

# GTE to install new phone equipment for fast service

by Kellie Dworaczyk

Battalion Reporter  
E.L. Langley, president of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, said Tuesday at a press conference that GTE is installing the latest state-of-the-art equipment in Bryan-College Station in order to give fast, efficient service to area telephone users.

The new digital switching equipment, responsible for transferring calls from one

phone to another, is necessary to handle the increasing number of phone customers in this area, Langley said.

The new equipment checks itself for trouble that would normally go unnoticed until phone service is interrupted, requires less floor space than the present step-by-step switching equipment, needs less maintenance, and is able to offer telephone customers special options, he said.

Most area phones already use

the middle of 1984, Langley said. Langley said that local rates will not increase immediately because of the new equipment since GTE must have the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Texas before it can raise rates.

Deregulation, removing state and federal controls from the phone industry, will increase the number of companies offering phone services and should drive prices toward cost, Langley said. electronic switching equipment that functions like the digital equipment. Numbers beginning with 822, 823, 846 and 260 will

use the new digital equipment.

Installation will cost about \$21 million should be completed by As a monopoly, the phone company underprices local service and uses long distance profits to subsidize the local service so local service is affordable to everyone.

Because of the new switching equipment and the deregulation of the phone industry, GTE will begin to function as a type of "wholesale switching service" connecting calls when they come into the area, Langley said.

# RHA discusses awards

by Wanda Winkler

Battalion Staff  
The Residence Hall Association discussed spring hall achievement awards in its meeting Tuesday night.

Each spring RHA honors dormitories that have provided outstanding services throughout the year for their residents and Texas A&M University.

RHA president Kelli Kiesling explained procedure and criteria for the awards to association members.

RHA awards for the 1983-84 school year include: Halls-of-the-Year, Outstanding Programming, Outstanding Social Project, and Outstanding Community Service Program. Dorms are judged on spirit, unity, leadership de-

velopment, and RHA and intramural participation.

The Hall-of-the-Year Award is given to one female and one male residence hall that creates the best community-like atmosphere for its residents. These awards encourage dorms to provide quality community service to Texas A&M, Bryan-College Station, and surrounding counties.

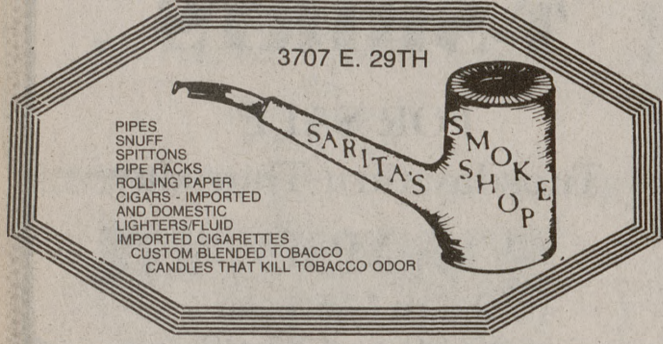
In other action, RHA Treasurer Kathy Terry presented the proposed 1983-84 RHA budget. Total available funds are about \$6,600; total expected use of funds is about \$6,000; and excess funds are \$655.

Two Texas A&M students are running for the directorship of the Southwest Area College University Residence Halls (SWACURH), a region-

affiliation of RHA. They are Mike Norris, national communications coordinator of RHA, and Terry.

Speakers at the meeting included Dr. Robert S. Kellner, asst. professor of English, who was promoting the campus campaign for the Christian Children's Fund. Kellner challenged RHA delegates and council presidents to elect a \$1 from each hall resident for the fund.

In other business, RHA committee directors provided updated information on committee progress and upcoming activities. Their committees include: Programs, Public Relations, and Facilities and Operations. Each RHA delegate is a member of at least one committee.



# Medical

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This institute will combine the fields of microbiology, medical biochemistry and pharmacology to focus on the treatment of disease at the molecular level.

The school's growing reputation for excellence is bringing its own rewards. In 1981, the Liaison Committee on Medical

Education, the official accrediting agency of American medical schools, granted Texas A&M a full five-year accreditation which is unusual for a new school.

Half of the members of the LCME are members of the American Association of Medical Colleges and half are members of the American Medical Association.

Being granted accreditation by the LCME means the school has met the standards medical professionals have set.

# Enroll

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The University of Houston also is trying to control enrollment, but only in certain areas. Peter Jackson, associate provost at the University of Houston, said the requirements to enter into the business or engineering colleges are 50 points higher than the standard entrance requirements.

Total enrollment at the University of Houston is estimated to be up by about 200 to 300 students. The 1982 fall enrollment was 30,500.

Compared to six major Texas

universities, Texas Tech University had the largest enrollment increase. The 1983 fall enrollment is 23,845, an increase of 996 students.

Baylor University has an enrollment of about 10,666, an increase of about 300 students from last fall. Southern Methodist University has an enrollment of about 9,300, an increase of about 100 students from last year. Texas Christian University has an enrollment of 6,878, a decrease of only 20 students from last fall.

# Texas killer wants stay of execution

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — A condemned killer on death row in Texas asked Supreme Court Justice Byron White Tuesday to delay his scheduled Oct. 5 execution while the high court

considers his second request a review of his case.

It was the third time Justice David Autry, 28, sentenced to death by lethal injection, sought a stay of execution.

Autry had been scheduled to die on Dec. 17 and again on Feb. 21, but both of those execution dates were blocked by appeals courts. He came within two days of execution last December before winning a stay.

He was sentenced to die on Oct. 9, 1980, convicting the April 20, 1980, slaying Shirley Drouet.

Drouet, 43, the mother of five children, was killed in a robbery at a Sak-n-Pak grocery store where she worked as a clerk.

Autry, who has previous convictions for burglary and assault, has repeatedly said he is innocent.

The Supreme Court last week denied Autry's request for a stay. However, attorneys for Autry Tuesday asked for a stay until the high court decides on a new request that it review the case.

# Teachers have double duty

United Press International  
MANCHESTER, Conn. — Teachers and school administrators did a double take earlier this week when five sets of children showed up for kindergarten classes at Waddell School.

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