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"It's nice to take a moonlight swim," he said, "but it really is

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Somerville offers a choice

By KATHY O'CONNELL

Battalion Staff If a road trip to the beach is out of the question this semester, why not take a trip to Lake Somerville instead?

The lake may not have sea, sand or seagulls, but it does have picnic areas, camping areas and boat ramps. Lake Somerville, constructed

in 1962 under the supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers serves as a recreation area and provides irrigation and flood control for area counties.

The lake was filled and ready for use in January 1967. Cost of the construction was \$24, 191,000.

Parks superintendent Bruce Hill said the seven parks surrounding Lake Somerville are under control of the Corps of En-gineers and the state of Texas. All the property was originally owned by the Corps of Engineers; however, the state negotiated on a lease basis to develop land for state parks in 1969.

The state-operated parks are Nails and Birch Creek parks, which are located in Burleson County. Hill said since the parks are state-owned, they are subject to state wildlife and park recreation regulations.

These state regulations are en-forcable by state law, Hill said. For instance, public consumption of alcoholic beverages is illegal in the parks. "The key word is 'pub-lic," he said. "People just can't go walking around in the park with a can of beer, because alcoholic beverages are offensive to some

people. "People can drink in their tents, or campers and I'm not going to per or cup to see if they're drinking.

The state parks employ two peace officers, Hill said, and he is

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has the authority to give out citations and make arrests, he said, whereas the Corps of Engineers peace officers can only give citations.

Because the state parks are patbecause the state parks are pat-rolled regularly, there is less row-dy behavior from high school and college students, Hill said. However, in the parks supervised by the Corps of Engineers — Welsh, Overlook, Big Creek, Rockie and Yegua — visitors tend to be rowdier. Hill said this is be-cause there is less policing of the cause there is less policing of the

As far as boating is concerned, Hill said the regulations listed in the state's water safety rules are enforced. Most of the water safety regualtions are "just plain com-mon sense," he said.

Boaters are required to have enough life preservers for each person riding in the boat. It's also necessary that boats have a red, a green and a white light displayed at night when the boat is on the lake.

Accessibility to the lake from the two state boat ramps is fairly convenient. Howver, Hill said this often depends on the water level of the lake. Right now, he said, the lake is at the best level for

launching a boat. In Nails and Birch Creek park, there are camping facilities com-plete with water and electrical hook-ups for campers. Hill said the state charges \$2 per vehicle entrance fee and overnight cam-pers must obtain a permit. In 1980, an estimated 2,529,400 peo-

ple visited the parks. Lake Somerville, Hill said, is probably one of the "safer" lakes in Texas. An interesting feature is that the average depth of the lake is 14 feet

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Hill, who has been superindendent at the lake for several years,

one of them. A state peace officer said there has only been one drowning since he started work. The death occurred when a high

school student from Caldwell panicked while standing in four feet of water, he said. Hill warns that visitors should

"The greatest diversion of the 1920s appeared to be the automobile. Many believed that this new marvel was more a

curse than a blessing and, that it

was the root cause of the new sexual license, changing social values, climbing divorce rates,

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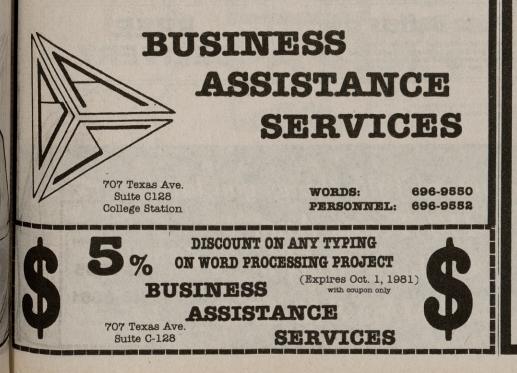
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