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Do Not Pass A
Temptation Lightly
By; It May
Never Come Again.

WEDNESDAY—Partly cloudy.
Increasing cloudiness tonight.
High 79, low 57.

THURSDAY — Considerable
cloudiness with chance of a
few showers. High of 79.

845-2226



A REAL GULLYWASHER made driving quite hazardous along Old Main early Tuesday. But what seemed like a tremendous amount of water totalled only seven-tenths of an inch, according to the weather station on campus.

Performances In New Auditorium

Opera, Ballet Are Slated Next Year

Means of bringing opera such as "The Marriage of Figaro" and prominent artists like Van Cliburn to Brazos Valley residents has been organized at A&M.

The Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS) also has booked the National Ballet of Washington, violinist Itzhak Perlman and guitarist Christopher Parkening for 1973-74 presentations.

A non-profit foundation of more than 200 people, OPAS has raised \$10,500 through guarantors and \$4,000 cash contributions toward the season. Perform-

ances will be in the new University Center 2,500-seat auditorium. Organized last summer, OPAS was created to make outstanding opera and classical artists of international prestige possible to a wide range of Brazos Valley residents. Performances during the coming season will set the scene for outstanding presentations during A&M's centennial celebration in 1975-76.

OPAS will operate as part of Town Hall, a Memorial Student Center committee. The organization will replace the Artist Showcase series for classical perform-

ances, announced Town Hall chairman Philip Goodwin. The Town Hall series will become entirely "pops" this fall under Tim Clader, the 1973-74 chairman. He assured there will be "no watering down" of this segment of the committee's presentations.

A&M's professional concert management staff, one of the best in the South and Southwest, provides know-how in budgeting, advertising and promoting expensive major events. Like SCONA and the Rotary Community Series of Town Hall, OPAS will operate on separate funding with no monies from student fees nor the university.

The society, chaired by Walter H. Parsons Jr., has representatives from surrounding cities, interested A&M faculty-staff and students and townspeople in its membership. It is structured along lines of the Rio Grande Valley International Music Festival, which will present 22 symphonic concerts this spring, and Houston's Society for the Performing Arts.

Funds assembled during OPAS' first six months of existence account for one-third of the opera and performing arts budget. Guarantors and contributors, who will have first opportunity for tickets, include many local citizens and people in London, Mexico City, Maracaibo, Venezuela, and Johannesburg, South Africa. Assistance also is expected from the Texas Commission on Arts and Humanities, the Corbett Foundation of Cincinnati and San Antonio Symphony and Opera.

Advance funding is required because, on a national average, ticket income accounts for only 55 per cent of the nation's 1,200 symphonies. The foundation approach was taken in order to keep tickets moderately priced so everyone has opportunity to attend, according to Goodwin.

OPAS organization includes a series of committees for reaching all Brazos Valley population segments. Mrs. John C. Culpepper

Jr. is vice president for Brazos Valley membership; Dr. Haskell Monroe, A&M faculty, and Dr. J. P. Abbott, retired persons, among others.

Gwen Flynt, OPAS vice president and Town Hall vice chairman, said student leaders favor OPAS presentations, because they feel expanded opera and performing arts presentations will be good for the university and because some students follow opera.

"It is primarily a project that will bring together students, faculty-staff, Bryan, College Station and people of surrounding communities," commented Wayne Stark, MSC director. "It will take all of them working together."

Situational Satire

Ode To A Tired Housing Office Head

By MIKE RICE

Note: The following is not intended to be taken seriously by readers or those mentioned in the story. Past events and letters only inspired its writing. — Ed.

Oh—loathe to be a lowly housing office director on a campus where one's efforts only result in pleasing practically none of the students all of the time.

With letters to the editor being printed in *The Battalion* for the record and his position being associated with housing students with A&M's only year-round residents, the cockroaches, life just can't get much worse and it probably won't ever get better until people decide to quit attending college or trying to live on campus.

Allan Madeley, seems to be the man whose name is most likely to be kicked around the campus for plotting, shuffling and re-shuffling the housing of male and female students—and his job isn't getting any easier.

With the advent of each day Madeley must face complaints and questions about housing for this summer and next fall from both old students and interested parents of incoming freshmen. What's particularly difficult for him to understand is how he is getting blamed for deciding where students can and can't live, especially when he hasn't made the decision.

After reading the letter in Tuesday's *Batt* regarding the Housing Office, Madeley's first reaction was to request Dean of Students James P. Hannigan for a raise after unknowingly becoming an expert at "screwing people around"—a position of real power at A&M. Unfortunately for Mr. Madeley, Dean Hannigan hasn't wished to deflate his ego by telling him that he can't have the job since it's already taken—by the Dean himself.

UT Editor Not Worried About Future Of Texan

Dave Powell, editor of the University of Texas' *Daily Texan* said Tuesday that he is convinced that the threat of a suit against the System's Board of Regents for his newspapers' policies will not hurt the future of the paper's existence.

The student paper is often a target of criticism by university officials, but it had a different foe at the regents' Monday meeting in Houston.

A senior law student, Jack Gullahorn appeared before the board representing the Young Americans for Freedom and a group called RIGHT-ON. Gullahorn said he and other conservatives object to being forced to pay for a newspaper that "uses our money to champion such causes as homosexuality, abortion, amnesty and legalization of drugs."

The regents voted to seek the attorney general's opinion on the legality of the system's supporting the paper. The YAF organization, which also publishes a paper, protested the mandatory fee charged all students to support the more liberal *Daily Texan*.

"We feel the attorney general's office will practically turn down consideration of the matter," said Powell. "It's really been pretty quiet here and we're convinced that not much will happen. The YAF seems to be giving no indication of when or if it will definitely file suit."

Students at the Austin campus are charged \$1.65 a year, or about 2¢ a copy, for the campus newspaper which is distributed free on campus.

The regents will ask the attorney general whether it is legally necessary for the board to withdraw financial support from the paper and require the *Daily Texan* to move its operations from the campus.

The *Texan* is scheduled to move into new offices provided by the system and start publishing on a new 36-page press next year.

The question prompted the regents to postpone until April 24 action on all student fees at Austin.

Regent Frank C. Erwin Jr. told the board that the attorney general traditionally does not

render opinions where litigation is pending. The board then voted to levy the mandatory fee which would yield \$136,650 for the *Texan*, if the attorney general declined to rule on the issue.

The YAF group is expected to file suit against the university system if the mandatory fee is levied. The group is also threatening to file suit against the regents of the University of Houston for the Cougars' newspaper policies.

Student Candidate Wouldn't Serve UT

Dana Copp, nominee for Student Government president at the University of Texas in Austin, feels he can serve students best by not serving.

"I'm giving the students an

alternative—to elect an unpresidented," Copp said.

"If I'm elected, I may call the first meeting to order and then dismiss it. I'd cut out one or more organizations on behalf of the students."

"The mood of the students is for no government, and they don't care who wins. Students will organize if there is a cause, therefore they have no need for a student government."

Although Copp plans not to win, he hopes his campaign will accomplish two things.

In announcing his candidacy, Copp pledged his salary to NORML. "I hoped at the time others would take my campaign seriously and other candidates would pledge their salaries to worthy organizations."

The senior architecture major also thinks his candidacy may force Student Government to tell students what is good about their system. "But the farther they (Student Government) lay it on the line, the more students will

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Dana Copp

Students To Evaluate, Design Bryan City Mission Facility

A joint effort by undergraduate students from A&M's Environmental Design, Geology and Sociology departments has started to evaluate and design a new Bryan City Mission facility.

The facility will include a children's home, housing for 15 adult males in the City Mission program, a factory for work rehabilitation, a kitchen-dining hall facility and 30 cottage type emergency shelters for indigent families.

Students from Rodney Hill's Environmental Design 404 class will submit proposed design drawings for the buildings to be located on the grounds of the new facility. Four landscape architecture students are working jointly on a plan for land use and landscaping, and two geology students and a sociology student complete the team concerned with evaluating the site and making recommendations on building design.

The new facility will be located about nine blocks west of downtown Bryan on a 9.5 acre plot donated to the Bryan City Mission by Mrs. G. F. Vance. The long range development plan calls

for the erection of some 35 buildings, approximately 1,200 feet of streets, utility lines, landscaping, garden area and recreational areas for both adults and children.

The children's home will house 14 unwanted children from the area and two adult supervisors. The emergency housing will be made available to families who lose their homes from fire or other catastrophes and to families stranded in the area due to lack of funds or auto repair problems.

The structures are being designed so they can be built by unskilled labor at a very low cost. Most of the construction work will be carried out by participants in City Mission work rehabilitation programs.

Tentative plans for construction call for a receiving and shipping area, a storage center, a distribution center, and an area for storing large and small appliances prior to repair. These buildings will make up the factory area in the compound.

The factory area will also include a dismantling shop, rag sorting, baling, and storage shop, furniture repair and upholstery shop, appliance repair shop, and a maintenance shop.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
Adv.

Environmental Design students at Texas A&M met Tuesday with TAMU President Jack K. Williams to exhibit water tower designs that could be an alternative to two tentative designs chosen by TAMU system officials.

The students, members of Larry Priesmeyer's Environmental Design 404 class, designed water tower structures that take aesthetic qualities as well as functional design into consideration.

"We wanted to show Dr. Williams that a water tower has the capability of being utilized for many purposes besides a technical displacement of water," Priesmeyer said. "We also wanted to show that, if a multi-purpose structure is built, the present site for the water tower might not be ideal."

The students, according to Priesmeyer, designed structures that would not only serve as a water tower, but would also become a trademark of Texas A&M; something that people

would identify Texas A&M with.

Designs ranged from a multi-story parking garage to a "sculptured" tower resembling the St. Louis Arch. One design incorporated a large glassed-in area that would house test plants for agricultural and agronomy research. Another offered a windowed viewing area around the outer edge.

Several of the designs incorporated classroom and office space within the lower levels beneath the water tank, and all the designs shown would compliment the new high-rise structures nearing completion on the A&M campus.

"The tentative plans call for a metal structure that will be painted baby blue to blend in with the sky," Priesmeyer said. "This brings us to wonder why the meteorology building or the office complex was not also painted baby blue."

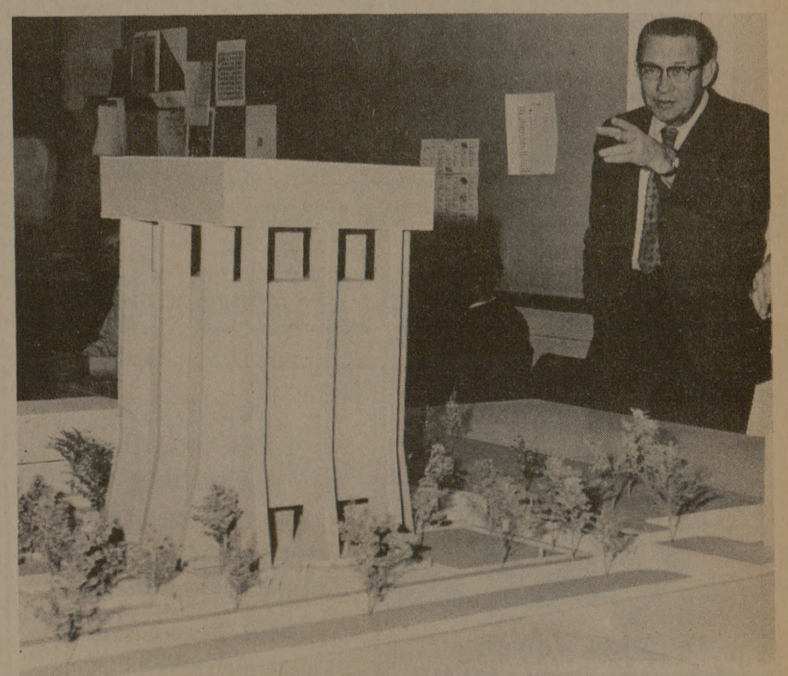
"Our designs were made on a short notice," he continued, "sev-

en days, to be exact. But we tried to retain aesthetic sensitivity in the designs, and the students did a good job in building their models in such a way that the finished structure would fit in perfectly with the high-rise concept currently being used in campus construction."

Dr. Williams said all the submitted designs were quite attractive and that university officials had not taken multi-use structures into consideration.

Priesmeyer said his students were not proposing a change in university decisions, nor were they competing with tentative water tower designs approved by university officials.

"We just made a quick study of the situation," he emphasized, "and evaluated both site location and design possibilities. We just wanted to show Dr. Williams there are other alternatives to water tower design than those designed strictly for water containment."



Dr. Williams Eyes Dual-Purpose Water Tower

E.D. 404 Students Give Water Tower Ideas To Williams