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Stealing them blind

Twig Little (1) steals second base for the Aggies as the baseball team swept a double header from the Texas Tech Red Raiders on Saturday. The 3-0 and 5-4 victories give the Aggies a 22-4 overall season record and 9-3 mark

in Southwest Conference competition. Please see related story on page 10.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Two still missing after oil rig blast

United Press International
GALVESTON — An oil rig 100 miles off the Texas coast exploded into flames early today, injuring at least 13 persons. The Coast Guard and the rig's operator said two men were believed killed.
A Coast Guard air search found no signs of the missing men and officials of Penzoil Co. were awaiting confirmation on the deaths. A Coast Guard spokesman in New Orleans said 24 men were rescued unharmed by two passing boats.
Private oilfield helicopters evacuated the injured from the permanent drilling platform, located about 95 miles southeast of Galveston, Texas, in the Gulf of Mexico. Several crewmen suffered burns and back injuries.
Penzoil spokesman Bob Harper said the rig exploded between midnight and 12:30 a.m. today. At sunrise, it still was burning.

and then taken to a nearby platform and treated medically," he said.
Helicopters, planes and boats searched the area for more survivors and the bodies of the two men believed killed.
"The helicopter from New Orleans is out there and some of the people have been evacuated by PHI (Petroleum Helicopter Inc.) helicopters," said Coast Guard spokesman Kenneth Link in New Orleans.
"Our helicopter is making a small search of the area but hasn't been able to find any signs of the five people who are missing."
The injured were flown to a Galveston hospital, Link said.
The Coast Guard also dispatched an airplane from Corpus Christi, Texas, a helicopter from Houston and the cutter Monroe from Freeport, Texas, to assist in the search for the missing persons.
The rig, owned by Pool Offshore Co. of Harvey, La., and operated by Penzoil Co., was reported on fire by the Penzoil dispatcher in Galveston, a Coast Guard spokesman said.
The injured and missing were not immediately identified.

Nobel winners to speak Tuesday

By MERIL EDWARDS
Campus Staff
Nobel prize-winning economists Milton Friedman and Paul Samuelson will present their views on government's role in economy to a sellout crowd in Texas A&M University's Rudder Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday.
MSC Great Issues committee is sponsoring the program. The Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise helped support the program financially.
Since the program is sold out, Dan Ayre, Great Issues chairman, said tickets are on sale at the Rudder Box Office for closed-circuit TV. Tickets are 50¢ for students and \$1 for others. Ayre said a large screen will be set up in 701 Rudder. Seating capacity for the room is 350. If that sells out TV monitors will be made available for viewing in room 301.

Friedman supports the "quantity" theory that views the amount of money in circulation as the key influence in the nation's economy. He has argued against the Federal Reserve Board's power regarding the size of banking reserves and has supported legislation that would direct it to increase the supply of money at a steady and constant rate.
Friedman is opposed to what is in his view the danger of ever increasing governmental regulation. He has advocated the abolition of Federal Regulatory agencies such as the Securities Exchange Commission programs including the existing welfare system.
He has proposed a negative income tax that would provide direct payment by the IRA to families whose income is below a certain level.
Samuelson sees government spending as a device to overcome fluctuations between periods of prosperity and depression. He thinks the government, having accumulated budget surpluses during prosperity, should spend more than its revenue during depressions to finance public works and relief measures and to promote full employment.
Samuelson is known for making economic analysis clear by using mathematical concepts and for applying Keynesian theories to American problems.
Both men have served as presidential economic advisers: Friedman to Richard Nixon and Samuelson to John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

Regents meet today and Tuesday

By ANDY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer
The Board of Regents for the Texas A&M University System will be asked to approve nominees for 10 executive positions at their meeting today and Tuesday.
Many of the job openings were created by the reorganization of the system proposed by Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert. Names of the nominees were not revealed before the meeting.
The board's four committees started their meetings today at 8:30 a.m. in the regents' wing of the Memorial Student Center. The full board's meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and is expected to recess at 10:30 a.m.

Regents will also consider a construction proposal designed to eliminate mold in Texas A&M's first modular dormitories. Cost of the construction will be about \$250,000, but the regents will only consider appropriating \$10,000. The rest of the money was included in the original construction contract.
The board will also consider raising residence hall rent 10 percent.
Regents will be asked to approve appointments for the following system positions: deputy chancellor for engineering, associate deputy chancellor for engineering (plans and operations), associate deputy chancellor for engineering (administration), deputy chancellor for agricul-

ture and associate deputy chancellor for agriculture, assistant chancellor, and assistant executive vice chancellor for administration.
The board will also be asked to pick a new director for the Texas Engineering Extension Service, a dean for the College of Education, and an assistant dean for the College of Engineering.
Hubert's reorganization was put into effect March 1. It restores direct control over several state agencies to the chancellor's office.
The agencies reported to Chancellor Jack K. Williams until 1978, when universi-

ty vice presidencies for agriculture and engineering were created. The offices then began reporting to President Jarvis E. Miller.
The deputy chancellors for engineering and agriculture replaced the university vice presidents.
Two committees also came about as a result of the revision.
One of them, the Joint Committee on Agency Relations, will make decisions involving agencies and the main Texas A&M campus. It will have jurisdiction in matters of land use, personnel, facilities planning, development and renovation — all of which were previously under Miller.

Board examines modular dorms

By CAROL THOMAS
Campus Reporter
Modifications to improve conditions in the modular dorms will be considered by the planning and building committee of the board of Regents today.
The changes which will be proposed by System Facilities Planning and Construction, are for Haas and McFaddin, which were built last summer, and for the C-D

complex which is under construction.
Assistant director of System Facilities Planning and Construction Dan Whitt said Haas and McFaddin have had problems with humidity and unstable water temperature in the showers since they were built.
The bill proposes three plans to lower the humidity in the dorms and one plan to regulate the water temperature in the showers.

High humidity has caused mold and mildew to form in the rooms. Director of System Facilities Planning and Construction Wesley Peel said they tried to correct the problem over the Christmas holidays by inserting electric heaters in the dorms to dry out the rooms.
"For about two weeks after the Christmas holidays, everything was all right," Peel said. "But soon the mold and mildew came back."
The first plan proposed to reduce humidity is to create a negative ventilation in the crawl space between the bottom of the dorm and the ground. To do this a fan will be added to the complex and both fans will be turned to the outside.
Peel said he hopes the negative pressure

created by the positioning of the fans will keep the crawl space dry and prevent damp air from getting into the dorm rooms through the vents.
The second plan for reducing humidity is to place humidistats in all the fan and coil units of the dorms. Cliff Juneck, systems mechanical engineer for System Facilities Planning and Construction said the humidistats will control the humidity in each room.
The third plan is to air condition the halls. Peel said this is being proposed for comfort reasons and also to prevent moist air in the halls from getting into the air conditioned rooms. "Many students like to leave doors open and moist air gets in," Peel said.

Rising costs reason for increasing fees

By DEBBIE NELSON
Campus Staff
Increases in 1980 residence hall room fees, board rates and shuttle bus fees for the Fall 1980 semester will be up for approval at the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents meeting next Tuesday.
In written proposals submitted to the board from President Jarvis E. Miller's office and recommended by Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert, rising costs are named as justification for the increases.
Adoption of the agenda item would raise residence hall rents 10 percent, with semester increases ranging from \$18 in Hotard to \$50 in the Commons area. Dorm rates now range from \$175 to \$496, and with increases would range from Hotard's \$193 to the Commons Area's \$546 a semester.
Coordinator of Housing Services Larry Pollock said residence hall rents were last raised in Fall 1979, up 6 percent to the best of his knowledge.
As a justification for the new increase, the proposal states it will compensate

for higher federal minimum wage requirements for personnel, rising utility costs, and an expected 13 percent increase in debt service costs resulting from new construction.
Also suggested is an increase of \$35 a semester for the five-day board plan (from \$427 to \$462) and \$39 for the seven-day board plan (from \$478 to \$517).
Although board fees were increased five percent for the present fiscal year, the proposal states, continued rising costs require a minimum 8 percent fee increase for fiscal year 1980-81. Causes cited include 13 percent higher food costs and increased employee wages and benefits.
The third proposed fee increase, in shuttle bus rates, is blamed largely on inflated fuel costs.
Individual student passes would go up \$5 a semester, from \$30 to \$35. Student and spouse passes would rise \$10, from \$45 to \$55. Also up \$10 would be faculty-staff passes, from \$40 to \$50.

Soviet gold may hike world price

United Press International
BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Soviet Union, faced with a recession and an energy shortage, could dump up to 500 tons of gold on the world market in a move that would wreak havoc with global inflation, a leading Middle East economist says.
The weekly An-Nahar Arab Report and Memo, in the current edition of the newsletter, suggested the Soviets could cushion their recession and ease an energy shortage by using gold sales to buy new oil technology. The Soviet Union ranks behind only South Africa as the largest exporter of the metal.
"It is now widely recognized that the Soviet Union is facing an economic recession and that its energy sector is not de-

veloping at a rate anywhere near projections because of the lack of equipment and sophisticated technology," said Marwan Iskandar, the editor of the weekly, said Sunday.
"If need be, the Soviet Union can easily export 500 tons of gold a year from current production."
Should the price of gold again soar to \$800 an ounce, the economist said, Moscow could "end up with \$30 billion or more from this resource alone" for equipment and technology needed for its petrochemical industry.
The Soviet Union is the world's largest producer of oil, but most economic experts predict its own demands are so large that it soon must become an oil importing nation, perhaps by 1985.

Eddie Chiles puts anger on airways

By RHONDA WATTERS
Staff Writer
Before becoming American folk heroes, Davy Crockett had to defend the Alamo, Paul Bunyan had to cut down trees and Jesse James had to rob banks.
So what has Eddie Chiles done to be called a folk hero? Eddie has made "mad" commercials.
"I didn't start out to be a folk hero," Chiles said, "but if I've achieved it, great."
Chiles, who has become fairly well-known recently for his conservative radio and TV commercials against the federal government and his "I'm mad too, Eddie" bumper stickers, was in Bryan Friday as a guest on the "Muck and Mike" program, a talk show on radio station WTAW.

try where a man could enjoy the fruits of his labor.
"This great country, the America we all love, provided that sort of thing for me, and I took advantage of it," he said. "I've got to say I've enjoyed it all the way. I think that same thing should be available for a youngster in high school today."
Chiles started his media campaign "about the middle of '77."
"I was storming around my office kicking things around and I said I was going to get on top the building and scream like that guy in the movie (Network)," Chiles said.
His advertising man walked in and told him that no one would hear him, and suggested he buy advertising time to get his message to the public.

Chiles came to Bryan to appear on the radio show and to visit the local district office of the Western Company of North America, an oil service company. Chiles is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Western.
Chiles' commercials criticizing the way the federal government operates appear on over 500 radio and TV stations in 14 states. He pays for the ads himself and uses them to voice his conservative views to the public.
The purpose of his advocacy campaign, Chiles said, is to preserve for the young people of today the same opportunities he had.
"Everything the government does is badly managed and badly handled," Chiles said. "You can look at anything they do, it's not done very well. This country was supposed to be a free coun-

Chiles said the commercials were not a ploy to get more business for Western, but they have increased sales "because people agree and say, 'we're going to give you a lot more of our business.'"
Chiles' advocacy campaign has not been the only thing that has kept him in the media spotlight lately. He name has appeared in connection with something else — he is now one of the new owners of the Texas Rangers baseball team.
When asked if he would still advocate the capitalistic system when negotiating contracts with his baseball stars, Chiles said:
"Certainly. Baseball stars have a talent to sell and we (the management and owners) are the buyers. We'll do the best we can. If their price is too high, we'll have to say no, and get another player from somewhere else."