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Highly motivated

Photo by MICHAEL DARTLEY

Members of the fightin' Texas Aggie Band work diligently in preparation for the bonfire. The centerpole for the 75th-anniversary bonfire goes up today at 4:03 p.m.

## SWAMP group plans MSC demonstration despite controversy

By CAMILLE BROWN  
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Students Working Against Many Problems plans a demonstration around the Memorial Student Center today at noon "to encourage a general reconsideration of traditions that we feel no longer reflect the attitudes of the majority of students at A&M."

SWAMP, an officially recognized student organization, plans to sit on the grass surrounding the MSC, but heat from University officials is forcing members of SWAMP to rethink their plans.

University officials fear violence may break out because rumors are circulating that a group of dorm students may use force to keep the demonstrators off the grass. An unsigned flyer has been passed out to residents of Davis-Gary Hall which calls on "D.G. Fighters" to "be outside the MSC at 12:00 noon" to "kick some ass."

To have a demonstration at A&M, a group must have a permit issued by the University, David Bergen, who is in charge of issuing permits for demonstrations on campus, said that if SWAMP had filed for a permit for its demonstration, it would have been refused. So SWAMP did not apply for a permit.

"It (the permit) would be denied on the basis of the reasonable time, place and manner doctrine," Bergen said. "The University controls reasonable time, place and manner of any event on campus, and we did not feel that was a reasonable place to hold that particular event."

"We were afraid for their safety and the safety of others," he said.

Robert Wiatt, director of security and traffic for the University Police, said he did not know what to expect of the demonstration. Wiatt said "appropriate action will be taken to exclude the possibility of a violent confrontation. They (SWAMP) know exactly what kind of action I will take given a certain situation."

The consequences of holding the demonstration on the grass of the MSC without a permit were laid out for representatives of SWAMP in a meeting held Wednesday in Wiatt's office at the University Police building.

Students from SWAMP were invited into the meeting but the press was not. Wiatt closed the meeting to the press because he said it was a "business meeting in my own private office."

Hugh Stearns, a member of SWAMP, said that in the meeting Wiatt threatened to arrest anyone who did not get off the grass after

one verbal warning.

"They said anyone on the grass without a permit would be arrested for disorderly conduct," said Stearns.

Among those present at the meeting were John Koldus, vice president of student services; David Bergen, student development specialist for student affairs; Terry Anderson, faculty adviser for SWAMP; Brann Johnson of the American Civil Liberties Union; and Wiatt.

After the meeting Koldus said, "I think we're all in agreement that protest is appropriate within the confines and the rules and regulations of the institution. When they go outside the confines we set up is when it becomes a problem. We've never allowed demonstrations on that particular area of the grass."

Anderson, the adviser for the group, said the administration is opposed to the protest. He said, however, that he is taking no position on the issue.

Despite threats from the administration, SWAMP will be at the MSC at noon today. But whether they will be on the grass or not is still to be decided by the members of the group.

"We will definitely be there tomorrow," Stearns said, "but we have no clear plans yet."

## Seniors get rings today; new orders being taken

By KARLA K. MARTIN  
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It's time for those Aggies who have earned their gold to enjoy it. And while the Aggie rings ordered in July will arrive today, another ring order now is being taken in the Pavilion.

Until Nov. 30, Texas A&M students who have passed 92 semester hours, with at least 30 of those hours taken at A&M, are eligible to order their senior rings. Students who will complete 92 hours at the end of the semester should bring in their mid-term report for verification.

Students who wish to order their rings should go by the Ring Office, in room 119 of the Pavilion, and leave their full name and identification number. After one or two weeks, students should return to order their rings.

Carolyn Swanzy, class ring administrator, said this time lapse is to allow the ring office to check students' transcripts, but students who don't want to wait can bring in their unofficial transcript and order their rings immediately. The unofficial tran-

script can be purchased at Heaton Hall for 50 cents.

Students must pay for their rings when they order them. The men's ring prices are \$233.50 for 10 karat gold and \$317.00 for 14 karat gold. Women's rings cost \$122.00 for 10 karat gold and \$150.50 for 14 karat gold.

While there is only one Aggie ring style, students can purchase their rings with either the rose-gold finish or the antique-gold finish.

Students also may buy their rings with a diamond, at an extra cost of \$58 to \$600 depending on the size and quality of the diamond.

Those who can't afford the rings, however, have two options. One option is a Student Financial Aid loan.

Janice Cromer, a receptionist in the Financial Aid office, said after students' transcripts have been verified, students should go to room 229 of the Pavilion and fill out a short-term loan application, and write on the back of the application that the loan is for a senior ring.

Any full-time student with an overall GPR of 2.0 is eligible for a ring loan. The maximum amount

loaned is \$233.50 for men's rings and \$122.00 for women's rings (the price of the 10 karat gold rings). Students have six months to pay back the loans, which include the ring price plus 10 percent interest.

The loans will be distributed Nov. 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and 1 to 3 p.m. Students should bring a copy of their fee slip and their student ID when they pick up their loans.

A second option students have is the Lipscomb Anderson Perpetual Ring Program. This program, sponsored by the Association of Former Students, began in May 1983 in honor of Lipscomb Anderson, a 1927 A&M graduate.

Anderson encouraged the Board of Directors to initiate this program, in which former students donate their Aggie rings to be remade into new Aggie rings. Students who receive these rings will have their name along with the name of the former student written inside.

While the Perpetual Rings cost nothing to the students, they only are available when there are ring donors.

## Chile: No injuries from explosion

United Press International

SANTIAGO, Chile — A bomb exploded outside an industrial fair Wednesday while President Augusto Pinochet was 250 yards away inaugurating the exhibition, witnesses

said. There were no injuries and the Chilean leader was in no danger.

The bomb exploded on a railway track just outside the fence surrounding the Santiago Industrial Fair grounds. The blast sent pieces of the railway flying into the exhibi-

tion grounds.

The bombing came amid a rising wave of violence and protests against 11 years of military rule in Chile. Seven people were killed and 330 arrested in demonstrations Monday and Tuesday.

## Research park to be new home of Ocean Drilling Project

Editor's note: This is the fourth of a five-part series on the Texas A&M Research Park.

By ROBIN BLACK  
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Texas A&M has a toehold on the success of its new research park.

Mark Money, A&M's vice chancellor of the research park and corporate relations, said he feels the University should have six to eight buildings in the park within the next few years to ensure initial success.

Two years after its birth as the brainchild of A&M Board of Regents Chairman H. R. "Bum" Bright, the Texas A&M Research Park has two confirmed residents and plans for a facelift.

Ground was broken earlier this month for a \$5.5 million land reno-

vation project that will install streets, bridges, utilities and lighting on the 318-acres designated for the park on the west campus.

While the landscaping project goes on, the two buildings will be going up.

The first building to go up will house the Ocean Drilling Project, an international partnership of scientists and governments who joined together to study the structure and history of the earth beneath the ocean basins.

The program is being underwritten by the National Science Foundation, a federal agency that has appropriated almost \$30 million a year for ten years to the program headquarters at A&M.

The NSF has picked the Joint

Oceanographic Institutions, Inc. to manage the program. The JOI is a consortium of 10 major oceanographic institutions, including A&M.

In the program, scientists will study the rocks that fill and underlie the ocean basins in order to understand such phenomena as continental drift, the structure of the earth's interior, and changes in climate through time.

The scientists hope that through the study they will be able to better understand the structure of the planet.

The ODP will provide core samples from beneath the oceans' floors as well as the facilities to study those samples.

Thoroughly studying the samples will require the work of different

branches of science, from paleontology to geochemistry and geophysics.

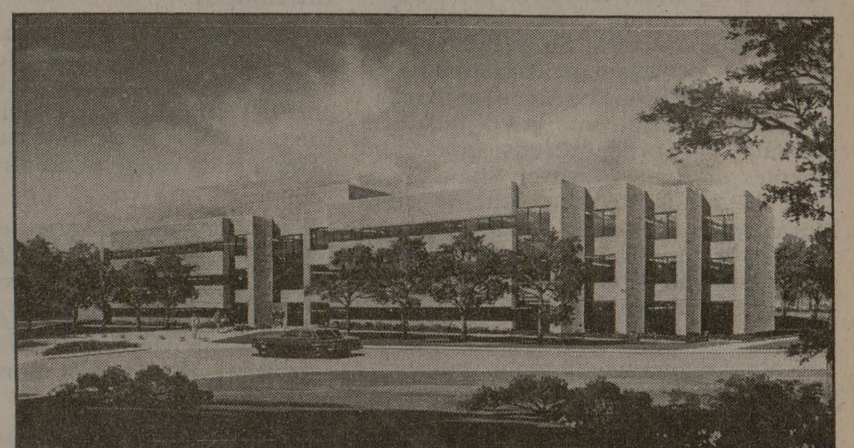
The facility at A&M will be responsible for:

- Implementing science planning and operations
- Engineering development and improvement of drilling technology
- Staffing and supplying scientists on the drillship
- Curating and distributing core samples and data
- Publishing scientific results

Cost for the ODP building is estimated at around \$5 million.

The other building that is going up in the park is a new administration building.

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Systems Administration Building