

Symphonic Band

The Texas A&M Symphonic Band performs in the Memorial Student Center Thursday

#### afternoon in a continuation of the Memorial Student Center Christmas Program.

### Arkansas prison board told on overcrowding

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — The state Correction Board was told Thursday that the population of the state prison system again is nearing capacity, and that as many as 600 new beds might be needed by the end of the next

A.L. "Art" Lockhart, director of the Correction Department, said the system's experience from March to November of this year had led to a projection that the system would see a net aver-age increase of 67 inmates a

month next year. The department expects to get 200 new beds when the Bi-State Criminal Justice Center at Texarkana is opened next March, but, if population pro-jections are accurate, 600 more beds will be needed before the

end of the year. Griffin pre-dicted that as many as 300 beds would be needed by August. "If our math is correct, by December of next year we will have 600 inmates backed up (in county jails)," Richard Earl Griffin of Crossett, the board chair-

man, said, adding that he was not optimistic about any immediate efforts to resolve the problem was relieved temporarily with the opening of new facilities. problem.

"Because of the nature of corrections and the fact that we don't have the constituency our problems aren't dealt with until they're major problems. I think the next session of the Legislature will deal with that," he said.

Griffin said he was startled number particularly by the increase in the system's female population, which was projected at 18 per-cent annually.

As of Thursday, a total of 4,144 inmates were being housed in the system, leaving only 40 empty beds. The population of the Women's Unit at Pine Bluff was 206. The facility is designed to hold only 175, but Lockhart said the larger popula-tion had been accommodated by double-bunking and putting beds in areas not designed for

At one point earlier this year, about 200 inmates were backed up in the state's county jails, but

# Amtrak

United Press International WASHINGTON — Planning a train trip for the holidays? Amtrak has a new, easy-toremember, nationwide, toll-free number for information and re-servations from anywhere in the 48 continental states. Just dial 1 (800) USA-RAIL.

The new number replaces a dozen differing regional 800 numbers. People who call the old numbers hear a recorded message giving the new one. In addition, local seven-digit numbers are available in many larger cities for information and reser-

### Red bricks aid raffic decay

by David Manning

**Battalion Staff** landscape at Texas A&M dergoing a facelift with the cement of the epoxy-rock crete, better known as

rie rock, with interlocking

Michael Goldwater, assistant or of the Grounds Mainte-Department, said Thurshe brick is a better alternato the epoxy-concrete ber heavy traffic.

lichael Goldwater. istant director of the ounds Maintenance partment, said ursday the brick is a ter alternative to the oxy-concrete because will hold up longer der heavy traffic.

The Grounds Maintenance partment tested an area on us two years ago with the and it has proved to be a essful replacement, he said. The epoxy-concrete worked for what it was made for y walking. However, when des were driven on it, the ace broke and cracked, leavtholes, he said.

e bricks are being installed cushion of concrete sand allows air and moisture to h the soil, Goldwater said. This will be extremely helpto the trees that are sur-nded by the bricks," he said.

The cost of replacing the pebbles with the bricks is approximately \$4 a square foot, so we're trying to replace larger areas at a time to reduce costs,"

The maintenance department does not have the money to finish replacing all the prarie rock on campus this year, Goldwater said, so everything will be done a little bit at a time.

He said most people seem to like the brick because it's much easier to walk and bike on.

The bricks also offer an advantage to the epoxy-concrete because when underground utility repairs need to be made, a few bricks can be dug up easier than having to tear up the whole area of the concrete, he said.



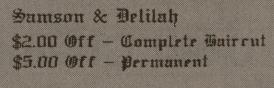
Large Enough To Live In. And That's Just the Closets!



You Also Get 3 Large Bedrooms.

OPEN DAILY SUNDAY - SATURDAY

Managed by Brentwood Properties



Walio thru: 1/31/84 Phone: 693-1772 1510 Wolleman Br .- Across from Sevilla Apts.

Samson & Delilah welcomes

stylists:



Tanya Clardy Leanna Kenny

our new stylists!

Judy Tijerina Debbie Bird George Ann Hoke







## Villa Oaks West

1107 Verde Mon-Fri Sat-Sun

Pre-Lease Now-Move In Now No Rent till Jan. 15, 1984

CONSTRUCTION CO.



At METRO PROPERTIES, we'll show you how to live for the spring!

- One bedrooms from \$260
- •FREE Metro Membership to Woodstone Club
- •FREE Cable & HBO
- •24 Hr. Emergency Maintenance
- Security Guards

Sundance 811 Harvey Rd. 693-4242

Cripple Creek 904 University Oaks 693-4242

Sausalito 1001 Harvey Rd. 693-4242

Sevilla 1501 Holleman 693-6505

Scandia 401 Anderson 693-6505

Tournaments

• Laundry Rooms

Taos 1505 Park Place 693-6505

Brownstone 603 S.W. Parkway 696-9771 Aurora Gardens

Two bedrooms from \$375

Parties & Cash Contests

Pools/Tennis Courts

On Shuttle Bus Routes

METRO PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT, INC



Wishes you a safe Happy Holiday Season 105 stores for all your holiday needs.

105 Stores Open 10-9 Mon-Sat



Hwy 30 at 6 Bypass College