

Slouch

By Jim Earle



"I will excuse you from class to participate in the Olympics, but do you really think that watching on TV qualifies you as a participant."

Regents

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to Aggies who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Regents will make a formal approval of the action at the September meeting. The dedication ceremony tentatively is scheduled for Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

At their Sunday meeting, members of the Board of Regents Planning and Building Committee discussed plans for the Texas A&M Special Events Center, a new track and field and intramural field facilities, System administration building, Ocean Drilling Research Park, A.P. Beutel Health Center out-patient clinic and physical plant complex.

Ralph Anderson of Crain/Anderson, Inc. of Houston presented the final conceptual plans for the \$46.9 million proposed Special Events Center. The complex will seat 17,000 and will be capable of hosting events such as basketball games, ice shows, circuses and concerts.

The track and field facilities, to be located at the corner of Jersey and Beef Cattle Road across from Olsen Field, will consist of a nine-lane, all-weather track complete with areas for long jump, pole vaulting, shot put and other field events. The nine-lane track will allow Texas A&M to host conference track meets.

The track stands initially will seat 1,500 spectators — but plans include expanding to 6,000 seats. At this time, funds are not available for lighting the track.

"Everything about this track is just what we think we need," John David Crow, Associate athletic director of the Stadium Revenue Fund, said.

The new intramural fields will provide eight football fields or four softball fields with four practice football fields or two practice softball fields. A 300-foot driving range will be located next to the playing fields.

The preliminary design for the new System administration building also was presented to the regents. The 52,400-square-foot building, to be located at the west corner of the Research Park (FM 2818 and University Drive), will have three floors and will house the chancellor's, comptroller's and general counsel's offices.

Renovations are planned for the A.P. Beutel Health Center. The renovations will expand the out-patient clinic and provide more room for other health center services.

The two-story addition will be built onto the south east side of the building. Funds for the \$2.3 million renovation will come from building-use fees.

Final action on scheduled agenda items will be taken in the regents' meeting today.

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THE NATURAL		2:10 4:40	7:15 9:55
ELECTRIC DREAMS	DOLBY STEREO	2:40 5:00	7:20 9:40
ROMANCING THE STONE		2:50 5:10	7:30 9:50
THE NEVER ENDING STORY		2:30 4:55	7:15 9:35
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RHINESTONE		2:20 4:45	7:20 9:45
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British coal miners clash with police

United Press International

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Hundreds of striking miners smashed windows, set tires ablaze and tore down a stone wall Monday in clashes with police outside two Scottish coal mines as the British coal strike entered its 20th week.

The clashes coincided with the return of 35,000 longshoremen to Britain's 100 ports after ratification of an agreement between the dockers union and management Sunday, ending a 12-day work stoppage that threatened to cripple the nation's economy.

Violence erupted at the two coal mines in the Scottish coalfields, where strikers are militantly opposed to the state-owned National Coal Board's plans to shut down 20 British mines and lay off 20,000 workers.

At Bilston Glen mine, Scotland's biggest mine near Edinburgh, some 600 strikers pushed and nearly broke through a 500-strong police line protecting 10 men who reported for work despite the strike.

Frustrated strikers smashed windows with stones and set fire to tires on the road.

Police made 42 arrests in all — 14 at Bilston Glen and 28 at the nearby Blinkbonny mine in Lothian, where angry miners pulled down a stone

wall to block a road. There were no reports of injuries.

Negotiations between the National Union of Mineworkers and the coal board broke down last week.

Press reports Monday said the union's executive committee was expected to reaffirm backing of the strike when it meets Thursday, leading to fears that the dispute could drag on into 1985.

No negotiations were expected in the near future.

Energy Secretary Peter Walker assured Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at her regular weekly ministers' meeting that the nation had enough coal stocks to avoid power cuts and the industrial chaos of the big coal strike that brought down the Conservative government in 1974.

The government hopes settlement of the 12-day dock strike over the weekend will break the back of the miners.

All of Britain's strike-bound ports were back to normal Monday after the dockers' rank-and-file Sunday ratified an agreement between their union and port management that guarantees work for 13,700 registered longshoremen.

The dockers' strike began when employers used a non-contract laborer to remove iron ore from a port.

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