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Study in a foreign country — Okla.

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A few students may have wondered after checking the summer class schedule when Texas A&M University created a music department and moved all the summer classes to Norman, Okla.

The truth is, they haven't done either. A mistake was made — the company that prints the schedules stapled a few class schedules for the University of Oklahoma inside covers for Texas A&M.

And at least two of the misfits wound up on the Texas A&M campus.

Robert Lacey in admission and records said there had been only two reports of mis-matched schedules since they came out about three weeks ago.

Lacey said that a sampling of the 25,000 summer class schedules that were printed — but have not yet been distributed — did not show any more mixups, but there were several boxes that were not opened.

Lacey asked anyone with one of the Texas A&M-Oklahoma schedules bring it to the registrar's office so they can receive a refund from the printing company.

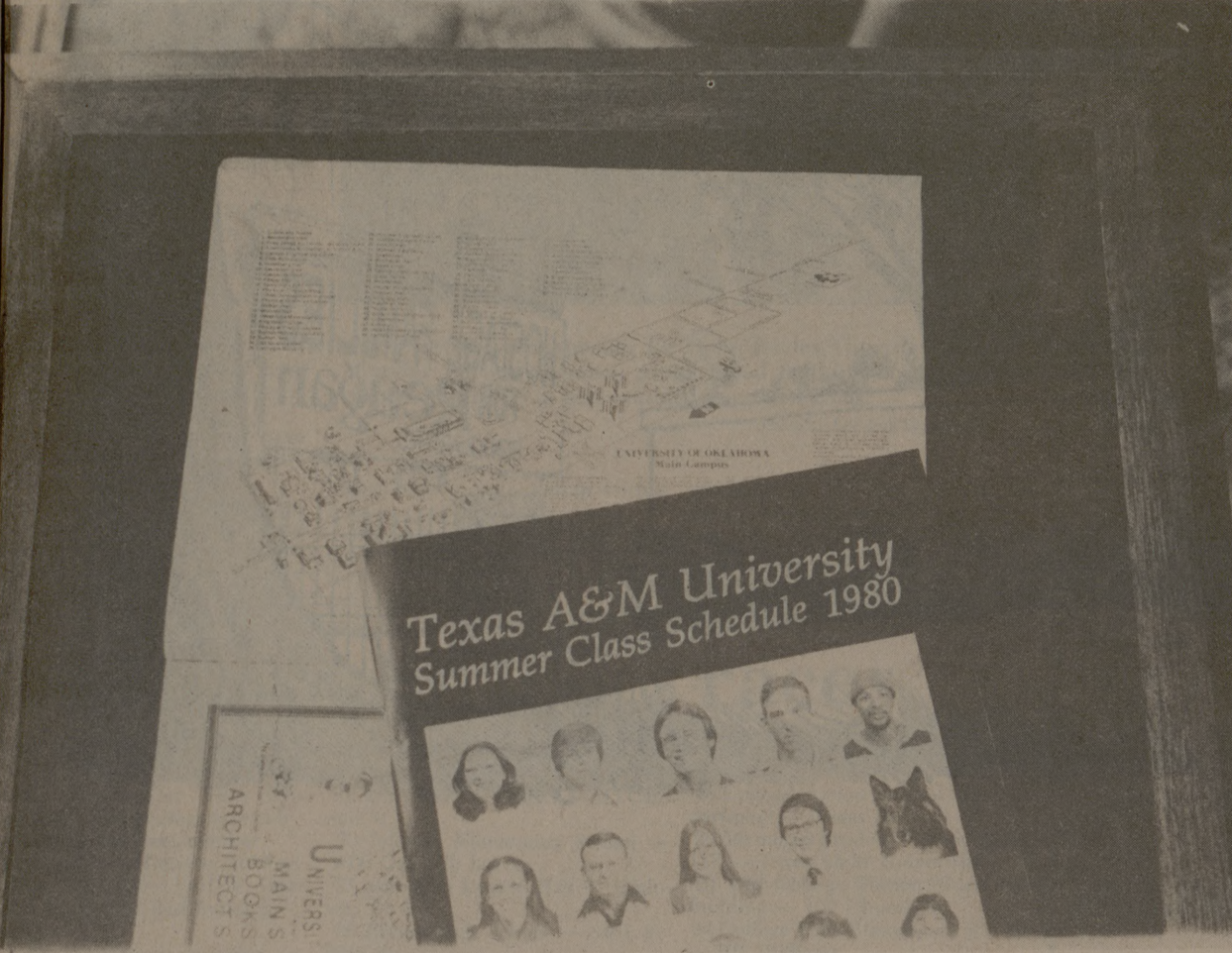
The schedules are printed by University Communications Inc., in New Jersey. A spokesman for the company said this was an isolated event and probably happened because Texas A&M and Oklahoma universities' class schedules were printed one after the other.

Jeff Stark of the University of Oklahoma's registrar's office said he had not heard of any cases where Texas A&M schedules were found inside OU covers.

"We haven't found any yet, but we still have a lot packed away," Stark said.

But Stark had a suggestion on how Texas A&M should work out the difficulty.

"Since you've got our schedules, maybe you should just go ahead and send your students up to enroll here."



At least two Texas A&M summer class schedules held a surprise for the students that opened them.

Inside, the students found class schedules for the University of Oklahoma.

Photo by Mindy Mahaffey

Committee OK's balanced budget

WASHINGTON — The Senate Budget Committee has agreed on a balanced budget for 1981, but its \$612.9 billion spending plan bears little resemblance to the budget proposed by President Carter only four days ago.

The committee voted, 11-7, Thursday on figures that correspond with Carter's, but it raised military spending and made drastic cuts in domestic programs to pay for the higher defense budget.

When Carter announced his revised budget on Monday, he spoke highly of the "extraordinary way" he and congressional leaders had worked together "to reach general understandings in advance on reduction proposals."

The understanding held up throughout meetings of the House Budget Committee, which approved a budget that looked almost exactly like Carter's. But it fell apart during the Senate panel's weeklong ses-

sion, in which conservatives won victory after victory.

Liberal Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, who issued consistent and passionate pleas for social programs throughout the session, told his colleagues, "We have done a very evil job as far as the American people are concerned."

"It may be a victory today, but I think it's a hollow victory, and I think we will pay the price in the future," he said.

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland said the proposals include "ruthless reductions" in programs for the poor.

"We do not oppose a balanced budget per se and certainly not when America has a balanced economy," Kirkland said at a news conference. "We do oppose administration and congressional proposals that place the burden of the battle against inflation on those least able to cope with the problems of our society."

Volcano 'rushes' toward eruption

VANCOUVER, Wash. — With volcanic Mount St. Helens apparently on the verge of a major eruption, a state of emergency was in effect today in the state of Washington.

"The possibility of a major eruption or mudflow is real," Gov. Dixy Ray said late Thursday in issuing a formal emergency declaration from her office in Olympia.

"The volcanic activity at Mount St.

Helens has created conditions that may threaten life or cause widespread damage to property."

The governor directed state agencies to activate disaster preparedness plans and warned tourists and sightseers to stay away from the mountain and its surrounding highways.

"Mount St. Helens seems to be in a rush to reach a major eruption stage," said Dave Endicott of the University of Washington.

Ex-editors lose scholarships

By RICHARD OLIVER
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In the past month, Jeff Barton has been fired as editor-in-chief of Baylor University's student newspaper, accused of sabotaging that paper's distribution, and shunned by several classmates and faculty. Now, the school administration has "urged" him to find another school to attend.

Barton, Cindy Slovak and Barry Kolar were fired March 3 as editors of The Baylor Lariat, the university's student newspaper, following their editorial criticism of Baylor President Abner V. McCall.

McCall had issued a statement forbidding any Baylor coed from posing nude for Playboy magazine's upcoming "Girls of the Southwest Conference" issue under threat of suspension from the university. McCall issued the statement following notification that Playboy photographer David Chan was planning to visit the campus for interviews with coeds.

Barton said Dr. Loyal Gould, head of Baylor's journalism department, called him, Slovak, and Sheri Sellmeyer, president of the Baylor chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SDX), into his office Thursday and notified them their scholarships had been revoked.

He said Gould also said the students should strongly consider finding another university to attend, and asked that the students return their tickets to an annual awards banquet to be held next week.

Gould was unavailable for comment.

"There was no rationale for this," Barton said. "I could see them start to pick on us the past few days. They say they want this to die, and then they turn around and do this, when they know it will generate publicity."

Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds, Baylor executive vice president and chief operations officer, said the decision had been made in the best interest of the university.

"Each year... we hold the annual awards banquet," he said. "We have a very sizeable scholarship program, perhaps the largest in the country. We give away \$50,000-60,000 in scholarships through the journalism department."

"Yesterday, (Wednesday) President McCall, Dr. Gould, myself and two others sat down and discussed what position we were going to take. Since some individuals have been involved in this controversy, and our resources are limited, we decided to provide scholarships to students who hold a more favorable view of the school."

Reynolds said the students obviously

held the school in "disdain," and their stands proved it.

"With statements like these students have been heard to make, we felt it might be better to give our money to students who are favorable toward our institution and would work better with it and in their profession over the years," he said.

Despite the administration's chastisement, Barton said he would probably stay.

"I plan on coming back," he said. "If I can get the money, I'll be back. All of us (Barton, Slovak and Sellmeyer) are paying our own ways through school, and it'll be harder now."

Barton said he was especially angry over Sellmeyer's "punishment."

"Cindy and I are both sort of stunned right now," he said. "I feel involving Sheri in this was pure vindictiveness. She hasn't

said anything to anyone, hasn't caused any problems, nothing. It's like they're saying we're going to get to SDX through their most vulnerable position, their newly elected president."

Reynolds said he did not know anything about Sellmeyer.

"They mentioned her name at the meeting. I'm not acquainted with her and I don't know the specific circumstances. In fact, I can't remember whether they mentioned her name or not," he said.

Barton said he would not protest the action.

"I see no hope for protest," he said, "no possible alternatives. Because you speak up and try to provide a form of constructive criticism, something like this happens. It doesn't make sense."

S. Padre expects weekend boom

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — The threat from the world's largest oil spill has diminished, and tourist officials predict that student vacationers and Holy Week visitors from Mexico will swell the populations of Padre Island and Port Aransas by 130,000 during the Easter weekend.

Tens of thousands of tourists and sun-bronzed surfers began jamming south Texas beaches Thursday.

The tourist industry of 100-mile-long Padre Island suffered millions of dollars in losses last August through Labor Day when oil from the runaway Ixtoc 1 well in Mexico's Bay of Campeche sent mushy tar balls rolling ashore in the surf, but the well finally was capped March 22 and tourism officials are optimistic about this season.

"After what we've been through the last few months, this is a treat, believe me," said Ralph Thompson, head of the South Padre Island Tourist Bureau, who predicted 70,000 visitors would come to his resort city, which has only 600 year-round residents.

"I really believe we're out of the woods on this oil spill," he said. "The well being capped lends credibility to what we've been saying: come on down and enjoy yourself. Apparently people are believing us because this week is evidence of that."

Lanette Nolte of the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce was equally enthusiastic.

"Last year, two weeks before the oil ever did hit, the island was just ruined," she said. "It really hurt us bad. It takes a while after something like that. To some people it's been a short winter, but to Port Aransas it's been a long one."

Nolte predicted 60,000 Easter tourists would visit the north end of the island

this weekend, following tens of thousands of students who came to the beach during their spring breaks from March 8-23.

"Our beaches are in real good shape," she said. "Better than in a long time. They were a little messed up after spring break, but they've been cleaned up. It'll be mostly family groups this time."

Thousands of students are expected to go to South Padre Island, where an annual Easter surfing bash takes place and miles of tents and makeshift camps rise overnight on the sand dunes.

South Padre police chief Art Garcia said most of the young people "just get drunk, raise hell, smoke a little pot or have sex in the sand dunes" and he said police usually leave them alone unless they endanger themselves or someone else.

He said a lot of problems with open marijuana smoking and public sex in the tent city at Isla Blanca Park diminished in recent years with the movement of the public camping area to Andy Bowie Park, a beach located away from the main tourist hotels.

"It seems the trend is going back to booze instead of narcotics," Garcia said. "We find a little bit of dope, but not much. Last year we found a hell of a lot of narcotics, but this year, no. They're out on the beach raising hell and having a good time. That's what they come here for."

"That tent city no longer is there. We got rid of that."

Thompson said religious holiday visitors from Mexico apparently are returning in large numbers for the first time since Mexico devalued the peso in 1976.

"They're returning in great numbers, particularly during the Holy Week which traditionally is a big vacation time for them," he said. "It's probably safe to say one out of four license plates is from Mexico right now."

Reports of ship's death greatly exaggerated

Initial media reports that a Texas A&M University marine research vessel had been lost in the Gulf of Mexico are not true, an A&M official said Thursday.

Dean Letzing, marine superintendent for the Gyre, the vessel reportedly lost at sea, said the ship simply had a breakdown in communications. The ship resumed contact with the Moody Maritime Academy in Galveston early Thursday afternoon.

"The whole thing has simply been a fluke on the part of the coast guard and the media," he said. "We called the coast guard to help us pick up the vessel on channels we don't monitor."

A coast guard spokesman in Galveston said the Gyre had a breakdown in its communications, and couldn't contact its home base on regular channels.

"The boat is currently on its way down through the lower Gulf of Mexico," he said. "It was having trouble with its satellite communications system before it left the coast, so they were having problems before they left. We simply went out on a communications search. There was no distress indicated."

The spokesman said the vessel was heading through the Yucatan Peninsula on its way to the Caymen Islands, and that area is heavily trafficked, which may have added to the communications problems. He said the boat is scheduled to arrive at its destination on April 16.

Mistaken ID for candidates

Marty Blaise and Laura Anthony were running unopposed for Off-Campus Aggies treasurer and secretary respectively. Unfortunately, they were elected to each other's office.

A mistake in the ballot listed Blaise as running for secretary and Anthony as running for treasurer.

Election commissioner Bruce Russell said the names would be placed on the runoff ballot correctly. Runoff elections are Tuesday, April 8.

Russell said that since the two were running unopposed, their names on the ballots were not checked as closely for error as they should have been.



View from the top

Four construction workers employed on the Texas A&M campus use their lunch break to view the passing "scenery" from the top of the Mechanical Engineering shops.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.