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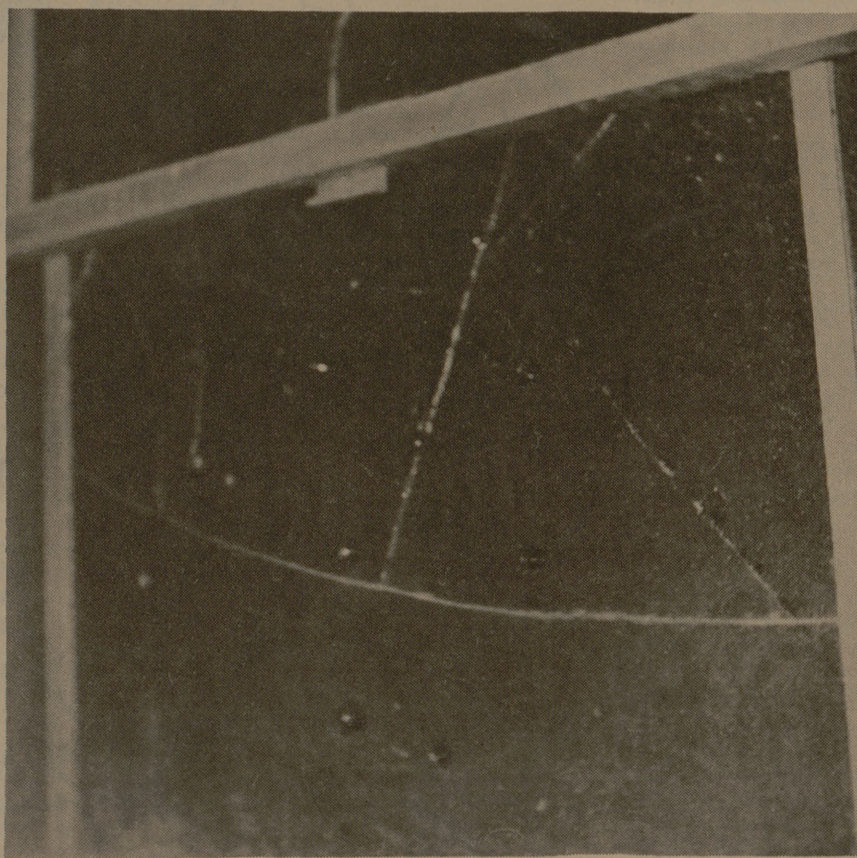
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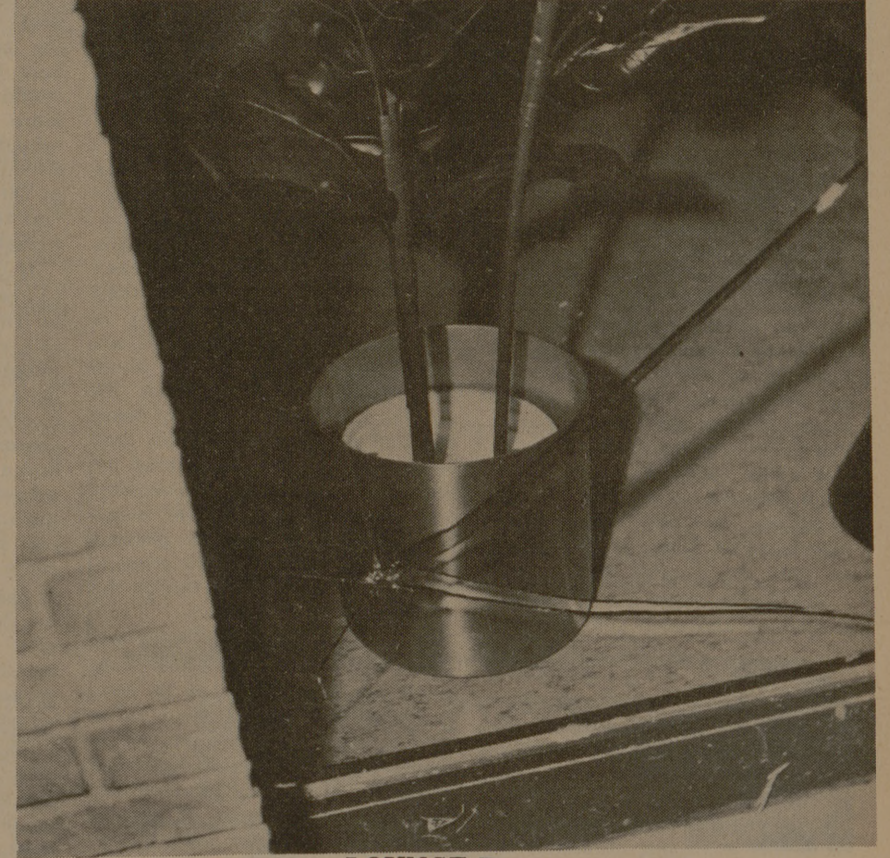
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LOUNGE A . . .



. . . DORM 1 . . .



. . . LOUNGE B

This was the aftermath early this morning as an explosion rocked the Corps area of the campus. Glass was shattered, peppered, and cracked by the blast; these shown were all more than 30 feet from the blast.

31 Windows In 4 Corps Dorms Broken In Early Morning Blast



WHERE IT BEGAN

This tree, in the grassy area between dorm 1 and 2, was the location of the explosion which broke 31 windows in 4 dorms early this morning. Bark blasted from the tree and falling leaves litter the area surrounding it. (Photos by David Middlebrooke)

College Station Post Office Due to Open 'Within Week'

By Payne Harrison
Battalion Staff Writer
Texas A&M and College Station should be getting a new operational post office within the next week, though no definite date has been set, according to Ernest Gregg, postmaster of College Station.

The new station, located in Redmond Terrace Shopping Center, will serve people in the south and east portions of the city, including many students living in apartments in that area.

"It was supposed to be finished 'way back in July," Gregg said, "but because of labor problems construction on the site has been delayed."

300 Expected Wednesday At Grad Student Orientation

An estimated 300 students are expected to participate in the graduate student orientation scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences building.

Tony Benedetto, president of the Graduate Student Council, said the meeting is open to all graduate students and undergraduates interested in enrolling in graduate school.

Benedetto said the meeting will give graduate students an opportunity to become acquainted with

Graduate College Dean George W. Kunze and the 17 members of the GSC.

Kunze will explain admissions procedures and degree requirements for graduation with the various advanced degrees. Benedetto said that the dean will also pass out forms which will serve as checklists for requirements for advanced degree programs.

"New graduate students will also be given a brief campusology talk, primarily centered around football traditions," Benedetto explained, "so that we will not have the unpleasantness we had last year simply because the new graduate students didn't know any better."

The need for a post office in the area has grown along with the new apartment complexes being constructed there, he added.

According to City Manager Ran Boswell, Mayor D. A. Anderson has wanted a post office in that area for some time and is glad to see it come about.

Many people have complained about having to drive through the campus to do their mailing at the main station, Gregg said, and the new office will relieve this problem.

The 988 post office boxes the station carries will free many of the people who are presently doubled up in boxes at the main station in College Station and help ease the workload for the employees there.

For the two men who will be staffing the new station, Gregg anticipates a heavy load of parcel post mail from businesses in the area, along with people mailing on their way to and from work and people working in the surrounding shopping centers who used to go into Bryan to do their mailing.

Gregg added that the two man staff may have to be enlarged due to the forthcoming Christmas rush.

By Steve Forman
Battalion Staff Writer

A shattering explosion at the base of a tree just outside Dormitory 2, headquarters for the Corps of Cadets, broke 31 windows in four dormitories early this morning.

No one was reported injured by the blast, which occurred at 1:50 a.m.

The jarring explosion, set off by what Campus Security officers suspect was a bomb of some sort, shattered glass from more than 200 feet away.

An eight-foot tall window in each of two recently completed lounges nearest the blast were damaged, one cracked at the base and the other completely blown out.

Also broken out were pieces of

a lamp post light perhaps no more than 20 feet from the explosion.

Although the tree was not blown over, bark and leaves were scattered as far as 50 feet from the trunk. On the side where the bomb or charge was apparently placed, bark was ripped from the tree three feet above the ground. The blast blew a hole about four inches deep in the ground at the base of the trunk.

Campus Security officers said they heard the explosion about three-quarters of a mile away. They said they first thought it was a sonic boom.

As one student in the Corps area described the blast, "It was as if an artillery round had found its target here." The walls of the surrounding six dormitories

were said to have shaken and the windows vibrated from the explosion.

Campus Security officers and College Station police have found no clues concerning either the type of charge exploded or who set it off.

"By the bits of glass found embedded in the ground at the base of the tree," Security Officer John Miller said, "it is possible that it was nitroglycerine or some kind of homemade bomb in a glass container."

"There were no debris in the blast area that would indicate that it was dynamite," Miller added.

Most of the windows broken were on the third and fourth stories of the dorms. One of the

windows looked as if it had been peppered by a shotgun blast.

In all cases, the concussion of the blast made the glass fall away from the dormitories.

Most of the cadets were asleep in their bunks when the explosion occurred. Marc Powell, a senior on Corps Staff, was in the room on the first floor that was nearest to the blast.

"I had just fallen asleep when the explosion blew my window out," Powell said.

Dormitory 1 had 14 windows blown out and Dorm 2 had 11 windows damaged. The explosion occurred halfway between the two dormitories.

Farther away, Dormitories 3 and 4 each had two windows shattered.

Developer Says Conditions Set By Commission 'Unfeasible'

By Jay F. Goode
Battalion Staff Writer

A Houston developing firm representative said conditions imposed on a University Oaks St. subdivision plan approved by the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night would make the plan "economically unfeasible."

John Garner, representing Municipal Engineering Co. of Houston, hinted that the developer may withdraw his proposal to develop property between Dominik and Highway 30, and west of Munson St., into apartment units.

The plan approved by the commission calls for a 70-foot right-of-way for Munson St., sidewalks on Dominik, extension of Dominik to the east by-pass, and paving of Dominik by the developer.

"They are allowing too much land for sidewalks and street right-of-way," Garner said. "The costs will have to be passed on by increasing land prices."

The developer's plans called for a 56-foot right-of-way with a 28-foot pavement strip for Munson St., which runs north and south. Both City Planner Lee Roy George and the city engineer said that the 56-foot width would be sufficient.

"Tonight was the first I heard of a 70-ft. right-of-way although the plan has been before the commission eight times in the last 18 months," Garner said.

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The approved plan was part of a motion made by commissioner Joseph R. Baur and amended by commissioner Jim Gardner.

Part of Gardner's amendment which did not pass called for sidewalks on University Oaks St. and Highway 30, a study to eliminate a potential traffic hazard at the intersection where Cedar Lane, Holly Drive and University Oaks St. meets Munson St. The intersection presents problems in traf-

fic control because the streets running east and west are offset 120 ft., George said earlier.

Cindy Burleson, a junior journalism student at A&M, complained that the commission was not carrying on its business so that everyone in the audience could hear. The complaint came after Garner and the commission had been carrying on a close range discussion at the meeting table.

As a result of the complaint, maps were presented to explain the plan.

Called the commission's attention to a restaurant under construction opposite the University's east gate which may not be meeting the requirements of the city's fire code. The building does not have enough exits, Gardner said. The commission postponed action because the fire code did not cover the area in question.

Former Aide to Castro To Discuss Cuban Politics

A political refugee from Cuba who worked directly for Fidel Castro and with Che Guevara, Dr. Miguel Tarrab of West Texas State, will speak here Wednesday on "Cuban Political Possibilities."

Dr. Tarrab, 46-year-old mathematics professor, will speak at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom under the sponsorship of the Issues Series, subcommittee of Great Issues.

Issues chairman Bill Webster of Ennis said it will be a public-free address.

Tarrab held several key government positions in Cuba. While living in England, he sought sanctuary in the United States. He is in process of becoming a naturalized U. S. citizen and has been on the Canyon university faculty since 1967.

He was head of the National Economy Department under Castro before coming to the U. S. as

Deadline Nears In Senate Filing

Filing closes Wednesday for the offices of Student Senate vice president, sophomore College of Agriculture representative, senior, junior, and sophomore College of Education representatives, and sophomore College of Liberal Arts representative, announced Mike Wiebe, Election Commission vice president for publicity, Monday.

Wiebe said applications can be picked up at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center and must be returned there before 5 p.m. Wednesday.

a refugee, and was also head of the Market and Economic Research Department of Cuban Commercial Offices in London.

He worked directly with Guevara for four months in Switzerland and on several other occasions.

Tarrab represented Cuba on several international councils and organizations. He was Cuban liaison officer to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade, also in London.

He also represented Cuba to United Nations conferences on wheat, trade and development, sugar and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) on commodity problems.

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