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Project Is Begun To Erase 'Trails' From Campus Grass

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Improvement of the appearance of the A&M campus through student use of sidewalks rather than paths across the grass is the goal of Lawrence Stelly, graduate student in economics.

In a time and on a campus where student apathy seems to be the order of the day, Stelly has decided to do something about a problem he believes exists. He has asked many campus organizations to pass resolutions supporting a "keep off the grass" campaign.

"It's an effort to improve the physical appearance of the Texas A&M University campus through encouraging students to use sidewalks instead of the grass," Stelly explained Monday. "Students need to be made aware of their individual stake in a good campus appearance."

Stelly also noted that he had appeared before the Executive Committee of the Civilian Student Council Monday to present his case, and was assured by Council President David Wilks that the matter will almost certainly receive Council support Thursday night when the Council meets.

"Glenn Keim will present a resolution on the matter to the Student Senate when it meets after Easter," Stelly continued. "Early Davis, senior class president, is also interested in the

project and will present it to the Senior Council when it meets later this week."

Stelly pointed out that his project is not without precedence at A&M. He mentioned that four or five years ago a similar project was undertaken which met with great success for most of the year "until the novelty wore off."

Robert H. Rucker, the university's landscape architect, has even taken an interest in Stelly's project.

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walks should be added in some places," Stelly said, "but every year, along with new class schedules, new paths appear. He's told me that extra walks are being planned, but there are limits."

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Public Invited To Participate In 'Tulip Time' At Aggieland

It's tulip time in Aggieland, according to Robert H. Rucker, the university's landscape architect. And the public is invited to participate.

"We ask only that patrons leave footprints and take pictures," he added, noting that steps—including a fence—have been taken to safeguard the young plants.

Located at Houston and Russell Streets on the south side of the campus are 100 different varieties of 2,500 tulips. Many have already bloomed with the remainder expected to blossom within three weeks, Rucker said.

It is the start of a giant flower-bed to which 800 different varieties of annuals, or bedding plants,

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THE ANNUALS will continue to bloom the entire summer offering an "exceptional beauty spot" on campus. Already located nearby are picnic benches and ample parking. Other improvements for the public's comfort will be added soon, Rucker said.

The tulip bed is a trial garden and exhibition area. It will offer A&M officials an opportunity to discover what types of flowers grow best on campus as well as aid area residents in making decisions for their own home gardens, Rucker observed.

"The garden was developed for expanding into the whole area next year," said Rucker. "All of this is to introduce beauty into the academic environment."

"I WOULD like to make beauty a part of the introduction to academic life," he emphasized.

Pointing out there has been a renewed interest in beauty across the nation, Rucker said the gardens will help develop an awareness.

"Being one of the largest agricultural schools in the nation, it's the natural place," he continued. "The changing pattern of world environment is all tied together."

"I'd rather have a clean campus than a pretty campus," he said, "but I'd really rather have both."

Shrubs and hedges are being cut back in the beautification program.

"Hedges and shrubs are now oversized and in many cases obstructing pleasant views," Rucker pointed out. He stressed that the trimming program will help "bring things back into perspective."

Thieu Says Saigon Prepared To Talk Privately With NLF



SAFE!
Centerfielder Bob Long slides safely into third base in the first conference game of the season Friday against the SMU Mustangs. Long later scored what proved to be the only run the Ags needed as pitcher Doug Rau shut out the Ponies 3-0. A&M went on to sweep the three-game series for a 3-0 conference and a 7-0 season record. See story, page 4. (Photo by Mike Wright)

SAIGON (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu said today his government is prepared to hold private meetings with the National Liberation Front.

The South Vietnamese president imposed no conditions on such meetings and added that he felt the Front, the political arm of the Viet Cong, would agree to such talks.

He told a news conference such talks could be part of private discussion in Paris among the delegations to the peace talks there from South Vietnam, North Vietnam, the NLF and the United States.

Thieu told questioners: "He remains hopeful of success at the Paris talks."

This is not the time to talk of withdrawing any of the 540,500 American troops in South Vietnam.

His government does not believe a resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam at this time would be proper response to the current Viet Cong offensive.

THIEU expressed satisfaction with the lines of communication established with the new administration of President Nixon. He emphasized that the government-to-government relations during President Johnson's tenure had been equally satisfactory, but he added that relations were better in Paris with Henry Cabot Lodge than with W. Averell Harriman, the former chief U.S. representative at the peace talks.

The president revealed his willingness to talk with the Viet Cong directly when he was asked about reports that private talks had already taken place in Paris.

"I can't say they have started," Thieu said, "but we are working on it and we are hopeful."

Would these talks involve the Front, he was asked.

"We are ready to have private talks with the National Liberation Front if they like," he replied. "There are many things we cannot decide at the conference table which we can discuss quite frankly in private."

"In private talks anybody could raise any question," Thieu said.

"There are many alternatives. We could talk with Hanoi as well as the front. We could talk with two people or three people."

He said his government's offer had been conveyed to the NLF delegation in Paris but declined to say how or by whom. He said there has not yet been any response but expressed confidence a favorable reply would be received.

He also expressed sympathy for the political problems of the NFL, which he has always termed atool of the North Vietnamese regime. He recalled previous trips back to Hanoi by North Vietnamese delegates "with stopovers in Moscow and Peking. With the front, they have another stopover in Hanoi."

Poli Sci Professor To Discuss Activities Of Supreme Court

Dr. Robert Jennings Harris, University of Virginia professor and political science author, will discuss "The Supreme Court as an Instrument of Change" Tuesday at the final 1968-69 University Lecture.

The admission-free 8 p.m. lecture will be presented in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Dr. Harris is professor of government and history at the University of Virginia, which he joined in 1963. Prior to this year, he also served as arts and science dean.

The Tennessee native previously taught at Louisiana State, Vanderbilt and Columbia. He also has been employed by the Library of Congress to assist in

the revision of "The Constitution of the United States Annotated."

Harris holds degrees from Vanderbilt, the University of Illinois and Princeton.

His books include "The Judicial Power of the United States" and "The Quest for Equality: The Constitution, Congress, and the Supreme Court." He also collaborated in writing "The Continuing Crisis in American Politics" and "Perspective in the South: Agenda for Research."

Dr. E. B. Doran, University Lectures Committee chairman, emphasized Dr. Harris' talk is open to the general public, as well as to students and faculty-staff. The program is co-sponsored by the Great Issues Committee of the MSC Directorate.

Sex In Human Relations Topic Of Marriage Forum

Dr. Henry Bowman of the University of Texas at Austin will deliver the second of a two-part series on "Sex in Human Relations" here tonight.

Bowman, an international authority on marriage and family life, spoke last week on premarital sex in human relations. Tuesday's session highlights sex in human relations from the marital viewpoint.

The sociology professor and author is the third and final speaker in a series of Marriage Forums sponsored by the Programs Committee of the YMCA. Sessions are at 7:30 p.m. in room 321 of the Physics Building.

BOWMAN WILL discuss the importance of sexual compatibility in the total marriage relationship, sexual relations in marriage as factors affecting marital adjustments, complex causes of sex adjustment or maladjustment, planned parenthood, religion and sex and what the sexes need to understand about each other.

One of his books, "Marriage for Moderns," has had several editions in the U. S. and was translated into other languages.

During 1963 Bowman toured Australia and New Zealand on assignment from the U. S. State Department lecturing on marriage education and counseling.

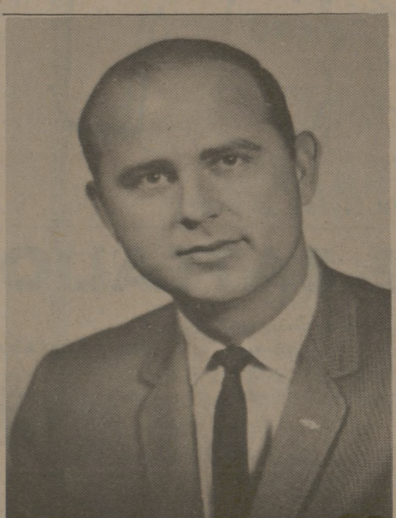
"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Bowman," said Ed Donnell, special programs chairman. "He normally accepts a minimal number of speaking engagements, but he has said that he likes and enjoys visiting A&M."

DONNELL, a junior psychology major from Freeport, added the committee hopes the programs "will help more marriages be successful and aid students in attacking their pre, and post marital problems."

The YMCA cabinet officer said Bowman, who has spoken here on other occasions, "has given Aggies frank and comforting advice for their questions. He shows insight into the biological and psychological problems of sex and emphasis that people, not machines are involved."

Noting that the YMCA is a Christian organization, Donnell

emphasized that its programs place "great values on marriage as an institution, and wants to provide adequate information to young people in a Christian content."



RALPH WAYNE

Council To Study Cost-Sharing Idea On Lot Lighting

The College Station City Council agreed Monday to study a proposal that the city and A&M equally share the cost of a new street lighting system for parking areas on the west side of the campus.

No A&M representative was present at the meeting, however, and the council postponed action on the proposal until the April 2 meeting.

Two lighting plans are now under study by the council. The first plan would call for 26 40-foot poles, each capable of lighting an area of 200 feet, at a cost of \$4,613.

The second plan would call for "several" 50-foot poles, each capable of lighting a 1,000 foot area, at a cost of \$6,226.

City Manager Ran Boswell said the city could not accept the second plan because it only has machinery that can service equipment up to 40 feet in height, and would have to rent either state or county machinery when repairs were needed.

In other action, Boswell announced that Lee Arthur Dunn had been appointed City Park Superintendent.

The city agreed to accept bids from Hart Creosoting Company of Conroe of \$2,930 for new electric utility poles for the city, and a bid of \$6,862 from T&T Company of Bryan for the purchase of a new tractor and backhoe, a tractor-pulled implement used to dig ditches and ravines.

Purcell To Crown King Cotton Here

U. S. Congressman Graham Purcell of Wichita Falls will crown King Cotton during A&M's 35th annual Cotton Pageant and Ball Saturday.

King Cotton is Mike Deike of Winters, a senior agronomy major. He was chosen by Agronomy Society members in recognition of his active record of service to the organization.

The pageant, which starts at 7 p.m. in the Bryan Civic Auditorium, honors cotton as the state's main cash crop. The pageant will be followed by the ball at 9 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

A pageant highlight will be selection of Queen Cotton and eight members of her court from among more than 120 young ladies representing colleges, universities, clubs, and other organizations.

Rep To Describe State Campaigning

Texas-style campaigning will be described here Wednesday by State Representative Ralph Wayne of Plainview.

The Political Forum presentation will be in the informal noon series, announced Ron Hinds of Midland, chairman. Sack lunches will be available for the meeting in Rooms 2A and B of the Memorial Student Center.

Wayne, 36, was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1964. He earned designation as one of three "Outstanding Freshman" legislators for the 59th session, chaired the House Administration Committee and has served on the House Rules, Conservation and Reclamation and Legislative Council Committees, among others.

The representative of Hale, Swisher and Floyd Counties is a restaurant owner and was an Amarillo Television station news director and operations manager before moving to Plainview in 1962.

Governor Connally named the secondary teachers certificate holder a delegate to the Southern Regional Education Conference on Quality in Higher Education. Wayne also was a member of the Economic Development Conference of the Council of Southern States Government, on appointment last session by Speaker Ben Barnes.

Brass Sextet To Play Here

Chamber music ranging from Bach to contemporary classic and popular adaptations will be offered here Wednesday by the Houston Brass Ensemble.

The Artists Showcase presentation of Town Hall will admit Rotary Community Series and Town Hall season ticket holders and students by activity card at no additional charge.

The Houston "Young Audiences" programs players will take an 8 p.m. curtain in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Numbers on the Wednesday program include Bach's "Contrapunctus III," and "Air Pour Les Trompettes," the contemporary "Cannon" by Houston Bright, Nelson Riddle's "Three Quarter Suite" and a Ken Williams arrangement of the theme from "Zorba the Greek."

The sextet features Director Ralph Liese on the trombone; Richard Schaffer and Kenneth Williams, trumpet; Jan Bures, horn; Dr. John R. Hill, tuba, and James Hyden, percussion.

Liese organized the group with the late Kit Reid in 1955. The director studied at Juilliard, has played radio, television and theaters in New York and has been solo trombonist with the Houston Symphony since 1948.

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MRS. TEXAS A&M
Mrs. Sandy Fuchs, wife of graduate student James A. Fuchs, is "Mrs. Texas A&M" for 1969. She was named at the Aggie Wives Council's annual spring dance. The couple formerly resided at Rowena.

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WEATHER

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Thursday — Partly cloudy. Wind Southerly 10 to 20 mph. High 72, low 54.

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