

Photo by Alison Awbrey

The Lights Out stickers are just part of a larger energy conservation program at Texas A&M University. Recommended by the Special Energy Committee headed by Dr. Charles McCandless, the stickers recommend turning off lights not in use for 15 minutes. No figures on energy savings can be computed because of

Energy program is still in place

By TERRI ZAWACKI

Battalion Reporter
The maroon and white stickers placed on light-switch plates in buildings at Texas A&M University are a familiar sight to most. For two years these stickers have been part of the University's energy-saving program.

A Special Energy Committee formed by then-President Jarvis Miller in 1978 designed the plates to serve as reminders to people to turn off lights when they would not be used for 15 minutes or longer, Gerald Scott, manager of engineering and energy for the University Physical Plant, said.

The committee was created in 1973, but later faded out. It was reorganized by Miller five years later. Miller appointed Associate Vice

President for Academic Affairs Dr. Charles McCandless chairman of the committee at that time.

Unlike a few years ago dùring the Arab oil embargo, people today aren't as conscious of conserving energy, McCandless said. They have "become less commit-

ted to saving energy," he said. "This is very unfortunate

Others might have given up on

A&M hasn't. In fact, it is still operating under an energy-saving program of which the light-switch plates are

perhaps the most visable evidence. Promoting the 55 mph speed limit is another action the University is taking to aid conservation efforts. This primarily involves requiring people driving University vehicles to comply with the speed limit. Stickers have also been placed on side mirrors to remind drivers, Scott

Lighting in classrooms and offices has also been reduced by cutting off two of the four fluorescent lamps found in most lighting fixtures, he said. However, after lighting was initially reduced, adjustments were made if further lighting appeared

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Parker introduced a bill that ald permit hunting, sale and pur-se of alligators in Texas, if federal the alligator off the endangered spe-

Texas, Parker said, the bill would transfer management of the species

authorities can be persuaded to take the alligator off the endangered speplacing alligators on the endangered pecies list for ecological reasons. The population has increased in South Texas to the point that a carefully managed harvest seems justi-

> A report by the Parks and Wildlife Department estimated that the alli

counties, the report said, there were nearly 70,000 alligators.

The report also confirmed Parker's charges that alligators may be killing hunting dogs.
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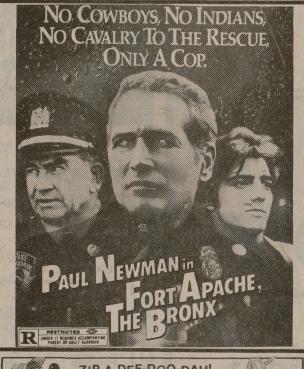
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er pay met Thursday after the university granted an

ediate 5.1 percent raise and assistants agreed to end

The negotiations began at noon between English essor John McNamara, representing teaching assis-

demanding an increase in the monthly minimum from \$350 to \$850, and UH Provost Dr. George

Teaching assistants who had called in sick, forcing

ellation of classes in the English, foreign language

physical education departments, returned to work

rker, D-Port Arthur said

If the animal comes off the list for

to the state Department of Parks and "I have received a number of com-

plaints from people in my area stating that they have lost hunting dogs gator population increased 50 percent from 1974 to 1978. In 86 Texas **UH** teachers end sickout

fter 5.1% raise; talks start punitive action against them, negotiations to begin at noon Thursday and end Feb. 27, and all issues to be

> Spokeswoman Chris Domino for the student teaching assistants said the sickout began Monday because the students had been hearing promises of pay raises for three years without seeing any results.
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> UH spokeswoman Wendy Adair said university offi-

> cials were sympathetic and want to increase pay to all They disagreed on the impact of the sickout. Domino said nearly 100 of an estimated 1,000 affected teaching

assistants participated. Adair said about 65 of her estimate of 1,400 affected assistants were involved.

Domino said at least 150 classes did not meet at the peak of the sickout. Adair conceded some classes had not met but did not believe the impact was as widespread as Domino claimed.

Magner signed a negotiating agreement late agreement called for an immediate 5.1 percent e, the return to work of assistants calling in sick, no Wildflower

ree-day sickout.

day sought feet din April United Press International AUSTIN — Carroll Abbott of ville, a former newspaper man said he went into the wildflower

ness because he couldn't conanyone else to do it, now wants Legislature to designate the th Saturday in April as official flower day in Texas. Abbott, wearing jeans, a denim rt and a belt buckle with the

blem of a beer manufacturer, cala news conference Thursday to note his plan for wildflower day to ask Texans to send him letters

hey support the idea. When he gets a stack of letters is high," Abbott said, holding his ds two feet apart, he'll be back to Legislature to push for passage of

xas wildflower day. I think it's propriate and I think it's important Texas be the state that does it We have 5,479 native plants, e than any other state," he said. This is not a pun, but interest in flowers is really growing. Wildrs are a feast for the eye and

I'm really serious about an official

ere also is a practical reason as should focus more on native ts. Abbott said.

e're going to run out of water, going to run out of fertilizer, re going to run out of people nd to plants, and you're going to some of these tough Texan to survive. They're acclimated xas heat and Texas droughts.

oott said he had been to the ary of state's office to register official wildflower lobbyist.

think I'm the only wildflower ist, at least one would assume e said. "I saw a guy in a bar last and told him what I was going and he said, 'Abbott, you're to set lobbying back 100 and you've blown the dress all to hell.

bott said he doesn't anticipate opposition to his proposal proc-ing an official wildflower day but erned it will be lost in the of other legislation.

