

# Campus Construction Report: 'On Schedule Despite Rains'

Texas A&M's multi-million dollar construction program continues on schedule, despite the unusually wet weather during the past few months.

Charles Brunt, TAMU manager of construction, reports three projects will be completed this spring. They are the 15-story Oceanography-Meteorology Building, eight-story Classroom-Office Building and the 12-floor Conference Tower next to the Memorial Student Center.

Recently completed was the \$2.6 million utilities expansion, which included a 3,350-ton steam turbine drive centrifugal water chiller, one chilled water pump, one cooling tower and 2,000 feet of utilities tunnel along Military Walk.

TAMU currently has \$43 million of new structures under construction, another \$800,000 awarded for renovations and approximately \$1.5 million in projects to be considered by the board of directors next Tuesday.

Brunt gave the following report on campus projects:

—Memorial Student Center Addition-Renovations. The \$8.5 million addition consists of a basement and two-story expansion, plus renovation of the existing center. Phase I, the new construction, should be completed this summer. Renovation will start in April. Overall, the project is 75 per cent complete.

Work on the two-story addition on the southwest side is 40 per cent complete, with work ex-

pected to be finished by next winter. This \$1.2 million addition has 24,000 square feet of meeting rooms and housing.

—Auditorium-Conference Complex. Construction consists of a complex containing a 2,500-seat auditorium, 750-seat theater and 250-seat theater, plus the 12-floor Conference Tower. The tower is 90 per cent complete and the auditorium-theaters are 70 per cent complete. Total cost is \$10 million, with the tower expected to be opened this spring and the other facilities next winter.

—Oceanography-Meteorology Building. This \$7.6 million, 15-story structure contains classrooms and laboratories for oceanography and meteorology studies. Structural work is completed and

interior work is 85 per cent complete.

—Office-Classroom Building, Phase I. Work consists of a basement and eight-story structure housing faculty offices and classrooms for the Colleges of Education and Liberal Arts. The \$3.6 million project is on schedule and about 95 per cent complete, with occupancy this spring.

—Office-Classroom Building, Phase II. This structure joins the eight-story building. It consists of a basement and two-story classroom building with a gross area of 44,000 square feet. Included are two 250-seat classrooms, two 150-seat rooms and two 74-seat classrooms, plus seven smaller classrooms. The \$2.2 million project is 30 per cent com-

plete and should be ready next fall. It will serve primarily education and liberal arts students.

—Health Center. Construction includes a basement and two-story reinforced concrete structure with approximately 36,000 square feet at a cost of \$1.6 million. The center will house medical doctors' office space and hospital facilities. Work is 45 per cent complete.

—Married Student Housing. The project has 226 apartments for married students, varying in size from one to three bedrooms. Work is 25 per cent complete on the \$2.6 million program scheduled for completion this summer.

—Athletic Dorm-Training Facility. Construction consists of two three-story dormitory wings and a one-story commons area

million. Estimated cost is \$3.4 million with completion next winter.

—Military Walk Mall. Complete landscape development for the Military Walk area is included in this \$430,000 project. The pedestrian walkway in front of the Academic Building will have new sidewalks, lighting and landscape planting. Work is 90 per cent complete.

—Renovations. Construction renovations, all scheduled for completion this summer, include complete work on the Golf Course, \$310,000 to completely remodel Fermier Hall, \$190,000 for the Chemistry Building freshman laboratory wing and main lecture room area and \$250,000 to remodel the Geology Building.

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COMBINED EFFORTS of the A&M's Singing Cadets and the B-CS Community Singers with the San Antonio Symphony provided a relaxing evening for the sparse crowd able to attend Wednesday's concert in the Coliseum. The program was part of Town Hall's Artist Showcase series. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

## Kicks Off Military Weekend

# Freddie Hart Sings Friday

Country and Western star Freddie Hart and his show will highlight entertainment Friday for Military Weekend at A&M. "Easy Loving" Hart will perform through Town Hall, with the show at G. Rollie White Coliseum to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Military Weekend starts afterward with the Air Force and Combat Balls, a Saturday afternoon Corps of Cadets review and the Saturday night Military Ball.

The Freddie Hart show features his acclaimed music with "The Heartbeats" and Belinda Myric, Miss Texas of 1971, according to Town Hall Chairman Phillip Goodwin. Admission will be by student activity card, Town Hall season pass or separate tickets on sale at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center.

The only man in the history of the Academy of Country and Western Music to win five awards at a single presentation, Freddie Hart is a Gold Record performer with three number one singles and three number one albums in a recent year.

He had hit after hit at the top of the country music charts, many of which he wrote: "The Whole World Holding Hands," "One More Mountain To Climb," "My Hangup Is You," "Bless Your Heart," "Got The All Overs For You" and the gold-plated "Easy Loving."



Freddie Hart

He was also voted the Country Music Association's Best Song of the Year Award for his composition, "Easy Loving," in 1971 and 1972, and the Music Operators of America voted Freddie's "Easy Loving" the Most Programmed Country Song of the Year.

The entertainer who started at age five with a makeshift guitar constructed from a long cigar box has guest appeared on Hollywood Bowl, Hee Haw, the Glen Campbell Show, Buck Owens Ranch Show and Larry Kane Show.

Freddie frequently works out on the road and, accomplished at judo and karate, taught self defense to the Los Angeles Police Department many years. One of 15 children in his family, Hart joined the Marine Corps at 14, toured Southeast Asia and the Pacific with the 1st Marine Division and received an honorable discharge when he was just 17, the legal age for joining.

Hart met the legendary Lefty Frizzel while in Phoenix and went from there.

## Ag Players Open 'Caligula' At Consolidated On Monday

How ordinary citizens deal with a power-mad ruler will be treated in an Aggie Players production that opens Monday for a six-night run. "Caligula," an Albert Camus play set in Rome, will perform Monday through Saturday (Feb. 26-28 and March 1-3) at the A&M Consolidated Middle School auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

The play features Richard Taylor, Audie Beeson, Yvonne Schmitz, John Tyler, Walt Meissner, Charles Tyler and Larry Davis in key roles. It will be performed in Roman period dress and surroundings.

Taylor, who started locally with the Premiere Players of the Texas A&M Theater Arts Section, portrays the mad Caligula. He seems bent on ruling an empire peopled only by the dead and relatives of the dead. (See "Caligula," page 2)

## Hale--Mainly A Newspaperman

By TED BORISKIE  
Leon Hale told Journalism 204 students Wednesday that he writes books because they are more permanent than newspapers.

"I started writing books because I want to get rich," said Hale, novelist and Houston Post columnist. "I'm a newspaperman, mainly, but books are something nice to leave behind when you're gone."

Hale has lived in the Bryan-College Station area for 16 years since working out an agreement with The Houston Post, allowing him to travel around the state and mail in his column.

"I didn't want to bring up my kids in a big city," he said. "As I was to write about the rural

scene, I was able to work out the agreement."

Hale became a journalist because of a recommendation made by his dean his sophomore year of college.

"I was completely undecided as to what I wanted for a major and the dean just happened to recommend journalism," said Hale. "If he had said American history I would probably be teaching at some high school now."

"I would be afraid to quit newspaper writing now because of two things. I would probably feel miserable if I wasn't writing my column and every break I've ever gotten has come as a direct result of my writing for the Post." Hale began writing for the

# Shuttle Bus To Receive Vote; Higher Medical Fee On Agenda

By VICKIE ASHWILL  
Staff Writer

Once again student senators are faced with the problem of financing the 1973-74 Shuttle Bus system.

The proposal, tabled at the Feb. 8 meeting by a vote of 41 to 24 with one abstention, will be voted on at 7:30 tonight at the Student Senate meeting in Room 102 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

"The Senate got the wrong idea at the last meeting," said Randy Ross, Student Government vice president. "The real question is whether or not they want to spend \$66,000 from the Student Services Fees. Senators may decide to delete the two inner-periphery buses and lower the cost to \$42,000.

"The Senate ought to have faith in the Shuttle Bus Committee," continued Ross, "and let the committee worry about the routes and the raising or lowering of the \$18 user fee."

"I was kind of glad the issue was tabled, as a lot of people weren't taking the matter serious."

The Senate will also vote on whether or not to retire the title of Aggie Sweetheart.

"Because of the diversity of the present student body on this campus, it is no longer necessary or feasible to have a position such as Aggie Sweetheart in

## Bellard's Wife Hospitalized

Mrs. Mary Kay Bellard, wife of Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Emory Bellard, was reported in serious condition at Houston's Methodist Hospital this morning.

Mrs. Bellard was found unconscious at the Bellard home in Bryan about 4 p.m. Wednesday by their son, Bob. She was first treated at St. Joseph's Hospital and transferred to Houston.

Ted Brown, president of Methodist Hospital, gave the following statement at 9:30 a.m. today:

"Mrs. Bellard apparently had an aneurysm in the cranial area. Her condition is serious, but not critical.

"She is undergoing diagnostic tests today. There was some improvement during the night."

which a single girl is honored," said Ron Bento earlier. "Also, the position itself is no longer representative of its original intent."

Kerry Hulse, Student 'Y' representative, will present the issue to the Senate.

The bill under study in a Texas State Legislature committee concerning the levying of the hospital fee will be presented to the Senate.

University police officers have recovered stolen goods valued in the thousands of dollars within the past week, said University Police Chief O. L. Luther Tuesday.

Two former A&M students, Firooz Sharifi, 23, and Nosrat Seyed-Taheri, 25, are in custody of the Brazos County Sheriff's Department after charges were filed by Luther against the pair.

Taheri was arrested in Dallas Feb. 15 and Firooz on Feb. 16.

Both of the Iranian international students had been junior petroleum engineering majors at A&M before transferring to Richland Junior College in Dallas at the end of the 1972 fall semester.

The bulk of the stolen goods recovered by Luther and Texas Ranger Charles Moore consisted of engineering books stolen from the University Library.

However, \$5,000 worth of slides from the university's Geology Department comprised most of the economic value of the recovered goods.

Over 100 books were handed over to Luther by the pair. Luther said four books on Chinese art and also belonging to the Library were given him. He noted these were considered "almost irreplaceable."

Other items recovered by Luther's office included six alarm clocks, two cassette tape recorders, three electric shavers, two pen and pencil sets and small inexpensive paperweights.

Also among the items were a complete Polaroid camera outfit and a "Minolta SRT 100" 35mm camera.

The bill reads as follows:

"The Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University System may levy and collect from each student at Texas A&M University a compulsory group hospital fee of not to exceed \$15 for each regular semester and not to exceed \$7.50 for each term of the summer session.

"The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both Houses

Thursday — Considerable cloudiness with rain or rain showers today and tonight. High 53, low 43.

Friday — Rains decreasing from the west. High of 63.

create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

"This bill is to allow more flexibility in the Student Services Fees," said Ross. "We want (See "Shuttle," page 5)

## 2 Former A&M Students Nabbed For Major Theft

In other University Police news, Luther noted that his department has received the two new police cars his department ordered several months ago.

The cars, 1973 Plymouths, are equipped with 400 cu. in. engines although they only have 2 bbl. carburetors instead of the 4 bbl. which the Department of Public Safety utilizes.

Luther said that Dan Allen Boldt of San Antonio has been charged by the Bryan Police Department for breaking and entering a police car.

Officers at the scene said the A&M freshman apparently was attempting to steal a briefcase from the front seat of the car when he saw a police officer approaching the car.

## Briscoe, Hobby Speakers For Spring Commencement

Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby will be the commencement speakers at A&M's spring graduation ceremonies, announced President Jack K. Williams.

Governor Briscoe will address the university's traditional exercises Saturday, May 5, with the lieutenant governor scheduled the preceding evening.

The decision to split the graduation ceremonies into two separate programs was prompted by the anticipated record number of graduates and seating limitations, Dr. Williams noted.

Friday evening ceremonies will include all recipients of graduate degrees and baccalaureate degree candidates from the Colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Geosciences, Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources and Veterinary Medicine.

The Saturday ceremonies will include baccalaureate degree candidates from the Colleges of Agriculture, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Science.

## 5 Tessies Oppose A&M Coed 'Queen'

Five coeds from Texas Woman's University agreed unanimously that they were not in favor of A&M coeds being selected for Aggie Sweetheart.

"We just don't like it," said Kathy Hess.

Hess and the other coeds were members of the second Viewpoint Panel which discussed aspects of dating and social behavior for Aggies and their Tessie dates.

"We feel," said Hess, "that when the Aggie Sweetheart was created, it was for Tessies. The first Aggie Sweetheart was a Tessie. Now that Maggies fill this role, we think that the ceremony has lost much of its meaning."

Apparently, some Aggies feel the same way. There is now a proposal by the A&M Student Senate that would do away with the position of Aggie Sweetheart since the "position itself is no longer representative of its original intent."

Panel members also voiced their opinion on such social matters as clothing, drinking, smoking and other dating information.

Several members of the panel stressed that TWU was in a dry county if the visiting Aggies were thirsty. "If you're coming to Denton to drink, forget it, boys," said panelist Martha Jane Stephenson.

All of the Tessies agreed that smoking was improper on a date. "I would rather have my date dip snuff and chew tobacco than to smoke," said Tricia Smith.

The second Viewpoint panel of TWU coeds will meet next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. This panel will include last year's Aggie Sweetheart, Becky McCreary.

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