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## Old Coke formula to return

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Coca-Cola Co. said Wednesday it plans to bring back its old formula for regular Coke within the next several weeks and will call it Coca-Cola Classic.

Tom Gray, a spokesman for Coca-Cola in Atlanta, said Coca-Cola will continue to market its new formula, introduced in May.

Coca-Cola's stock, among the most actively traded issues on the New York Stock Exchange, was up \$2.37 1/2 a share to close at \$72.37 1/2.

PepsiCo's stock fell 75 cents a share to \$57.

Since Coca-Cola announced in April that it was changing its 99-year-old formula for regular Coke, complaints from loyal fans of the old formula have received considerable publicity. In addition, Coca-Cola has said it has received 1,500 calls a day about the new Coke.

"Everyone wins," Gray said. "Over 40 million consumers every day in the United States enjoy Coca-Cola but thousands of dedicated Coca-Cola consumers have told us they still want the original taste as an option. We have listened and we are taking action to satisfy their request."

Gray said Coca-Cola Classic will be available in "some markets" within several weeks, and both formulas will be available to bottlers internationally.



## NO CLASSES!

Many classrooms like this one in the Halbouty Geosciences Building are empty today while many students use their 'day off' to register for the second summer session which begins Friday.

Photo by DEAN SAITO

## Regan posts candidates for OMB spot

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan said Wednesday that Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis lead the list of candidates to succeed budget director David Stockman, who announced Tuesday he is leaving for a Wall Street executive's job.

"We have a long list of candidates, as you might well imagine," Regan told The Associated Press.

He said that list is "headed by Mac Baldrige and Drew Lewis . . . and a lot of people have suggested to me names like Jack Svahn, Jim Miller.

"They're all good people." Svahn is President Reagan's chief domestic policy adviser, and Miller is chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

Asked how Stockman's departure would affect efforts to reach a House-Senate compromise on a budget that can meet Reagan's goal of substantially reducing the federal deficit, Regan said. "If anything, it helps it because Dave will work faster to try to achieve (a compromise) before he leaves."

"But I think the elements of budget compromise have been pretty well put in place now," he said.

## Reagan to have polyp removed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will enter Bethesda Naval Hospital on Friday to have a benign growth removed from his colon and to undergo a thorough examination of his large intestine, the White House announced Wednesday.

Spokesman Larry Speakes said the 74-year-old Reagan would remain overnight at the military hospital just outside Washington and travel to Camp David on Saturday to spend a restful weekend at the presidential retreat in Maryland.

Reagan will be given a pain killer and sedative before the polypectomy, the removal of the growth, and the colonoscopy, the visual inspection of the 5-foot-long colon. But he is not expected to need a general anesthetic.

"The president will be able to discharge his duties" throughout his stay at the hospital and no temporary transfer of power to Vice President George Bush is planned, Speakes said.

The polyp that doctors plan to remove is a fleshy growth on the inside wall of the colon that was discovered during Reagan's physical examination in March. A similar small polyp was found a year earlier, and part of it was removed for microscopic examination, which showed the growth was benign, or noncancerous, Speakes said at the time.

When doctors re-examined Reagan in March, they found no evidence of the first polyp and concluded most of it had been removed during the biopsy and apparently had healed without further treatment.

The growths are fairly common among people over age 50, and they occur with increasing frequency as people get older. The vast majority

of such growths, particularly small ones like Reagan's, are benign and rarely cause discomfort or illness.

Speakes said doctors described the growth they plan to remove from Reagan's intestine as a "small inflammatory pseudo-polyp," which is not known to grow into colon cancer.

But specialists in the field say the discovery of one polyp indicates there may be others. And the danger is that some polyps — doctors cannot predict which ones — develop into colon cancer, the second most common form of cancer in humans and a killer of 60,000 Americans each year.

Thorough examination of the entire colon and removal of any polyps discovered is recommended as a method of preventing the development of colon cancer.

Speakes said Wednesday if more polyps are discovered during the examination, they probably will be removed at that time.

The procedures are to be performed by Dr. Edward L. Cattau, a Navy commander who serves as chief of gastroenterology at the hospital.

Reagan is to be examined with a colonoscope, a long, flexible tube that uses modern fiber optics technology to enable a physician to look at a magnified image of the patient's colon while guiding the instrument by remote control through the winding digestive tract.

When a polyp is found, the operator can use a tiny wire snare at the end of the instrument to lasso the growth and clip it off, sealing the wound with a coagulating electrical current that runs through the wire.

Speakes said the procedure was being scheduled this week at Reagan's convenience.

## Trial runs could start Wednesday

# New registration system ready

By BRIAN PEARSON Staff Writer

Registration and drop-add at Texas A&M might run more smoothly in the future with the help of a new computer system, an admission and records spokesman says.

The Student Information Management System (SIMS) may go into operation Wednesday for use during the new student conferences, says Steve Williams, assistant director of the SIMS project.

He says a committee meeting will be held Friday to confirm that date.

"As far as we're concerned from the technical standpoint, we feel like we'll be ready," he says.

Williams says SIMS will be working on a trial basis if used Wednesday.

"This is kind of a preliminary use of it on a small sample of students," he says. "It will be a live test for us."

Williams says the students registering for fall classes during the summer may be able to finish the en-

tire registration process at the Pavilion in one day.

"If we can work out the procedures, we may be able to print the student a schedule and a bill before he leaves the Pavilion," he says.

Williams says operators of SIMS computer terminals will determine class availability for a student.

A student will not have to wait until the next day to find out whether a section is filled, he says.

"They'll (students) show the operator the registration form and the operator will enter that data and tell

them whether the sections asked for are available," he says.

Williams says he is not sure whether a student can pay fees at registration time.

The "official" use of the system will begin Aug. 5 for open registration, he says.

Williams says the system will be installed in some campus offices sometime during the fall semester.

The expanded system will help admissions, student accounting, financial aid and student records.

## Fall fees can be paid in installments

By KAREN BLOCH Staff Writer

Later this month Texas A&M students will receive their fee statements for the fall semester. But this time students will not have to pay the entire amount before the semester begins.

When the Texas Legislature passed a bill last May calling for an

increase in resident, nonresident and graduate student tuition, it included a provision allowing students to pay their tuition in one, two or four installments.

Only tuition and most required fees can be paid in installments. Student identification cards and options such as room, board and bus passes must be paid in full before the fall semester begins.

The bill calls for an increase in resident tuition from the present rate of \$4 per semester hour to \$12 per semester hour in the fall. Tuition will go up to \$16 per semester in the three years and increase \$2 every two years after that until it reaches \$24 per semester hour in 1995.

Tuition for nonresidents will triple from \$40 to \$120 per semester

hour this fall and will remain at \$120 per hour for the next year.

All fall statements are being prepared using the four-installment plan and a \$10 service charge will be included in each student's bill. This charge will cover the cost of handling installment accounts.

Students who choose to pay their

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# Supreme Court holds no-pass, no play rule constitutional

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas public schools have a legal right to bar students from sports and other extracurricular activities if they don't make passing grades, the state Supreme Court said Wednesday.

The court, in a unanimous decision, said the controversial no-pass, no-play rule was constitutional and struck down an attempt by a Houston district judge to keep it from being enforced.

"A student's 'right' to participate in extracurricular activities does not rise to the same level as the right to free speech and free exercise of religion," the state's highest court said.

The ruling brought favorable comments from state officials.

"Extracurricular activities will remain an important part of a

student's school life, but we hope today's ruling will help put those activities in the proper perspective," said Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby.

Gov. Mark White said he was "very, very pleased. Now that we know the rules, we're going to work to see that we increase our standards to uplift every child's ability to have a good education."

Attorney General Jim Mattox said he thinks the ruling "will go a long way toward calming things down enough to where public schools in Texas can go about the business of educating youngsters."

The lawsuit against the state and the Texas Education Agency had been brought by about 45 unhappy students and parents of the Spring Branch and Alief school districts in Harris County.

## Officials praise ruling

Associated Press

AUSTIN — From the statehouse to the schoolhouse, officials Wednesday applauded the Texas Supreme Court ruling upholding the no-pass, no-play rule as a decision that will keep the emphasis on learning.

"I am very, very pleased," said Gov. Mark White, who led last year's push for the sweeping

Their lawyers claimed they represented a "class" throughout the state.

The Supreme Court said it found no such class that was burdened by the rule.

The rule was passed by the

school that spawned the no-pass, no-play regulation.

In a unanimous decision, the high court said the state Board of Education can prohibit students from participating in sports or other extracurricular activities if they are failing any class.

"Once again, the priority of academics has been established,"

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State Board of Education following policy decisions made in the 1984 special legislative session to put more stress on academic training in Texas schools.

Basically, the rule says that if a student fails to make a grade of

70 in any subject over a six-week period, he can be suspended from athletics and other extracurricular activities for the next six weeks, or until he starts making passing grades.

"In view of the rule's objective to promote improved classroom performance by students, we find the rule rationally related to the legitimate state interest in providing a quality education to Texas' public school students," the Supreme Court said.

The court said the only issue before it was the constitutionality of the rule.

State District Judge Marsha D. Anthony in Houston this spring had found the rule unconstitutional on the grounds that it violated equal protection and due process guarantees.

But the Supreme Court said

the Texas Constitution "leaves to the Legislature alone the determination of which methods, restrictions and regulations are necessary and appropriate to carry out this duty, so long as that determination is not so arbitrary as to violate the constitutional rights of Texas citizens."

The court said it held that "a student's right to participate in extracurricular activities per se does not rise to the level of a fundamental right under our constitution."

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case June 19 after it had blocked temporarily the Houston court order.

The conflicting opinions briefly halted the state high school baseball playoffs.