

Drivers Complain About Maintenance

Shuttle Bus Strike Averted At UT

A possible shuttle bus strike was averted this week at the University of Texas when Transportation Enterprises, Inc., officials promised an increase in bus maintenance.

"somewhat behind in our maintenance at this time and we need to bring it up to par."

power to deal with the problem is limited to refusing to drive them.

said Gregg. McMinn said he was "very pleased" with the maintenance program and added some of the problems with the buses were due to driver abuse.

Blossoming Plants Predicted In Two Weeks For Fans Searching For Natural Beauties

Kyle Field and the Floral Test Gardens are providing natural beauty for fans attending A&M home football games.

through the Arkansas game weekend.

bronze and red for "1876 Texas Aggies 1972" cut in relief.

Approximately 60 of the 135 shuttle drivers are union members and not permitted to strike according to a contract made with TEI last spring.

Gregg maintains that TEI is violating the contract by not providing well-maintained buses and "if something is not done soon, we will have no other choice" but to strike.

William L. Vitopil, TAMU grounds superintendent, reports approximately two-thirds of the 4,000 chrysanthemum plants in the test garden east of Kyle Field are blooming.

Also in bloom are spring annuals replanted as an experiment. They include salvia, amaranthus, petunia and statice flowers.

Vitopil said that the weather cools the plant colors will intensify.

More than 30,000 UT students use the shuttle bus system at the present. During peak hours of operation Tuesday, four out of 42 buses were not running and were in maintenance at TEI in Austin.

Vitopil said there are 69 chrysanthemum varieties in a full range of colors and sizes, including dwarfs. The chrysanthemum bloom should last until the first heavy frost, he noted, probably

Inside Kyle Field, at the south end zone, more than 10,000 alternanther plants, commonly called Joseph's Coat, are planted in a design. Three varieties of alternanther provide the colors green,

TAMU's garden is designed to exhibit and test thousands of flowers each year. Vitopil explained testing under field conditions exposes the flowers to the public and gives gardeners an opportunity to find varieties which will grow well at home.

Batt News Summary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON — Republicans Thursday boycotted hearings on the financial aspects of the Watergate case, possibly dooming the House Banking and Currency Committee's efforts to probe the incident.

ny R. Porter of Oxford University in England shared Thursday the 1972 Nobel Prize for Medicine for their research in breaking down the chemical structure of antibodies that are important in the human body's defense against disease.

It includes an estimated \$5.5 billion to \$6 billion for operations in Southeast Asia, including \$2.7 billion for the Vietnamization program.

PEKING — Premier Chou En-lai told visiting Foreign Minister Walter Scheel of West Germany Thursday that China will support the entry of both Germanys into the United Nations.

SAIGON — U.S. planes attacked North Vietnam again Thursday but they were reported to be operating under restrictions governing raids in the vicinity of Hanoi after the heavy damage to the French diplomatic mission there.

WASHINGTON — The Senate Finance Committee cleared for floor debate Thursday the bill giving President Nixon unlimited power to hold federal spending to \$250 billion in the current financial year. The panel failed on an 8-8 tie vote to write into the House-passed measure restrictions on the President's power to make budget cuts to keep within the \$250-billion ceiling.

Chou also described the division of Germany as unnatural, Scheel said after their two-hour meeting in the Hall of the People's Congress.

Chairmen of the committee were announced at the beginning of the meeting. Nick Jiga and Les Swick are acting as co-chairmen.

BOSTON — Democrat George McGovern accused the Nixon administration Thursday of collaborating with big business on a calculated policy to fight inflation by increasing unemployment.

AUSTIN — Their hopes of early adjournment vanished, Texas House members take a final vote today on that chamber's version of a competitive auto and home insurance rate bill.

Another meeting is slated for next week. Times and places will be announced at a later date.

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ATLANTA — President Nixon rode down Peachtree Street Thursday through a torrent of confetti and a huge midday campaign throng and declared that his is not a Southern strategy but "an American strategy."

Senators, meanwhile, planned to vote on an amended version of the House-passed bill creating a state commission to plan an offshore port of jumbo oil tankers.

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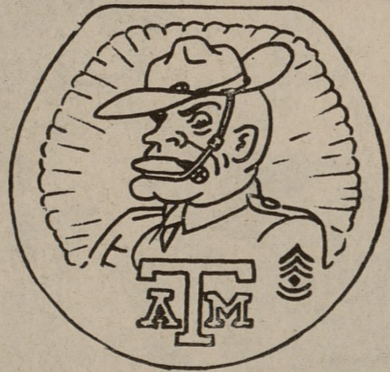
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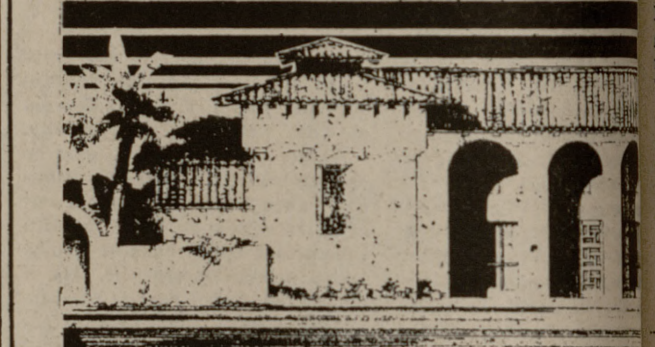
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