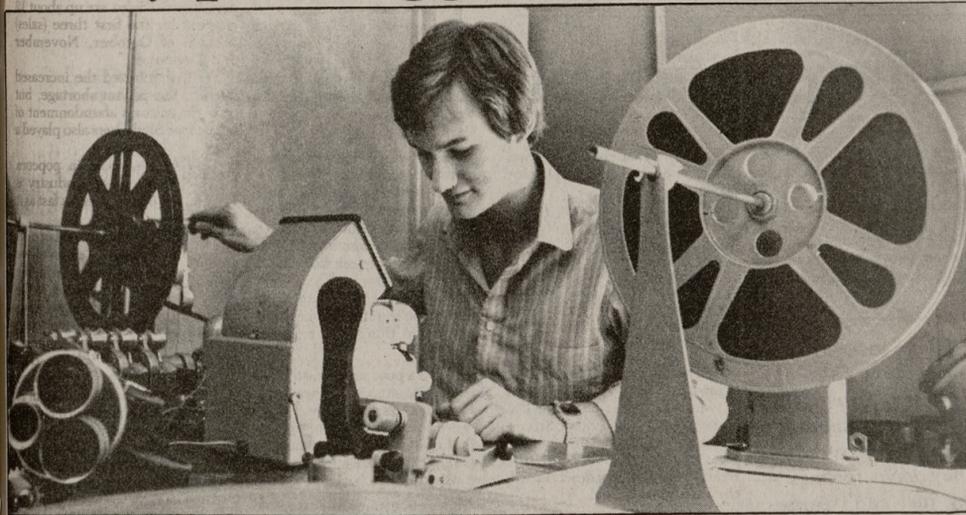


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Delay puts Aggie Cinema camera test into slow motion



Mike Coleman, a member of MSC Aggie Cinema, works with editing equipment recently acquired by the committee. The equipment will be used for editing film repairs and composing film shorts for Aggie Cinema.

By MELANI BAYLESS
Battalion Reporter

The MSC Aggie Cinema Committee plans to put its on-loan 16-millimeter film equipment into action this week — if film arrives.

If tests are successful, the club will begin producing one-minute spots to advertise Aggie Cinema. Later plans include producing 15-minute short movies.

"We are waiting for the Eastman Kodak Co. in Dallas to approve our credit so that we can receive our film," said David Musey, Aggie Cinema program adviser.

He said the paperwork was "holding up the credit voucher" longer than the club had anticipated.

The secondhand film equipment, on loan from the Texas A&M University media center, will be tested when the film arrives, he said.

"Almost everything has been checked except the cameras," Musey said, "and we need the film to test them properly."

Tom Jordan, faculty adviser for Aggie Cinema, said after the equipment and film problems are

cleared up, production of the one-minute spots and 15-minute short movies will begin.

"But the film-delay problem is forcing us to postpone our production schedule," he said.

He said, however, that three Aggie Cinema film technicians are still "in the midst of training interested volunteers to use and run the equipment."

Jordan said that Aggie Cinema plans to make 15-minute "short movies" in the future if the one-

minute spots are successful.

The Aggie Cinema productions will be run before regular movie features in theaters at Texas A&M, Jordan said.

"We want to generate interest in film making," he said. "We're in it (filmmaking) for the artistic fun."

The Aggie Cinema film group is working out of the concession stand in the Grove at Texas A&M campus.

Construction may ease A&M campus crowding

By TED TREAT
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M University has not yet caught up with the population boom of the 1970s and suffers from "the greatest shortage of educational space of all the major universities in Texas," says a University administrator.

Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs, said that the reason for the space shortage is obvious. "We are growing faster than we can build space," he said. "And when you have a greater need for space than you can meet, then you have to establish priorities to try to meet the greatest needs first."

That is why the Texas A&M University System has a Master Planning Committee to help the University determine its priorities for new buildings.

The University's growth has led to a shortage of available dormitory space and other shortages, said Ed Peel, director of facilities, planning and construction for the Texas A&M System.

Texas A&M has many construction projects under way, including two new women's dormitories totalling \$7.5 million. These modular dormitories, one located west of the Keathley-Fowler-Hughes complex and the other south of Aston Hall, are slated for occupancy in the fall semester.

Because women have had difficulty getting on-campus living space in recent years, Peel said the dorms are necessary. "We just can't seem to build enough dormitories," Peel said, noting that until a few years ago, dorm popularity was low.

"I guess the economy and the gas prices might be driving students back to the dorms. Or it could be a new trend," he said.

Other Texas A&M building includes a three-phase Easterwood Airport Expansion Program.

Already started, the first phase includes new lighting for the taxiway and a concrete parking apron for plane storage. The Federal Aviation Administration is funding most of the \$434,000 expansion. The project's two other phases include renovating the taxiway and lengthening the runway. More FAA money will be needed for these phases.

Another project is the Academic and Agency Building, to be completed March 26, at a cost of \$11.85 million. This building will house the College of Business and the English department, among others.

Included in the 174,790 square feet of usable area in the building will be 41 classrooms, seating from 30 to 80 students, and three lecture rooms seating from 120 to 244 people. Construction of the building has taken nearly two years.

Other projects include a clinical sciences building next to the Veterinary Medicine Complex. It will be an animal hospital as well as a teaching facility. Completion is slated for April at a cost of about \$9.1 million.

A practice field and parking lot are being constructed on the west side of Kyle Field. The parking lot is finished, while the practice field should be ready this summer. The lot and field cost is about \$725,000.

Other current projects include: — A \$14.8 million medical sciences building to be located across from the Veterinary Medical Complex. This should be finished in the fall of 1982. It will house the College of Medicine.

— A \$2.15 million addition of heating and chilling equipment, including a new cooling tower to be added to the utilities plant.

— A \$1 million addition to Parking Annex 50 on the east side of Zachry Engineering Center, scheduled for completion June 1.

— A \$450,000 campus sanitary sewer project that will expand the utility capacity on campus. This is needed to pick up the extra load that will be brought on by the new dorms, Peel said. Completion is scheduled for June 1.

— Construction next to Zachry on a new engineering research building that is just getting started.

Future projects that are in the planning stage right now include the following:

— A Meat Science and Technology Center that would be built west of the Kleberg Center. This new facility would be used for University teaching, research and extension programs.

— An expansion of the sewage treatment plant.

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— A new Animal Science Pavilion, to replace the old pavilion which is being converted into a student center.

— A Cyclotron expansion to give it greater capability.

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