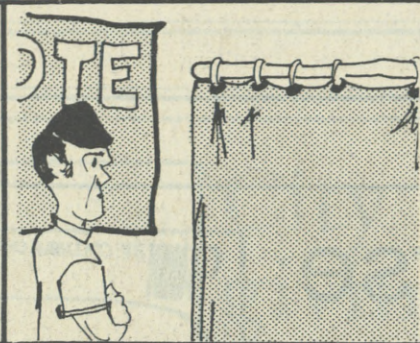


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The ultimate in Rubik's cubes

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Mark Radcliff, left, and David Templen watch as Warren Adamson, a senior building construction major from Houston, manipulates an Aggie variation of the Rubik's cube. Radcliff is a freshman engineering

technology major from Pampa, and Templen is a junior environmental design major from Chickasha, Oklahoma. The maroon cube is on sale in the Memorial Student Center.

On-campus requests move to November

by Cindy Manicom

Battalion Reporter
Campus housing applications for the 1983 fall semester will be accepted, by mail or in person, beginning Nov. 1, in 101 YMCA.

Previously, housing officials accepted dormitory applications in April, 17 months prior to a student's enrollment in Texas A&M University.

The new date will limit the acceptance of applications to 10 months in advance, and housing officials say this will reduce the number of dormitory room assignments made to students who are unable to accept them.

High school students applying for housing 10 months prior to enrollment will be seniors, instead of juniors, and should have a better idea of where they truly want to attend college, said Dena Todd, supervisor of housing services.

"Most students are thinking more about college their senior year in high school, not their junior year, and by accepting applications in November instead of April all students (who want housing at Texas A&M) will have a more equal opportunity to apply," Todd said.

"Also, high school students will have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test 10 months prior to the 1983 fall semester and will know if they are eligible or not to attend A&M."

High school students must be accepted by the University by March 15 to receive a dormitory room assignment in April.

All applications received between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15 will be entered in a computer lottery to be held in April. Through a random sample program, each will be assigned a number that will determine the order in which applicants will receive rooms assignments.

Applications received after Dec. 15 will be placed on a first come, first served waiting list. Students can apply for housing and be placed on the waiting list at any time after Dec. 15.

Although an application is entered into the lottery, housing space is not guaranteed to the applicant. Whether or not a room assignment is made depends on how many dorm rooms are filled with returning students and whether an applicant is accepted into the University.

Also, only 80 percent of the available housing vacancies go to entering freshmen while 20 percent of the vacancies are reserved for returning and transfer students, Todd said.

The lottery system was used for the first time with housing applicants for the fall of 1982. Those who applied between April 1 and June 1, 1981, were entered into the lottery held in July. Room assignments for those students will be next month.

Those who applied after June 1 for fall 1982 housing space were, and will continue to be, placed on a waiting list.

Clements and Underwood halls, women's dormitories built last year, bring the total number of residence halls to 37 — 19 women's halls and 18 men's halls. The 37 residence halls provide housing for 10,000 students.

Of the 32,479 students enrolled this semester, 9,772 live on campus; 228 dorm spaces are vacant. Any student may apply and move into these dormitory rooms throughout the current semester but will not be guaranteed housing for the fall semester.

In an effort to make the most accurate number of dormitory room assignments, housing officials consider the number of unclaimed rooms each semester for the previous five years. Using these figures as a guideline, they estimate the number of rooms that will not be claimed in the fall and make room assignments based on those figures.

"Last fall, we were way off on our calculations of no shows because of the number of new residence halls, but this year there will be no new residence halls and our number should be consistent with last year's number of no shows," Todd said.

Mitterrand, on visit to Israel, says state right of Palestinians

United Press International
JERUSALEM — French President Francois Mitterrand, clashing openly with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, criticized the Camp David autonomy plan and called for the right of Palestinians to negotiate their own state.

Mitterrand, on the last day of his

visit today was touring a Crusader castle in Acre that defied Napoleon's army in 1799, punctured the diplomatic amity of his visit Thursday with a Knesset speech asking for negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

"The dialogue supposes that each party can go to the limits of their

rights which, for the Palestinians, like for others, can at the right moment signify a state," Mitterrand said dramatically to Israel's parliament.

At a later news conference Mitterrand, the first French president to visit Israel, said the Camp David autonomy plan espoused by Israel

will not solve the future of the 1.2 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

"I do not share the view that that autonomy will provide a solution to the Palestinian problem," Mitterrand said. "Whether this is really the answer, history will tell us."

Regents committee considers various campus improvements

by Daniel Puckett

Battalion Staff

A contract for a new roof on the All Faiths Chapel was reported Thursday to a committee of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. Planning and Building Committee members also discussed a preliminary design for a new sign at Olsen Field. The full board will decide at its next meeting March 23 whether to accept the committee's recommendations.

On January 26, University President Frank E. Vandiver awarded a \$52,650 contract to Port Enterprises Inc. of Port Lavaca, calling for a new aluminum roof to be installed at the chapel which has been damaged by water because roof leaks.

Physical Plant Director Joe J. Estill said the contractor has guaranteed completion of the roof within 90 days of the start of construction. No date has been set for beginning the project, but he said it should be soon.

The committee also heard a suggestion that a new sign be erected at Olsen Field. The field's present sign is

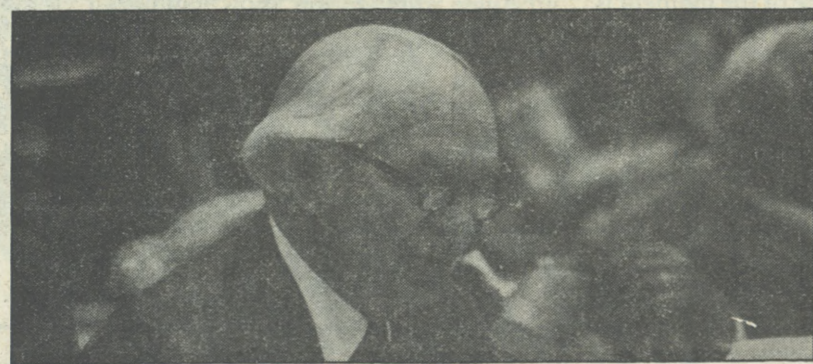


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Regent Norman N. Moser, from DeKalb, chairman of the Service Units Committee, reads an agenda item to the planning and building committee of the Board of Regents Thursday.

small and mainly hidden by trees. C.E. "Pat" Olsen, for whom the field is named, has offered to pay for the erection and maintenance of a larger sign. The committee saw an initial

drawing of the sign, which will consist of cast bronze letters, about four feet tall, similar to the sign outside the Animal Food and Science Center.

The committee approved the idea

and voted to send Olsen a letter of thanks for his generosity to the University.

Other projects discussed at the meeting include the renovation of the on-campus residence of the vice president for student services and hot-water improvements to Keathlev. Fowler, Hughes, McInnis and Schumacher halls.

The committee then went into executive session to discuss land acquisition. After that meeting, the committee met with the Service Units Committee to hear a report from Bruce Miles, director of the Texas Forest Service.

Miles discussed the need to replace east Texas's forests, which are being cut down rapidly. The \$5-billion lumber industry is the ninth largest in Texas, and while large corporations are replacing the trees they cut, small landowners are not. He said for every nine private acres harvested, one is replanted.

College of Business names regent Texas exec of year

The Texas A&M College of Business has named John R. Blocker of Houston Texas Business Executive of the Year and is honoring him at a private luncheon on campus today. Blocker, Class of '45, is president of Blocker Energy Corporation and subsidiary companies, and vice chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

His selection for the award is based on recommendations from corporate officers throughout Texas. Each year, the College of Business presents

the award to an executive of a Texas-based firm in recognition of his outstanding professional performance.

Blocker will discuss effective business practices in his speech to members of the College of Business and interested students at 2 p.m. today in 102 Academic & Agency Building.

The regent also serves on the Board's Committee for Academic Campuses and the College of Business Advisory Committee for Executive Development Programs.

Fun Run to help handicapped

by Cheryl Maynard

Battalion Reporter

Saturday marks the second annual Fun Run, a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) run sponsored by the Student Y Association.

Registration forms are available in 216 MSC.

A \$6 entry fee is required and all proceeds will go to the Special Olympics for the Multiple Handicapped.

"The run ties in with the competition and recreation theme of the Special Olympics," said Mary Lou Munin, spring project chairman for the Stu-

dent Y.

The Fun Run will begin in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum at 9 a.m. Check-in and delayed registration will be held from 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.

Participants in the run will receive a t-shirt, and trophies will awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place runners. Door prizes, donated by Athlete's Foot, Champs, The Foot Locker and The Loading Zone will be awarded before the run.

Orange drink and water will be supplied to the runners and first aid

will be provided by the Texas A&M Emergency Care Team.

"We're encouraging the entire community to support the run," Munin said. "Those who cannot run the entire distance can walk part of or the entire 6.2 miles."

Last year, 108 people entered the run and Student Y donated \$200 to the Special Olympics. Judging by the number of people already signed up for the run, Munin said Student Y probably will be able to contribute about \$300 this year.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Mostly cloudy and cool with a 50 percent chance of rain and a high in the mid-50s; low tonight in the mid-30s. Saturday's forecast calls for cool temperatures and a 30 percent chance of rain.