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House to investigate hazardous waste sites

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WASHINGTON — Hazardous waste from abandoned mine sites in Ariz., and Tar Creek, Okla., will be the focus of a congressional committee looking at the EPA's progress in cleaning them up. The House Energy Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations opens hearings Monday on the EPA's policies involving the use of a \$5 billion Superfund to clean up hazardous waste.

Dr. Vernon Hauk, an expert from the Center for Disease Control.

Although the government has known for three years that asbestos tailings were surfacing beneath the Mountain View Mobile Home Estates subdivision, it was not until last month that the EPA offered temporary relocation to 130 residents.

No cleanup has been done at that site or Tar Creek, which in 1981 the EPA labeled the nation's worst hazardous waste site — even more dangerous than Love Canal.

The Globe subdivision was built on top of the graded asbestos tailings 10

years ago by the owner of the abandoned Metate Asbestos Co. In January 1980, after a state water quality inspector discovered the problem, Gov. Bruce Babbitt declared a state of emergency and had topsoil spread over the lots. Since then, the dirt had eroded and the asbestos is resurfacing.

Lead and zinc from Tar Creek, a 40-square-mile field of abandoned mines mostly in Oklahoma, is contaminating groundwater supplies. Some officials theorized abnormally high cancer rates in the area were related to the contamination.

Rallies mark May Day

United Press International
Workers from Moscow to Mexico marked May Day with marches, rallies and sometimes violent demonstrations, with Pope John Paul II attending the keynote in a Vatican speech insisting laborers' rights be protected and respected.

At the Vatican, John Paul did not mention the clashes but told a crowd of 50,000 in his native Polish that workers' rights must be "always and everywhere recognized, safeguarded, protected and respected."

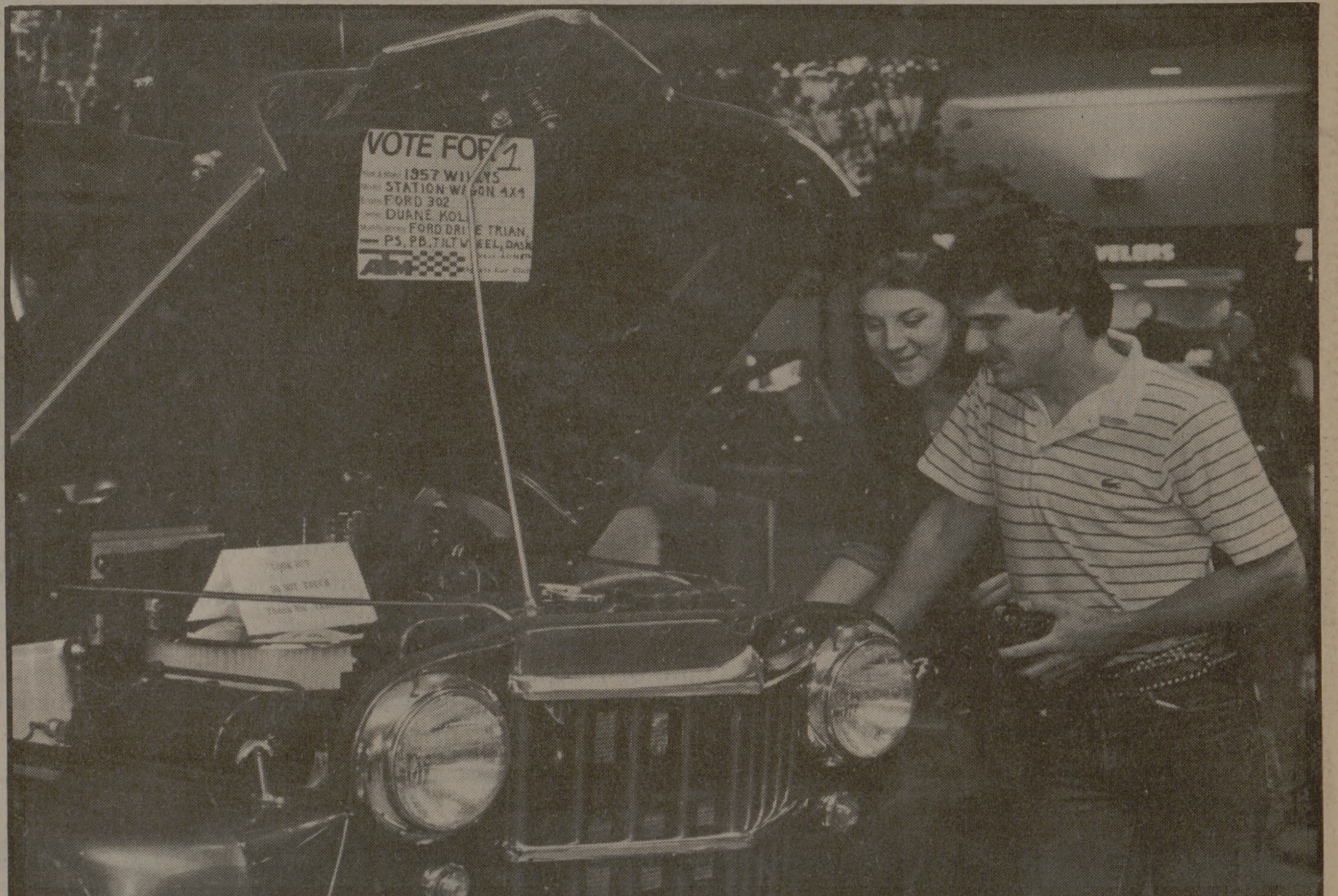
In France, May Day anger turned against the Socialist government's austerity program and unemployment, but all marches were peaceful.

In most of the communist world, organized marches took an anti-U.S. theme. In Moscow, East Berlin and in

900 Czechoslovakian cities and towns, workers denounced U.S. plans to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

In the Soviet capital, floats, posters and placards lambasted President Reagan as a nuclear cowboy.

In Mexico City, some 600,000 pro-government union members marched Sunday in an official May Day parade staged in support of austerity measures aimed at easing the country's worst economic crisis in 50 years.



Hot Rod Show

staff photo by Barry Papke

Claire Ochoa and Doug Posey look at one of 54 entries in the TAMU Sports Car Club First Annual Championship Car Show. Professional hot rods were not permitted. The Best in Show was awarded to Todd King and his '65 GT

Mustang. The show took place at Post Oak Mall from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Ochoa is a sophomore business major from Victoria, Posey is a sophomore pre-vet major also from Victoria.

Construction, scholarship funds approved

by Beverly Hamilton
Battalion Staff
AUSTIN — Construction of a \$1.2 million chancellor's residence and the allocation of \$20,000 for scholarship funds for educationally underprivileged students at Texas A&M were approved at the quarterly meeting of the state Coordinating Board Friday in Austin.

The proposed house, to be located on a 13-acre site off Jersey Street, probably will be ready for occupation by December 1984.

The board also voted to revise eligibility guidelines for the Legislative Academic Scholarship Program for the allocation of scholarship funds for educationally disadvantaged students.

The guidelines were revised to encourage a broader ethnic mix at public universities in Texas. The new criteria requires that grant recipients be members of an ethnic group that constitutes less than 40 percent of the school's current enrollment, not be a recipient of any form of athletic scholarship, and be certified as needing the award and indicate intention to complete a bachelor's degree.

White students will be eligible for the awards for the first time if they

enroll in universities with largely black or Hispanic populations. Pre-

The board approved the construction of a 7,291-square-foot house for the System chancellor, which will cost an estimated \$1.2 million for building and furnishing. The Texas A&M Development Foundation will provide the initial funding of the project, but will be reimbursed through individual donations.

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the state population.

Texas A&M will be allocated \$20,000 in such scholarship funds. White students at the University are disqualified from receiving this scholarship.

Prairie View A&M and Tarleton State universities each will receive \$5,000 in allocation for scholarships. Black students at Prairie View and white students at Tarleton State are not eligible for the scholarship.

The board also approved Texas A&M's request for a doctor of philosophy in applied psychology degree with majors in industrial and organizational psychology and community clinical psychology.

Also approved was the University's request for the formation of a department of computer science. Currently, the computer science division is included in the industrial engineering department within the College of En-

gineering. The new department will offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

The request for the purchase of two tracts of land by the University was assigned to the board's emergency committee for further consideration.

The two tracts — 40.63 acres and 6.64 acres — are adjacent to the Texas A&M campus and surrounded by University property.

The board also voted to transfer \$2.6 million from the Special Lender's Allowance Fund to the Student Loan Bonds Interest and Sinking Fund.

Lender's allowance earnings have been used to fund the administrative costs of running the loan program. Excess funds are then periodically transferred to the interest and sinking fund. Money from the interest

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Member of gang is killed

United Press International
CONROE — Murder charges were pending today against a member of the Banshee motorcycle club accused of gunning down a member of the rival Bandido club during a gang clash at a drag strip Saturday night.

Authorities withheld the name of the Bellchase, La., suspect pending his arraignment today.

Shot and killed in the fight at the Eastex drag strip north of Houston Saturday was John Keith Bachelor, 30, of Houston.

"They got into some kind of dispute and began fighting, which included some shooting and stabbing," Montgomery County sheriff Ed DeForrester said.

More than two dozen officers from the Montgomery and Harris county sheriff's helped halt the fighting.

Three injured men were transported by Life Flight to Houston's Hermann Hospital and were in stable condition Sunday. Two others were taken to Northeast Medical Center in Humble and were not in serious condition, DeForrester said.

In addition to the man arrested for investigation of murder, several others were charged with disorderly conduct and public drunkenness, DeForrester said.

He said he did not know what the dispute was which led to the fight.

Montgomery County Sheriff Joe Corley ordered the drag strip closed Sunday, DeForrester said.

Computer system to be updated

Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series on computerization at Texas A&M University.

by Kelley Smith

Battalion Staff

The purchase of a new computer software system will change registration, admissions and records, drop-adds and financial aid procedures at Texas A&M, said Robert Lacey, chairman of the task force studying student data software systems.

Software is the program that runs a computer. The computer itself is known as hardware.

"Our present systems are very old," Lacey said. "They need to be completely revamped. There very definitely will be changes."

Last November, the Board of Regents appropriated funds for the purchase of a new software system. President Frank E. Vandiver then set up the Steering Committee On Student Data Software to study different software systems. The steering committee set up a task force in March to do the research.

Jolie Mailhos, a junior marketing major and the only student on the task force, agrees that the present system is outdated. Current University procedures will require some adjustments because the new system will be more automated, Mailhos said.

The committee is studying three major software vendors — Westinghouse, Systems Computer Technology and Electronic Data Systems Inc. — that offer student data software with features appropriate for Texas A&M. Representatives have been visiting other universities that have one of the three in use.

Part of Texas A&M's present software system was purchased in 1969 from Purdue University. The billing and record portion of the system was written by Texas A&M in 1965.

The new software system could be an "on-line" system that would be used in various University procedures.

An on-line system would enable a student to register for a class and find out immediately whether or not he could get in the class. The class requests would be submitted directly to someone at a terminal who could process requests at that time.

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Lacey said the task force plans to buy such a system for use in all departments. If such a system were implemented in the fiscal office, a credit could be made to a student's account at the same time he pays a bill.

The task force also is looking for a system that would be completely integrated. In an integrated system, a student would have one file that would be used by all the departments that need it. When one department changes information in a student's file, the change would appear in the files of all other departments. For example, if an address were changed in the fiscal office, it would automatically change in all the other departments

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Gotta Dance

staff photo by Irene Mees

The Dance Arts Society presented "Gotta Dance" Friday in Rudder Theater. Here, Cheryl Hooks, the ballet teacher for

Dance Arts, left, Karen Sandle, Judith Mayer, and Kay Dalton performs "Four Swans." The dance is from "Swan Lake."

Hostages return to U.S.

United Press International
MIAMI — Frantic relatives and friends early Monday greeted 220 people aboard a Capitol Air jetliner that had been hijacked to Cuba by a man claiming to have a gasoline bomb.

The DC-8, with 210 passengers and 10 crew members aboard, arrived in Miami at 6:18 a.m. after a 50-minute trip from Havana. The plane spent more than eight hours in Havana while a mechanic repaired a jammed emergency door.

Flight 236, which originated in San Juan, Puerto Rico, en route to Miami and then to Chicago, was hijacked at Sunday night when it was 70 miles west of Grand Turk Island. It landed safely at Havana's Jose Marti Airport, the FBI said.

No injuries were reported.

A passenger reported the hijacker, who was taken into custody in Havana, said he was upset because he could not find work. Capitol Air officials also said there was a possibility a gun

was used in the hijacking.

"He (the hijacker) locked himself in the bathroom," said Patrick Chalvier, station manager for the carrier, which is based in Smyrna, Tenn. "He passed a note in Spanish saying he had a gasoline bomb and would blow up the plane if the captain did not fly to Cuba."

The unidentified hijacker was taken into custody by Cuban authorities immediately after the plane arrived.

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forecast

Partly cloudy skies today with a high of 85 and a 20 percent chance of showers. Partly clear tonight with a low near 66. Partly cloudy skies Tuesday with a high near 83.