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Won't Affect On-Campus Students

Telephone Rate Boost Still Undecided

Additional public hearings concerning General Telephone Company's proposed rate increase for Bryan-College Station telephones are still pending decisions on meeting dates.

The increase, still under investigation in both cities, would cause the monthly payments for resident one-party lines to increase from \$6 to \$7.30, two-party lines from \$5 to \$6.05 and four-party lines from \$4 to \$5.50. Long distance rates would remain the same in all cases.

At recent public hearings in both cities, the division manager for General Telephone, Bill Irwin, pointed out there had not been an increase in rates in this area since 1960. Since then the number

of telephones has more than tripled in College Station and more than doubled in Bryan.

With increased revenues, the company plans to enlarge the present Bryan offices to include electronic switching and 114 different switches for more complete long distance service, said Irwin.

"We're a growing community where the sky is the limit," said Rex Bailey, general manager, at the College Station hearing. "It cost more to install phones, acquire new and better services and place and replace underground cables."

"On-campus students will not be affected by the rate hike," said Irwin, "as they are on the Uni-

versity Centrex system. Off-campus students will be affected like any other Bryan-College Station resident."

General Telephone concluded its presentations at the identical Bryan-College Station hearings with a plea for prompt and decisive action on the behalf of the city councils.

Bryan-College Station residents voiced many complaints concerning the telephone company's services at the hearings.

Over-timed long distance calls, voices on the line, difficulty in hearing, busy signals before finishing dialing and no service when it rained were a few of the gripes of those with resident one-party, two-party or four-party lines.

Small business owners pointed out they would be unable to afford a metered system based on conversational minutes as proposed by the company.

"I don't understand a company that cannot promise an increase in proficiency but can promise an increase in rates," said a Bryan citizen.

Yarborough Cites A&M As Being 'Politically Influential'

By ROD SPEER

Former U.S. Senator Ralph Yarborough called A&M the politically most influential university in the state at a McGovern-Shriver campaign rally.

Yarborough spoke to a crowd of about 75 at the Bethune Women's Club in Bryan Sunday afternoon.

"There are more people here than wrote the constitution," he commented. "If they can win a nation, you can win a county."

The fast-talking Texas liberal was highly critical of the Nixon administration's education policy.

"The money going into colleges from the federal government is 10 per cent of what it was in 1968," he said.

Yarborough rattled off a list of statistics showing how the Democratic Congress had aided higher education between 1965 and 1970. Included were a \$5 million grant for non-dormitory buildings, a \$50,000 grant through

the Department of the Interior and \$9 million worth of grants through the National Science Foundation, of which \$1.5 million went to oceanography projects.

Yarborough called revenue sharing a hoax and said the states will get less money as a result of it. He feels categorical grants are better than leaving funds distribution up to the "mercy of the state legislatures." He attacked state legislatures, saying corporations control them "in virtually every state in the nation."

"The middle class is being hoodwinked by the Nixon administration," Yarborough said. He said he feels the middle class is squeezed for tax dollars while the rich slip by. He called the Nixon administration the "big bankers' administration."

Yarborough defended CBS's study entitled "The Wheat Steal" and said the Republicans robbed the Texas wheat farmers of hundreds of millions of dollars.

He attacked Nixon's wage-price freeze saying it froze only wages and not corporate profits. He accused Nixon of furnishing war instead of jobs.

"We need to get out to the elderly and tell them where their social security increases came from," Yarborough emphasized. He said Nixon wanted only a five per cent increase but Representative Wilbur Mills and House and Senate liberals fought for and got a 20 per cent increase.

Sweetheart Finalist Named

Six finalists for the Aggie Sweetheart have been announced by the Sweetheart Committee.

Applicants were required to have at least 27 hours at A&M and a grade point average of 2.25.

The finalists were chosen during an interview with the committee based on appearance, poise, personality and communicative ability.

The six finalists are Dianne Brown, sophomore elementary education major from Los Angeles; Becky Ferenz, a junior in first year vet medicine from Crowley; Penny Ball, junior education major from Tulsa; Merrill Mitchell, sophomore management major from Bryan; Gwen Flynt, sophomore political science major from Bryan; and Becky Upham, junior zoology major from College Station.

Students may vote on their choice Wednesday Oct. 11 in the library, Memorial Student Center and the guard room in Sbisla.

The six finalists will be presented during the Mac Davis and Helen Reddy concert at Town Hall Oct. 13. They will again be presented during the half-time of the A&M-Texas Tech game Oct. 14 at which time the sweetheart will be announced.

An informal dance will follow the game in Duncan Dining Hall from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. The dance, jointly sponsored by the Student Senate, Civilian Student Council and the Corps of Cadets, will feature a live rock band at \$1 per couple and 50c stag.

The Aggie Sweetheart Committee is made up of Ron Bento, chairman, Virginia Ehrlich, Barb Sears, Lloyd Gibbs, Nat Hardy, Nich Jiga and John MacDiarmid.

All-Ag Rodeo Is Slated For Thursday Night

Bronc bustin' action will begin at the All-Ag Rodeo next Thursday night at 8:00 in the Bryan Rodeo Arena.

All contestants entering the competition will be A&M students or faculty. Members from last year's Regional Championship Rodeo Team will be the featured guests at the rodeo. This team represented A&M at the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo early last summer.

Those members to participate in the All-Ag Rodeo include Don Graham, Regional All-Around Cowboy in bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding and calf roping; Keith Chapman and John Welch excell in saddle bronc and bull riding; and Nick Buenham will be in bareback riding and calf roping.

This year's events in the rodeo will include such acts as Cowboy's bareback bronc riding, saddlebronc riding, bull riding, calf roping and steer wrestling. Categories for girls will offer cloverleaf barrel racing and goat tying. Special events on the agenda will include a wild cow saddling, a three-manned event and other speciality acts by bullfighting clowns.

The rodeo is being sponsored by the Texas Aggie Rodeo Association and produced by the locally-owned Bryan Rodeo Company. Admission will be \$1.75 for adults and 75c for children under 12.

CSC Chairman Post Available

The Executive Committee of the Civilian Student Council is now accepting applications for the position of chairman of the Public Relations Committee. This committee was formed in the last meeting of the CSC for the purpose of publicizing upcoming CSC events.

The position of chairman is open to any residence hall resident with more than 25 semester hours. Applications can be obtained at the CSC Office in the MSC or by contacting Bill Suter (5-3105) before Friday at 5:00 P.M.

Mental Health Concepts Changing

By VICKI ASHWILL
B-CS City Reporter

"The concept behind mental health is change," said Dr. John Holbrook recently. He is a psychiatrist in charge of the Central Brazos Valley Mental Health Center in Bryan.

Yet people in today's society continue to punish those who want and need to change by seeking professional help, continued Holbrook. For example, most businesses and insurance companies will turn down a person if they know he has seen a psychiatrist or been in a mental health clinic, he said.

"There is a stigma inside most people which makes them afraid to seek help. Today's society does not help this situation any," said Holbrook.

Many students will not use the

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center because it is public, even though employees of the center cannot discuss anything they see or hear at the center. Also, parents of minors do not have to be informed of the child's visit.

"I think it takes a sensible person with a great deal of courage to come into the clinic," said Holbrook.

The clinic deals with all types of problems from drugs to emotionally disturbed to mentally retarded persons.

"The largest drug problem we have in this area is alcohol," said Holbrook. "Cold-turkey" is the only method the center provides at this time to immediately help the addict. There is a follow-up program which does include sessions with a counselor or psychiatrist.

The clinic also deals in somatic psychiatry, or mental problems created because of a physical problem.

"We are not evangelistic, nei-

New Instrument Landing System Installed At Easterwood Field

Official commissioning of a new instrument landing system brings the renovation program at Easterwood Airport one step closer to completion.

Federal Aviation Administration representatives gave the system the official go-ahead after a series of check flights proved it ready for day-to-day operation, Easterwood Manager Truett Smith said.

Smith explained the ILS has three parts: a glide slope signal to tell the pilot how low or high he is on the glide path approach; a localizer to determine the drift

left or right; and marker beacons and a compass locator to tell the pilot the exact distance from the approach end of the runway.

The system will initially allow precision approaches for aircraft to minimums of a 250-foot ceiling and three-fourths of a mile visibility. Future installation of an approach lighting system will allow the minimums to be reduced to a 200-foot ceiling and one-half mile visibility.

Smith said the improved instrument system should increase the time the airport is open, giving the facility a near all-weather landing capability.

Applications For Rhodes Scholarships Available

Dr. Richard Ballinger of the English Department announced that applications for Rhodes Scholarship will be available until Oct. 11.

To be eligible, a candidate must be between the ages of 18 and 24, unmarried male, should not have less than senior classification and have at least a 3.5 grade point ratio.

Quality of both character and intellect is the most important requirement for a Rhodes Scholarship.

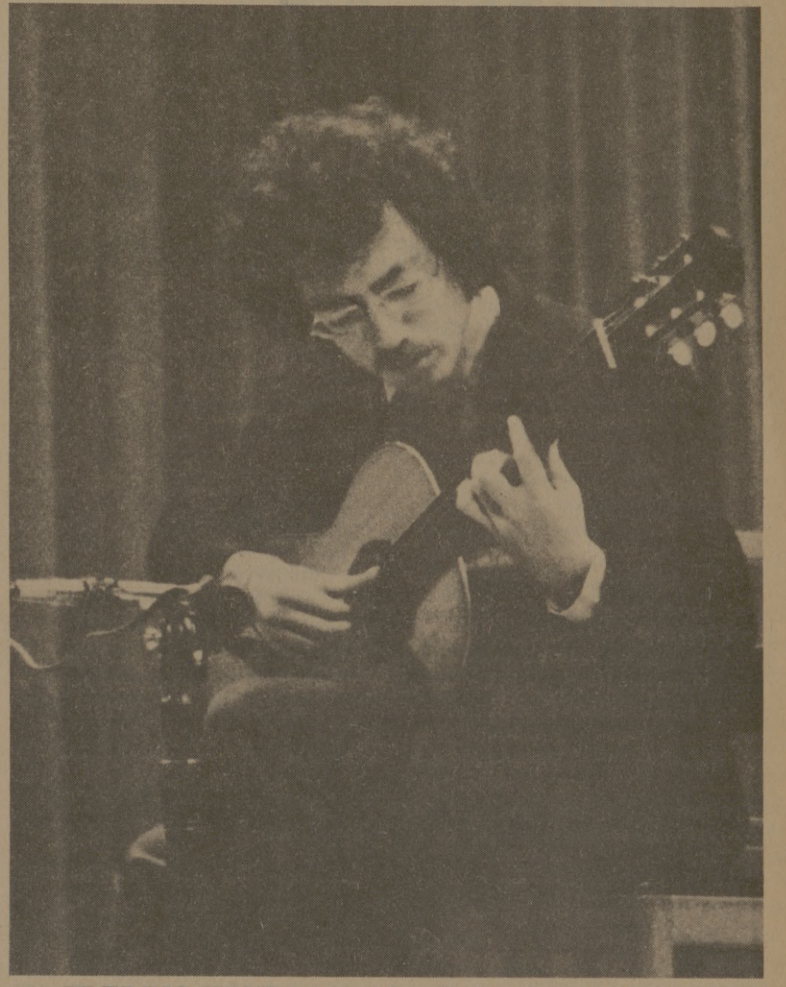
"I will make recommendations to the vice-president of academic affairs, Dr. John C. Calhoun, who will submit the candidates name to the state committee," Ballinger said.

Thirty-two scholarships will be awarded to students in the U.S. Grants of \$3,840 for one year will be awarded to winners.

Other projects completed in the \$1 million renovation program included leveling, strengthening and overlaying the north-south primary instrument runway and adjoining taxiway and rebuilding a large portion of the aircraft apron to include large aircraft parking.

A clear zone and aircraft overrun were also added to the north-south runway. Additionally the east-west runway was equipped with a runway end identification lighting system.

Smith added the new hangar being constructed for TAMU aircraft should be completed in November.



FREDRIC HAND capped his visit to A&M with a concert in the Memorial Student Center ballroom Tuesday night. He visited and 'jammed' with students Monday and Tuesday in informal sessions.



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