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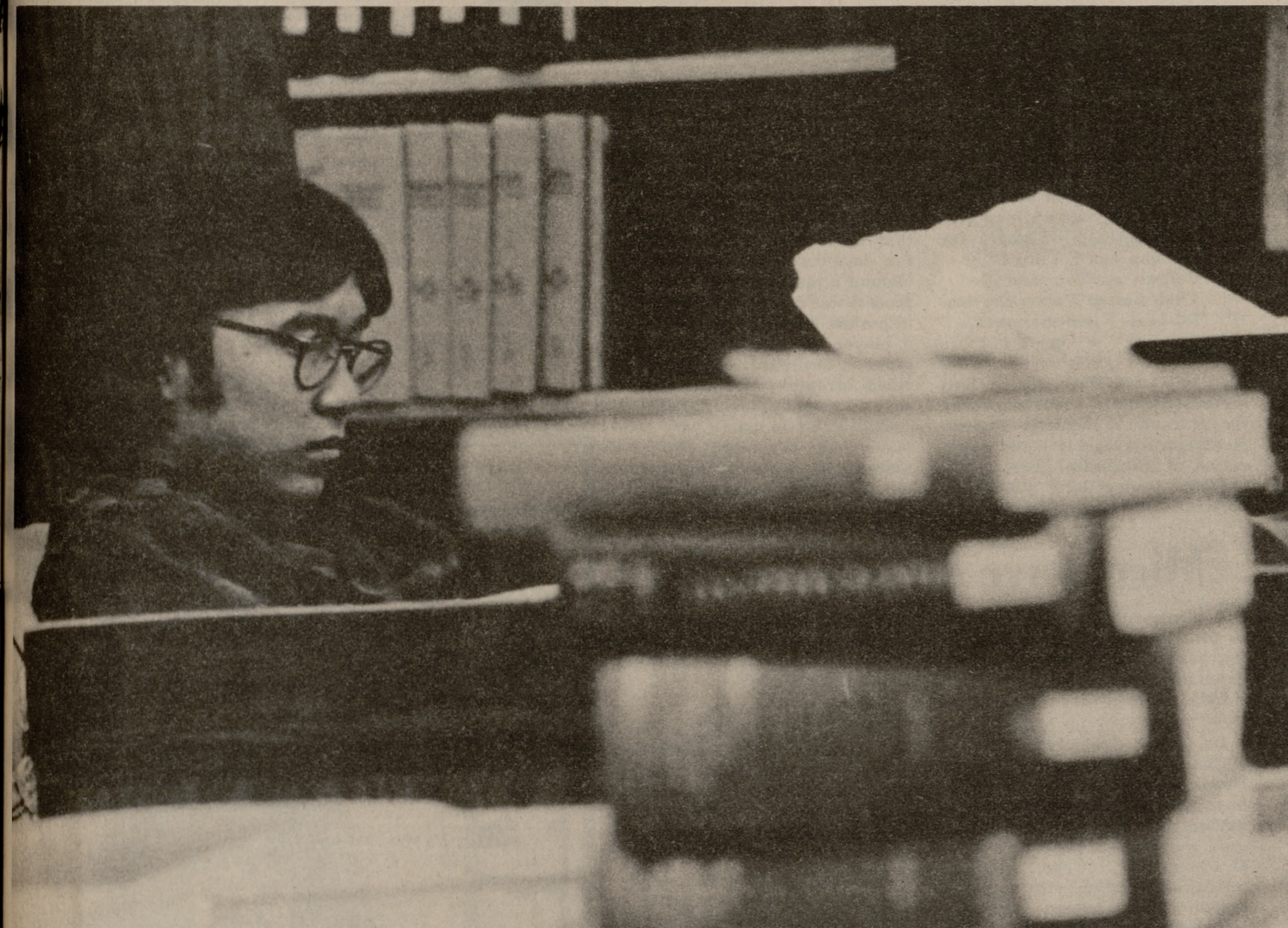
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Intellect Is
Invisible To The
Man Who
Has None.

FRIDAY — Considerably cloudy with light rain and drizzle today and tonight. Slowly rising temperatures. High 53, low 41.
SATURDAY — Cloudy with light rain and drizzle. High of 60.

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PILED HIGH for studies are the books of most students, many of whom may be seeing their first weekend at A&M as they prepare for the semester's first exams.

Students are reminded the library will be open 88 straight hours next week for last-minute cramming. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Campus Plan Group Picked By Williams

By DEBBIE HOLZEM
Staff Writer

An advisory committee to coordinate future campus planning and hear student ideas in future planning decisions has been appointed by A&M President Jack K. Williams.

The committee, composed of eight faculty members and administrative officials and three students, was formed after months of work and investigation by the newly-formed Student Senate Campus Planning Committee, according to Nick Jiga, chairman of the Senate committee and member of the advisory group.

"We hope that through this advisory committee, headed by Gen. A. R. Luedeker, we will be able to let the administration know that students are interested in the future expansion and growth at A&M," said Jiga. "We hope the committee will function as a channel through which interested students can voice their ideas."

Jiga said he first became aware of the need for student involvement in campus planning last summer. The parking lots adjacent to the Systems Building were being approved at the time.

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution denouncing the lots. The resolution was forwarded to the administration, no action to communicate to the students was made and work on the parking lots was started.

"We felt students had no voice at all in decisions concerning campus design," said Jiga. "The lots detracted from campus attractiveness."

"I started making inquiries, but everyone seemed to be quite vague on exactly who had the powers to decide what," said the senior environmental design major. The construction now underway is under the direction of Gen. Luedeker.

"We decided to start looking for a way students could get involved," continued Jiga. In September, a resolution was passed

by the Senate forming the Campus Planning Committee, which took the place of the Environmental Awareness Committee.

"We didn't know exactly what we could achieve, but we let the administration know we were interested in the future of the overall planning of A&M." A memo was sent out by Williams last month naming the advisory committee.

"If the Senate committee's ideas can be transferred to the advisory committee, I think we can get something done," he said, "but only if they will listen to us."

A campus master plan has been designed by Caudill, Rowlett and Scott, a large architecture firm in Houston, according to Jiga. The plan, submitted last March, is a suggested guideline on ways

in which the campus can expand with suggestions for placement of future buildings and parking lots.

"What we would like is for someone to make positive statements about future growth and planning. We want to know which way the University is headed—towards a closed campus or towards a continuation of cars on campus.

"We want to know what is being done to conserve the little greenery that is left on campus."

"The A&M catalog boasts that the University has one of the largest college land grants. With the land area we have, I see no reason why our campus cannot only be the largest, but also the best designed and attractive."

Jiga cited coherence between the architecture of different (See Williams, page 2)

A&M Gets Stock From Cain To Help Finance New Dorm

Mr. and Mrs. Wofford Cain of Dallas, who for the past quarter-century have provided financial support for numerous A&M activities, have made a major donation to assist in construction of the school's new athletic dormitory and training facility.

The couple gave TAMU a block of stock, the sale of which resulted in proceeds of \$166,716.

"The dedication and love Mr. and Mrs. Cain have for this university is unexcelled," noted Texas A&M President Jack Williams. "Year after year, they help us in material ways to improve our student life programs and our university generally. Everyone at this university, and everyone who has graduated from it, is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Cain—and I know that gratitude is felt especially by our students here."

A 1913 TAMU graduate, Cain received the university's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1964

and served as a member of the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors from 1965 until 1971. He is chairman of the board of Aztec Oil and Gas Co. and Southern Union Gas Co.

Last month Mr. and Mrs. Cain gave the university a Thoroughbred stallion for use in the institution's equine breeding program. They have previously made similar gifts.

During a three-year period beginning in 1965, the couple gave TAMU \$250,000 to assist in construction of the university's new library. They also were principal contributors in construction of the university's Olympic-size swimming pool, provided funds for lighting the All Faiths Chapel area and were instrumental in completion of the Lettermen's Lounge section of G. Rolie White Coliseum. Additionally, they have provided more than 100 scholarships for TAMU students.

Items From Metals Course

Engineering Students To Sell Ideas

Could you use a half-ton capacity aluminum sawhorse that folds for storage and transport, or a briefcase-size oilpan carried like a suitcase?

A&M students in an engineering technology course plan to put on the market the devices they engineered, designed and fabricated.

The uniquely handy items came out of a metal forming and fabrication course instructed by J. T. Dotson.

Highly usable products from

the course also include a pickup truck spare tire rack, removable fireplace barbecue grill and jack stand for a "dirt bike" motorcycle.

Simplicity of use and manufacture is the key element of the various products. The items chosen and worked out by the 45-member class are things they themselves would use. Any do-it-yourself homeowner would find several appropriate for his workshop.

"I'll take the first two," Engineering Technology Department

head Dr. Everett R. Glazener said of the aluminum sawhorse, a rock-steady three-piece carpenter's accessory that folds into a package smaller than most auto bumper jacks. It was the work of a five-student team composed of Bret Rice of Baytown; Sam Ralph, Clifton; Dan Noyes, Houston; Keith Palmer, Alvin, and Roger Saenz, Pearland.

A unique oilpan designed by Doug Cox of Dallas, Scott Craig, Phoenix, Ariz.; Basil Cessna, Liberty, and Ronald Depin, South Houston, rolls under a car to catch up to 14 quarts of crankcase or transmission oil or to drain a radiator.

A 15 by 15 inch "can" that stands five inches high when used to catch draining oil or water, the receptacle can be picked up like a valise without losing any fluid. A half-inch drain plug on the "bottom" of the canister in the carry mode allows the user to dispose of oil or water at his convenience.

The group agreed that the device "like a bit bucket on its side" could be carried in a car without sloshing out any of the contents until a proper disposal point could be reached. It would enable a person looking after his

own car-care needs to change the oil in his own driveway without spilling oil on the concrete.

They made the can out of 22 and 24-gauge metal, four light production casters, a metal drawer handle and 1/2-inch drain plug.

"On the production line, the bucket could be made in two parts very easily in about 30 minutes," commented Cox, who fathered the idea. "It would require only spot welding and soldering, a hot dip paint job and would retail, we figure, for perhaps \$9 or \$10."

The sawhorse would go for about half again as much, Rice and his co-workers estimate. Though similar to a steel sawhorse that retails for \$34 a pair, the aluminum version weighs considerably less.

"Constructed of the right gauge aluminum that would still meet (See Engineering, page 2)

Spring Rooms May Be Reserved

Students requesting a different room or hall for the spring semester should come by Room 101 of the Housing Office of the YMCA between 1 p.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Friday.

These requests apply only to students who pre-registered for the spring semester or were blocked by their dean and were unable to secure the hall of their choice at that time.

The list will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students requesting these changes should check with the Housing Office before the semester break to see if they have been reassigned.

Aggie Christmas Program Planned For Monday Night

Texas A&M's annual Christmas Lights Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday on the east steps of the System Administration Building.

Corky Houchard, president of the Student "Y" Cabinet, said the non-denominational service will feature Christmas greetings by Tom D. Cherry, vice president for business affairs, and student readings-greetings.

Christmas music will be sung by the Singing Cadets and the New Tradition Singers, both directed by Robert Boone. Carol books and candles will be provided to participants, Houchard noted, for group singing.

Student Y members will decorate the east steps with lights Monday afternoon. Houchard noted the lights will be turned on each evening through Dec. 31.

Obscenity Is Proved Equal To Mom, Apple Pie

By KARL JACKSON

"Is obscenity as American as mom and apple pie?" was the question brought before the public in Thursday's third Lincoln Union Debate.

The debate argued both the affirmative and the negative aspects of the issue. The affirmative side boasted that obscenity was indeed American and won the most converts in the final vote at the end of the debate.

Strongly supporting the negative side were Cheryl Klos, Roger

Knight and Mike Perrin. They put forward the argument that obscenity was not as American as apple pie and mom. For the most part, they concluded, obscenity is imported and therefore, non-American.

"If you want to be obscene, you go to Sweden . . . nobody comes to America to be obscene," said Klos. "We've taken mom and apple pie to heart," said non-believer Perrin. "We still import most of the obscene and dirty movies, books and literature."

The affirmative side, led by Lloyd Broussard, Mike Wagner and Keith Brown returned with the fact that obscenity and obscene language are an American way of life.

When the negative side said that Americans had not concentrated their spirit and industry behind obscenity like they have with mom and apple pie, Wagner retorted, "Prostitution is now a billion-dollar industry, which I venture to say is more than Sara Lee makes selling apple pie."

The affirmative side had the clear advantage when it used the rulings of the Supreme Court. "Chief Justice Douglas stated," said Broussard, "that people have the right to be obscene."

"There are approximately 30 million mothers in the United States," said negative supporter Knight, "and approximately 50 types of apple pie, surely there are not that many forms of obscenity."

"More than 5,000 words listed in the Dictionary of American Slang are listed as 'extreme vulgarism,'" said Wagner. "It only goes to show that obscenity is as deeply rooted in our society as mom and apple pie."

Broussard summed up obscenity as American by saying "it came over on the Mayflower."

Bike Registration Fee Cut

The bicycle registration fee has been reduced from \$3 per year to \$1.50, announced Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

Hannigan said students who have previously paid the \$3 fee may obtain a refund by making application at the University Police Office. About 900 students paid the \$3 fee, he added.

The dean urged students who have not registered their bicycles to do so as soon as possible, now that the fee question has been resolved.

The \$3 bike registration fee, ap-

proved by the board of directors last summer upon the recommendation of the faculty-student University Traffic Panel, has been a controversial subject throughout the fall. Numerous students balked at the \$3 fee, claiming it was too high.

Several groups, including the Student Government, have reviewed the fee, particularly in light of the needs for revenue to be generated from the assessments. The fees are to be partially used to purchase bike racks at key locations on campus.

The final decision was, that by modifying the plan to purchase and install the racks, the fee could be reduced to \$1.50.

Exchange Store 'Drama' To Recur

A recurring drama is about to unfold for the umpteenth time at A&M.

The place: The Exchange Store. The time: The last day of final exams.

Enter Sammy Spotless, shining example of all that is pure, clean and all-American. Following closely behind Sammy is Arty Atrocious, first cousin of Freddie the Freeloader, on the poor side of the family.

Sammy: I would like to sell this History 105 textbook; how much will ya gimme?

Clerk: I'll give you \$5.

Sammy: Fine, I'll take it. Thank you.

Clerk: You're welcome. Next!

Arty: I would like to sell this History 105 textbook; how much will ya gimme?

Clerk: I'll give you 50 cents.

Banking is a pleasure at First Bank & Trust.

Arty: Wadda ya mean, 50 cents? You just gave Mr. Clean, there, \$5 for the same book. DISCRIMINATION!!!! It's happening again; just because his head is shaved and his shoes look like a mirror he gets \$5; and because my hair's a little long, my beard needs trimming and I don't spit shine my sandals, I get 50 cents. DISCRIMINATION!!!! I'll write my congressman; I'll write the ACLU; I'll write . . .

While this may not be an exact portrayal of an occurrence during the year-end rush, it is conceivable without an understanding of the Exchange Store's book buy-back policy.

The Exchange Store's book buy-back policy is a simple one, although often misunderstood, Chuck Cargill, store manager, explained. The policy is simply based on need for the book.

If a book is to be used again,

half of the original list price is paid. If the book is not needed, wholesale price is paid.

Cargill cited several reasons for not needing a book. Among them are: if a book requisition is not received from the professor; if the text is being dropped; if a new edition is coming out, or if sufficient quantity is on hand to meet the professor's requirements.

The Exchange Store depends on faculty members to determine the title and number of books needed for the succeeding semester, Cargill added. If it is determined that 20 books are needed, half price will be paid for the first 20 used books. After that, only the current wholesale price will be paid, as in Arty's case.

Wholesale prices vary from 5 per cent to 50 per cent of a new book's price and are based on wholesale book companies' quo-

tations. Since wholesale prices are governed by supply and demand, occasionally companies refuse to buy books that are in over-supply. In those cases, the books are worthless to the Exchange Store.

Cargill noted that since the store is an auxiliary service and receives no appropriated funds, its operations depend on concurrently serving the academic community and following sound business practices. He further pointed out the Exchange Store provides funds to over 80 student organizations and activities, and that to buy worthless books would only reduce the money available to the organizations.

Any questions regarding the book buy-back policy should be directed to Howard DeHart, book department manager, Cargill added. He assured they would be handled indiscriminately.