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A ROBOT FIREMAN, powered by tank-like tracks and remote control, has been designed to get up close to fires where men cannot go. It can be loaded with fire fighting

chemicals or MACE for crowd control. A passing fireman called out, "Does that damn thing have a union card?" (AP Wirephoto)

By SCOPE

Bicycles, Bonfire being studied

Bicycles and bonfires set the stage for the range of environmental issues to be undertaken by SCOPE, A&M's student council on pollution and environment, this semester at the organization's first meeting Tuesday night.

"Deals concerning environmental problems can get so big and complicated sometimes that you almost get lost trying to figure out what needs to be done first and how to convince to do it," said Steve Esmond, president of SCOPE.

SCOPE began outlining projects planned for this semester. Committees have been formed to handle such areas as: local water pollution problems, legislative problems encountered in ecology,

the bonfire issue, solid waste problems, the overpopulation issue, and the bicycle problems here on campus.

Currently, SCOPE is planning to study the Hensel Park oil pits, which have lately become a problem. Old oil, in the past, has been dumped out of the barrels into the nearby creek, polluting it. Most problems up to date have been caused by improper use of the facility. SCOPE plans to study ways to improve the oil pits where they can be operated without detriment to the environment.

A legislative committee is being formed by students interested in studying local city ordinances and state laws dealing with many environmental issues. They will

be studied to determine if and to what extent they are being violated. Open burning of trash, various means of handling solid waste disposal, and the question of recycling many reusable materials will be investigated.

The question of the annual bonfire will also be covered by SCOPE this year. A study of the history of the bonfire and its contributions to A&M will be added to the survey of the problems caused by the excess cutting of so many trees in the B-CS area. A survey will be made of the old cutting areas of past bonfires to determine damage, if any, that has been done. Students will consider the effects of the past bonfires on current land use, soil erosion, vegetation, remaining

logs, and general ecology of the area affected by the bonfire.

"Bicycles have become a very important part of the campus traffic," Esmond said, "and we think it is necessary to consider them in future campus planning."

A special committee has been set up by SCOPE this year to conduct a study of bicycles on the A&M campus. A survey will be conducted concerning the approximate number of persons who own bicycles and use the bicycle racks located around buildings on campus. Recommendations will be made for future additional racks. Another study will include plans for future bicycle ramps and lanes that are needed to minimize hazards to both cyclist and pedestrians. Plans will be coordinated with landscape architects.

Even new bicycle rack designs will be considered.

SCOPE is handling any environmental problem that students are interested in solving. Students interested in joining SCOPE or working on any particular committee can attend the next club meeting, Oct. 12, in Room 3D, of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

students are not limited to any particular problems.

Milton Nielsen, president of Alpha Phi Omega, thanked Sharp for getting the service organization drive underway.

Last year the Campus Chest paid fees for the rest of a semester for a foreign student who had his money stolen. Some students received flowers for funerals while others were aided by paying medical bills.

Campus Chest kicked off by \$500 Senate donation

The Student Senate has helped kick off the Campus Chest drive by donating \$500 to the fund.

The Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, a service organization, will meet the drive. APO will place barrels at the gates of Kyle Field

to collect donations during the Cincinnati game.

The fraternity plans to have dorm campaigns and the ugliest senior and Miss Campus Chest contests to help raise funds.

The Campus Chest is called "an association of Aggies for Aggies" by Jimmy Griffith, the Welfare Chairman of the Student Senate. It is designed to help A&M students who have suffered a financial calamity. Requests made by

Rhodes Scholar applications now open to students

Applications for Rhodes Scholarship are now available from Dr. Richard Ballinger in room 22-C of the Academic building.

Applications are due by Oct. 11. To be eligible the candidate must be single, between the ages of 18 and 24, male, and a junior academically.

The scholarship is for two years at the University of Oxford in England.

Thirty-two scholarships are assigned annually to the United States.

A&M candidates will go through an initial screening with Dr. Ballinger who will then recommend a candidate to the Academic vice-president.

The state selection committee will then meet to select the nominee from Texas. From there the nominee will go to one of eight district selection committees who will select the final four to be Rhodes Scholars.

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Defense, prosecution rest case of last Tate murder defendant

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The defense and prosecution rested their cases Tuesday in the trial of Charles "Tex" Watson, the last defendant charged in the Sharon Tate murders.

Superior Court Judge Adolph Alexander said the trial will resume Thursday with closing arguments in the nine-week-long trial.

Watson, 25, has pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity to charges that he took part in the murders of Miss Tate and six others in August 1969.

Much of the trial has centered on psychiatric testimony from defense and prosecution witnesses concerning the defendant's ability to premeditate murder.

Witnesses for the state said that Watson had faked mental illness last year when extradited to California from Texas. He was judged a human "vegetable" last fall and committed to Atascadero State Hospital until capable of standing trial.

Taking the stand Tuesday for the second time in the trial, Watson said the reason for his strange behavior in jail before being committed was because he "felt like a monkey."

He said he was mistreated in Los Angeles County Jail. "I just flipped out in my cell and felt like a monkey, and they tied me to a bed," he said.

Manson and three female co-defendants have been convicted and sentenced to death in the Tate-LaBianca murders. During their trial, the prosecution said Manson engineered the murders and Watson was his lieutenant who carried them out. Miss Tate and four others were slain at her Benedict Canyon home Aug. 7. Leno and Rosemary LaBianca, wealthy market owners, were killed the following night.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

Draft extension signed into law for two years

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon signed Tuesday the bill extending the military draft until June 30, 1973. But he froze until Nov. 13 a \$2.4-billion military pay raise included in the measure.

The act, passed Sept. 21 by Congress after a five-month battle, contains the largest military pay raise in history and authority for Nixon to order an end to deferments for college undergraduates, effective with this year's entering freshmen.

The president had said he will use the authority to end undergraduate deferments.

The \$2.4 billion pay raise in the bill, was to have taken effect Oct. 1.

The measure also includes a statement calling on President Nixon to terminate U. S. operations in Indochina "at the earliest practicable date"—the diluted version of Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield's Senate-passed amendment for total U. S. withdrawal in nine months if American prisoners are freed.

Other main provisions of the draft extension measure include: —A ceiling on draftees of 130,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, and 140,000 in the year ending June 30, 1973.—An authorization for armed forces manpower of 2,553,409 men in the current fiscal year.—Two years' alternative service for conscientious objectors, under direct juris-

dition of the Selective Service System's national headquarters.—A limit of 20 years on service on a local draft board with boards required to reflect racial and religious breakdowns of their communities.

In a statement issued in connection with the signing, Nixon said the new legislation is "a significant step toward an all-volunteer armed force as it remedies the long-standing in-

equities in military pay for the lower grades."

While the President made the military pay raises subject to the present freeze, the White House said they would take effect on Nov. 13.

But press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said this should not be considered as a precedent for what will happen in the second phase of the President's economic stabilization effort.

Committee revises events for midnight yell practices

Changes in the procedure of Midnight Yell Practice have been announced by Jimmy Ferguson, head yell leader.

The changes deal with the route of march of the band, the people allowed on the track, and the use of a sound truck.

The increased number of people attending yell practice, construction on campus, and acts of vandalism were given as reasons for the changes.

The route of the band in getting to Kyle Field has been changed to a straight march down Joe Routt Blvd. to Kyle Field. This change was made because construction on campus had partially blocked several of the old lines of march.

The yell leaders and mascot

handlers, as well as some student guards, will be the only persons allowed on the track and field. The band will take its place in the Kyle Field stands.

A sound truck will also be on hand to help the yell leaders be heard and to bring more organization to yell practice.

The main gates of Kyle Field will now be open at 10:30 p.m. the night of the yell practice.

The changes came from the Yell Leader and Bonfire Committee. Those on the committee are Ferguson, Bill Shaw of the Civilian Student Council, Jack Carey of the Corps, Marvin Tate from the Athletic department, Sanders Letbetter of the Memorial Student Center, and Malon Sutherland of the Commandant's office.

Schreiber says women have new role in society

"More and more women are doing their own thing" said Dean Schreiber at last night's meeting of University Women.

The Dean of women attributed the changing attitudes to "a general enlightenment in contemporary society which is currently taking a new look at the status of women."

How does this directly pertain to the University coed at A&M? The dean encouraged the members to take a positive outlook rather than over emphasizing the

inequities that still exist on campus.

"Inequities will always exist in society. It is up to the women to accept the responsibilities of their changing role and seize the opportunities now open to them."

Dean Schreiber, quoting from "Quest for Identity" said "we must develop a coherent sense of self." She added "personal identity must be created by the individual. Do you know where you are and where you're going? In establishing this meaningful iden-

tity, when faced with decisions you will know which direction to choose."

The seasaw theory which holds that women must lower themselves to raise the status of men was cited by the dean as a prevalent attitude which was extremely detrimental to the position of women.

"This is not the case. Men and women are rather side by side in a row boat, pulling together to reach the other side," said the

(See Schreiber, page 5)



THE TOWN OF LOOKINGGLASS, Ore., Pop. 40, has officially dedicated two new manhole covers donated by a Eugene, Ore., mining company and the mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, plus a fire plug in the foreground donated

by a San Jose, Calif. fire department. None of the covers or the fire hydrant have anything to be connected to. The town's sole parking meter is at the bottom right. (AP Wirephoto)