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## Barry hits Mexico, causes little damage

**United Press International**  
MATAMOROS, Mexico — Hurricane Barry, which set off a frenzy of panic buying, finally made landfall at a desolate spot on the Mexican coast and caused almost no damage or injuries.

The worst of Hurricane Barry hit the desolate Mexican coast 30 miles south of the Texas border and lost strength almost immediately.

Around the central plaza in Mata-

moros, a border city of 300,000, stores and shops early Sunday reported panic buying by residents who feared the storm would interrupt food supplies.

Luis Felipe Rojas, a Tamaulipas state judicial policeman, said he drove through the area where the eye of the hurricane reportedly came ashore — 30 miles south of the Texas border — but saw no damage.

Rojas and his partner, Mario Hurtado, said several cars skidded off the

narrow highway onto the muddy shoulder at the height of the storm.

After threatening to hit Texas all day Saturday, Barry changed direction during the night and headed for the Mexican coast Sunday.

Judicial police in the state of Tamaulipas reported a group of fishermen at the coastal village of La Pesca had asked for help, but there were no reports of injuries as the storm blew inland.



## First yell happens tonight

by Christine Mallon

**Battalion Staff**  
The first yell practice of the year will be held at All-University Night tonight at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill, his coaching staff and the Texas Aggie football team will join the yell leaders, University officials and student leaders in officially welcoming all new and old students to Texas A&M.

Head yell leader Jeff Crofton says tonight will be an informal gathering where students — especially freshmen — can meet old and new friends and at the same time learn the yells in time for the first midnight yell practice on Friday.

Sherrill will make some opening remarks and introduce members of the football team. Crofton will introduce the other four yell leaders.

Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, and Student Body President Joe Jordan also will address the audience.

Most students will attend with members of their dormitories, Corps outfits or off-campus organizations. Today would be a good time for freshmen to learn their dorm yells and traditions, since All-U Night usually turns into a yelling contest between dorms, Crofton said.

The program probably will last about an hour, Crofton said. He said he would strongly encourage all new and returning students to go to G. Rollie White tonight to get back into the swing of Aggie spirit.

## Information for first week of school released

Important dates, events and information students should know for the fall are listed below:

— All sports and football ticket books can be picked up this week at the north end ticket booth behind DeWare Field House. Non-student tickets are also on sale there.

— Football tickets will be issued this week according to student classification. Seniors can pick up tickets on Monday, juniors on Tuesday, sophomores on Wednesday and freshmen on Thursday. Ticket pick-up begins each morning at 8.

— Parking stickers can be picked up this week at the University Police Station from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

— Shuttle passes can be picked up this week in the Rudder Tower lobby from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

— A student book exchange, sponsored by Student Government, will be held in the Memorial Student Center this week. Students can bring in any books they wish to sell as long as the books are still being used by the University. Students set their own sale prices for their books and Student Government catalogues those prices. Anyone interested in buying books can look through the lists of books and prices and decide from who they want to buy books. Student Government is charging a 25 cent handling fee for each book.

— Sign-ups for placement interviews begin today in the

Placement Center on the 10th floor of Rudder Tower.

— The Class of '84 is sponsoring a Welcome Back dance tonight following All-U night. The dance will be at the Texas Hall of Fame located on F.M. 2818.

— The first day to order graduation announcements is Sept. 1. Orders are taken on the second floor of the MSC.

— The last day to add classes is September 2. The last day to drop courses with no record is September 13.

— The first Midnight Yell Practice of the year is Friday in Kyle Field.

— The first home football game of the year is at 6 p.m. Saturday. Texas A&M will play University of California.

— Senior rings are expected to arrive around September 12.

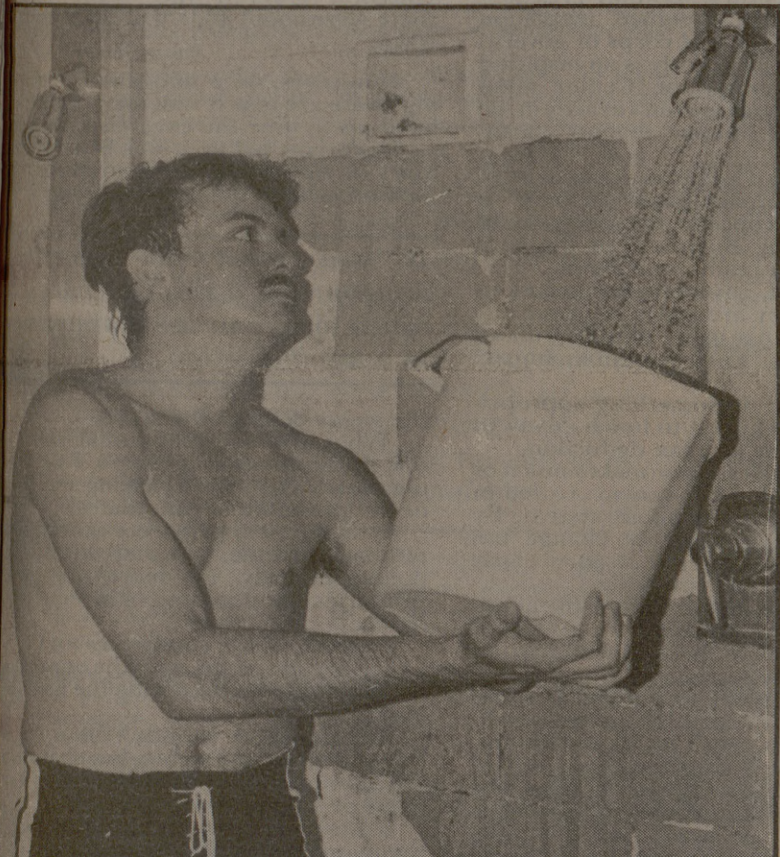
— To receive senior rings in December, seniors need to order them by September 9 and leave their names in the ring office in Heaton Hall one week in advance. The ring office uses this week to check transcripts to verify if students have enough hours to order rings.

— The deadline for applying for a degree this semester is September 9. Seniors need to pay a \$15 diploma fee at the fiscal office. Undergraduate students need to take the receipt to Heaton Hall and graduate students need to take receipts to the Graduate College in the Teague Research Center.

— The last day to order graduation announcements for December is September 30.

— Yearbooks are tentatively scheduled to arrive by the end of September.

— Silver Taps is Tuesday, September 6 at 10:30 p.m. by the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue.



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### Filling station

Wayne Grabein, a junior marketing major from Houston, refills his bucket in a Davis-Gary Hall bathroom. Residents of Davis-Gary Hall and Moses Hall had a water fight on the lawn in front of Davis-Gary Hall Sunday night.

## Residence halls overbooked

by Michelle Powe

**Battalion Staff**

The residence halls are overbooked again this semester and 326 people are living in study carrels in Aston and Mosher Halls or have been tripled in dormitory rooms. But Tom Murray, supervisor for housing services, says the housing office overbooks the residence halls purposely to compensate for 'no-shows.'

The housing office knows that some people who have reserved a room will not show up, Murray says, so it overassigns students to residence halls to fill those empty spaces. Students who have not checked into their rooms by 5 p.m. today will lose their room and forfeit their room deposit. Murray says the housing office will

reassign students without rooms on Wednesday, and will try to inform the students of their room assignments by that evening. The housing office also will approve hall changes on Wednesday.

After the students living in study carrels and three-to-a-room are accommodated, Murray says, the housing office will take walk-ons. Students who are not living in a residence hall but would like to may sign a waiting list and may be assigned to a dormitory room if there are any openings.

Priority will be given to freshmen, Murray says. Eighty percent of the room assignments will be given to freshmen, 10 percent will be given to returning students and 10 percent will be given to transfer students.

The demand for on-campus housing exceeds the supply. According to the Division of Student Services, only 2,800 new freshmen out of 5,800 received a space on campus in the fall of 1982.

While there may be a shortage of on-campus housing, temporary or otherwise, there is no such shortage off campus. According to the Off Campus Center, there are 120 apartment complexes listed with the office this fall compared to 85 apartment complexes in the fall of 1980. The increase in building has resulted in an 8 percent drop in apartment prices in the last year.

Louann Schulze, coordinator for the Off Campus Center, says students are benefiting from that surplus.

## Home-educated teenager begins classes at Harvard

**United Press International**  
BOONVILLE, Calif. — A teenager who was educated entirely by his parents at home on a backwoods ranch is among 2,200 freshmen entering Harvard University this week.

Grant Colfax, 18, who grew up without television or telephone, was educated by his father, David Colfax, a Ph.D. in sociology and former professor, and his mother, Mickey Colfax, a former high school English teacher.

Colfax, who scored in the top 5 percent of high school seniors on col-

lege entrance exams, says Harvard "didn't take me because I may or may not be intelligent. They took me because I'm unique."

Grant also won admission to Yale but said he chose the Cambridge, Mass., university because of its pre-medical program.

The Colfaxes chucked the academic life 11 years ago and moved to the mountains of Mendocino County. They established Mountain School with state approval so their four boys, the only pupils, could be legally taught at home.

## Enrollment figures up slightly

by Christine Mallon

**Battalion Staff**

About 36,500 Texas A&M students are expected to begin classes this week — a slight increase over the number of students enrolled at this time last year, a University official says.

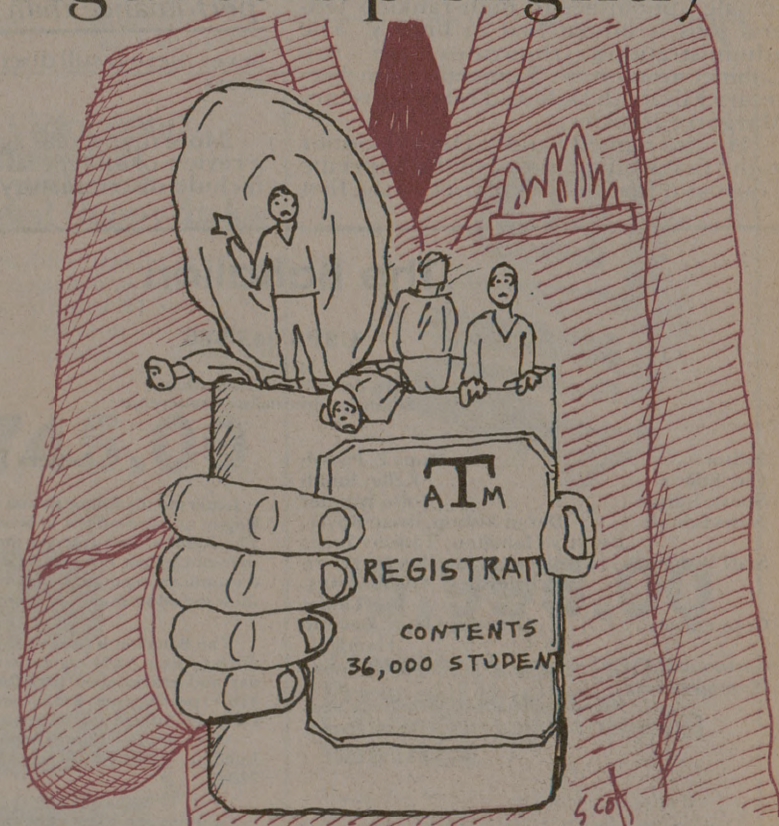
Associate Registrar Donald P. Carter estimated that 36,000 students had registered as of last Friday. Late registration begins today and Carter estimated that about 500 more students will complete registration this week.

Official enrollment for the 1982 fall semester was 36,127. Carter said the reason the amount hasn't risen much since last year probably is because of tougher entrance requirements for incoming freshmen.

Incoming freshmen who graduated in the top 10 percent of their senior class are not required to have a minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test score. Those in the top quarter of their class must have a minimum score of 800 on the test, second quarter must have a 950 minimum, third quarter must have a 1,100 minimum and bottom quarter must have scored at least a 1,200.

Carter said he is expecting about 5,500 to 6,000 freshmen to be enrolled this fall, which is approximately the same as last fall.

Harvey Striegler, head of trans-



fer admissions, said he expects about 2,500 transfer students to enroll. Striegler said transfer admissions policies have become stricter here over the last two years. Not as many transfers have been accepted this year as last year because of the stricter policies, he said.

"Since last fall was our first semester to use the new standards, we made a lot more exceptions

than we made this year," Striegler said. Most transfer students who come to Texas A&M have spent at least one or two years at a Texas junior college, he added.

Jean Ringer, assistant director of admissions and head of international admissions, said there will be about 300 new international students here this fall — about the same as last year.

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### forecast

Today will be partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunder-showers. The high will be in the lower 90s with southerly winds from 5 to 10 miles per hour. Tonight will be fair with lows in the mid 70s. Tuesday will be sunny and hot with highs in the mid 90s with southerly winds from 5 to 10 mph.