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Not for bookworms only

Staff photo by David Fisher

In the midst of hustling to class many students have found themselves hustling to bookstores in search of textbooks and study aids. Debbie Hart, a junior biomedical science major from Temple, helps Leslie Shives, a junior sociology major

from Lufkin, and Charlie Jumper, a senior industrial distribution major from Lufkin, find their books in the MSC Bookstore.

## Mine method under review

**United Press International**  
GRETHEL, Ky. — The bodies of seven men killed in a massive explosion at a southeastern Kentucky family coal mine were brought to the surface today, and officials feared a controversial dynamite technique may be blamed for the disaster.

The violent blast tore apart a building 500 yards from the mouth of the RFH Coal Co. No. 1 mine "like paper boxes" Wednesday, hurled parts of a coal conveyor belt into distant treetops and blackened the surrounding hillsides.

Among the dead were four family members believed to be co-owners of the small mine 8 miles south of Grethel in Floyd County.

Stanley listed no official cause for the Grethel disaster, but there was speculation a mining technique called

"shooting the solid" — drilling holes in mine surfaces, filling them with dynamite, then setting off the charges to break coal free — may ultimately be blamed.

He said there also may not have been enough "rock dusting," a way of keeping explosive coal dust down.

As rescuers searched in vain for survivors Wednesday, Stanley along with United Mine Workers President Sam Church and Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. promised immediate investigations into mine safety.

Church said he would ask the UMW's policy-making arm to study the possibility of banning the method because it requires so many explosives. He also said he may seek Kentucky legislation outlawing the practice.

## U.S. gets Allies to limit exports

**United Press International**  
PARIS — The United States won unanimous support from its allies Wednesday night for tighter controls on exports of technology to the Soviet bloc but failed to halt West European plans to help build a Soviet natural gas pipeline.

The top-secret meeting of the Control Committee on Trade with Communist Countries ended with members agreeing to a U.S. demand that they revise outmoded proce-

dures for controlling exports of technology that could be used for military purposes by the Soviet bloc.

No details of the accord were given.

U.S. officials refused to comment directly on the meeting of Japan and all 15 NATO nations except Iceland, but acknowledged there was opposition to Washington's plea for France, Italy and West Germany to abandon their \$10 billion pipeline deal with Moscow.

## Report says oil industry underpaying

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — The public is being gypped as much as 16 percent on federal oil and gas royalties — estimated at \$5 billion this year alone — because federal lease management has been a failure, a special commission said today.

The panel, appointed by Interior Secretary James Watt to investigate royalty underpayments and

oil theft, issued a final report concluding the agency's royalty management has been a failure for more than 20 years.

"Because the federal government has not adequately managed this multi-billion dollar enterprise, the oil and gas industry is not paying all the royalties it rightly owes," the report said.

It said the country can no longer

afford such mismanagement of energy resources because petroleum royalties have risen from less than \$500 million in 1971 to more than \$4 billion last year.

The commission, chaired by David Linowes, said this year's estimated total royalty take of \$5 billion will escalate to \$8 billion in 1985 and \$14 billion in 1990 for a total collection of \$90 billion during the current decade.

The report said the commission's six-month probe backed up a 1979 General Accounting Office finding that 7 to 10 percent of rightful public royalties went unreported and uncollected.

It also said security experts interviewed by the commission projected additional losses of 3 to 6 percent from outright theft of oil from leased fields.

## MSC budget finalized

### Service fee utilization increases

by Nancy Weatherley

Battalion Staff

A 13.8 percent increase in the allotment of student service fees for MSC Council and Directorate programs was approved Wednesday night in the 1982-83 programming budget.

However, some Council members expressed concern at some of the thousands of dollars being allotted to various programs and committees did not benefit a majority of students.

Last year's budget used \$193,611 in service fees. This year the figure was increased to \$216,624. The total working budget is \$1.38 million.

Todd Norwood, vice president of finance, said Council members expect to raise \$1.17 million through tickets in the coming year, with a net increase of \$23,013 over last year.

Some MSC committees which received service fees, such as the travel and video committees, are specialized, affecting a small segment of the student body.

Ken Johnson, student body president, appealed to fellow Council members on behalf of students who don't utilize programs funded by the fee allotment. Specialized

committees and events, programmed for a limited number of students, are funded by the service fees of all students.

In contrast, MSC Director Jim Reynolds supported an increase in service fees for the Outdoor Recreation Committee. He said a market for a high scale endeavor for the committee (which is fairly specialized) does exist. The service fees represent a prop for the committee so that they have the funds to grow, he said.

Students pay a service fee of \$2.80 per semester credit hour. Part of the fee is to be used to help lower the cost of attending MSC programs, according to the Texas A&M catalog.

In spite of the controversial discussion, Council members approved each individual committee and program budget without amending any service fee allotment.

"Input on questions about the student service fees are good because we'll get the same questions from the Student Government Finance Committee," Norwood said.

The approved budget will be sent to the finance committee, as well as to Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services for approval.

## Final semester busy period for A&M graduating seniors

by Carla Sutter

Battalion Reporter

The professor looked up from his roll sheet and asked, "How many graduating seniors are in this class?"

Twelve hands shot up eagerly. May 7 and 8 — the end is near.

To graduate, though, isn't as easy as it sounds. There are invitations to order, degree applications to file, caps and gowns to purchase. Remembering to do everything can help make that special day more enjoyable.

**Invitations** — The last day to order invitations is Feb. 1. Invitations can be ordered in 217 MSC between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"That's only two weeks away and we've only had a few drifting in so

far," said Faye Yeates, supervisor of the Student Finance Center. He encourages graduating seniors to order their invitations as soon as possible to avoid long lines and possible delays.

The cost of invitations varies according to the order. The maroon souvenir invitation is \$3, the cardboard souvenir invitation is \$2.50 and the plain French fold is 60 cents. One hundred name cards can be purchased for \$6.50.

The invitations should arrive April 12, Yeates said. They can be picked up in the MSC Browsing Library.

**Degree Applications** — All graduating seniors and graduate students must make a formal application for their degrees by Feb. 15. To file a

degree application, all undergraduate and graduate degree applicants must pay a \$15 fee at the fiscal office in the Coke Building.

Undergraduates then must take their fee receipts to the registrar's office in 105 Heaton Hall and fill out degree application forms. Graduate degree applicants must take their fee receipts to the graduate college office in 125 Teague Research Center.

**Caps and Gowns** — The MSC Bookstore will begin selling caps and gowns April 1. A bachelor's cap and gown costs \$11 and a master's cap and gown costs \$12.

Students also are encouraged to take care of any financial or educational problem as soon as possible, said Robert Smith, controller of accounts in the Fiscal Department. Such matters include unpaid bills, parking tickets, insufficient funds and overdue library books.

**Hotel accommodations** — Those students who have not yet made hotel reservations for parents and relatives should start airing out the sleeping bags because area hotels and motels are completely booked.

## Stiffer honor requirements go into effect for May grads

By Becky Swanson

Battalion Reporter

Seniors graduating this May will be the first students affected by tougher honor graduate requirements.

The requirements were changed by the Texas A&M Academic Council November 1977, to take effect this semester.

Until this semester, students could graduate Cum Laude (with honors) with a 3.250 grade point ratio, but now the status requires a 3.500 GPR.

The loftier honors requirements have also been raised. The following is a list of the old and new requirements:

Cum Laude: 3.250-3.499 raised to 3.500-3.699

Magna Cum Laude: 3.500-3.749 raised to 3.700-3.899

Summa Cum Laude: 3.750 or better raised to 3.900 or better.

Dr. Thomas W. Adair III, a mem-

ber of the Academic Council when the changes were approved, said the proposal originated in the Student Senate as a way to deal with the large number of honor graduates.

However, the registrar's office does not keep records of the number of honor graduates.

To be eligible for graduation with honors, undergraduate students must enroll in and complete a minimum of 60 semester hours preceding graduation from Texas A&M, according to the University's undergraduate catalog.

Assistant Registrar Don Gardner said transfer work affects honor graduate status. Grades transferred from other institutions are converted to the University's four-point scale, and averaged into the student's GPR, he said.

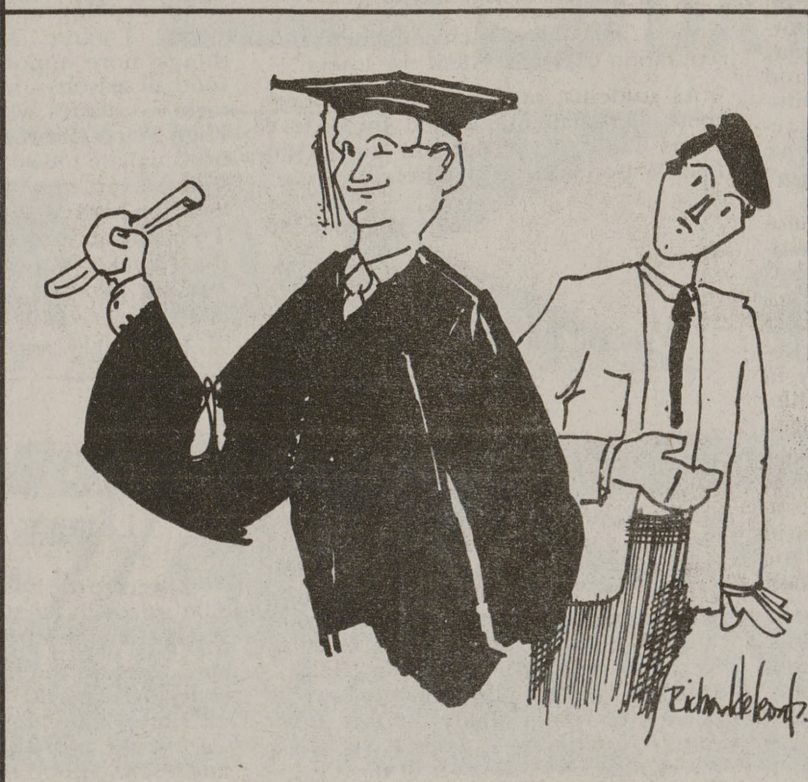
"Where a lot of students get in trouble is on transfer work," Gardner

said. "A lot of students forget that transfer work is included. Anything less than an A can only hurt (honor graduate status). A lot of students lose their honors on transfer work."

Students expecting to graduate with honors should mark the appropriate honors slot on the left side of the degree application when they complete their cards at Heaton Hall.

Gardner said a student's last semester is included in his final GPR. During the process of clearing students for graduation, the registrar's office pulls the files of honor graduate candidates, he said. After graduating seniors' semester grades are in, the office computes GPRs for each student, he said.

On the Thursday before graduation, a "clear list" is posted in front of Heaton Hall. Honor graduates are posted on a separate list at the same place and time.



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### forecast

Today's forecast: Mostly cloudy and warm with a 40 percent chance of rain. High today in the mid-70s; low in the mid-60s. There is a 50 percent chance of rain tonight and tomorrow.