

Today's Almanac

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Today is Monday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 1981 with 122 to follow.  
The moon is moving toward its first quarter.  
The morning star is Mars.  
The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.  
Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo.

On this date in history:  
In 1887, Thomas Alva Edison was awarded a patent for a device he called a "kinetoscope," to produce pictures representing objects in motion.  
In 1903, a Packard automobile completed a 52-day journey from San Francisco to New York. It was the first automobile to cross the nation under its own power.

# Local Samson

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faculty or do something to control the growth," Samson said.

The acting president has advocated the latter anticipating Texas A&M's enrollment to continue to increase throughout the 1980s.

"It appears to me that Texas A&M will probably not follow the norm as far as student population in the next 10 years," he said. "It's anticipated that by 1992 there will be a valley in student population across the country. This worries other schools, but we don't feel we'll follow that if we let growth occur naturally."

"The attitude is that we need to control growth, but it's hard to specify what an optimum size is. I recall when we were approaching 18-20,000 students, there was talk of limiting enrollment."

In July the Texas A&M System Board of Regents approved measures to limit University enrollment for an indefinite period of time, effective the fall of 1982. The measures relied primarily on requiring higher Scholastic Aptitude Tests scores for admission.

"I don't feel this (plan) by itself will solve the problem," Samson said, indicating that he advocated instituting controls by colleges. However, he said, a plan outlining different admission standards for each academic college would be very complex.

Samson also expressed concern for a student population having higher scholastic standings than the current population.

"We now have 70 percent of the student body from the top quarter of their graduating class."

"While one could continue to turn that admissions

valve tighter and tighter, I'm not at all sure that's what is best for Texas A&M; I think we've got a healthy mix of students."

Maintaining adequate salaries for faculty and staff is another concern at a growing university, Samson said. "This is going to be a continuing problem with inflation, and I think it is extremely important that we have a good salary structure that would attract outstanding teachers and scholars and not lose the people that we have."

Samson said that in his term as acting president, he has made headway in understanding the intricacies of the University, particularly in getting to know students.

"The only frustration in a situation like this is realizing you're in an acting mode, wanting to keep the wheels turning effectively, seeing things that need new dimension and yet feeling it's not wise to move in some directions because another person might want to move things in another direction," he said.

"That's been the only real frustration, and I think it's a natural one."

His contact with students has been a highlight of the past year, Samson said.

"I've got a much deeper perception of overall student activities," he said. "I had had some contact with students before but not the extended contact I've had." The acting president singled out attending Fish Camp and eating dinner with the Corps of Cadets as specific examples.

"That's made me more impressed with the quality of students University-wide."

## New housing office added

By DENISE RICHTER  
Battalion Staff

The North Area housing office has been cloned.

A Central Area Housing Office has been established at Texas A&M University over the summer and will be responsible for the administration of 10 dorms previously under the jurisdiction of the North Area office.

Dorms in the Central Area are: Clements, Davis-Gary, Fowler, Hart, Hughes, Keathley, Law, Leggett, Moses and Puryear halls.

North Area dorms now include: Crocker, Haas, Hobby, Hotard, McFadden, McInnis, Moore, Neeley, Schuhmacher and Walton halls.

Campus dormitories are divided into areas for administrative purposes and each is governed by an area coordinator. The housing office tries to keep the work load of each coordinator about even.

However, the growth of the North Area has made the job too big for one office to handle. Each office oversees the residence hall staff members and hall councils.

"The North Area was split to bring it in line administratively

with the Corps and Commons areas," said North Area Coordinator Tom Murray. "Because modular halls, the north area has 19 halls and 4,400 students compared to the Corps area with 12 halls and 2,200 students in the Commons area with four and 2,000 students."

"I gave it (the job as administrator) my best shot but it was a cult to effectively run that area. I found myself only reacting to problems and had to plan ahead and work with people and with hall staff councils."

The Central area staff consists of Murray, area coordinator, Sweeney and Roxie Prater, assistant coordinators.

The Central Area Office is housed in the A-2 Lounge, office phone number is 845-1845.

North Area staff members include Monica Christen, area coordinator and Dusty Russell, area coordinator, and the office is in the process of hiring another area coordinator.

The B-1 Lounge is the North Area Office. The phone number is 845-4768.

## Health Center will charge for medication, hire two more doctors

By KATHY O'CONNELL  
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In addition to semesterly living expenses such as school supplies, meals, laundry and entertainment, Texas A&M students may also have to spend additional money this year for prescription medication.

Beginning with the fall semester, students will be charged for medication prescribed at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Students will be charged for all medications, except over-the-counter medications, said Health Center Director Dr. Claude B. Goswick.

Other services, such as X-rays, lab work and ambulance service, will remain free to the student who has paid the \$15.00 health fee.

This change came about as a result of student government's recommendation to help ease tight University budgets. Goswick said student government couldn't appropriate all the money the health center requested so there was a gap in the budget.

"We anticipated going into the health center reserve," Goswick said, "but the trouble with that is when it's gone, it's gone." To make up for the gap, he said, student government passed a resolution recommending user fees instead.

"There was some hesitancy to institute user fees for a long time," Goswick said. "In a sense, it was sort of a point of pride that we could make our budget ends meet to supply the student with medication, X-rays and laboratory service at no additional cost. That time is gone forever, I'm afraid."

In an attempt not to gouge anybody, Goswick said, students will pay for the prescriptions at cost. "We're simply going to make the charge according to our charge. In other words, we're not making any profit."

"We are just simply getting our money back, so to speak. In most cases we are putting in an additional nominal charge for packaging

and labels, not for salaries of the pharmacy employees."

Goswick said most university health centers have user fees for all medical services. "At UT (University of Texas at Austin) they charge for medication, X-rays, laboratory services, in-patient care and they even charge for emergencies after hours," he said.

Prices for the medication will vary depending on the kind and

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amount of medication. Goswick said the student is charged the single price of the pill, multiplied by the number of pills.

To help simplify matters, Goswick said, the price of the prescription will be rounded off to the nearest dollar figure.

Even though there's no such thing as an average prescription because the amount and type of medication varies so much, Goswick estimates that students will pay about \$3 to \$4 per prescription.

For the student who just can't afford the extra cost for medication, Goswick said, health center staff members will try to ensure that no one goes without necessary medication.

In addition to the user fee recommendation, Goswick said, student government also requested that the center hire two additional physicians. Currently,

there are seven physicians practicing at the health center.

Goswick said student government appropriated the money for this purpose, but "they didn't do enough." But since the center will be charging for medications, Goswick said the center can't save money from that expense.

Hiring new physicians isn't as easy as one might think, Goswick said. The salary at the center is considerably lower than the physician in private practice. However, the advantage of working at the health center is to outweigh the relatively low salary.

For instance, physicians at the center get a two-week vacation and there are no night calls. They are also employees of the state of Texas and are eligible for state benefits as well as the additional contribution the University makes in insurance plans.

Another problem is that more doctors, Goswick said, that the health center is created for space. He said there are long-range plans to expand the facility but not in the near future.

To alleviate the problem, Goswick said, it's possible to convert one of the examining rooms into an office. He said it would be small but adequate.

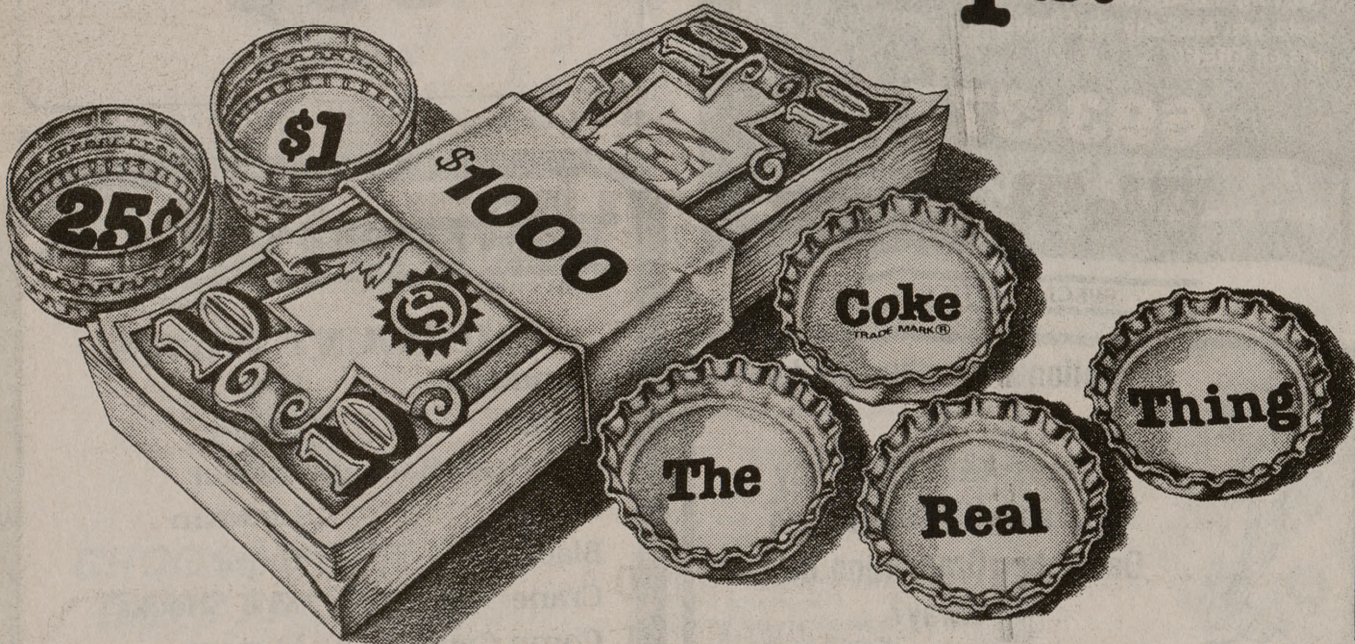
Originally, he said, the center was built to provide each physician with two examining rooms that patients could wait in for the doctor. However, he said students prefer to wait in the hall and talk instead of sitting by themselves in an examining room.

Another change students see in the fall is the elimination of medical excuses from class if the professor requests a case.

Many times a student will be in with a list of dates when he missed class and expects to be excused for each date. "That's very demeaning to the student," Goswick said. "This puts the burden between the professor and student, which is where it should be."



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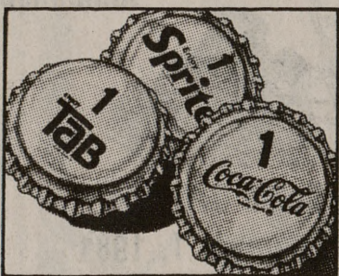
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he explained. "I was admitted (to UT) by the graduate record examiner. Vandiver said he was told the minimum score he had to make to be accepted and he made it at that point."

"I was very lucky," he said. "I had parents who were not too formal in an education. They hired tutors for me." The son of Harry Schulz Vandiver, a mathematician, and Everson Vandiver.

The scholar who has been led a dyed-in-the-wool Vandiver laughed at the press conference Wednesday when the point was made that two University of alumni will preside over A&M; System. Frank Hubert also holds a degree from UT.

"One thing about Longhorn Vandiver quipped, "It's adaptable. But you notice we work for."

Chairman Bright took his to laugh when Hubert said, "He says we work for an A&M

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