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The Texas A&M University Soccer Club displays its regulation shoes to the referee before last Saturday's game with the University of Texas here. A&M tied 2-2 for the last game of the fall season, and finished in fourth place in the Southwest Conference.

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Regents postpone new dorm decision

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After a heated debate, a committee of Texas A&M University System Board Regents decided to defer a decision on dormitories for Texas A&M University until March, when further information will be available for consideration. Howard Vestal, University vice president for business affairs, who serves as regent committee chairman, presented a study to the regents Thursday in the conclusion that it would not be economically advisable for the University to begin construction on any new dormi-

tories.

Vestal's findings were based on research into the construction of two types of dormitories—a duplicate of the Krueger-Dunn-Aston-Mosher complex, and another similar to the dorm now under construction. After Vestal's presentation, Board member Royce E. Wisenbaker disputed the findings of the study.

"You took a problem, found an answer, and then set out to prove it," he charged. "That's not the only two ways to build a dorm."

Several Texas A&M student leaders were present to support the student senate's opposition to the building of a new

dormitory. After the meeting, Student Body President Ronnie Kapavik explained the students' views.

Kapavik said it was not the dorm itself they objected to, but they did not want all dorm residents to share the cost through increased room fees.

In other action, the regents heard a presentation of plans to expand present parking facilities at Kyle Field. The new lighted lots would bring the total number of available spaces adjacent to the stadium to 808, an addition of 534.

Included in the plans is a new practice field for the football team. A grass practice field would lessen the number of workout

injuries, Director of Planning Charles E. McCandless said. The total cost of the project is about \$600,000.

The regents also discussed plans for the new Meat Science and Technology Center, designed to teach students the whole butchering cycle from live animal to packaged, saleable product.

In the Academic Campuses committee meeting, Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert requested \$30,000 for a study of the marine programs at Moody College in Galveston.

"The study would be an effort to clarify the role of marine sciences and maritime technology," Hubert said. "It's time we address this relationship between Texas A&M University and Moody College. We need to sharpen up the relationship and have an overall commitment rather than a sporadic one."

Hubert said the money would be used to conduct an extensive study of established marine programs in view of finding the voids at Moody College.

"The study will evaluate Moody's present capabilities and see what is needed to fill the gaps," he said. "The research will show what is the best organizational arrangement to support a fine marine program."

Hubert suggested Vice Chancellor Dr. John C. Calhoun to head the research if the study is authorized.

Joe H. Reynolds, chairman of the academic campuses committee, said he was pleased with Hubert's request.

"It's time we worked at making Moody College a first class institution," Reynolds said. "I don't like mediocrity."

Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller also welcomed the study. He said it is overdue and necessary to integrate the parts of the Texas A&M system.

In other business, Miller asked the committee to consider creating a century council. The council would look ahead to Texas A&M's future in the last 20 years of this century, Miller explained.

"We need a renewed understanding of our resources and opportunities," he said. "We need outlined projections. Also, we need to involve people outside the University."

Miller mentioned that Texas Gov. William P. Clements is kicking off a similar long range program called Texas 2000. He said the goals of Texas 2000 are non-political and geared to benefit the state as a whole.



Sen. Bill Moore speaks with one of the one hundred people who attended the Brazos County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center's open house and information fair at Brazos Center Thursday afternoon. See page 3 for a related story.

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Saturday ...

Substitutions in UT song 'out of taste'

By MARCY BOYCE

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As Texas Aggies sing "Goodbye to Texas University" at Saturday's game, University of Texas Longhorn fans may be saying goodbye to their fight song.

If fans continue to make word substitutions in the song that UT Athletic Director Darrell Royal and other athletic department officials have refused to condone, Royal said he will request that the Longhorn Band not play the fight song at games. The statement was made in an interview with The Daily Texan campus newspaper, said Dennis Roberson, associate sports editor at the Texan.

"Hopefully it won't come to that," said

Bill Little, UT assistant athletic director.

Little said the problem began about three years ago when baseball fans started replacing "Hail, hail the gang's all here," with "Give 'em hell. Give 'em hell. Make 'em eat shit."

"We didn't mind the 'give 'em hell' part," he said, "because 'hail, hail, the gang's all here' is out of date." He noted that certain language is acceptable today that wasn't years ago. For example, Little said, the original Aggie War Hymn did not contain "sounds like hell."

But, Little said, "We felt the last part was a little out of taste." Instead, he said, the athletic department is asking the fans to say, "Go Horns. Go."

When the problem persisted into last spring, an announcement discouraging the profanity was made at a basketball game. In addition, Roberson said The Daily Texan published a column discouraging the conduct.

Although the problem has abated some, Roberson said that during this year's Texas-TCU football game Royal had an announcement made asking students to "refrain from using language which might degenerate the fight song."

Royal was out of town and could not be contacted.

"Fans have gotten a lot better since it has been brought to their attention," Little said.

A&M and UT meet to head off 'fiascos'

By KENT DUNLAP

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A meeting between representatives of Texas A&M and the University of Texas should prevent a fiasco similar to the one that resulted two years ago after a UT service organization tried to bring the Texas state flag onto Kyle Field before the football game.

Six representatives from UT and 10 from Texas A&M attended the meeting here Nov. 20.

Angry words were exchanged during the previous game as Aggies tried to prevent the UT students from bringing the flag onto the field.

"We invited representatives to Texas A&M for dinner and a meeting to discuss pre-game and halftime activities," said Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs.

Blatchley said UT sent representatives from the dean of students' staff, the campus

police, the athletic department staff and the APO flag staff, along with the band director and the head cheerleader.

"We discussed the rules and regulations that the students are expected to abide by, and what we plan to do during pre-game and halftime ceremonies," Blatchley said.

"They were very gracious. They recognized Texas A&M as the host school, and asked us specifically what we would and would not allow."

The representative of the APO flag staff asked for permission to bring the giant flag, but since there is a Texas flag in Kyle Field, University officials refused.

"They graciously accepted the refusal," Blatchley said.

Blatchley said the incident two years ago was due to lack of communication.

The athletic department had given UT permission to bring the flag but had not notified student leaders of the move.

Once the flag came on the field, the trouble began. The flag was unfurled, and sabre-bearing senior members of the Corps of Cadets, who were already on the field acting as an honor guard for the national anthem, remained on the field to attempt to block the Texas students from bringing the flag onto the field.

Words were exchanged and the flag was unfurled on the field—but not without a scuffle.

"The whole thing was poorly handled by both schools," Blatchley said.

The purpose of the meeting was to prevent similar happenings, Blatchley said, and it was very successful.

"We had a great time," Blatchley said. "Everything was very friendly and we got a lot done."

"We should have been doing this many years ago, and we will definitely continue to do it in the future."

Area mental health center hosts open house

By NANCY ANDERSEN

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Balancing a checkbook, washing clothes and cooking are chores most people take for granted, but to the mentally retarded these are skills which must be painstakingly learned.

Teaching these skills and providing many other services has been the purpose of the Brazos Valley Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center since its beginning in 1974. MH-MR held an open house and information fair Thursday afternoon at the Brazos Center to show the public its wide range of services.

One of these is Family Tree, a halfway house for slightly retarded male adults. Here the men learn the skills which director Dewey Overholser called necessary to

live independently.

Family Tree can house eight men. Besides learning these practical skills, the men are encouraged to find a job. They are also encouraged to save their money; in order to move out a resident must have \$500 in a savings account and a steady job, he said.

The house is only meant to be a temporary arrangement until the men can live on their own, Overholser said.

Most of the men have found work at the Dilly Shaw workshops. This is a MH-MR-sponsored program with locations in Bryan and Hearne which provide vocational training to retarded adults. Director Ken Zantow said he has 45 employees who work on local contracts. These include making window locks, storm windows and folding

newspapers for the Bryan College Station Press.

Employees are payed on a per-unit basis and only a few can earn minimum wage, Zantow said. For example, to earn \$3 per hour, an employee must make 400 locks an hour. The average wage is 80 cents per hour, he said.

When an employee is skilled enough, he is encouraged to find a job outside the

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workshop. Zantow said he tries to help employees find these jobs, but a few have been able to find them on their own.

Another MH-MR program is Family Re-

source Services. This program provides infant stimulation-parent training for developmentally disabled, developmentally delayed and high risk infants from birth to 3 years old. The phone number is 779-2000.

Caseworkers can review the child's background and arrange a psychological evaluation to see if the child can benefit from the infant stimulation program.

For adults, MH-MR offers a 24-hour crisis hotline and counseling for drug and alcohol abuse.

The hotline is staffed by volunteers who take a 16-hour training program before manning the phones. Half of the training involves reading and staff lectures; the other involves on-the-job training by observing staffers answering the phones. The hotline number is 779-2000.

Ticket info ...

The concert

About 4,000 general admission tickets are still available for the Pure Prairie League concert, Town Hall Chairman Michelle Scudder said Thursday afternoon.

The band, named after a temperance union in Dodge City, Kansas, was named the best new country-rock band of 1978 by Billboard magazine.

Ticket prices are \$3.50, \$4.25 and \$4.75.

The concert will begin at 9 p.m., after the Aggie Bonfire.

The game

Tickets to the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game sold out early Thursday morning.

Euleta Miller, athletic department spokeswoman, said the department started refunding money to students as soon as tickets ran out.

Tickets for a closed-circuit TV broadcast of the game in G. Rollie White Coliseum also went on sale after the stadium tickets were gone.

Refunds and tickets for the broadcast are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.