

Shuttle Bus In Service For Off-Campus Students

Free shuttle bus service to Texas A&M University began last week for students living near the main campus.

The service operates under the direction of Tom Cherry, TAMU vice president for business affairs, through a contract between TAMU and Transportation Enterprises, Inc., of Austin.

The local manager for the bus service is Wendell Harris. Harris is basing his operations headquarters at a Gulf Station located at 300 S. Jersey near the Varsity II apartments.

The service will consist of five white with maroon trim buses, each seating 44 persons and operating on two routes.

Route one serves the married student apartments northeast of the campus. Route two serves the commercial apartment complexes along Highway 30 and the Redmond Terrace area.

Leaflets are being distributed in those areas describing the

routes and service times. Each route begins runs at 7 a.m. and makes the final run at 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be no service on weekends.

Kent Caperton, assistant to TAMU President Jack K. Williams, described the project as a pilot program subject to many changes.

"The bus service is being geared to only the high density areas for the moment," said Caperton. "The key to success for the whole system is the bus frequency. At the moment we are on a very limited budget and can't serve everyone."

Two buses will serve the married student apartments from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for service every eight minutes. After 1 p.m., one bus will make the run in approximately 16 minutes.

Route two has three buses from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., one every 10 minutes; two buses from 1-6 p.m., one every 15 minutes; and one

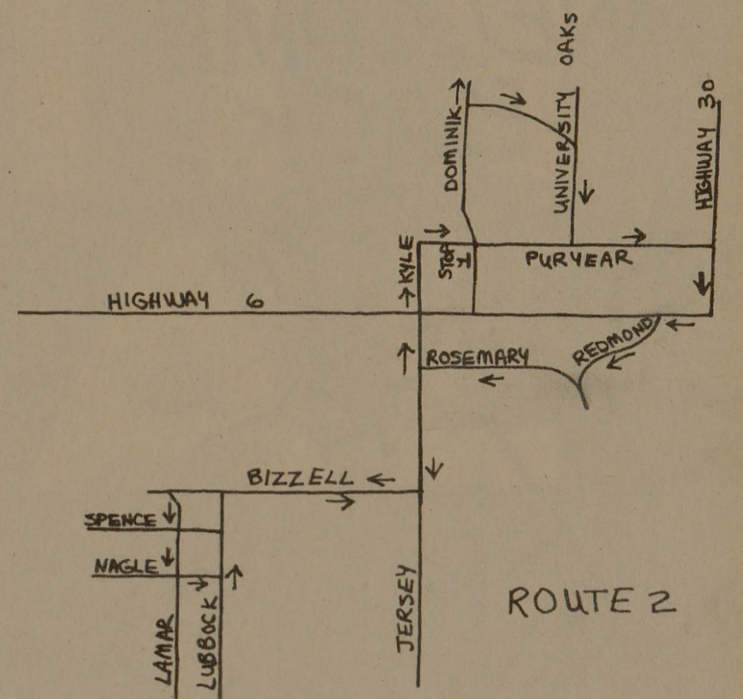
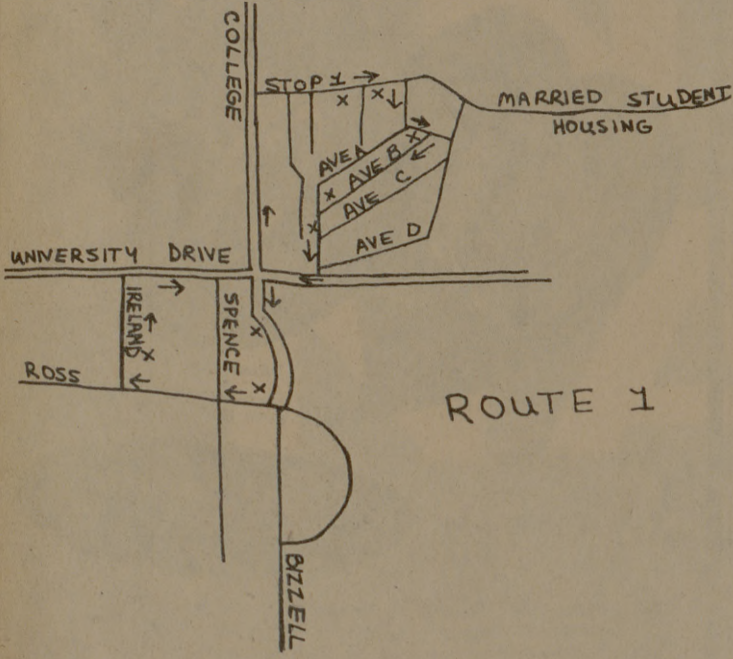
bus will run at 30 minute intervals from 6-11 p.m.

There are six scheduled stops on the main campus, seven in the married student apartments area and seven to eight stops south and west of the campus.

Signs will be placed on campus stop signs to designate bus stops. The off-campus stops will not be designated until one or two weeks of operations has determined where the passengers assemble. Off-campus stops will have painted curbs.

Each bus has front and rear side doors. They are not air-conditioned and will have student drivers. Harris said the system currently has nine of the 15 drivers the system needs for operation.

Drivers must be 18 years of age and be competent drivers with a chauffers license. More information on driver positions may be obtained from the placement office in the YMCA building.

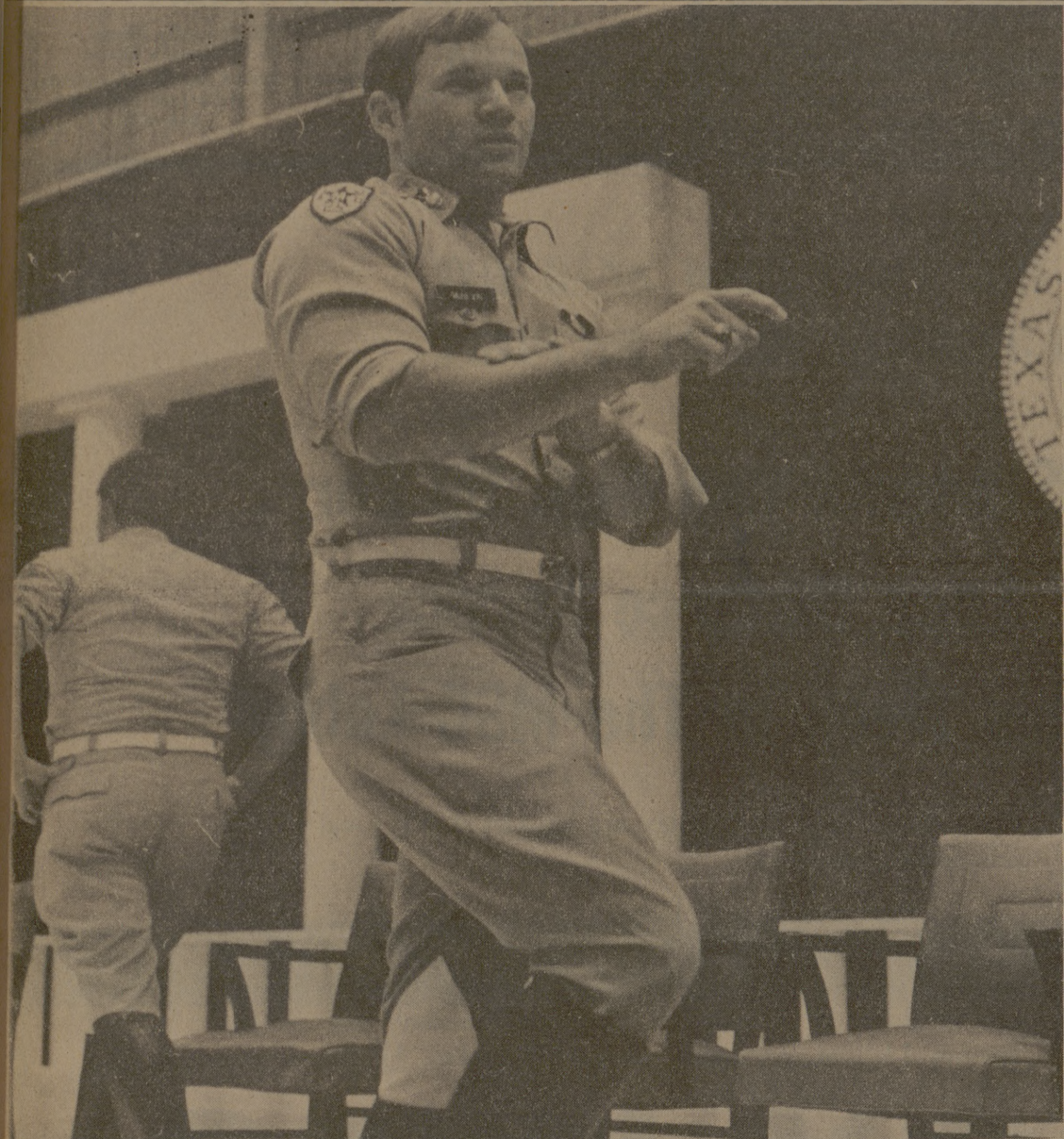


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SENIOR YELL LEADER John McNevin did his thing at All-University Night Monday, spinning a yarn about how the Texas Aggies were going to beat the "ever-lovin", Emory Bellard out of TU." To say the least, a few people seemed to agree with him. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Fair Housing Group Formed To Help End Student Off-Campus, Apartment Problems

External Affairs Committee Chairman Barb Sears has initiated a Fair Housing Commission for students living off-campus in university-owned buildings or privately-owned complexes.

Sears, who will be chairman of the Student Government-oriented group, said its purpose will be to take complaints and give advice to students encountering problems with landlords and the university.

The commission will be able to seek legal aid through assistance provided by the Student Government's lawyer, one hired by the university or through the Bryan-College Station Better Business Bureau.

"We formed the commission primarily on the basis of the number of complaints we were receiving about difficulties in getting back apartment deposits," Sears said. "Some parties were receiving only partial refunds in instances where their apartments had undergone only normal wear, while others were getting the full amount back in spite of damage to apartments."

She said students need to be better informed about lease and tenant agreements to keep out the "whims" of landlords. "Our best ally will be the Better Business Bureau," said Sears. "It is strongly supported by many of the businesses in the

area and has acted as a third party many times in helping with room deposit collections at apartments."

Apartments rented to individual students and married students by the university are the Southside, Hensel and College View complexes.

"Another frequent complaint is about the regulation against the placement of banners and signs in apartment windows," Sears said. "Reasoning behind this follows from the fact that dormitory students are allowed to place these in their windows. This seems completely unfair to students who pay their money to

Fall Activity Cards Now Available

Distribution of fall activity cards for students began Monday morning in the lobby of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The cards were not issued this summer when fee receipts were mailed with students' identification cards as has been done in the past.

Wally Groff, Business Manager for the Athletic Department, said the cards weren't issued because students changed their classification too often after taking summer school. "I estimate we were having to exchange 50 per cent of the cards in the past," Groff said. "This

keep their rooms as they please."

Sears also said the Fair Housing Commission would work closely with the Apartment Council, headed by Mike Ehrlich. The Apartment Council receives complaints about road repair, tenant treatment and speed limits within the apartment areas.

"We hope the two can work together," Sears said, "with the complaints going through the Apartment Council and the Fair Housing Commission acting as the legal rights enforcer for the tenants."

Sears said a brochure on the commission will be published early this semester.

created many problems since students signed their cards and we couldn't reuse those turned back in."

Groff cited past experience with freshmen throwing cards away because they didn't know what they were as another problem that arose frequently.

Groff said his office will continue to distribute the cards in the lobby for the next two weeks between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. If cards aren't picked up within the allotted two week time, students should go to the business office, Groff added.

Board Of Directors Gives OK To Law And Medical Programs

The Texas A&M board of directors approved Tuesday the institution's plans to establish a law school and expand its cooperative program with Baylor College of Medicine to include initial training of medical students.

The board had earlier directed the TAMU administration to prepare the plans, which will now be presented to the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System.

TAMU President Jack K. Williams explained the proposed program in medicine would allow students to begin their professional medical education at the end of their sophomore year.

Students selected for the program would take a two-year basic medical sciences program at TAMU, receiving a B.S. degree upon successful completion, Dr. Williams added. The students would then transfer to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston for an additional two years of instruction, the clinical phase, with graduates receiving the M.D. degree from BCM/TAMU.

Target date for starting the program is September, 1975 with an initial class of 16 students.

Dr. Williams said the program is proposed as a "partial answer to the great demand for medical graduates in Texas and through-

out the nation.

"This program would enable a student entering college at age 18 to complete formal medical education at about age 24," the TAMU president continued. "It also would mean that a public institution would join hands with a private professional college to meet medical manpower requirements in an experimental and innovative way."

The proposed program would be an expansion of plans announced last spring by Dr. Williams and Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, BCM president, for a far-reaching affiliation between the two institutions.

Dr. Williams said the proposal to establish a law college is based on the state's apparent need for additional centers for legal education, coupled with the opportunity to develop specialized law programs related to certain fields in which the university is already well established, such as marine sciences.

"If it is determined that Texas should enlarge its capabilities for instruction in the law," he noted, "Texas A&M University proposes that the state would be served best by a college of law of the highest quality at College Station."

Dr. Williams emphasized a new teaching facility for law in College Station "will cost little, if any, more than comparable ex-

WEDNESDAY—Clear to partly cloudy. Wind southeasterly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 94, low 73.

THURSDAY — Partly cloudy. Afternoon thundershowers. Wind southerly 100 to 15 m.p.h. High 93, low 74.

Take Time To Play—It Is The Secret Of Perpetual Youth
H. C. Colton

Aggieland Distribution On Friday

Joe Arredondo, 1972-73 editor of the Aggieland, said Monday he "anticipates" starting distribution of the 1971-72 Aggieland Friday.

"I talked with the publishers Monday afternoon," Arredondo said. "Apparently the holdup in delivery is not their fault as the shipment has been ready for delivery for awhile."

Arredondo noted that students must "personally" pick up their yearbooks at the Student Publications Office in the Services Building. "Students must have their own I.D.'s in their possession to pick up annuals," he said. "Only one annual will be given to each person, no one else can do it for you."

A&M Starts 97th Year Of Classes

Texas A&M began its 97th year Monday with the first day of fall semester classes as students started the school year on a couple of unprecedented notes.

The 1972-73 freshman class will be seniors during TAMU's centennial year, 1976. The Class of '76 has been called the university's centennial class by President Jack K. Williams.

C. C. Krueger and J. Harold Dunn Residence Halls are housing women students on the TAMU campus for the first time this fall.

President Williams noted during All-University Night activities Monday that at the close of the record books Monday afternoon, A&M officially had 2,496 coeds enrolled in school.

Dr. Williams also noted he estimates the final enrollment for the fall semester will be "somewhere between 15,500 and 16,000 students overall."

Fall semester classes will continue through Dec. 12, according to Robert A. Lacey, registrar. Fall commencement and commissioning will be Saturday, Dec. 9 with semester exams slated for Dec. 13-19.

TAMU's only fall semester class break will be Nov. 23-26, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

But still missing from the campus are 382 students who will enroll beginning Friday in the professional College of Veterinary Medicine.

The veterinary students study under the trimester system, which means going to school 11 months out of the year.

Col. Thomas R. Parsons said recently "Things look exceedingly bright for the corps this year." He cited a 10 per cent increase in freshmen and total corps strength that is expected to surpass 2,700.

The commandant pointed out that the corps freshman group should increase "to over 900."

The TAMU military organization started the 1971-72 fall semester with 2,586. With better retention than for any year in which records were kept, the semester was completed with 2,223 cadets in the corps.

New Bike Rules Are Approved

The Executive Committee and the Academic Council recently approved new bicycle regulations, some of which are in effect now, others to come later in the year.

A&M officials are currently planning an overall bicycle path system for the entire campus but until this is done cyclists must adjust to the joint use of sidewalks to minimize traffic congestion.

The University Police Department has the jurisdiction to enforce any regulations passed by the groups with the right to impound vehicles found in violation of established rules.

Police Chief O. L. Luther said his men hope to begin the bicycle registration program in October, once auto problems are solved. Registration of bikes will cost \$3 per year.

Refrigerators Available In Civilian Area Until Wednesday

Refrigerators are now being made available on an outlined distribution schedule set up by Steve Hill, student distributor appointed by the Student Government.

Distribution began Monday as part of the program initiated by last year's Student Senate. Two types of machines are being offered to students, ones with locks and without. Refrigerators with locks are very limited.

The cost for renting the machines per semester is \$20, plus a \$10 deposit that is returned when the machines are checked back in. The deposit money will be used to cover any damages incurred while in use.

"One change in the program stems from the loosening of restrictions in the corps area," said Hill. "All students there will be able to have refrigerators in their rooms."

Distribution began in the civilian area with Schumacher, McInnis, Crocker and Moore halls scheduled first.

Students from Davis-Gary, Moses, Hughes and Fowler can pick up their machines Tuesday inside the laundry substation underneath the University hospital.

Keathley Hall and students who didn't get their machines during the first two days may pick them up Wednesday.

Students in the Kreuger-Dunn area will be able to rent machines Thursday and Friday from a

point to be announced later in the week.

Dorms 1 through 4 will get theirs Monday; dorms 5 through 8, on Tuesday; and dorms 9 through 12, on Wednesday.

"We're sorry the corps area has to wait," said Hill. "We were just unable to set up a distribution point soon enough and are limited in our manpower to move machines to the area."

Law and Puryear Halls will be able to rent the machines after the new transformer is put into operation for the dorms' electrical supply.

Hart Hall still needs to be rewired before refrigerators can be allowed in rooms.

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