

A&M journalism workshop to begin Monday for 350

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High school students will be sharpening their journalistic skills Monday with the opening of the annual Texas A&M University Communications Workshop, workshop director Sandra Utt said.

Utt, an assistant professor of communications at Texas A&M, expects about 350 students to attend the five-day workshop, which will offer sessions for newspaper, newspaper and photography students. Awards will be presented at the end of the workshop.

Divisions include beginning and advanced photography, beginning and advanced newspaper production, and yearbook production.

"Some of the students will come to the workshop with virtually no skills," Utt said, "and others will come to sharpen their skills so they can go back in the fall and put out a decent publication."

Taylor Publishing Co. handles the instruction in the yearbook division, she said. The other sections are taught by journalism instructors and professional journalists from around the state.

Students in the advanced newspaper division will produce one page of the July 1 issue of The Battalion, Utt said, and yearbook students will put together Weekbook, a mini-yearbook for all workshop participants.

Prison reforms modified by court: no single-celling

NEW ORLEANS — The Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Wednesday reduced the impact of a federal court-order reform of the Texas penal system, ruling the Texas Department of Corrections does not have to provide a single cell for each inmate.

The 143-page decision issued by a three-judge panel softened a sweeping reform order issued last spring by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice in Tyler. Justice had said prison crowding in the nation's largest penal system had produced "cruel and unusual punishment" and must be alleviated.

He ordered single-celling, or cell for each prisoner, and specified the amount of space that should be allotted for each inmate.

But the appellate court Wednesday, ruling on the state's appeal of that order, said the court could set the goals for the reform of the prison but "could not dictate how to achieve those results."

To do so "unnecessarily involves the management responsibility of state officials," the court said.

Justice, in his ruling on behalf of some 33,000 Texas inmates, ordered single celling be pro-

vided and each inmate be allotted 60 square feet of space in the dormitories.

His order included a deadline of August 1981 for putting three prisoners to a cell. The state met the deadline by constructing tents on the prison grounds to house inmates.

Texas prison officials estimated that to comply Justice's ruling would require an additional 10,000 cells which would cost about \$300 million to construct. Even at that, prison officials said it would be three to four years before the facilities could be ready.

While the appellate panel said constitutional rights are not confined to those available at only a modest cost, comparable costs for various solutions should be considered.

The ruling further stated: "Neither the number of the inmates in one cell nor the amount of space provided for an inmate in a dormitory alone determines whether confinement is cruel and unusual."

"Large prisons may be impersonal, but they are not necessarily inhumane," the court said.

The court had previously issued a stay to Justice's ruling while it considered the state's appeal.

Princess Anne visits Taos pueblo, rebuffs press

TAOS, N.M. — Britain's Princess Anne, a guest at an ancient Indian pueblo, accepted a pair of handmade moccasins for England's newest prince, but snubbed reporters by refusing to discuss the royal infant's birth.

The princess, 31, wound up a two-day visit to northern New Mexico with a brief tour of a five-story apartment-style pueblo built 700 or more years ago and occupied today by about 1,700 people.

A British journalist traveling with the daughter of Queen Elizabeth II asked why the princess was reluctant to comment on the royal baby.

"Because that's my business," she snapped, before stepping into a waiting van for a return trip to a resort ranch near Santa Fe.

She left Wednesday for Houston, where she will wind up a nine-day American tour.

Outfitted in tan jeans, a sleeveless yellow blouse and wearing a patterned head scarf, the princess looked like an ordinary tourist Tuesday as she strolled through the two pueblos, San Ildefonso and Taos.

"I thought she was a real princess," said Kenneth Weahkee, a 7-year-old at San Ildefonso. Indians who gathered around the governor's tribal office courtyard there — where children performed dances for the royal visitor — jokingly said they had expected the princess to wear a regal dress and tiara.

After an hour-long drive to the Taos Pueblo, secluded near 8,161-foot Wheeler Peak, Princess Anne was treated to an outdoor ceremonial dance by painted-faced Indians who wore tribal regalia and circled another group of Indians pounding a ceremonial drum.

Her eyes hidden behind sunglasses, the princess sat im-

passively through much of the ceremony, causing some in the crowd to wonder if she were bored.

"I think some of us parents are saying she doesn't show too much enthusiasm like we've seen from some of our other dignitaries," said day-school teacher Ethel Cordova.

She said children at a nearby arts and crafts center were rebuffed when they requested a royal autograph.

But moments later, the princess made an impromptu appearance amid the circle of dancers, shuffling with two of the female participants and chatting amiably with them.

Afterward she was presented with several gifts, including an original lithograph and the pair of moccasins for the newborn prince.

She told about 300 Indians present:

"I thank you all. You have been more than generous during my rather short visit. I also thank Save the Children Federation for giving me the opportunity to come here and to meet with you. I have very much enjoyed my day, and I wish you all the best in the future."

Her trip drew the attention of a Santa Fe group opposed to the British presence in Northern Ireland.

The Rev. Edward O'Byrne, a Catholic priest and hospital chaplain, celebrated a mass for Northern Ireland children struck by plastic bullets.

"We would like to appeal to Princess Anne's compassionate and generous nature to use her influence so that the government in England may outlaw plastic bullets," O'Byrne said.

He said 11 people have died in Northern Ireland since plastic bullets were introduced as a means of crowd control in 1977.

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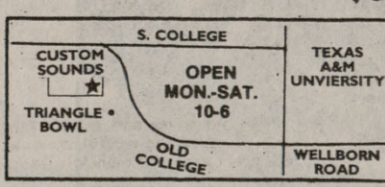
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