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And the Band marches on..

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The Aggie Band bugle rank and drum majors waded through the water Monday to learn the Oklahoma State vs. Texas A&M half-time drill. The rest of the band stayed dry by practicing music in the Evans Band Hall.

Medical school gains reputation

by Ronnie Crocker

Battalion Staff
Texas A&M has long been known for excellence in engineering and agriculture but now is gaining a reputation for excellence in another discipline — medicine.

For the third straight year, 100 percent of the Texas A&M medical school graduates passed the state licensing exam.

The Texas A&M class was the only one in the state to achieve the 100 percent passing ratio.

The exam, known as the Federated Licensing Examination or FLEX, must be passed by all new physicians to be licensed by the state of Texas.

While none of the actual scores are made public, Elvin Smith, associate dean of the College of Medicine, says that the Texas A&M scores were at the top of the state.

He also says that graduates have taken other national exams and scored quite high compared to graduates of other schools.

A survey of directors of physicians residency programs in which Texas A&M graduates now are enrolled

yielded many compliments and favorable comments on their preparation and performance, Smith says.

The Texas A&M Medical School, newest in the state, has now graduated three classes of 32 students. Last year the number of students admitted was raised to 40 and this year was raised to 48.

The opening of the new Medical Sciences Building allowed for the larger class sizes but plans now are to hold enrollment at the current level, he says.

The students, however, are only partly responsible for the school's growing respect, he says. The medical school has a unique advantage at being located on the campus of a major high-technology university.

Smith says the school wants to be part of the technology and apply that knowledge to medical problems such as the diagnosis of patients and the treatment of disease.

Another group is working with people from the engineering and architecture departments to develop ways to make society safer for the elderly.

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Compromise calls for Marine stay in the Middle East

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan reluctantly agreed Tuesday to sign a long-sought compromise congressional resolution that will allow U.S. Marines to stay in Lebanon another 18 months but restrict their role.

The agreement, drafted to head off a confrontation over the escalating U.S. military role in Beirut and terms of the 1973 War Powers Resolution, was announced almost simultaneously by Reagan at the White House and House Speaker Thomas O'Neill on Capitol Hill.

The compromise resolution was introduced by Senate Republican leader Howard Baker just hours after it was outlined. Baker asked for "expedited proceedings" and the measure was immediately sent to the Foreign Relations committee.

Reagan said he would sign the agreement despite "substantial reservations about parts" of it. Some lawmakers also expressed reservations, but most predicted it will pass.

Reagan, before flying to South Carolina to help raise campaign money for conservative Sen. Strom Thurmond, said he would sign the measure if it remains unchanged from the version he saw Tuesday.

Officials said the pact calls for Congress to declare that Reagan should have invoked the War Powers Resolution following the deaths of two Marines among the U.S. peacekeepers Aug. 29. Two more Marines have died in shelling since.

The resolution gives Congress the authority to order troops home within 60 days if they are under attack or face imminent hostilities.

O'Neill asserted that under the agreement, worked out in a week of negotiations, Reagan "does acknowledge the war powers act in our opinion."

"The signature of the president, no matter what his disclaimers are, is acknowledgement of the war powers act," he said.

The Marines' mission would be defined in terms of their participation in the multinational peace-keeping

force and their presence would be restricted to the Beirut area under the pact.

But the provision also would be flexible to allow U.S. involvement in "such measures as are necessary to protect the Marines." This would permit the use of naval artillery and tactical air support.

In framing the compromise, officials noted Reagan's opposition to a strict interpretation of the war powers act's timetable provision and belief that presidential prerogatives should not be usurped by a requirement for congressional approval. They said there was virtually an unwritten agreement that Reagan would be publicly reluctant about signing the compromise.

"While I have substantial reservations about parts of this resolution, reservations which I made clear to the leadership," said Reagan, "I am pleased that this agreement among the congressional leadership supporting our presence and policies in Lebanon has been reached."

"And I would be willing to sign the proposed resolution, while expressing my reservations, if it is passed in the form that has been presented to me this morning."

In saying he would accept the plan, however, top House Democrat O'Neill indicated there was "grave concern" among some House members about keeping the Marines in Lebanon so long. He noted the "deal" is subject to the approval of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the full House.

Shortly after the announcement by Reagan and O'Neill, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Clement Zablocki, D-Wis., met with Democrats on his panel to clear the agreement. He predicted they would approve it despite some misgivings.

"Of course, not everybody is happy about it," Zablocki said.

But, he said, "I believe it is a good compromise because whether the administration admits it or not it recognizes the war powers act."

Floods knock out power in several campus buildings

The heavy rains that hit College Station Monday caused flooding and power outages in several buildings on campus Monday evening, but everything was back in order by early Tuesday afternoon and no major damage was reported.

Joe Estill, director of the physical plant, said the buildings worst hit were the Teague Research Center, the Data Processing Center, the Civil Engineering Building, the Doherty Building and both buildings of the Langford Architecture Center.

He said water in the basement of the older section of the architectural

center shorted out an electrical panel that controls the electricity of the other affected buildings.

He said power went out after 5 p.m. Monday, and physical plant workers spent the evening pumping water out of flooded buildings and trying to dry out electrical equipment.

Workers had the water out of all of the buildings and the power back on in all but three buildings before midnight, Estill said.

The Civil Engineering building, which is being renovated, and the architectural center buildings did not get power back until about noon Tuesday.

Fall enrollment hits record high

by Brigid Brockman

Battalion Staff
While enrollment of 36,840 at Texas A&M is a record high, this year's increase was the smallest percentage since 1965. There was a 1.97 percent increase over fall 1982 when enrollment was 36,127.

Associate Registrar Donald Carter says the preliminary count of 36,840 was taken on the 12th class day, which is the official reporting date to the State Coordinating Board.

Edwin H. Cooper, dean of admissions and records, said the increase of only 713 students this fall is the result of a successful enrollment management plan instituted in the fall of 1982.

Texas A&M more than doubled its enrollment during the 1970s, making one of the fastest-growing major

universities in the nation during that period.

Steady enrollment increases prompted the Texas A&M Board of Regents in the summer of 1981 to adopt a plan to control Texas A&M's growth.

Beginning last fall, entrance requirements for freshmen and transfer students were changed. Transfer students need a higher grade-point ratio, and freshmen need higher Scholastic Aptitude Test scores than before. Higher scores are required for all new students — except those in the top quarter of their high school graduating class.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test is an state-accepted measure of the abilities of high school students in math and English.

Cooper said there would have been about 2,000 more students now than

if the new requirements hadn't been put into effect.

The total enrollment at the University has increased, but certain colleges within the University have experienced more growth than others.

"Business and engineering have been hard-pressed for room," Cooper said. "The student-faculty ratio has been hurt because of so many students."

Cooper said the results show that the enrollment management plan is working. The colleges that needed to decrease their enrollment have done so, while enrollment in other colleges has increased.

The number of students accepted to the College of Business Administration in the fall of 1983 was down 3.16 percent from last fall. The Col-

lege of Engineering was down 9.44 percent, but the largest drop was in the College of Geosciences where the number of students accepted was down by 24.35 percent. The largest percentage increase was in the College of Liberal Arts with a 2.81 percent increase.

Texas A&M isn't the only University that has started toughening entrance requirements. The University of Texas raised its entrance requirements for freshman and transfers in Fall 1982.

Shirley Binder, director of admissions at the University of Texas, said its enrollment management program is successful because enrollment there has decreased by about 400 students since last fall. The 1982 fall enrollment was 48,039.

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TRA vetos Russians

United Press International

BEAUMONT — The board of the Texas Restaurant Association approved a resolution Tuesday calling on its 5,500 members to stop selling Russian products in protest to the Soviet attack of a Korean jetliner carrying 269 people.

Don Crane, a restaurant owner in Beaumont, presented the resolution to express our strong contempt of such overt and ruthless actions" in the downing of a commercial Korean airliner by a Soviet warplane on Sept. 1. All 269 passengers, including a U.S. congressman, were killed.

Board members said the incident underscored the Soviet Union's "lack of regard for human life."



staff photo by Guy Hood

Clayton speaks

Billy Clayton, Jr., former Texas Speaker of the House and former student of Texas A&M, converses with Kelley McRae, a senior bio-medical science major from Bonham at the fall barbeque of the Saddle & Siroin Club held Tuesday night. Clayton was the featured speaker at the annual banquet.

Bubble boy 12 today

United Press International
HOUSTON — David, the world's oldest survivor of untreated severe combined immune deficiency disease, is 12 years old today and is celebrating inside the sterile cocoon he has endured since birth.

David, whose family name has been withheld to protect his privacy, will be surrounded by family and friends outside his plastic bubble at home as he enjoys Holy Communion, birthday cake and gifts.

"His gifts will include video game cartridges, electronic toys, adventure books and 'Return of the Jedi' items," Baylor College of Medicine spokeswoman Susannah Moore Griffin said.

One of David's most recent ventures into the outside world was attending a special showing of "Return of the Jedi" movie at a local theater. He watched from his portable isolator "bubble" which fits into a van.

He also has begun learning to play a miniature electronic piano, Mrs.

Griffin said.

David spends most of his time at home in a four-compartment isolator occupying his family's living and dining rooms. In June and December, he spends a week at Texas Children's Hospital for tests and the isolator is thoroughly cleaned.

Two rooms of Baylor's Clinical Research Center at Texas Children's Hospital are reserved year-round for David.

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Forecast

Mostly cloudy and cool today with a 30 percent chance of rain. Temperatures will be in the 70s, dropping to the 50s tonight.

The Air Supply concert scheduled for Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum has been postponed indefinitely because one of the lead singers has a sore throat. MSC Town Hall representatives currently are trying to find out if the concert will be rescheduled or canceled.