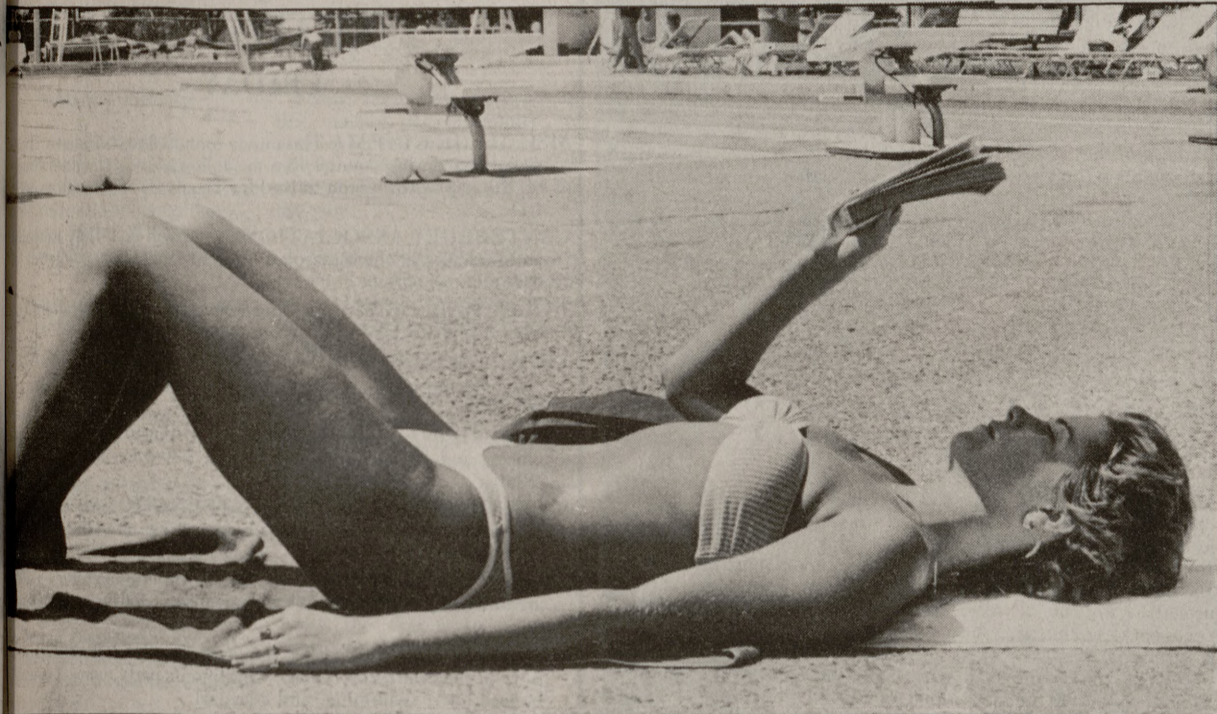


Pool fees to provide money for repairs



This is the scene at Woffard Cain pool this week after the pool fee went into effect. Staff photo by Gay Hood

by Wanda Winkler
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A user fee for the Woffard Cain Pool, which took effect Sept. 1, will provide funds for maintenance and repair since the University president's concessions account can no longer subsidize the pool.

Inflation and a growing student enrollment have made pool maintenance costs reach a point where the cost must be passed on to pool users, says Dr. Leonard D. Ponder, head of the Health and Physical Education Department. "As the University got larger, we had to do something," he said. University enrollment has tripled and pool maintenance costs have doubled since 1972.

The pool was funded for 10 years through an account which was established by Dr. Jack K. Williams, former Texas A&M president. His successors—Dr. Jarvis E. Miller and Dr. Frank E. Vandiver—continued to subsidize the pool through the fund.

It was "admirable" of the University presidents, Ponder said, and most students appreciated the service.

Ponder said the pool user fee was established after he "recommended in consultation with the Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and the Vice President and the Vice President for Student Affairs." They collectively made a decision "after some agony," he said.

Money collected from the user fee will be used to pay lifeguards and to buy pool supplies, equipment and deck chairs.

Ponder said he wished faculty and students could use all his department's facilities for free. "We just want a break-even pool," he said.

The student user pool fee is \$1 a visit, \$8 a semester, and \$12 for two semesters. A student pass costs \$16 a summer session, \$24 for two summer sessions, and \$36 a year.

While a student who plans to use the pool more than eight times can save money with a semester pass, an occasional swimmer can benefit more from a day pass.

Faculty members have always paid a pool user fee. Ponder said it

has remained the same price for the last three years.

A faculty member pool pass costs \$10 a semester, \$20 a summer session, \$30 for two summer sessions, and \$50 a year.

Another pass enables faculty members and their families to use the pool for a reasonable price. It costs \$20 a semester, \$40 a summer session, and \$100 a year.

The student-family pass is offered to married persons who are full-time students at Texas A&M. The pass costs the same as the faculty member pass. Married students also have the option of buying a \$15 pass for two semesters.

Ponder said the pool rates will remain the same for a year. "If we bring in more money than needed to operate the pool, the fee will be reduced beginning Sept. 1, 1984," he said.

Since it's impossible to determine the total number of people who use the pool throughout the year, it is difficult to estimate the amount of funds that will be raised, Ponder said. "It's a guessing person's budget," he said.

Students given opportunities to find various on-campus jobs

by Mary E. Macan
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Texas A&M students have the opportunity to work on campus at jobs ranging from washing cars to working with computers, says C. E. Fink, assistant director in the Office of Student Financial Aid.

"There is a real good variety of jobs offered," Fink said. Students work as "go-fers," paper graders, book shelvers or dishwashers, he said. They also can work as waiters, secretaries or officials in the intramural program.

Departments with job openings leave notices in the financial aid office on the second floor in the Pavilion. The notices then are posted on clipboards where students can look through them to find a job that interests them.

"We provide the information but then it's up to the student to visit the department where the job is offered, fill out an application and schedule an interview," he said.

Most of the jobs do require an interview, Fink said. There usually are two to four applicants for most of the jobs. Most positions are filled within one to two days.

Most of the jobs pay \$3.64 an

hour, however, some do pay more, he said. For example, starting shuttle bus drivers are paid about \$4.14 an hour, and most students who work for a year usually receive a 4 percent raise.

The average work week for most students is 15 to 20 hours, Fink said. Such jobs as secretarial positions may have specific hours but many jobs have more flexible hours that can be fitted around class schedules.

"We tell the students they should only work as much as they feel their schedule will allow but some students come in eager to work because they want to become millionaires," he said. "So we tell them to concentrate on their classes now and wait until after they graduate to become millionaires."

There are some basic requirements for working on campus. "Although a student isn't required to have a certain grade-point we recommend a 2.0 or better," he said. "Also, a student should be taking six or more hours of classes."

While some jobs such as secretarial or computer work require

some skills, most do not, he said. The intramural program is one of the areas that offers training for employees. The program holds classes for officials.

The financial aid office revolves around the slogan — "persistence pays off." If a student really wants a job, the office will try to help him find one, Fink said.

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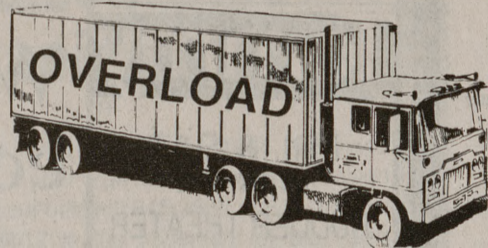
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