

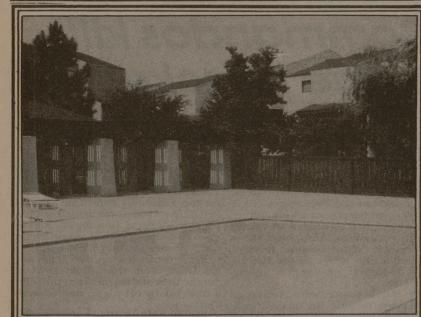
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Coast Guard corrals crude

United Press International

LAKE CHARLES, La. — The Coast Guard took advantage of favorable winds Tuesday to build a makeshift corral around a 690-foot British tanker that ran aground, spilling more than 1 million gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

The winds blew the oilslick, estimated at 11 to 14 miles long and about 200 yards wide, out into the Gulf, away from shoreline wildlife preserves in Louisiana and Texas, the Coast Guard said Tuesday night. Thunderstorms raked the area,

but apparently did not change the direction of the massive slick, heading southwest on a course parallel to the shore, officials said. The tanker Alvenus, carrying 1.7

million gallons of Venezuelan crude oil, struck an uncharted shoal or other submerged object in the ship channel Monday on its way to port at Lake Charles.

The ship, with a large crack in its bow above the waterline, drifted back to the open gulf and struck bot-tom. Officials said 40,000 barrels of crude leaked during the first 24 hours.

The Coast Guard said the ship re-mained seaworthy and would be moved as soon as containment of the slick progressed. Some crude will be pumped from the tanker into a barge, officials said.

Authorities described the corral as a floating plastic fence designed to surround the oil while pumps are used to suck crude off the water surface

Two helicopters, which took 14 crew members to shore, and a Coast Guard cutter stood by in case the huge vessel began to take on water. But some of those 14 were returned

Crosby: five years too harsh

United Press International

DALLAS — The prospect of serving five years in a Texas prison on cocaine and weapons charges dis-tresses musician David Crosby, but proscutors said Tuesday appeals may well keep him out of jail for up to five years anyway.

Crosby, appearing Tuesday on the "CBS Morning News," said he considers the five-year drug sen-tence he received on Aug. 5, 1983, too harsh because officers caught him with only a "fingernail of some substance," later identified as cocaine

The 42-year-old musician was also charged after his 1982 arrest in a Dallas nightclub with possessing a loaded .45-caliber automatic and received a three-year term to be served concurrently with the drug charge.

Crosby, who is currently touring the country with Crosby, Still and Nash, is free on an appeal bond.

to the vessel by public health officers who said the crew members had an undetermined rash, Coast Guard officials said. A crew of 21 remained aboard.

In Washington, Rep. John Breaux, D-La., called for the ship to be unloaded immediately to prevent its breakup and stop additional spill-

The ship belongs to Alvenus Corp. of London, which assumed responsi-bility for the spill. Conoco Oil Co. owns the cargo. The owner and its U.S. agent both have agreed to coor-

dinate the cleanup. Traffic into Lake Charles was lim-ited to vessels with less than 35-foot drafts.

If the wind shifts, the oil slick located 30 miles southeast of Port Arthur, Texas — would threaten the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas coast and the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge across the Louisiana

The shallow, often swampy coast along the gulf is vital for shrimp and oyster production, and provides a rich habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, alligators and a wide range of fur bearers.

Biologists said the only way for the spill to cause severe damage would be for a strong south wind to push the oil into the marshes through one of the narrow passes splitting the strip of sandy beaches.

'If we had to have a spill, it couldn't happen in a better place," said Allen Ensminger, refuge divi-sion chief of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Expansion

(continued from page 1) Building also is being designed and Facilities and Planning will begin advertising for construction bids in January. The new building will be located at the intersection of FM 60 (University Drive) and FM 2818 and will cost an estimated \$7.5 million.

Employees working in the current Systems Administration Building will be moved to the new administration building. Administrative offi-cials currently working in the Coke Building will move to the old administration building. Peel said the old building will be renovated before the move. The Coke Building will be used for faculty office space.

Facilities Planning and Construction also is designing a plan to landscape the western part of the cam-pus. This project will be contracted

for next spring. Buildings currently under con-struction on West Campus are:

• The Medical Sciences Library, located at FM 60 is scheduled for completion in May 1985. The Li-brary is part of the \$10 million package for construction of the Medical Sciences Complex located across the street from the Veterinary Medicine

Around town

Science students must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not pre-viously taken the **English Proficiency Examination** should plan to take the test August 9 unless they have completed English 301 with minimum grade of C. Students in the College of Science are required to pass either English or the test in order to qualify as a degree cand-date.

The English Proficiency Exam will be administered by the Eaglish Department. Students in the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematic and Physics Departments should register for the exam in 313 Biolog-ical Sciences Building before August 8.

Chamber sponsors computer seminar

The Small Business Council of the Bryan-College Station Cham-ber of Commerce will present a seminar on "Microcomputers in Small Businesses," Thursday at 7 p.m. in the chamber of commerce building at 401 S. Washington. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. Please call the chamber office at 779-2278 for adance registration.

SPCA to hold dog bath and dip Sunday

The Brazos Valley SPCA will be having a **dog dip** on Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. in the Manor East Mall parking lot. A fleadip will be given for a donation of \$3 and a bath and a dip for \$5. For fur-ther information, please contact the Brazos Valley SPCA at 775

Driving safety class offered

The Texas A&M After Hours Program will sponsor a driver safety course Aug. 3-4 and Aug. 10-11. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. Registration is 8-5 Monday through Friday in 216 MSC. For more information, call 845-9352.

2,000 car parking garage will built on that site to comp the loss of parking in the mall are A new Civil Engineering Build that would tie into the McNew En neering Lab is being designed. sides being a classroom site for engineering students, it will he the Texas Transportation Inst and the Engineering Design Group Renovation also accounts

much of the construction on an pus. The buildings being renovat are:

• The Civil Engineering Com plex on Spence Street was "in d plorable condition," Peel said, and now being renovated. He said that the building was our

a veterinary hospital, and that "no ing had been done to it" since l time. The project, which cost \$2 million, should be completed in A gust.

• Renovation of the outside the Academic Building will be fin ished in November. The project or \$926,000.

• The interior of the Veterina Medicine Complex also is being furbished at a cost of \$2 million.

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Chemistry Building. The building is scheduled for completion in May 1987 at a cost of \$18 million. Peel said that eventually most of the area surrounding this building

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will be made into a landscaped mall. A new Physical Plant, which will be located at the West Campus, is currently being designed, he said, and the old building will be torn down. A

Complex and will be used by both

• The Agricultural Engineering

There also are several buildings

under construction on the main campus. Students and faculty can no

longer drive or park on Spence Street from University Drive to Ross

Street because it has been closed off

to facilitate construction of the new

Parking Annex 7 was torn down to make way for this \$18.8 million

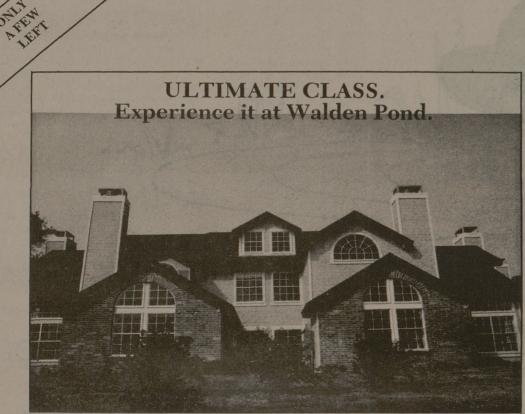
project. The building should be fin-ished by December 1985.

A short section of Spence Street from Ross Street south has been closed for construction of the new

Engineering and Physics Building.

Research Laboratory, located near Agronomy Road, will be completed in February 1985 at a cost of \$1.8

veterinary and medical students.



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