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Yesterday	Today
High 93	High 93
Low 72	Low 71
Humidity 57%	Humidity 60%
Rain 0.0 inches	Chance of rain none

Freshman class looms as largest ever

Unexpected seniors upset projections

By LIZ NEULIN
Battalion Staff

When official figures are in next week, Texas A&M University will probably have the largest freshman and senior classes in its history.

Another record has already been set by total enrollment, which is expected to go beyond last Friday's count of 33,313.

Using a computer projection, administrators expected about 32,090 students, or an increase of 760 over last fall. They were surprised when the increase was more than 1,900 students.

Official enrollment will be determined Tuesday, the 12th class day, so all figures here may change slightly. Computer print-outs of classes show about 33,900 schedules processed, but that figure counts students who registered twice, didn't pay fees or didn't show up.

Dr. Bill Lay, director of admissions, expects the freshmen class to go well over the 5,000 mark, but he won't know for sure until next week.

The computer prediction apparently missed the most in its forecast of the senior class.

Mel Lasell, associate director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis, explained that the class size prediction comes from a "cohort survival rate" based on the last three years. Normally the senior class is about the size of the previous year's junior class.

This year the computer forecast the 1980-81 senior class would be 98 percent the size of the 1979-80 junior class. Instead, it is about 106 percent of last year's junior class, an error of 8.6 percent, or 500 students.

Lasell doesn't know yet where the extras in the senior or other classes came from, but he suspects the economy for two reasons: 1) the tight job market encourages students to get more education, and 2) many students have to work while they're attending school.

The part-time work, he said, forces them to take lighter academic loads and turns many into "fifth-year" seniors. The average semester load was 14.17 hours in 1975, he said. It dropped to 13.81 hours in 1978 and 13.68 last year.

Dr. Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs, agreed with the economic theory. He added that Texas A&M's reputation, which led to enrollment jumps during the '70s, is still causing growth.

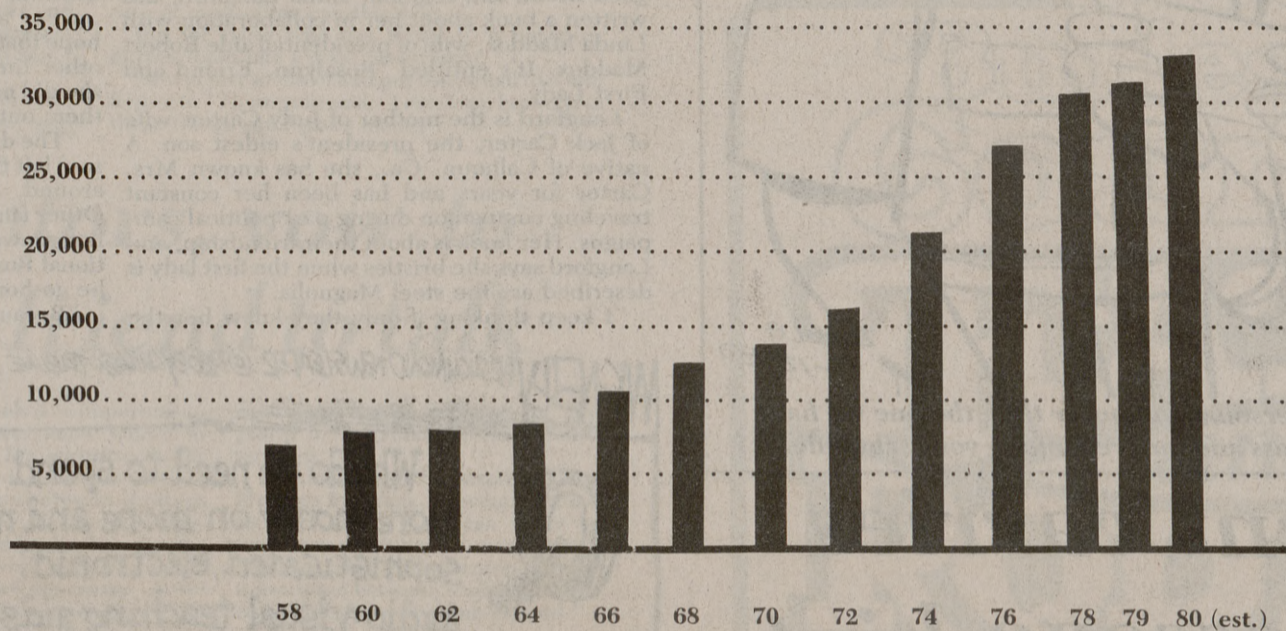
"Our image in the '60s was a factor," he said. "People knew classes were going to meet and that we did not have campus disruption."

Once more students came, he said, they influenced others to come. "We became kind of the 'in' school," he said. That still persists, he said, especially since Texas A&M has sought out outstanding high school students through the President's Endowed Scholars Program and other new scholarship programs.

McCandless didn't think the unexpected increase had caused any big problems this fall.

"We've had one of the smoother starts," the vice president said, although additional sections were opened in some courses. "Walking around campus, traffic has not seemed much heavier."

Fall enrollments for the College Station campus, Texas A&M University



Information from the Registrar's Office.

Enrollment on the main campus of Texas A&M University increased steadily and somewhat slowly through the

1960s. Then, during the 1970s, the totals added up to the fastest growing university in the United States.

Other totals up, down; UT at 46,200

Texas A&M isn't the only university in the Lone Star State with a higher enrollment this fall.

Preliminary figures show the University of Texas in Austin has about 2,100 more students than it had last fall. That addition makes UT's total about 46,200.

Mel Lasell, associate director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis at Texas A&M, said the University of Houston also gained students. Enrollment there is up about 1,600 from last fall, for a total of 30,000.

Texas Tech University is down about 500 students, Lasell said, for a fall total of 22,600.

One other school that apparently lost students is Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Enrollment there is about 15,500, or about 400 less than last fall.

North Texas State University in Denton stayed even, he said, with about 17,300 students.

Lasell cautioned that these figures are only preliminary. The schools make their official counts on the 12th class day for the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, which oversees public higher education in Texas.

A spokesman for the Coordinating Board in Austin said its analysis of enrollment won't be ready until mid-October. Last fall 330,869 students enrolled in public senior colleges across Texas, according to the Coordinating Board. Total college enrollment, including private schools was 651,715 students.

The agency predicted an increase this fall of about 5,000 students in public senior colleges.

Iran: Muskie letter 'nothing new'

United Press International
Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Thursday there was "nothing new" in Secretary of State Edmund Muskie's letter to Iran and he charged the United States has hampered his efforts to win release of the 52 American hostages held for 313 days.

Bani-Sadr's remarks, in an interview with All India Radio, were made as he himself came under growing fire for his moderate position in the hostage crisis.

The militants holding the hostages lined in that criticism and vowed once again that their captives will not go free

until the United States apologizes to Iran and returns the shah's wealth.

The Indian radio quoted Bani-Sadr as saying the United States was making it "impossible" for Iran to free the hostages.

The State Department said Wednesday that it was willing to discuss the apology demand with Iran but was not prepared to offer one.

But Bani-Sadr said he did not believe that Muskie's letter to Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Ali Rajai, which called for negotiations to end the crisis, "would make any difference to the hostage issue. There is nothing new in it," he said.

Kuwait Radio quoted Tehran Radio as saying the militants will not release the captives unless the United States apologizes for its past "behavior" and returns the wealth of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who died in Cairo in July.

Rajai earlier demanded the United States "repent" before negotiations could begin on the hostage crisis.

In another statement broadcast Wednesday by Tehran radio, the militants attacked those who did not support the "divine act" of taking the hostages.

Without mentioning Bani-Sadr by name

— but obviously referring to his recent remarks that the crisis had hurt Iran — the militants accused moderates of lacking the "courage" to stand up to the United States.

The struggle between Bani-Sadr and Rajai threatened to indefinitely delay Parliament's debate on the fate of the hostages.

Bluegrass starts Saturday noon in Bee Creek Park

Bluegrass bands from across the Lone Star state are scheduled to perform in a festival this Saturday at Bee Creek Park. The festival, which begins at noon, is free.

The city of College Station is sponsoring

the Bluegrass Festival, and it may become an annual event.

Bands from Brazoria, Wellborn, Dallas and Lolita were invited.

Food will be available, and the bluegrass music will last until dark.

BEOGs delayed to avoid possible overpayment

By Wayne Cook
Battalion Reporter

Some Texas A&M University students who rely on Basic Education Opportunity Grants to help pay their educational costs have not yet received their money.

Students who applied for the federal grants from June 1 (the filing date for the Fiscal Office) through delayed registration, did not have the amount of their Basic Grants deducted from their fee statements.

"Any student whose Basic Grant was not deducted from their fee slip will receive the Basic Grant around October 1," said Director of Financial Aid Dr. William E. McFarland. The checks will be distributed through the Fiscal Office.

McFarland said the reason for the time delay between the date payments are due and the date students receive their money is to avoid any overpayments to students. The amount of a grant is based directly on the actual cost of a student's education, and takes

into account tuition, room and board plan, and miscellaneous expenses. Due to the large number of students who go through drops and adds or change their room and board plans, many student's fees have to be revised, thereby increasing or decreasing the amount of their Basic Grant, according to McFarland.

"It would be really almost useless to award the funds now, and then have to go out and collect if too much was paid," McFarland said.

If a student is experiencing financial difficulties while waiting for Basic Grant money there is aid available through the Short-Term Emergency Loan Program, according to McFarland.

The maximum amount of loan is \$750 which should be helpful in tiding a student over, said McFarland. The average Basic Grant is \$900 to \$1000 for state residents and \$1,600 for out-of-state students.

Turkey coup a threat to buffer

United Press International
ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkey's armed forces seized control of the country late Thursday and arrested the prime minister in a bloodless coup, but pledged to restore parliamentary government once they have stamped out terrorism that has killed 5,200 people this year.

The leaders of the takeover said Turkey will honor its commitments to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Gen. Kenan Evren, 62, chief of staff of the armed forces, said Prime Minister Turgut Demirel and the leader of the main opposition, former Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit, were in "protective custody."

Martial law was declared in all of Turkey's 67 provinces, and Evren said all political parties were abolished and a nationwide curfew was in effect.

The National Security Council composed of Evren and the commanders of the army, navy and air force will lead the nation

of 43 million, most of whom are Moslem, to civilian rule, "when peace and order of the state are restored," the balding general said.

In an apparent move to ease fears among Turkey's allies, Evren, a Korean War veteran, called the coup "an interim arrangement" and said Turkey "would honor all its international obligations toward NATO and other existing agreements."

In a 30-minute speech over the national radio, Evren related the litany of the nation's recent instability, its weak economy and the mounting terrorism by left- and right-wing extremists.

He disclosed that terrorist attacks had killed 5,241 people in 1980 alone, well over the official death toll of 1,700 released by the Demirel government. In contrast, Evren said, the Turkish war of independence in 1919-23 cost 5,713 lives.

He also noted that during 14,740 people have been arrested this year alone for right- or left-wing terrorism.

Besides Demirel and Ecevit, Evren said Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the Moslem fundamentalist National Salvation Party, and Alparslan Turkes, leader of the extreme rightwing National Movement Party, were all taken into custody "to protect their lives."

Evren said many other deputies had been taken into custody, but added that none would be held responsible for his political activism. But he said the deputies may face trial for what he termed activities "against the law and constitution."

The takeover came after two warnings this year by Evren and the commanders in chief of the army, navy, air force and police in which they charged that "anarchists and separatists" were "rehearsing for a general uprising."

They called for a combined effort by Demirel's rightist Justice Party and Ecevit's socialist Republican People's Party to control the internal security.



Photo by Dave Einsel

One Wet Walker

Junior yell leader Chris Walker leads a few yells at the Fish Pond after being taken there by Corps freshmen Thursday night. Tradition dictates the yell leaders receive a dip in the pond after Thursday night yell practices

following a football victory. Walker and the other yell leaders leave today for the Texas A&M-Georgia football game.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1980
 SATURDAY'S MOVIES
 12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
 BASEBALL PRE-GAME SHOW