very enthusiastic" about what he saw at Texas A&M.

"A&M has not been used to the extent we could. A&M could be used more.

There are many valuable resources that can be more fully utilized."

Clements said he was particularly interested in International Programs, long-range energy plans and research in water resources, fishing and shrimp.

When asked why his office had not made use of the Texas A&M research facilities earlier, Clements said it was the state government's fault, but he wanted to change the situation.

"We need a higher degree of coordination in effort between the the University and the state government. We need to go beyond cooperation, to coordination. I want to alert A&M to how it could help more."

The governor also said he wanted to involve Texas A&M in the agricultural and cultural exchange program he is now trying to set up the Mexico.

Earlier in the day, while Clements was being briefed on the dangers of deep-sea diving to pregnant women by Dr. Feenan Jennings, director of the Texas A&M University Sea Grant program, the governor startled some people by an off the cuff remark.

"They're always looking for birth control. We might say, 'Go deep water diving and exercise birth control,'" Clements said.

Later, during a press conference, an aide to Clements said the denial of more gasoline for the Bryan-College Station area earlier in the summer would be reviewed.

"If you have a problem, we will help you with the problem," the aide said.

When asked about the oil slick now washing up on the beaches of South Texas, Clements said the matter was diplomatically sensitive and he would have to use extreme caution in dealing with Mexico about the problem.

He also said the United States is doing

all it can in stopping the oil still gushing from the Pemex Ixtoc I oil well.

"As a fact, all of the American technology available and needed is in that job. They (the Mexican government) is doing everything it can."

Silver Taps to honor six A&M students

The Silver Taps ceremony will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 10:30 p.m. on the mall in front of the Academic Building.

The ceremony will honor six Texas A&M University students who have died since Aggie Muster in April.

— Charla Gwin, first year veterinary medical student, died April 25.

— Stuart Brent Walker, second-year veterinary medical student, killed May 14 in an automobile accident.

— Alan Dale Peacock, senior civil engineering major, killed May 18 in an auto-pedestrian accident.

— Tamara Lynn Bates, sophomore agricultural economics major, killed May 24 in an automobile accident.

— Henry Barbee Bishop, sophomore business management major, killed July 14 in an automobile accident.

— Luke Dennis Bell, sophomore civil engineering major, killed July 16 in an offshore drilling rig accident.

Marriage adds to school strife

By RHONDA WATTERS
Battalion Reporter

A&M University has about 2,000 married students enrolled at the main campus.

In some cases, both the husband and wife attend school. But as the cost of education rises, more couples are turning to having one member work and support the two, while the other pursues his education.

Most married students agree that money is probably the primary cause of their problems.

While some couples receive financial support from one or both sets of parents,

in many cases once a couple gets married they are expected to support themselves and financial aid stops.

Some couples combat the money problem by working at part-time jobs. Some married students qualify for government financial aid and use food stamps to help out.

One important benefit open to married students at Texas A&M is the low-rent apartment program. Several apartment complexes exclusively for married students are located in areas close to the campus. These complexes have a low rent rate and in most cases tenants don't have to pay the utility bills.

While very valuable to couples low on money, there is a waiting list for some of the complexes that can at times last almost a year.

Another problem many married students face is the frustration of having too little time to spend together. Between the time spent in class and working on homework, very little time is left, and as one couple commented: "This causes the relationship to really suffer."

One married student couple, Kathy and Lynn Millegan, have another problem that some married students face — children.

The Millegans, married for more than six years, have a four-year-old son who stays at a day care center while Kathy works and Lynn goes to school. Not only does a child cause extra financial worries for them, but they said it also puts yet another demand on their time.

"You must dedicate evening time to a child, and it must be quality time," Kathy said. With so many other things to do "this can be very difficult on a marriage."

When all the pressures cause serious marriage problems, married students use different methods of alleviating them. The Millegans said they rely on their Christian beliefs to pull them through.

Some couples said they take advantage of a free campus marriage counselor that is open several days a week and is located close to the married student housing office.

Some quit school for a while and try again later; others said they decided they couldn't solve their problems and split up.

Though special advantages for married students are few and far between, there is one service organization on campus especially for married students — the Married Student Council.

"We get money from the Student Finance Center and do projects to help married students," said Gus Wilson, president of the council.

Wilson said that not many people knew about the council. Officers are elected by

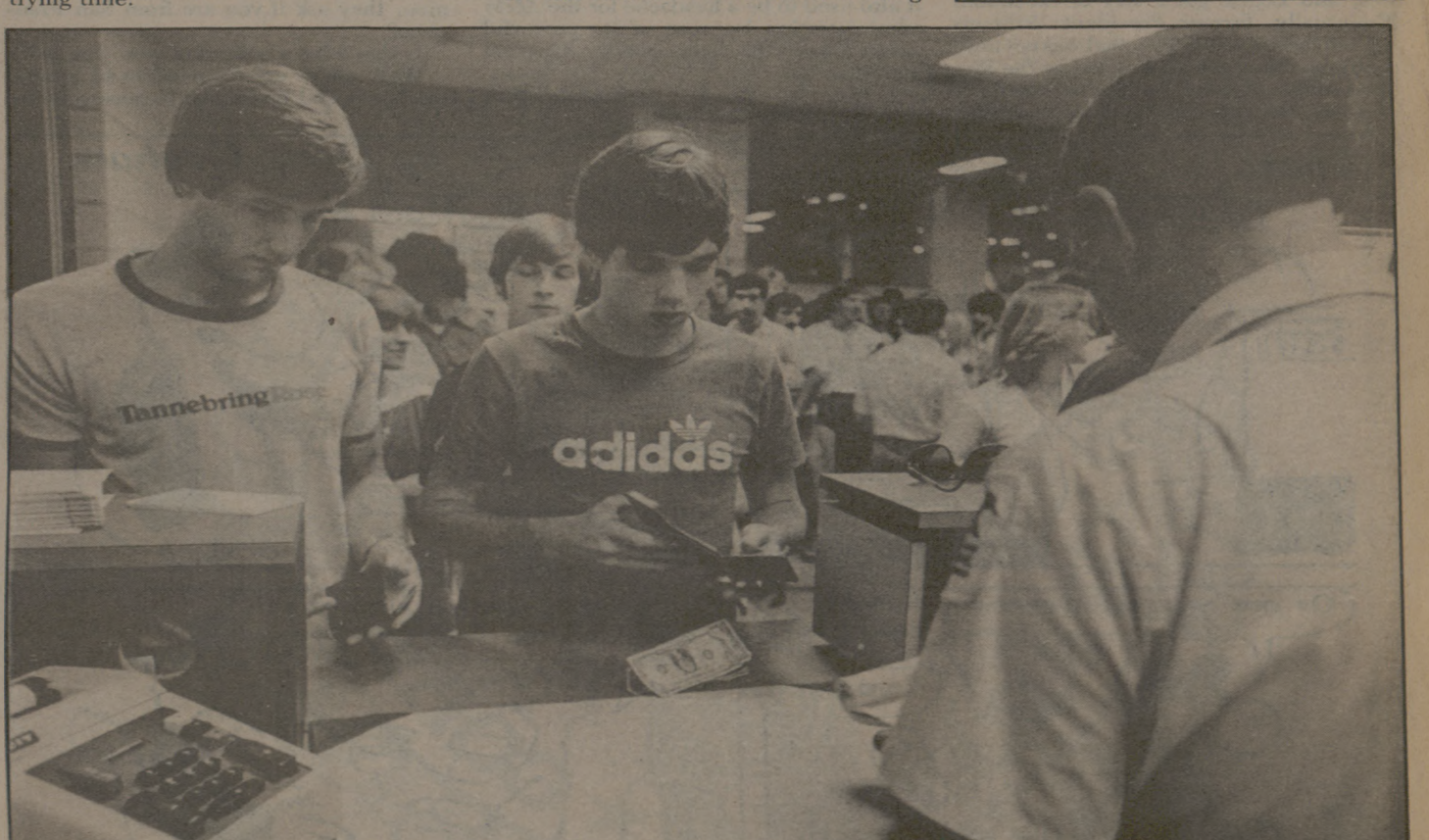
the married students.

Wilson said some of the organization's projects include a camping equipment rental program, a married students' newsletter and a free tool and garage use program that married students can use for working on their cars.

Another project Wilson said the council has available is free garden plot use. Plots, 20 feet square in a field on the north side of campus, can be checked out and used for growing things. Wilson said all the user must do is maintain the upkeep on the plots.

Wilson said elections for this year's council officers will be held in late September.

Some married students have relatively few problems outside of the problems that plague all students in general. But for others, college life can be a difficult and trying time.



Paying the price

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Standing in lines has become as much an Aggie tradition as Silver Taps, as these students found last week while waiting to reserve post office boxes for the fall semester.

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