

# The Battalion

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Thursday's paper incorrectly stated in a picture caption that the cost of a replacement pane of glass for the Rudder Theatre was \$300. It should have been \$1300.

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# Celebration begins 'Centennial Year'

A proclamation address by Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe concluded yesterday's events that began A&M's Centennial celebration.

After the unveiling of a special Centennial sculpture yesterday morning, University President Jack K. Williams hosted a luncheon for special guests, including Briscoe, his wife; members of the Board of Regents, distinguished alumni and members of the A&M Student Government.

The Aggie Concert Band began the afternoon's events by a performance.

Col. Logan E. Weston, coordinator of the Student "Y" Association, gave the invocation at the 2 p.m. ceremony beginning

the Centennial Proclamation. Introductory remarks were then delivered by representatives of the students, faculty, alumni, and administration.

Jeff Dunn, student body president, said he believes the second hundred years of A&M can only prosper with an attitude of constant re-examination of goals and purposes. He said the awareness and constantly changing needs of the student body is the key to a successful future.

Dr. Betty Unterberger, vice-chairman of the academic council of A&M and representing the faculty, gave a history of A&M going as far back as the first registration day. She said there is a quality about the faculty at A&M that cannot be measured in numbers: a quality that expresses itself best in terms of commitment, dedication and responsibility.

Mayo J. Thompson, president of the Association of Former Students, spoke on behalf of the alumni. He said that America and democracy are declining, but with faith

and self-confidence as the Aggies have, the system can be renewed.

Representing the administration, Clyde H. Wells, chairman of the Board of Regents, said he is pleased and amazed at the progress of Texas A&M. He rededicated the Board to insuring that A&M continues to be a place where "good things happen."

Briscoe concluded the program by declaring A&M to be one of the great universities in the country. "I want to emphasize how proud I am of this institution's magnificent contribution to the growth and development to a better way of life in the Lone Star State."

He said A&M has a spirit unmatched by any other university in the United States and that "we should reaffirm that spirit of Aggieland for our Centennial Year." He concluded his presentation by proclaiming the calendar year of 1976 the year of the Texas A&M Centennial.

— LeANN Roby

## Centennial sculpture dedicated to men, women of the future

By LeANN ROBY

A Centennial sculpture, dedicated to A&M in recognition of its 100th birthday, was unveiled yesterday morning at the University Center Plaza.

The nine-foot, 2,000-pound bronze sculpture is the largest ever cast in Texas and is believed to be the largest cast in the United States.

The sculpture was created by G. Pat Foley who is artist-in-residence at Kinkaid School, Houston, Texas, and cast by Albert Morris, Donald S. Morris, a 1951 A&M graduate, financed the project. Mrs. Morris, Foley's son and granddaughter unveiled the artwork.

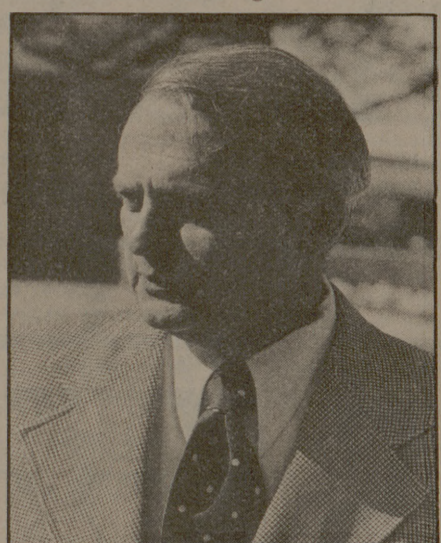
The Centennial sculpture, capturing the spirit of A&M in its 100th year, said Foley, is dedicated to young men and women of their knowledge—the true foundation of the future.

The statue is a simple composition of a couple carrying books. It represents two A&M students, either past, present or future. They have no clothes on so they are not "dated." The male in the sculpture has an arm around the female denoting the closeness A&M is known for, explained Foley.

University President Jack Williams said, "It does what it was intended to do. It captures the spirit of the Aggie student. It captures the ability of the Aggie student to always be ahead of whoever is in second place. To have friendship and pride and self-respect, and a willingness to learn and a desire to help others."

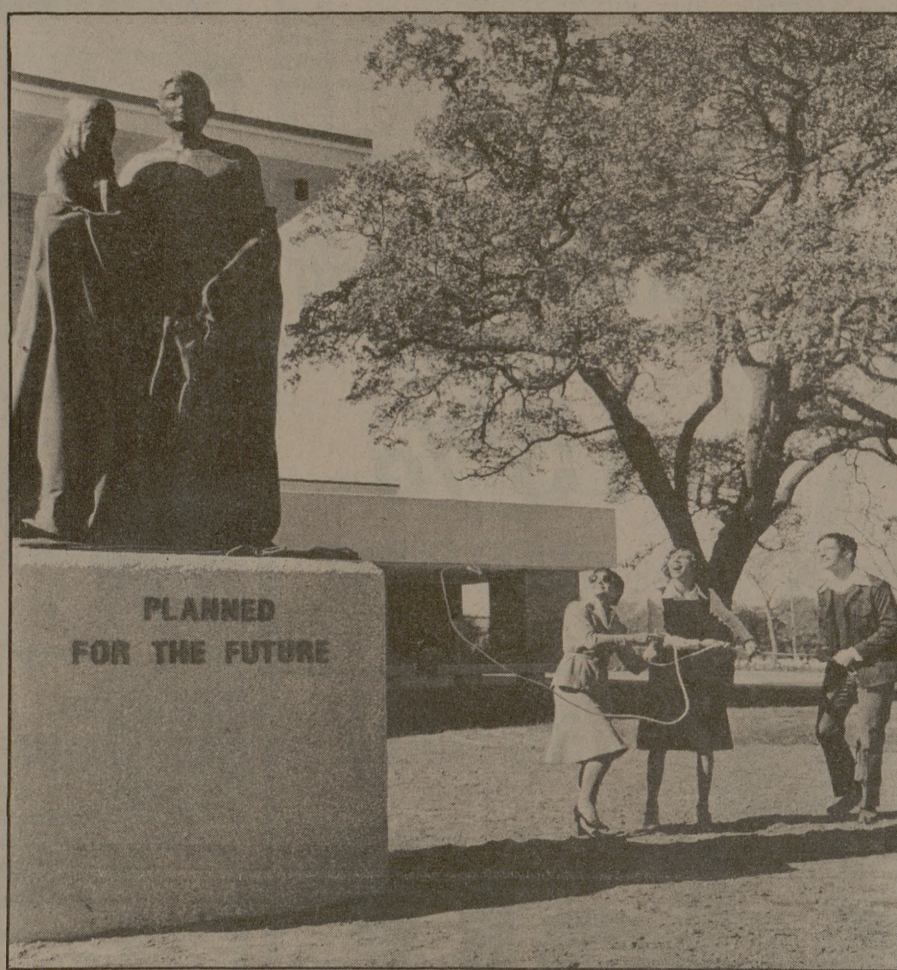
Williams believes the sculpture to be a fitting symbol for the central purpose of this university—the education of our men and women. The sculpture unveiled yesterday is the

first of two pieces of artwork donated by Foley to help celebrate the Centennial. The second, to be a gift of the 1976 graduating class, will be unveiled either in April or May by the class, and will be a large version of A&M's Centennial logo.



Pat Foley, creator of the sculpture

The new sculpture by the MSC was unveiled yesterday in ceremonies marking the beginning of the A&M Centennial celebration. Pulling the release cord, left to right, are Mrs. Donald Morris, Lorrie Pumphrey, and Mike Foley.



Douglas Winship

## Bryan to discuss utility controversy

By JERRY NEEDHAM  
Battalion Staff Writer

Bryan was expected to take the next step in the developing utility rate controversy at a closed session of its city council this afternoon.

The council was to discuss a list of objections submitted yesterday by College Station city officials concerning Bryan's proposed utility contract with College Station. (College Station has purchased electricity, water and some sewer service from Bryan for more than a decade.)

College Station councilmen voted Thursday to reject the proposed contract and gave Bryan officials 14 days to submit a proposal containing competitive rates and terms.

Bryan Mayor Lloyd Joyce said he felt a request for a joint council meeting with College Station will be the outcome of Bryan's meeting today.

The College Station City Council and its Utility Rate Advisory Committee drew up a list of objections Friday explaining exactly what the city officials do not like about the proposed contract.

The primary objection is the rate structure itself. Electrical rates would be hiked more than 30 per cent over the present term rate schedule adopted last August.

The difference in the Bryan rates and those proposed by Gulf States Utilities, an outside firm, is indicated by a representative bill for the month of December, 1975, calculated by North Bardell, College Station city manager.

For 3,400 kilowatt-hours of electricity, including fuel adjustments, a resident of Bardell (served by Gulf States) would have paid \$59, while under Bryan's current rates, the cost would have been \$98, a difference of 60 per cent, Bardell said.

Water costs would be raised from 38.5 cents per 1,000 gallons to 47 cents per 1,000 gallons, an increase of 22 per cent. Bryan citizens pay 42 cents per 1,000 gallons.

College Station councilmen also contend that under the present and proposed contracts College Station is partially supporting Bryan's administrative, billing and distribution costs. In addition, College Station pays for its own administrative and distribution costs.

Another objection mentioned was the clause that provides for a five-year contract with automatic one-year extensions.

Councilmen also objected to the stipulation that termination of one utility service would automatically cancel the other services. The council said it would rather have three separate contracts for water, electricity and sewage.

Mayor Joyce said yesterday, "The Bryan group considers this contract as one package—water, electricity and sewer service. We're trying to tie our water and electricity together."

Joyce said this is not a threatening gesture. "We're not trying to hold this over College Station's head and say, 'If you don't buy our electricity, you don't get our water.' But our approach is that these things are tied together."

Councilmen also objected to a clause requiring that College Station buy at least 80 per cent of its water needs from Bryan.

Joyce said yesterday, "We hope not to lose College Station's business. We've made plans through the power pool to provide adequate power for Bryan and College Station's growth. But if we can't trade, I hope we can part in a friendly manner."

Most of the College Station councilmen have stated they feel a split between the two cities is inevitable because of the wide difference in prices asked by each city.

Larry Bravenec, College Station councilman, said yesterday, "There is probably going to be a parting, and I'd like it to be an amiable one—without rancor or bitterness."

Mayor Joyce said he questions whether College Station can make a switch to another power source overnight.

The Gulf States' offer to College Station is a standard rate for municipalities and includes the transmission of the power to College Station, said Bravenec. He said that if College Station provides their own power substations, Gulf States would give a five per cent reduction of their quoted price.

College Station City Manager North Bardell said it is the feeling of the city staff and Gulf States' engineers that the power connection could be made in a three-month period.

College Station has been in contact with a private firm which has been conducting tests of several water wells southwest of the city.

The tests have shown the water to be potable, with the wells having the ability to produce up to 2,000 gallons of water per minute. When added to the amount College Station gets from its own well and from Texas A&M, this would provide more than 50 per cent of the city's current water needs, Bardell has estimated.

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THE FORECAST for Tuesday and Wednesday is partly cloudy and warm. The temperature both days will be in the upper 70's. Tonight's low will be 47.

## Phase I to be completed by end of '76

# County Park to cover 50 acres

By JOE SCAMARDO

By the end of the year area residents should be strolling the nature trails of the long-awaited Brazos County Park.

The proposed 50-acre park will be located east of the State Highway 6 bypass and south of the proposed Briarcrest Drive extension, about three miles east of Bryan.

"This site was chosen because it is accessible to all income groups, both urban and rural," said Susan Frisbie of South/West Planning Associates Inc., the planning firm for the park.

When completed, the \$450,000 park will contain facilities for outdoor recreation and entertainment, plus a \$1.2 million exhibition hall, said County Judge W. R. (Bill) Vance.

The construction of the park has been divided into two phases. Phase one will consist of a paved access road, small and large group picnic facilities with barbecue pits, restrooms, and parking for these facilities. Judge Vance estimates this phase will be completed by the end of this year.

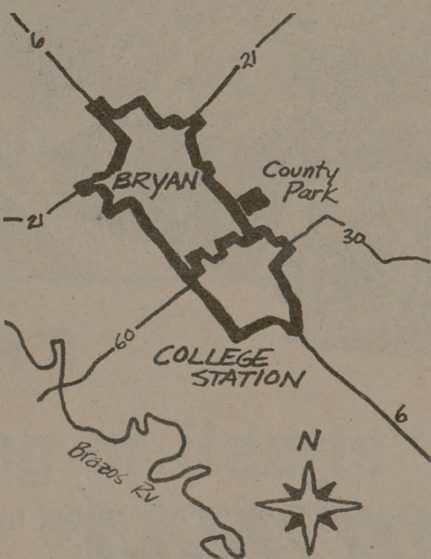
Area Jaycees have already cleared nature trails in the park. Carter Creek also winds through the site.

The second phase will include the installation of water service and lighting in the park, construction of an outdoor amphitheatre, additional parking, and landscaping. Judge Vance estimates the second phase will be finished by late 1977.

The county received \$20,000 last year from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the first phase of construction. Brazos County added \$20,000 and has applied to the Texas Parks and Wildlife's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR) for a matching \$40,000.

This application will be taken up in a public hearing by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in March.

The county submitted a pre-application for \$188,000 to HUD Thursday for the second phase of the county park. If the pre-application is judged satisfactory, HUD will invite a final application from the county.



Location of proposed county park

Carter Creek runs through the site of the proposed Brazos County Park.

## One man hurt

# Fires' cause unknown

College Station fire officials are continuing their investigation into the cause of several grass fires yesterday that destroyed an estimated 500 acres of grassland in the southern part of the city.

Fire Chief Doug Landua said that a passing train may have generated sparks that touched off fires southeast of the intersection of the West Loop (FM 2818) and Wellborn Road (FM 2154). The railroad tracks, which run parallel to Wellborn Road, are used jointly by Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads.

Fireman Richard Holbert, 23, of 305 Tee in Bryan, was overcome by smoke and taken to Bryan Hospital for overnight observation.

A grass fire early Saturday blackened 25 acres two miles south of the Ponderosa Inn on Green's Prairie Road. Firemen were hampered in fighting the blaze when fire

trucks became stuck in the muddy fields. A wrecker called to pull the trucks out, also got stuck.

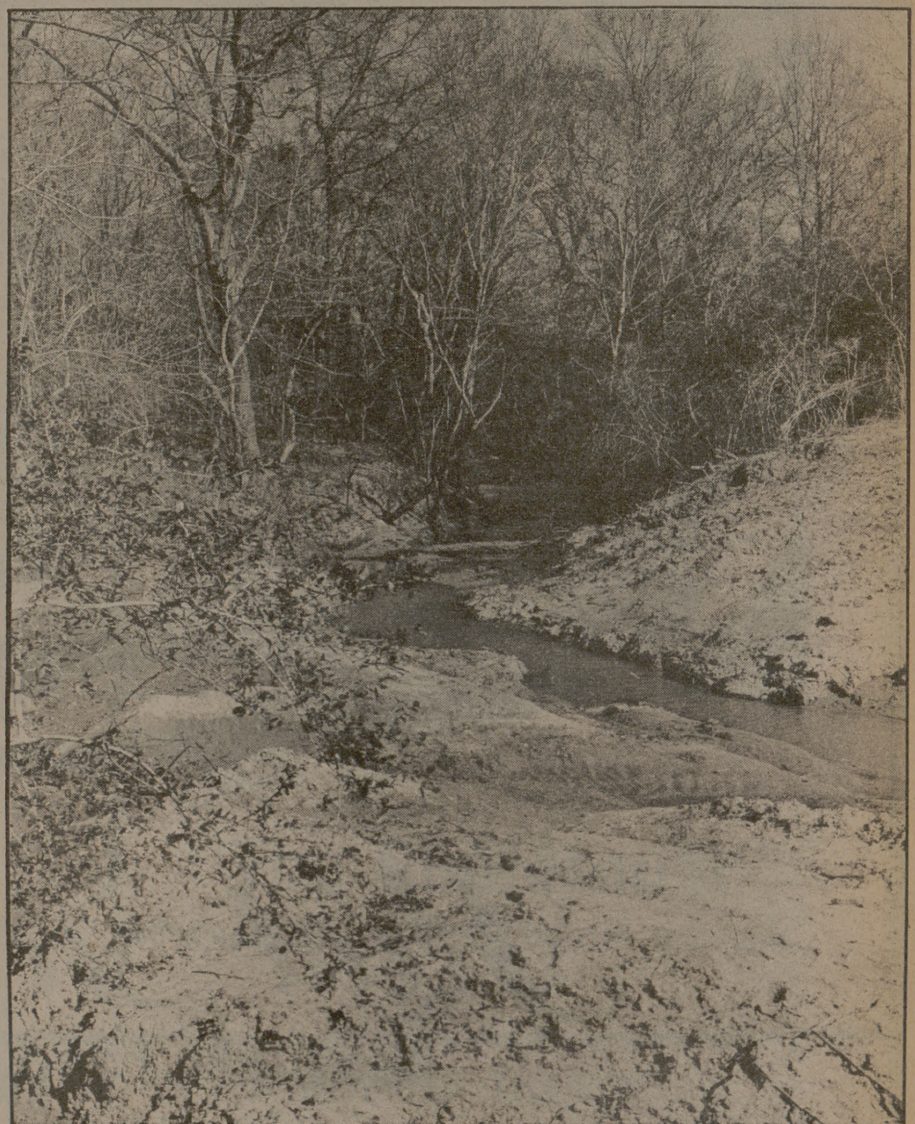
Landua said that no one got stuck during yesterday's fires.

He also added that the fire department had approximately 74 grass fire calls last month, much higher than the average for January.

"It's just the weather mostly that's been the cause of the majority of the grass fires. That rain we've had is doing nothing but hindering us," Landua said.

He said the soggy grass dries out quickly during cold weather, and "What we need is some warm weather to help things green out."

"If you get a two-inch rainfall during a norther, 30 minutes of wind will dry out everything like it was before."



Jim Hendrickson