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Number One in Aggieland

**By Amy Young**  
Reporter

Under Texas A&M's High School Enrichment Program, qualified Bryan-College Station high school students can attend classes at A&M while they still are enrolled in high school.

The 12-year-old program, which is linked to A&M's Honors Program, is coordinated by Scott Shafer, an academic counselor at A&M.

The high school students may receive high school credit only, or may obtain joint high school-university credit by actual admission to the University.

Shafer said the qualifications for admittance into the program include a junior or senior classification, high scores on standardized tests such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) and good student performance in regular high school classes.

The students must have at least a 90 percent high school average and a score of 1,100 on the SAT or the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) to be eligible for the program.

Even if students don't quite meet the qualifications, they still may be eligible for the program, Shafer said.

"We rely heavily on the advice of the high school counselors, since they are in close contact with the students," Shafer said. "If there is a student who the counselor feels is outstanding, that person is usually given an opportunity to take a course, even if their SAT isn't quite at the 1,100 mark."

Shafer said this semester there are about 30 students involved in the program.

The program was set up so high school students can get a glimpse of what college is like while taking comparable courses in place of those they normally would be taking at their schools, Shafer said.

Felix Meyer, a senior at A&M Consolidated High School, has been involved with the program for almost two years, including this past summer.

"To me, it doesn't matter what grade I get, as long as I get a lot out of the class," he said.

The students pay no tuition because they are still in high school. However, they do purchase their own books, attend all classes, turn in assignments and take all exams just as full-time A&M students do, Shafer said.

"There is no cost involved in it at all," he said. "The high school awards the credit, so the state tax money is still paying for their education, in a sense. It's just like taking a course in high school, only they take it here."

After the student has applied to the program, Shafer asks them to go to the instructor or the head of the department under which they will be studying.

"This is usually done so the student can meet the person and discuss various subject matter to be covered in the class," Shafer said. "The instructor then has a chance to decide whether or not he feels the student can handle the course load."

Shafer said there have been few problems with the program's acceptance among the departments involved.

"Most of the departments love to get the HSEP students," he said. "They feel it's an investment in the future. If they can get these high-achieving students interested in their program, and A&M in general, there's a good chance that they'll stick with us and get their degrees here."

About 50 percent of the students who become involved with the program attend A&M after their high school graduation, he said.

### CRIMINAL TRESPASS:

Officers found nine juveniles playing football on Kite Field after a witness reported he saw the boys climb a fence to get in. Officers found the boys and contacted their parents.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

A police car was struck by an unidentified object while two officers were on patrol. The officer said that they did not find the object.

### ASSAULT:

A student reported to police that he was threatened by his girlfriend's former boyfriend.

### FELONY THEFT:

A 1976 Toyota Celica was reported stolen from Parking Annex 51.

The following were reported to the University Police Department from Nov. 6 through Monday:

### MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

Someone took a 1989 Aggie class ring with a 30-point diamond from a display case in the Clayton Williams Jr. Alumni Center.

A student reported that her billfold was taken from the basket of her moped while it was parked behind Dorm 7.

A student told police that someone took a 48-quart Igloo cooler containing beer from his vehicle while it was parked.

### THEFT OF SERVICE:

Someone passed 18 counterfeit one-dollar bills through a campus change machine.

# Survey: Texas prisons now safer for inmates

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas prison system has become safer for inmates since the state began isolating the most dangerous prisoners, a report by a national prisons expert says.

The survey by James Austin of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency says reported levels of inmate violence within the general population of the Texas Department of Corrections are low.

"Homicide, suicide and escape rates within TDC are similar or lower than comparable state prison systems," the report says.

The department recently instituted an inmate classification or housing system, which grew out of a federal lawsuit over the safety and proper housing of the state's 39,000 prisoners.

Austin said under the classification system, the state works to put prisoners in the least restrictive living quarters, using their behavior as the primary determining factor.

Almost 40 percent of the prison population is housed in low-security dormitories.

The system, which isolates the most dangerous prisoners, ended the prison gang warfare that resulted in the death of 52 inmates in 1984 and 1985, he said.

However, he added, inmates are ambivalent about their personal safety and the fairness of the system, and many new security officers do not like to patrol some prison areas.

Austin conducted the survey of the court-appointed special master overseeing the prison system.

About 2,800 inmates are housed alone, he said, and those in double cells appear to be appropriately signed.

Five prison homicides have been reported this year, compared with 24 in 1984 and 27 in 1985.

There were 58 non-fatal stabbings this year, compared with 404 in 1984.

Inmate gangs took over the state prison system after the state agreed in a federal court lawsuit to take authority away from prisoners known as building tenders, who had been allowed to give out punishment to other inmates.

# Audience enjoys musical performance complete with rain on stage at A&M



Jay Cranford performs on a wet stage in "Singin' in the Rain." Photo by Sam B. Myers

By Karen Kroesche  
*At Ease Editor*

It rained in the Rudder Auditorium during the Tuesday night performance sponsored by the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society, but nothing could dampen the mood of audience members as they watched a fun-loving performance of a popular Broadway musical.

Besides, the rain was intentional — as was the fun — since the show being presented was the Music Theatre Group's production of "Singin' in the Rain."

In addition to solid acting talent, the almost sold-out performance featured some creative scenery and staging, including a real rain shower complete with puddles for the actors to dance in.

The story, based on the MGM film of the same name, centered around the lives of Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont (played by Jay Cranford and Liz McCarthy, respectively), two silent-film stars who are trying to make the transition to "talkies," or movies with sound.

The musical production featured clips shown on a black-and-white drop from the movie and screen movies that star Lockwood and Lamont. The effect worked brilliantly and enhanced the believability of the storyline, which was complicated by Lockwood's off-screen affair with Kathy Selden, played by Elizabeth Ward.

There really was no one single star of "Singin' in the Rain," but Jimmy Bushin stole the show as Cosmo Brown, Lockwood's friend and constant companion.

Cosmo was the most likeable character and he charmed the audience with his exaggerated antics during his solo performance of "Make Me Laugh." Bushin's charisma was evident and even overshadowed the performances of the stars" (Cranford and McCarthy) at times.

The audience also was treated to fun song-and-dance number called "Moses Supposes" that featured tap-dancing talents of both Cranford and Bushin.

Later, Cranford was joined on stage by an entourage of brightly costumed dancers for what Cosmo termed a "flash-forward." The number, called "Broadway Melody" was the only modern segment of the play, and was the most exciting, with the exception of the finale performance by the full cast of the "Singin' in the Rain."

But while the storyline was set in the early 1900s, the scenery and staging techniques used in "Singin' in the Rain" were definitely of the present age. The theater group brought its own specially designed stage complete with water-tight lights and electricity hookups to facilitate the rain scene.

But the most advanced production techniques can not stand alone; they merely complemented the acting and dancing abilities of the performers. The excellent choreography also served to enhance the performance.

Tuesday's performance of "Singin' in the Rain" was a high-heeled production where special effects and acting talent reigned supreme.

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