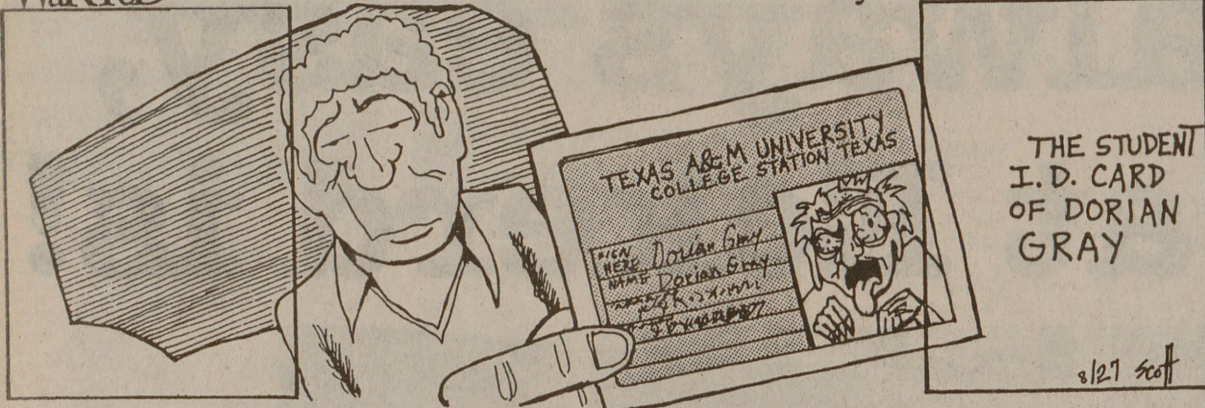


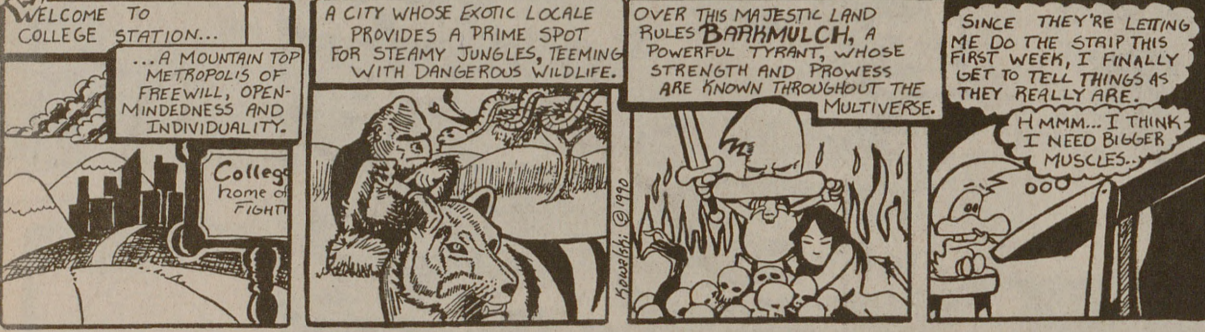
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covers alcohol abuse. Employees can be tested if reasonable suspicion exists that their job performance has been affected by drug use.

Full details of this policy have not yet been ironed out, but each school in the System will handle in its own way students in attendance suspected of drug use. Each school will develop its policy, later to be approved by the System general council.

The Board of Regents approved a \$984.4 million budget for the System's 1991 fiscal year. With the addition of West Texas State University to the System on Sept. 1, the budget will increase to \$1.02 billion, making it the largest budget ever approved by the Board. A&M alone will spend \$550.6 million in 1991.

A&M's new campus in Koriyama, Japan, opened and began classes. Japanese students enrolled at the campus will spend two years studying and then relocate to the main College Station campus. In future years, students from the United States will attend A&M at Koriyama.

JUNE

System Chancellor Perry L. Adkisson resigned June 1, but said he would remain chancellor until Jan. 1 or a successor is found.

Adkisson, who was chancellor for four years, said he accomplished most of his goals as chancellor and wanted to resume his duties as distinguished professor of entomology.

Board of Regents Chairman William McKenzie formed a search committee immediately to find a successor for Adkisson. No names have been announced.

A&M opened another overseas campus in June in Castiglione Fiorentino, Italy, as part of its Study Abroad Programs. The school, named the University Santa Chiara Center, is in a conservatory in a small hill town.

Facilities consist of classrooms, art studios, a gallery, music center and theater, student lounge, library and administrative offices. The program offers year-round courses in the liberal arts and architecture.

Science magazine, a well-known and respected magazine, reported in a June issue that experiments at A&M last year might have been manipulated to give results supporting cold fusion.

The story in the magazine also said A&M hasn't conducted a formal investigation though fraud is widely suspected.

John Fackler, dean of the College of Science, denied that fraud occurred during the cold fusion experiments and said the University had no reason to investigate.

A&M's Riverside campus consolidated with the Institute of Electronic Science in San Antonio because of increased enrollment which is taxing the outdated facilities at Riverside.

The move to the San Antonio campus will not be complete for another year. Although the classes will relocate, most of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service activities will continue at the Riverside campus.

Dr. E. Dean Gage was named provost and vice president for academic affairs by the System Board of Regents on June 29. Gage had served in the interim position since Jan. 1 when Dr. Donald McDonald resigned.

Gage's position includes overseeing undergraduate and graduate teaching, faculty and research en-

deavors.

JULY

A&M leased the MSC Bookstore to Barnes & Noble Bookstores Inc., a private firm which manages more than 200 bookstores across the nation. University officials decided to lease the bookstore to a private company to improve its operations.

Barnes & Noble, which also operates bookstores at the University of Houston, University of Oklahoma and University of Michigan, will manage the gift store on the first floor of the MSC, the bookstore in the basement and the Kyle Field gift shop.

The company plans to renovate the bookstore by adding 27,000 more square feet and adding an entrance.

The University reached an agreement with the president of Points Plus to begin accepting the Points Plus card at on-campus locations. Points Plus cardholders, which have been able to use the card off campus, can now use it at on-campus restaurants, bus stops, and even to pay fines or bills.

The Battalion initiated BAT-TIPS, a phone line for readers to phone in story ideas. With BAT-TIPS, students and faculty and staff members can call 845-3315 24 hours a day and leave story ideas on the answering machine for The Battalion.

Twenty-seven years after women began enrolling at A&M, a woman will be at the helm of one of its colleges. The Board of Regents appointed Dr. Jane A. Stallings as dean of the College of Education. She becomes the first woman to serve as a dean at A&M.

Stallings, who assumes the position Sept. 1, presently is head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the University of Hous-

Sri Lanka war continues

KARADIYANARU, Sri Lanka (AP) — The barefoot rifle-toting guerrillas occupying this eastern village hardly seem a match for the crisply uniformed government soldiers down the road with well-oiled machine guns.

But here and elsewhere in Sri Lanka, the Tamil Tiger rebels — many of them only teenagers — are engaging the army in a long and savage civil war.

"Step by step we will defeat the army," said a Tiger commander who uses the name Newton. That seems unlikely, in the view of observers and Western diplomats. But the army also seems incapable of beating the ragtag guerrillas.

In the north, the government launched a major offensive last week to relieve Jaffna Fort, a 300-year-old colonial outpost besieged by the rebels for 10 weeks.

After initial gains, the advance bogged down under heavy rebel mortar fire and machine-gun fusillades from bunkers, the government said.

On Sunday, military officials said, troops overran the guerrillas after a three-hour battle on Mandativu Island, a stepping stone to the star-shaped fortress.

But army troops have failed to meet their aim of reaching the trapped 250-man garrison in the fort, the government's strongest outpost on the rebel-controlled Jaffna Peninsula.

On the eastern front, the guerrillas have once again yielded the main towns and most of the roads to the army. They have faded into the jungles and the villages from where they have launched hit-and-run raids and mined roads for the past seven years.

Newton, asked about his tactical objectives, had a simple answer. "We are going to kill a large number of army," he said.

Newton and two other Tiger commanders, known as Karikalan and Nithi, spoke in a bare room in the dusty village of Karadiyanaru, on the main road leading to Batticaloa, 170 miles southeast of Jaffna.

Earlier, government officials had claimed all the rebels had been killed.

The rebels were contacted by walkie-talkie from a checkpoint manned by a dozen barefoot teen-agers who wore fatigue shirts and ammunition belts, stuffed with rifle clips, grenades and a toothbrush — for cleaning weapons.

The civil war erupted in 1983 over Tamil complaints that they were suppressed by the Sinhalese, who comprise 75 percent of the population and control the government. Tamils make up 18 percent of Sri Lanka's 17 million people.

The Tigers, who demand independence for the ethnic minority, are the only Tamil group continuing the fight. Others gave up in 1987 and agreed to negotiate for an autonomous region in the north and east.

After a 13-month cease-fire, the Tigers resumed the war June 11, by storming 30 police and army barracks in the east.

Villagers in Karadiyanaru appeared unhappy over the presence of the rebels. Food is scarce, commerce has stopped and the area is virtually cut off from the rest of the region. Army patrols occasionally come through, firing into roadside homes.

Bulgarian protesters burn Socialist Party building

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Anti-Communist protesters set fire Sunday to the headquarters of the governing Socialist Party, throwing torches through windows and scattering documents in the street.

Police sealed off roads into the capital and announced a national alert.

President Zhelyu Zhelev said the country was in danger of "drifting ... into a military dictatorship." He cut short his holiday in the Black Sea city of Varna to deliver a nationally broadcast radio appeal for law and order.

Several firefighters and bystanders near the burned building were apparently injured by falling debris, said a doctor on the scene. One demonstrator said police were clubbing protesters inside the building.

The eight-story granite building, built in the 1950s, was the largest in the capital of Sofia, was formerly the headquarters of the Communist Party, which changed its name to the Socialist Party after reformer Todor Zhivkov in November.

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schools, and adding more non-conference games to attract larger television audiences.

"Without these and other changes, the Southwest Conference cannot be a viable organization for excellence both in academic pursuits and in athletic competition," according to the statement.

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