

# Frank Griffis

Celebrated TV star and all-around goodtimer Glenn Campbell is probably sitting in his easy chair in Delight, Ark., thinking about all of us weekend voyagers who were dumb enough to visit the resort paradise of Galveston last weekend and laughing until the tears fall.

I came to the conclusion that he sang his hit song, "Galveston" while watching "Hawaii Five O" on CBS. The Gulf Coast resembled Cape Horn more closely than it did Hawaii during the Memorial Day weekend.

The trip down there was a gas. We sang "Row, Row, Your Boat" and other modern hit songs and generally flitted around throughout the whole 150 mile trip. Our hearts were gay and we dangled our doilies behind us as we stopped at every filling station between Navasota and Dickinson.

My first disappointment came when we hit the beach. There were no bikini beach party-blanket bingo-pajama-type beach bunnies swarming around dancing to the tunes bursting from their miniature portable radios taped to their ears. As a matter of fact there weren't radios, much less any babes.

We plodded on, undaunted by our seaside environment.

Even the overcast sky and roaring surf didn't phase us as we took three hours to erect a five by nine tent. That is when we should have packed our lantern, stove, cots, beach balls, flowered shirts, air mattresses, water wings, and sand shovels and buckets and left.

The storm hit Saturday morning just as the tide was coming in. I had just succeeded in snagging a couple of five-inch mackerel (keepers, too) off the jetties when the rain came pouring down.

My wife and I hurried back to the tent where the other couple was straining to keep it from collapsing in the high winds.

We held the tent up for about four hours in the 20 to 25 mile an hour winds, while all around us tents and camps collapsed. Other campers were smart enough to leave while they had a chance, but we stayed.

We finally packed up and left, but not before calling the Weather Bureau to find out its predictions. The recording from the weather bureau kept saying, "Get out while you can, get out while you can," or something to that effect.

I was so angry, I wanted to demand my dime back from the operator, but the phone had already swallowed and digested it by the time the recording shut off.

The trip home was a repeat of earlier events. The fan belt broke somewhere between Galveston and LaMarque, about five miles from the nearest gas station. We finally got the new fan belt back on and were almost home when we had a flat.

We bumped into a service station in Navasota and the attendant laughed. He said we looked like a band of gypsies.

Not to be unnerved by the grinning attendant, I unloaded the trunk in a record 15 minutes and got out the spare. I jacked up the car like an old pro, took off the dying tire, and handed it to the attendant with a grin. "Here, fix it," I said with a sardonic grin.

He just laughed and asked me why I had gone to all the trouble of unloading the trunk and getting out the spare if I wanted the flat tire fixed.

I grinned sheepishly, beat my head against a gas pump, and cursed Glenn Campbell.

After all, I had to blame someone, and he was handy.

# Slide program shows future TAMU campus

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dorms on the present putting greens, and a 1,000-car parking lot east of the new engineering complex.

"Strong emphasis should be given to improving the environment. Plans should anticipate on-campus housing for an additional 2,000 students after the proposed development of the new 2,000 bed dorm complex is complete," Dr. Pinnell said.

He added that bids on two of the four four-story dorm units will be let soon. The units will have approximately 500 beds each.

"We will probably let bids next January for the expansion of the Memorial Student Center which will include three theaters. One of the theaters will hold approximately 250 persons, another 750, and another from 3,000 to 3,500 persons," Dr. Pinnell said.

"The MSC will be greatly expanded in terms of eating facilities and meeting rooms, with the area across from G. Rollie White Coliseum serving as a parking lot," Dr. Pinnell said.

He said consideration has been given for the expansion of married student housing in the presently developed area west of University Drive.

Concerning housing for coeds, Dr. Pinnell said:

"Actually, any one wing of the 500-bed dorms could be used. The question of coeds is one I really don't know how to answer at the time."

A member of the audience asked Dr. Pinnell if the new dorms on the putting greens could be 10- or 12-story buildings, eliminating the buildings on the green area in front of the Systems Building.

Dr. Pinnell said the high rise dorms would be more expensive and boost student costs.

"Preliminary guesses about the kind of parking we need to accommodate the automobile and growth trends are around a 20,000 to 22,000 student campus. We've got a little over 8,000 parking spaces now and we'll need roughly 16,000, almost 17,000 in the future," Dr. Pinnell said.

He said the new 1,000 car parking lot will feed from the campus extension of South College and will exit on University Drive.

Dr. Pinnell said he sees the area west of Old College Road as probable extension of the agricultural experimental plots. He added that the road adjacent to the Veterinary Medicine Center could be improved and possibly tied in with Finfeather Road.

One of the slides depicts a new oval arena to the west of the campus and a "sub-MS-C" near the proposed dorms in the northeast corner of the campus.

The slide program also implied that:

—Any plan to use the park area near the president's home should be carefully studied to preserve the natural beauty of the site.

—Good architecture such as the library has forms, scale, contrasts of materials and plans and rhythm.

—The water tower doesn't contribute to the campus and should be moved.

—All overhead utilities should be eliminated.

—All exposed ventilation on the exteriors of buildings should be removed.

—Dumpsters should be arranged in groups and eliminated from view by low brick walls or by planting.

—Introduce islands of planning and screening to help keep cars from view on large parking lots.

—Campus maps should be set at selected points to help guide visitors.

—Trash receptacles and street lights should be standardized.

—Paved walks should replace the many dirt paths that now exist. Curve intersections to eliminate shortcuts.

—Emphasize the pedestrian aspect of the campus by continuing walkway materials across streets.

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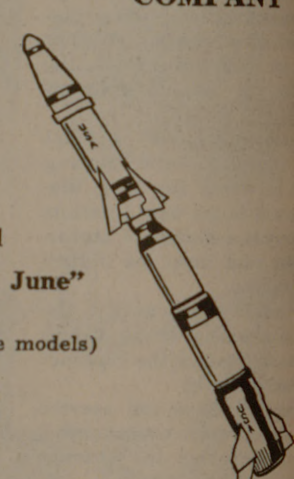
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