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Moreno conscientious, polite, say employers

from staff and wire reports

Elisio H. Moreno, the 24-year-old accused of killing five people in Texas, two in College Station, was described Wednesday as a very conscientious and polite worker by two of his former employers. Richard Hardesty, manager of the U-Rent-M in Bryan, said Moreno worked for the company for six months before he quit his job. "We never had any problems with him," Hardesty said. "He never showed any displays of anger — if anything he was rather shy. Most everyone here liked him." Moreno was a small engine mechanic at U-Rent-M. He also worked as a mechanic in his hometown of Donna. Hardesty said he had a good recommendation from a former employer Moreno's in Donna. "He was a good employee," Hardesty said. "We were all very surprised to hear what happened."

After leaving U-Rent-M, Moreno went to work as a mechanic for Triangle Hardware Co. in Bryan. The store manager Tracy Treybig said Moreno was at work all day Monday, but he called in Tuesday to say he could not be in to work.

"I have no complaints at all about him," he said. "He was always very polite and he never missed a day. I find this whole thing very hard to believe."

Moreno was accused of killing two in-laws in College Station, then a state trooper and two elderly people in Hempstead during the spree that covered 130 miles of southeast Texas Tuesday night.

Moreno also was accused of taking six hostages as he tried to flee police, but all were freed unharmed. Hostage Bill Shirley of Hempstead said Moreno used the last \$6 he had to buy gas for the Shirley family to drive 70 miles back home.

The rampage allegedly started at the Doux Chene Apartments in Col-

lege Station late Tuesday after a day-long argument between Moreno and his estranged wife's brother.

Moreno then fled 40 miles south to Hempstead, where Department of Public Safety trooper Russell Lynn Boyd, 25, stopped him for a traffic violation. Boyd was shot through a bulletproof vest.

Moreno then tried to hide a stolen car at the residence of Ann Bennett, 70, of Hempstead, police said. When she refused, police said he killed her brother, James Bennett, 71, and Allie Wilkins, 79, and wounded the younger Bennett. Mrs. Bennett is in serious but stable condition with a chest wound at Hermann Hospital, a spokesman for the hospital said Wednesday.

His zig-zag flight then took him to the Houston suburb of Pasadena, 70 miles to the southeast, and then to Wharton 40 miles southwest of Houston.

He finally was arrested in Wharton at a Department of Public Safety

roadblock. Waller County Sheriff Ronnie Sitton said Moreno was armed with Boyd's service revolver and another .357 magnum.

Capt. Ron Miller, of the detective division of the College Station Police Department said Wednesday two counts of capital murder charges have been filed against Moreno by the Bryan District Attorney for the shooting deaths of the Garza couple.

Moreno was held Tuesday night in the Wharton County Jail and then transported to Waller County Wednesday afternoon. Before being transported to Waller, aggravated kidnapping charges were filed against Moreno in Wharton.

Wharton County Sheriff Rudy Machala said the charge against Moreno was for kidnapping a driver in Pasadena and forcing the hostage to drive him to Wharton.

In Waller, capital murder charges were filed against Moreno for the

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Tickets?

Police checking tow list

by Wanda Winkler
Battalion Staff

University Police are looking for the more than 6,500 vehicles whose owners have accumulated six or more unpaid parking tickets at Texas A&M since Spring 1982.

These cars, owned by students and 253 faculty and staff members, are on the police department tow list.

"We're getting tough on people who park illegally so there will be enough spaces on campus for everyone to park legally," Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic, says.

People who fail to pay their parking tickets are "running the risk of having their car jerked up and towed away," he said. "It's like a giant game of Russian roulette."

Before this semester, cars were towed only during the day, and the police department mainly towed cars that were blocking fire lanes, driveways or vehicle emergency-access lanes, Wiatt said.

"If a vehicle just stands out or is parked illegally, we check to see if it's on the tow list," he said. University Police also randomly check legally-parked cars to make sure they are not on the list.

Towing now takes place on campus 24 hours a day. Cars are towed at the owner's expense to A-1 Wrecker Service in Bryan. The wrecker fee is \$25 for daytime tows and \$45 for night-time tows.

Students on the police tow list will be blocked from registration until they pay their parking tickets, and graduating seniors on the list temporarily will be denied a college transcript, Wiatt said.

Faculty and staff members who are on the list cannot renew their parking permit until they pay the tickets.

"They're people who should definitely know better," he said.

At least 26,125 parking tickets were issued by University Police in

September 1983.

"Some people have as many as 20, 25 or 36 unpaid tickets," Wiatt said.

There is still a problem with students parking illegally in reserved faculty lots (yellow-sticker), he said.

Since Sept. 1, anyone with a valid permit has been allowed to park in reserved faculty lots from 4 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., but not in handicap or numbered faculty spaces.

Staff lots 26, 27 and 58 are the only exceptions. Students cannot park in reserved lots west of Duncan Dining Hall, north of A.P. Beutel Health Center, and in the basement of Zachry Engineering Center.

Reserved faculty spaces are purchased by faculty and staff members. Cars parked illegally in a reserved space will be ticketed and can be towed at the space owner's request, Wiatt said.

A person who receives a parking ticket must pay the \$10 fine within 10 days or a \$5 late fee will be added.

"I strongly urge anyone who knows he has six or more tickets to come in (to the police department) to get his business straight. If not, we'll reach out and say 'gotcha,'" Wiatt said.

The department also is focusing on another parking problem — cars illegally parked in spaces reserved for the handicapped. Those spaces are reserved for disabled persons 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Wiatt said.

About 20 to 30 handicapped people attend the Texas A&M home football games and need access to the parking, he said. The University Police have a list of their vehicles.

"There are very few handicap parking spaces on campus, so we don't hesitate to tow cars parked in them without a handicap permit," Wiatt said.

"People want to park in the central core of campus, but everyone must park legally" for the system to work, he said.

Biz Ags 'manage' to be 3rd

by Kimberly Daulton

Battalion Reporter

The Department of Management at Texas A&M ranked third in academic excellence at public universities in the United States, according to recent results of a survey administered by the Academy of Management last summer.

The Academy of Management is a national management organization with about 5,600 members. Most of the members are management faculty from colleges across the country, in managerial positions or doctoral students.

The academy took a sample of its members and asked them to rank management departments at public universities in order of academic performance. Dr. Lyle F. Schoenfeldt, head of Texas A&M's management department, says.

The University of California at Berkeley ranked the highest in the poll, followed by the University of Illinois. Texas A&M was the only Texas school ranking in the top 15.

The academy surveyed only its members and focused exclusively on public schools. The information was collected for the members' self-assessment purposes, not for program advertising. But Texas A&M has gained much attention.

"It is hard to characterize the recognition A&M has received," Schoenfeldt said.

The academy holds its national meeting every August and members submit research papers that are reviewed and ranked by the organization. Texas A&M faculty papers have placed as high as sixth in the past, he said.

"I think our being visible in that forum created attention that we might not have received otherwise," Schoenfeldt said.

Texas A&M has not been known for its business college in the past, but rather for its agriculture and engineering departments, and many students chose business majors only as an alternative when they discovered that engineering was too difficult, he said.

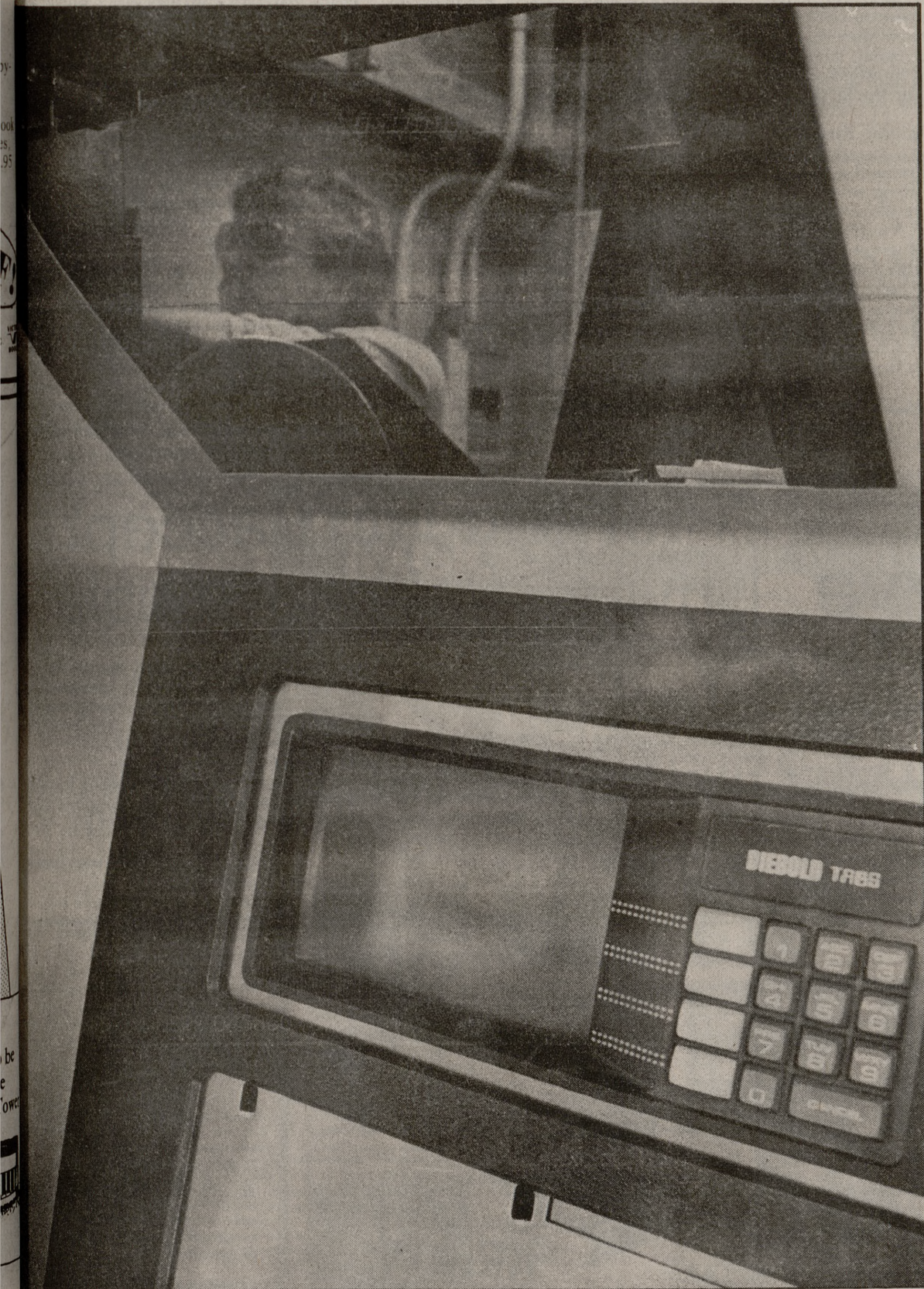
But the business college, now the second largest college on campus, began growing in the late 70s, causing the need for faculty to increase as well as the standards, Schoenfeldt said.

Because of the growing reputation, the department is turning away applicants today instead of having to "sell A&M" to gain faculty, he said.

Higher standards also were reinforced to control the overwhelming growth in student enrollment, he said.

The growth in the department has enabled it to implement many new programs for students, such as the College of Business Administration Fellows Program, Schoenfeldt said. The CBA Fellows Program concentrates on developing and building managerial skills and has a summer internship program between students' junior and senior years.

It is a great way for students to gain firsthand experience in an organization, he said.



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Anytime Soon?

Yes, they're almost ready. The two MPACT automated teller machines outside the Memorial Student Center should

be operational by the end of this week, installers for the Diebold Co., the machine manufacturer, say.

Funeral services to be held in Tomball for student killed in train-truck collision

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Tomball for Frederick Reyes, 18, a Texas A&M student who died Tuesday in St. Joseph Hospital after his pickup truck collided with a Southern Pacific train Friday.

The accident occurred at the railroad crossing at F&B and Wellborn roads. Police said the impact of the crash knocked Reyes' truck about 50 feet.

He was admitted to the hospital about 10:15 Friday night. He died about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Reyes was a freshman in general studies and a resident of Aston Hall.

Two other Brazos Valley men were killed in separate truck-train collisions Friday. Don Lenz, 26, of Bryan was killed at an FM 50 crossing and Herbert Sauer, 65, of New Baden was killed in Calvert.

Compromise act signed by Reagan

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, saying he does not "cede any of the authority vested in me under the Constitution," Wednesday signed a compromise with Congress authorizing him to keep U.S. marines in Lebanon for 18 months.

Reagan cloaked his concern about "unwise limitations" by Congress on his troop-deploying powers with praise for a bipartisan foreign policy.

But the president — as expected —

took issue with a key premise behind the resolution, questioning the constitutionality and wisdom of the 1973 War Powers Resolution, and indicated he might not be legally bound by its terms.

"I do not and cannot cede any of the authority vested in me under the Constitution," Reagan said. He denied his action was "any acknowledgment" that presidential authority in foreign affairs "can be impermissibly infringed" by Congress.

Midterms must be picked up

Beginning this fall, copies of mid-semester grade reports will no longer be mailed to students.

Instead, students may obtain their grades at the Pavilion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Oct. 19. The last day to pick up the student copy is Friday, Oct. 28. Students must show either a Texas A&M ID card or driver's license to receive their report.

Mid-semester grade reports still will be mailed to students' parents. Parents receive mid-semester grade reports at the students' or parents' request.

Copies of final grades will continue to be mailed.

Cost is the primary factor in the policy change, Registrar R.A. Lacy said Wednesday.

"We have a very difficult time with students keeping us updated on accurate addresses so we get a lot back," Lacy said. And the Pavilion is an excellent place to disperse them, he said.

Lacy said the change should insure that students who want a copy of their grades get one.

Yearbooks available in 230 RDMD

Aggieland yearbooks that have not been picked up will be available in 230 Reed McDonald beginning today. Students can pick up yearbooks from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and must show either a current Texas A&M ID card or a paid fee slip from last year.

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Cloudy and rainy today. Highs in the mid 70s.