

A&M student rest area to end campus sterility

By MICHAEL RICE
After many years of constructing a campus that consisted only of buildings, A&M now has the chance to rid itself of its "Plain Jane" sterility.

The Sea Grant Committee has set a plan before university officials and the Student Senate which would bring the everyday student into a life of involvement with the earth and studies.

The new plan, approved by the Senate in its last regular meeting of the semester, would involve an approximate cost of \$500,000.

This sum would probably not come from any state-oriented funds," says Mrs. Leatha Miloy, editor of publications from the Center for Marine Resource.

"Funds for its construction would most likely have to originate from donations in a massive fund raising campaign," she said. "We would need to count on the backing of 10 to 12 large donors such as the Former Students. But if we can get student interest stimulated, the whole project should begin to move quite rapidly."

This modern area for A&M would be similar to mall areas located in some of the colleges on the West Coast. A giant sculpture in reality, the area would be quietly attuned, com-

pared to others such as the Memorial Student Center.

Rodney Hill, an assistant professor of environmental design at A&M, is the designer of the one-block area which would commemorate Sea Grant Day in 1976.

Hill originally started to design a simple fountain structure for the commemoration. But he began to put ideas together and formulate an overall plan that would include students.

"Nothing has been built with students in mind," says Hill. "Students need an acre where they can relax, let out stresses and let go of their situational faces."

This A&M haven for relaxation would be located between Bizzell and Spence Streets behind the new Oceanography Building, Roberts and Hubbard Streets would also be closed off to allow for walking malls that would encompass the twelve foot earth berms comprising the area.

People would be able to walk on top of these hills to study in the grass or walk in groups inside the rolling earth berm hills.

Starting from the library end of the area, students would first encounter an arboretum. This would include fountains and kiosks for information similar to designs at Berkeley.

Kiosks would be convenient bulletin boards for finding out

what's happening on campus, posting rides, and picking up newspapers.

The next area would be a band shelter area which could be used for such things as noon music jam sessions. The area would include both a natural sloping amphitheater and one made of brick steps. Paths leading to and from the area would allow easy access for stage entrances and exits in plays.

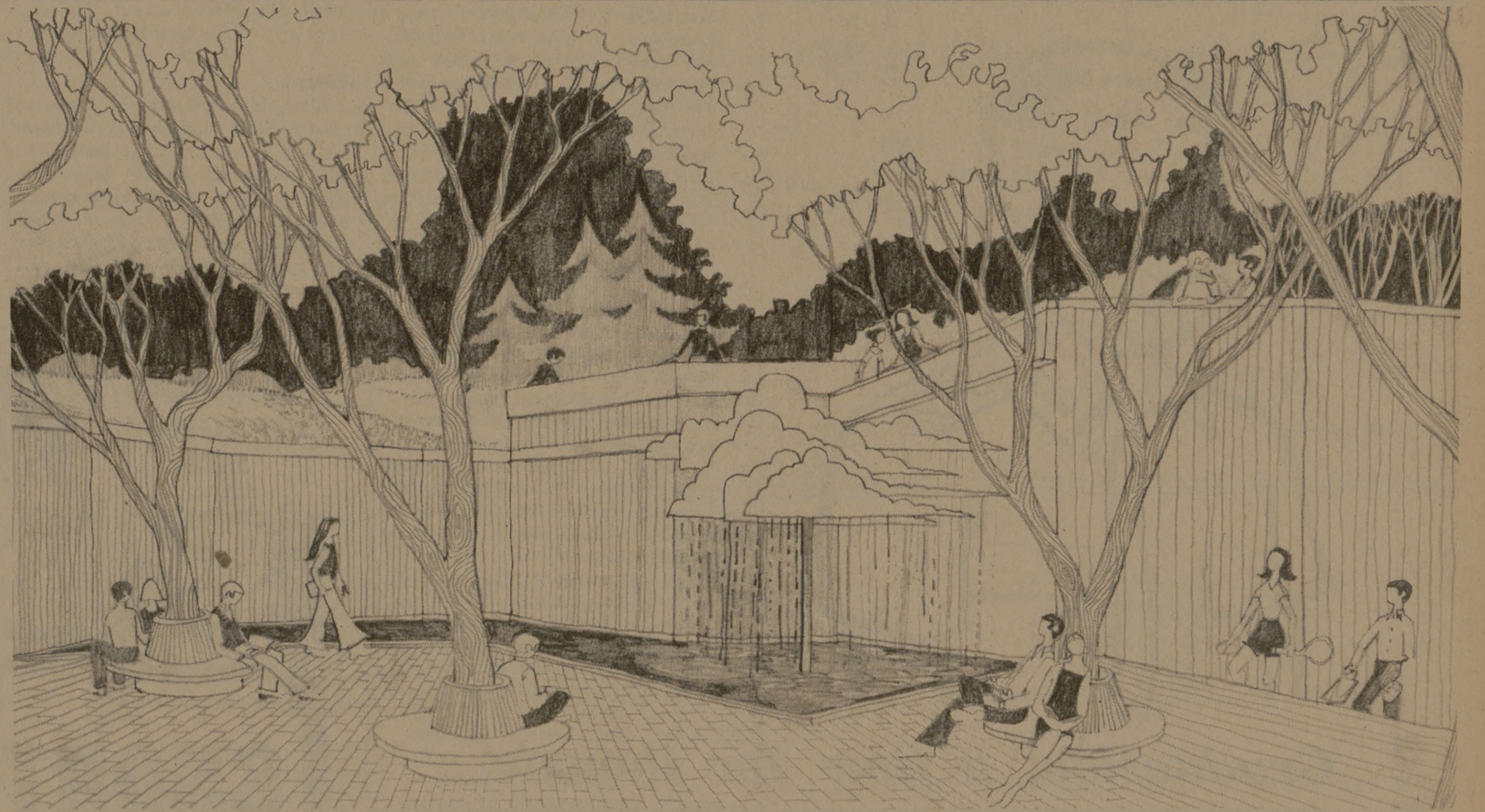
Also included in the giant complex would be five or six circular study areas which would have a capacity of 27 students apiece. Each area would surround a tree that is already growing on campus. Benches for study would hold from two to three people.

Arbors will be constructed to provide shade for study. These will be constructed like plant trellis with vines growing on them to create an inviting atmosphere.

"The general idea of the whole project is for the student to experience," says Hill. "We want the student to be able to walk under an umbrella of trees, go through arbors set up with tunnels and ramps inside, and expose him to water, earth, shade and sun."

"Some may be worried about paving this project but we would use brick over sand to pave the area," Hill says. "This would avoid any drainage problems and at the same time, death to trees would be avoided."

Hill and Miloy have both felt encouraged by the Senate's willingness to have the project done and couple this with favorable remarks made by Dr. John C. Calhoun, director of the Center of Marine Resources and vice president for academic affairs.



A PLAZA like the one shown above is part of Rodney Hill's sketches for a proposed landscape sculpture that would be located between Bizzell and Spence Streets. The open plaza

might include such things as the cloud fountain as sketched in the background and the area could be used as a meeting place for small groups.

Rhetoric will not solve problems

Rhetoric alone will not suffice for practical solutions to social problems, Dr. Michael DeBakey emphasized Saturday in A&M's commencement address.

The eminent Houston heart surgeon and president of Baylor College of Medicine spoke before a record TAMU spring graduating class of 1,643 students. He also received the university's honorary designation of distinguished professor of surgery.

Marine Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, speaking at ceremonies for 210 graduates who also earned military commissions, said he sees signs that a majority of U.S. citizens are returning to a "reasonable set of values," including acceptance of the need for a strong armed forces.

"Elegant words may arouse emotion, but when the echo of the voice has faded, the words become inert," Dr. DeBakey noted, adding that students "earnestly want to become involved in the practical aspects of filling society's needs."

"You must, however, approach your social responsibility with some degree of realism—that is, you must recognize what can be done and how long it will require to do it," he advised. "Adopting unattainable goals or establishing impossible time tables will only lead to disappointment."

Dr. DeBakey said science and technology "have repaid man well for his investment—in improved health, comfort and well-being" and warned against following the fear of the potential destructive uses of scientific products to

deter the search for new knowledge.

"It is worthy to note that the diversion of scientific discoveries to evil ends has not been proposed by scientists, but by others," he observed.

The prominent physician urged exercise of social responsibility through greater support of medical research.

"As a citizen," he reminded, "you can let your congressman and the administration know that you do not approve of national priorities that appropriate \$400 per person for defense, \$40 per person for highways, \$30 per person for space exploration, only \$7 per person for all medical research and less than \$1 per person for heart research—the number one killer."

General Simpson, 1936 TAMU graduate who serves as the Marine Corps' director of personnel and deputy chief of staff for manpower, spoke on the responsibility, through the officer's oaths to defend and support the U. S. Constitution.

The Corpus Christi native stressed it was not his place or intention to talk about Vietnam, but admitted alarm and concern by "frustration taken by some people" in America.

General Simpson said frustration has led to a "contempt toward those wearing the uniform of this nation."

"I'm not talking about the professional—the generals, colonels or majors. I'm concerned about the second lieutenant, sergeant and corporal who are doing only what the country asked them to do," Simpson declared.

He contended that with few

exceptions, a few isolated and highly publicized exceptions, the young American in uniform today in Vietnam, Europe or at home "is serving his country as well as any man served his country since the Revolutionary War."

General Simpson reported there are signs the uniform and armed forces are again being respected.

"If the time should ever come when this nation feels it cannot call young Americans to serve

its course under the proud banner, or if the young failed to meet the call to muster, then liberty and freedom are in dire jeopardy.

The Marine general said he was especially proud of young Americans. "I can think of no higher calling than serving in the U.S. armed forces," he added.

Commissioning was followed by Final Review where officials estimated 9,000 viewed the traditional goodbye to senior cadets.

Bus. Adm. college accredited

A&M's College of Business Administration has earned the most extensive possible accreditation by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, the nation's only official accrediting agency for business curriculum.

Dr. John E. Pearson, TAMU dean of business administration was notified of AACSB accreditation of both undergraduate and master's degree programs at the association's annual meeting in New Orleans.

Dean Pearson said he knew of only one other instance in which an institution won accreditation for undergraduate and master's programs at the same time and upon first application.

AACSB accreditation was described by the dean as a "benchmark of progress in the development of an outstanding business college."

"Such accreditation serves notice to business scholars and students nationwide that Texas A&M has a program which ranks among the best in the country," Dean Pearson noted.

Of approximately 800 colleges and universities offering some form of business administration degree, the dean said fewer than

150 are accredited. Only five of the 16 institutions applying this year were approved. On the master's level, fewer than 100 of some 400 programs are accredited.

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Goodwin Hall to become oldest building on campus

Goodwin Hall will become Texas A&M's oldest standing building this week, with the 68-year-old Bagley Hall being razed for new construction.

Formerly the Textile Engineering Building, Bagley Hall was constructed in 1904.

For half its existence, the two-story, red brick structure just east of the campus water tower housed carding, spinning warp-preparation, weaving and cloth-finishing machinery employed by students in textile engineering degree study.

Workmen laid open the building's innards Monday, revealing huge oak beams necessary to support the heavy textile manufacturing equipment.

A new two-story building de-

signed as a wing of the eight-floor office-classroom building will be constructed on the site.

"Functionally, it was the best building ever erected on the Texas A&M campus," wrote former Archivist Ernest Langford about Bagley Hall in his book, "Here We'll Build the College."

"The textile engineering building was devoid of all superfluous ornament except for rustifications in brickwork of the first floor and carved projections of roof beams under the overhang," the retired head of the former School of Architecture said.

Like many other TAMU buildings, Bagley Hall served numerous other areas in addition to the original intentions.

FORM NO. 2
APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL

FOR THE SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION

ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1972

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I am a resident of Precinct No. _____, County, Texas, and I am lawfully entitled to vote at the SECOND PRIMARY Election to be held in said precinct on the 3RD day of JUNE, 1972, and that I am prevented from appearing at the polling place in said precinct on the day of said election:

* 1. Because of sickness or physical disability. The ballot for said election is to be mailed to me at the following address: _____, which is my permanent residence address—which is the address at which I am temporarily living. (Strike phrase not applicable)

* 2. Because this application is made before the beginning of the period of absentee voting for said above mentioned election and applicant expects to be absent from the county of his residence on election day and during the clerk's regular office hours during the entire period for absentee voting for said above mentioned election. The ballot for said election is to be mailed to me at _____, which address is outside the county of my residence.

* 3. Because applicant is absent from the county of his residence at the time of making this application and expects to be absent on the date of the above mentioned election and during the clerk's regular office hours for the remainder of the period for absentee voting for said above mentioned election. The ballot for said election is to be mailed to me at _____, which is an address outside the county of my residence.

I hereby make application for a ballot to be furnished me for said above mentioned election and my permanent address is _____ and my Registration Certificate is to be returned to me at said address.

DATED this the _____ day of _____, 19____

Signature of voter

By: _____
(Signature of witness who assisted voter in event of physical disability)

Registration Certificate Number _____
*Strike paragraphs not applicable.

Absentee forms ready for June runoff elections

Registered voters of any county may use the form that has been provided to the left for obtaining absentee voting forms for the June 3 second primary elections.

Frank Boriskie, county clerk, said ballots will be mailed to anyone asking for them with the only stipulation being that this application must come from some place located outside of Brazos County.

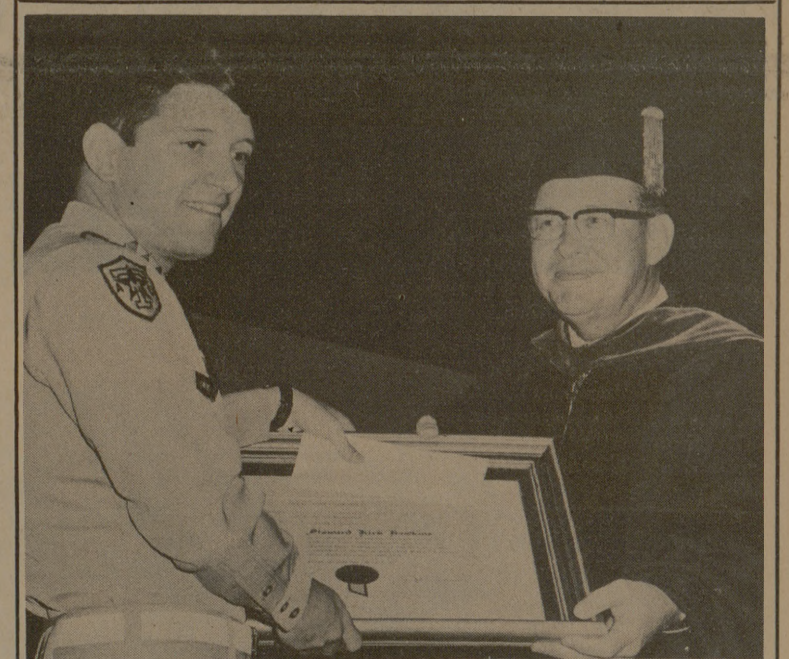
In addition, the return address for the absentee ballot must be an address located outside of Brazos County.

The closest city to College Station outside Brazos County is Navasota.

Forms may also be taken in person to the County Clerk's office on E. 26th Street in Bryan.

The period for mailing ballots will be between May 15 and May 31 and absentee voting in person will start May 24 and run until May 31. Persons should bring their voter registration forms with them.

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



Hawkins, Williams, with award

Hawkins, Stanley get awards, cash at Saturday ceremonies

Two graduating seniors were honored in ceremonies Saturday. Steward Kirk Hawkins was awarded the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award for 1972. The W. T. Doherty Award was given to Thomas M. Stanley, 1971-72 Corps Commander.

The Brown Foundation award, which includes \$5,000 and a plaque, is awarded to an outstanding graduating senior who exemplifies the qualities and traits of the late Gen. Earl Rudder, A&M president for 11 years.

A political science major, Hawkins was a cadet colonel commanding the first brigade and graduated with a 3.25 grade point ratio. Hawkins earned Distinguished Student honors for academic excellence five semesters and was selected for this year's "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Other honors included election as a freshman to Phi Eta Sigma national honor fraternity, the Reserve Officer's Association Award and the Roundtree Award for service to TAMU students and the community.

Hawkins was chairman of the MSC Town Hall during 1971-72, vice chairman of the Great Issues Committee during 1970-71 and operations sergeant on

Corps Staff as a junior.

The \$3,000 Doherty award is presented to the outstanding senior cadet officer. Doherty specified in his endowment of the award that the recipient should be a graduating senior who has earned a reserve officer commission, believes in God, loves his family, has strong feelings of patriotism for the U. S. and Texas and possesses a strong Aggie spirit and love for Texas A&M.

University officials said Stanley directed the cadet corps through one of its best years, achieving records in academics, retention and military standing.

His honors included Distinguished Military Student, Ross Volunteers Third Platoon leader and RV Piring Squad, member of the President's Advisory Council, Distinguished Student, Outstanding Second Classman Cadet in 1971, member of Wings and Sabers and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

His enthusiasm for military excellence led to completion of several Army schools at his own expense, including Ranger, Jumpmaster, and recipient of a parachute badge.

Stanley was also one of four students named to the Board of Directors of the University National Bank in College Station.

STUDENTS LEAVING A&M for the summer or until summer school starts will be allowed to vote in the second primary by mailing the above application.