

FRIDAY — It will be fair and cool with a high today of 64° and a low tonight of around 38°. There will be a maximum high tomorrow of 67°. The Gods have smiled upon us again — no rain this week-end!

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A Fool Despises His Father's Instruction: But He That Regards Reproof Is Prudent.

Office, Class Hour Staggering Proposed

TAMU's Special Energy Management Committee is considering proposals for a 30-minute modification in starting times for classes, staggered office hours and alternatives to driving off campus during the lunch break—all designed to reduce gasoline

consumption. Classes would follow the Spring, 1974 schedule as published except that all class periods would be moved up one-half hour, said the subcommittee report. "Classes scheduled for 8 a.m. would meet at 7:30 a.m., those

scheduled for 9 a.m. would meet at 8:30 a.m., etc.

According to a proposal forwarded to the SEMC, University employees would begin getting only a 45 minute lunch break next semester, in addition to getting to leave work at 4:45 p.m. and still coming to work at 8 a.m.

"Administrative units should encourage staff members working the 8-4:45 'regular office hours' to select individual working hours within plus or minus 15 minutes of the beginning of those hours," the proposal stated. Some individuals would therefore maintain regular hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., while others might work the

regular day starting at 8:15 a.m. This will allow easier participation in car pools and further disperse the peak traffic load period.

Dr. Virgil Stover, chairman of the transportation subgroup, said that he has been urging all those he contacts to eat on campus and do more walking. "The time may come when we won't be able to come and go from the campus as much as we like, Stover said.

Stover said that plans are being studied by Management Services to set up an extensive meal ticket program to attract more people to on-campus dining facilities. He noted that staggered work hours will mean there will be some staggering for lunches, also. He added that almost a quarter of a million gallons of fuel could be saved by on-campus lunch eating.

Stover's group has estimated that almost 150,000 gallons of fuel per year could additionally be saved by the 16,000 motorists who enter and leave the campus daily through the staggered work plan. This is what is being called a "high payoff item" by the SEMC.

Another plan being studied by Stover's group would call for six class days per week and urge more weekend activities for students on campus and in Bryan-College Station. It has been estimated that nearly four million gallons of fuel could be saved if students didn't go home between six-day periods and went home to stay at Christmas. Other implementation ideas for this would include assistance for increased car pool travel. Restriction of student parking is also being examined.

Another high payoff item for the SEMC would be a plan that would provide shuttle bus service for the faculty and staff. Almost 150,000 gallons of fuel could be saved in a nine-month period if 4,000 cars coming to the campus now quit coming, the group contends. This would represent about half the faculty and staff.

Faculty Gets Break On Library Fines

Unlike students, faculty and staff do not pay fines on overdue books, according to John B. Smith, Director of Libraries.

After a book has been overdue for six months the faculty or staff member is sent a bill for the book, Smith said.

Any faculty member or fulltime staff member can get a faculty card. This card allows the borrower to take books out for two

weeks or for as long as one semester. All books must be returned to the library at the end of the two week or semester to be checked in or they may be renewed. No books may be renewed over the phone. Smith said that this encouraged the return of books which were no longer needed.

"An arbitrary limit of 20 books can be checked out, but it is not enforced," Smith said. "The fact that books have to be physically carried back at the end of each semester tends to limit the number of books that are checked out. Abuses by the faculty are minimum and the faculty are by and large cooperative."

In 1965 when the automated system was initiated, the permanent loan system was abolished and books were required to be renewed at the end of a term loan.

"Our situation is better than other universities in that some other universities still have indefinite loans for faculty," said Smith. Faculty must ask for the term loan or else books are only checked out to them for two weeks.

"Most professors have an average of five to 12 books out at one time although many professors don't have any checked out," Smith added.

"At one time a female faculty member had over 200 books checked out but the books were returned and she is no longer on the faculty," according to Richard Puckett, assistant director of public services at the library.

RHA Leaves All Program Fees to Dorms

A major constitutional overhaul was ratified by the Resident Hall Association Thursday by a wide margin.

The main point of the revision involved funding of RHA projects, Gettermann said. The \$5 service fee paid by residents program dorms previously provided 50 cents to the RHA. Under the new constitution, all services fees will go only to the hall the resident lives in with no extractions.

Gettermann said the RHA still receives allocations from the bookstore to add to its present funds.

He said these funds would be used for dorm activities, like RHA weekend, RHA Weekend and the Spring Fling will be combined this year.

"The RHA and Town Hall are going to pool their efforts to provide musical entertainment that weekend," he said. "That way we'll split the losses or the profits right down the middle."

Gettermann added a number of other activities will be provided including bike and go-cart races.

Library Sets Hour Change For Exams

Quiet study conditions will be provided students around the clock by the University Library again this semester during final exam week.

The special library operation will begin at 2 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 16, announced Director John Smith.

Library facilities will be available to students studying for fall semester examinations until midnight Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Finals start Dec. 17 and end Dec. 21.

Circulation Librarian Mel Dodd said the main checkout desk, division service desks and reserve room will close at midnight and reopen at 8 a. m., as usual, during the period. Studying students may use accessible shelf materials, however. Doormen will be on duty.

Study Shows Biker Violations

By VICKIE ASHWILL Types of bicycle violations on the TAMU campus were discussed with the Traffic Panel as a result of a study conducted by two coeds.

Beth Weaver and Marilyn Snell presented the political science project to the panel Tuesday to encourage the Traffic Panel "to promote regulations and enforcement of bicycle riding behavior that will reduce the risk of accidents and injuries" on campus.

During a slide and 8mm movie presentation, Weaver noted some of the common bicycle and stop sign violations.

Weaver said one student made a left hand turn at the corner of Ross and Spencer streets with books in one hand and a milk shake in another. Other students avoided the stop signs and parked them in pedestrian pathways.

"Bike racks are not used," continued Weaver. "The key word on bike racks is convenience. The Old Engineering Building has no racks. Bolton Hall has two racks which hold 30 bikes which isn't enough and the rack at Nagle Hall isn't used."

Slides showed two unregistered bicycles chained to a lamp post and above the stairs at the University Police Department.

In a statement to the panel the coeds said "the majority of students who own and ride bicycles claim to have read and know the policy statement for operating bicycles on campus as evidenced by the questionnaire. (Two hundred and two said they had read the policy statement for operating bicycles on the TAMU cam-

pus, 36 said no.)

"If the student does know and understand these regulations, then he appears to knowingly violate them. The fact that the student consistently violates these regulations encourages disrespect for the policy promulgated to ensure safety," reads the statement.

"You've got to change the behavior of people riding bicycles, otherwise it will be impossible to accomplish anything," said Weaver.

The panel recommended to Weaver and Snell that the slides and films possibly be presented to the students in conjunction with the Memorial Student Center or the A&M Wheelmen.

The committee acted on the parking problem for architecture students in loading and unloading their projects at the architecture building.

Jerry Campbell said there was a suggestion given to him for a 30-minute parking area somewhere near the building but he felt a 15-minute space was adequate.

Campbell's suggestion, which was unanimously approved by the panel, makes the two yellow spaces parallel and adjacent to the back of the building 15 minute spaces.

The suggestion must be approved by the vice president of student services, Dr. John Koldus, and the zone administrators before the act goes into effect.

The panel turned down another proposal by Campbell to make the back-out parking areas at Nagle and Lubbock streets and Routt at Coke no parking areas.

"People shouldn't be in a position where they have to back into an intersection," said Campbell. "There are enough places for

loading and unloading elsewhere." University Police Chief O. L. Luther said he had no complaints about the area and that such a regulation would be hard to enforce.

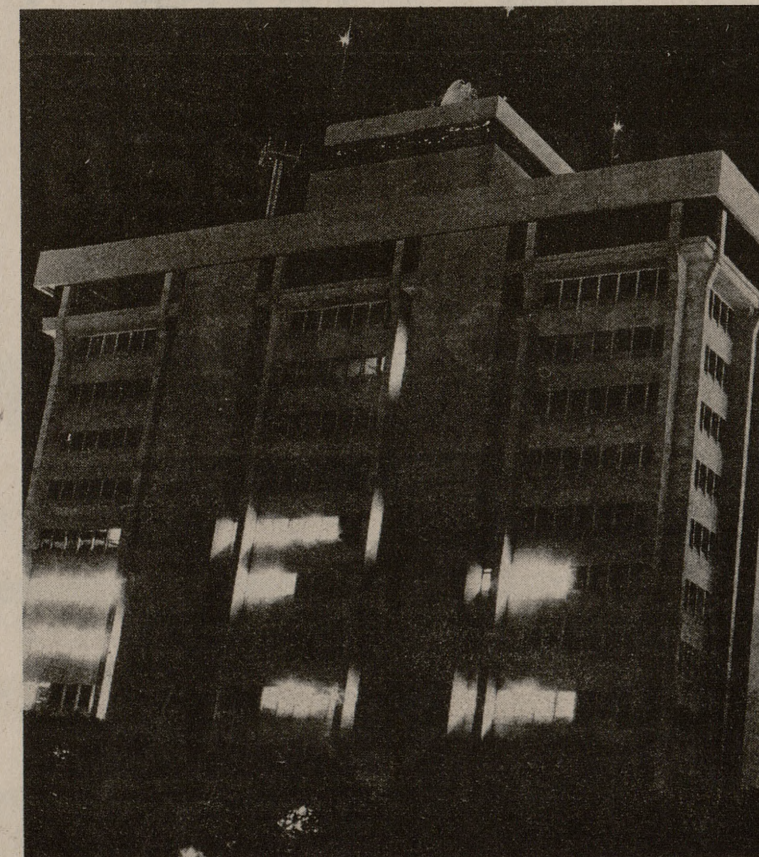
Campbell said most of the accidents in that area go unreported and that many cars do stick into the intersections.

"People realize they're hazardous corners," said Ron Miori. "I don't feel the problem is that bad."

In other action, the committee accepted a recommendation from Luther to tow away those cars not registered with the University after the third ticket.

The present towaway minimum is six tickets for non-registered cars.

Lights dimmer now...



Implementation Action	A. Reduce Weekend Travel	B. Increase Bicycle Use	C. Increase Shuttle Bus	D. Car Pooling To/From Campus	E. Noon Meal on Campus	F. On-Campus Trips by Walking	G. Reduce Off-Campus Dorm Student Travel by Auto	H. Improved Traffic Flow	I. Buses for Special Event Travel	J. Increased Use of Motorcycles	K. On-Campus Residency for Summer Sessions	L. Walk or Ride Bicycle To/From University Housing	M. Shuttle Bus for Faculty/Staff
6 day class schedule	+												
on-campus weekend activities	+												
restrict student parking		+	+									+	
provide bicycle paths and racks		+											+
reduce on-campus parking		+	+	+	+	+	+						+
increase auto registration fee		+	+	+									
staggered office and class hours			+						+				
parking fee incentive for car pools			+	+	+								
location incentive for car pools			+										
optional 1/2 hour lunch period					+								
day student noon "meal ticket"					+								
assistance in organizing car pools	+		+										
issue bicycle permit with auto		+											
nominal bicycle registration fee		+											
covered walkways						+							
improved traffic operations			+						+				
charter or university bus										+			
limit ticket sales										+			
motorcycle parking											+		
no shuttle service to/from points less than 1 mile													+
increase shuttle routes			+										-

+ indicates positive effect saving; - indicates negative or offsetting effect

State Rep Bernice Johnson Sets Noon Forum Speech

State Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas — central figure in a dispute with Texas Comptroller Robert Calvert that brought emphasis to the state's hiring practices — will speak Tuesday.

Rep. Johnson's talk, sponsored by the MSC Black Awareness Committee in conjunction with the TAMU Political Forum, will be held at noon in Rooms 225 and 226 of the Memorial Student Center.

It was Rep. Johnson's dispute with Calvert that led Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby to announce that all state agencies will be required to submit reports on their hiring trends when they submit budget requests.

Hobby cited a little-known provision of the state appropriations

bill that prohibits expenditures of funds by agencies that do not comply with federal equal opportunity guidelines.

Formerly a leading psychiatrist in the Dallas area, Mrs. Johnson was elected to the 63rd legislature in 1972. She was vice chairperson of the State Democratic Convention last year and has served

as SDEC committee woman and a member of the National Democratic Credentials Committee.

In the legislature she was a member of the House State Affairs and Human Resources committees.

Students will be admitted to the speech free. Non-student admission will be 50 cents.

Plant Ideas Are Exhibited

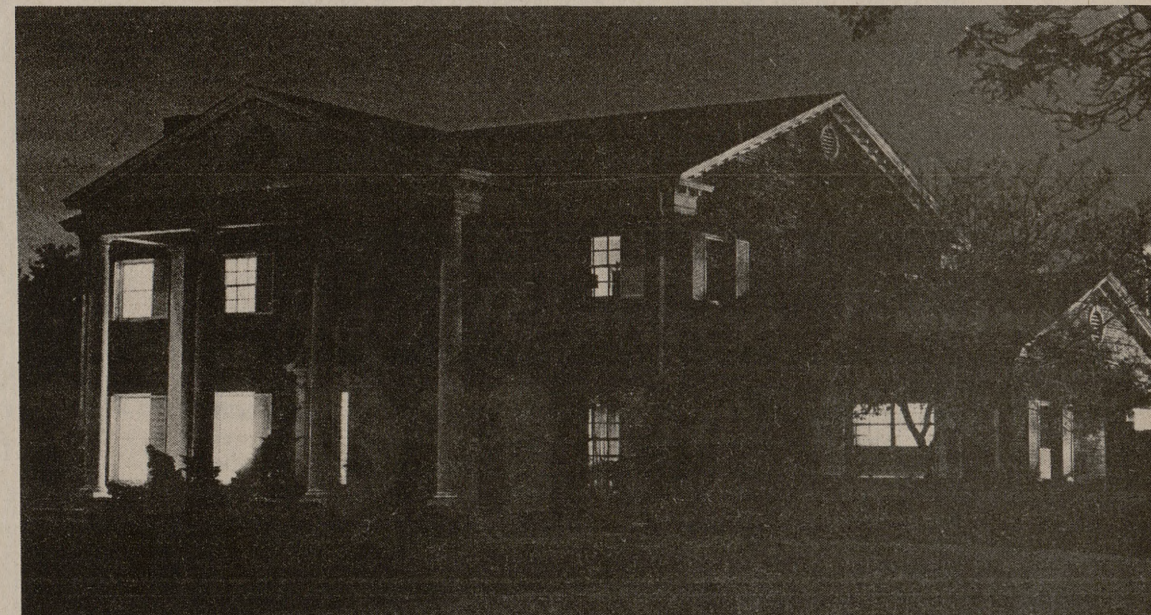
New ideas on plants, Christmas gifts and arrangements will be displayed in an open house in the floriculture greenhouses.

The greenhouses and displays in the Memorial Student Center can be seen Saturday from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A slide show and a collection of over 2,000 stamps showing flowers will be displayed.

New varieties of plants and free samples of candy are included.



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