



The near-complete University Press Center staff photo by Rob Johnston

## March move planned for University Press

by Ruth Wedergren  
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The new University Press center, across from Adams Hall on the south side of campus, is expected to be completed in two months, and could be occupied during April.

The Texas A&M University Press offices, which will move into the new center in March, are now in trailers at the corner of University Drive and Asbury Street.

Lloyd G. Lyman Jr., director of the scholarly press unit, is excited about the new center. "Very few university presses have their own parking lot, editorial offices and warehouses separate," he said.

The center, when completed, will have its own parking lot, editorial and business offices, load-

ing area, packing and shipping room, warehouse, production and design offices and a conference room. The new building will not house printing or binding facilities -- those are handled by book manufacturers, Lyman said.

He said the press is growing and the new center will have room for expansion.

The center has received much support, especially from former chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert, he said.

"He has been extremely supportive and sympathetic of the press," Lyman said. "He was very interested and pushed for the new building."

The University Press was founded in 1974 by Frank H. Wardlaw, who also founded presses at the University of South Carolina and the Univer-

sity of Texas.

"The responsibility of the press is to the area around Texas A&M, the Texas A&M faculty and the world of scholarship," Lyman said. "In the future we hope to print more about the strengths of Texas A&M. We hope to do more military studies and business, engineering and vet books."

The first book was published by the Texas A&M Press in 1975.

"We got off to a good start," Lyman said. "Most presses start with two or three books and we started with 10 or 12."

Former students and the Texas A&M Board of Regents also have been extremely supportive of the press and its new center, he said.

"No university could have asked for more support," he said.

## A-G library cards ready

by Ronnie Crocker  
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The switch to a new circulation system in Sterling C. Evans Library has caused delays in issuing library cards but eventually will speed up the process for checking out books, a library spokesman says.

Emma Perry, assistant professor and head of the circulation division at the library, said the new system is more efficient and accurate than the old system. She said the new system will save time for library staff and users once the old system is completely phased out.

Undergraduates who applied for library cards and those whose last names begin with the letters A through G may pick up their cards now.

The cards have been processed in phases according to last names, Perry said, and the next group of cards probably will be ready in early February.

Applications for new cards began last fall.

Faculty and graduate student cards were made before undergraduate cards, Perry said. The

faculty cards were completed Oct. 1 — the same day the new system was started and graduate cards were completed just before Thanksgiving.

Each of the cards is typed and has an identifying tag attached to it. About 60 percent of the library's book collection is tagged for the new system. The number of books that haven't been tagged yet is slowing down the processing of cards, she said.

Once the data bank is filled and the old system is phased out, library cards can be issued instantly, Perry said.

She said the cards should be permanent. That means that next year only freshmen, transfer students and new faculty will need to apply for library cards. This also will help speed up the process of issuing cards, Perry said.

Checking out books will take less time with the new system, she said. At the circulation desk, a light-sensitive wand is passed over the student's library card and over an identifying tag in the book.

The computer in the new lib-

rary card system is an Alis II designed by Data Phase Inc. It was purchased at a cost of \$555,000 and was paid for over a five-year period, Dr. Irene Hoadley, director of the library, said.

She said funds for the computer came out of the library's regular operating budget.

The computer is housed on the second floor of the library and terminals are located at the circulation desk and in the refer-

ence area. Perry said the terminal at the reference area may be used by students to learn the status of a book they cannot find on the shelf.

Similar systems are being used at several other academic libraries, including George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Bowling Green University in Kentucky and the University of Nebraska.

## Sea Grant readies funding proposals

By Michael Raulerson  
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Final touches are being added to funding proposals for the Texas Sea Grant College Program to meet a late April deadline.

The program which is part of a national project created to develop marine and coastal resources received more than \$3.4 million during 1981-83. Although a final figure has not been reached for the 1983-85 biennium, directors of the program are hoping for about the same amount of money for the upcoming period.

"Probably the best we can expect is the same level of funding

again," said Bill Clark, an associate director of the Sea Grant program.

Federal funding for the program is limited to two-thirds of the program's total budget. The University, therefore, must provide at least one-third of the final budget.

Funding for the program allows universities to provide research, education, and marine advisory services.

In late April, final funding proposals will be made and submitted to the National Sea Grant Program office. Proposals will be reviewed once again before money will be granted.

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