

## Bids in for city seats

Three out of five College Station city government seats, up for re-election in April, are presently unopposed.

Seven persons have filed for the five positions and filing ends March 1 at 5 p. m.

The only contested races are for places four and five. The place five position was vacated by the death of councilman R. D. Radeleff, and it will be up for re-election next year. Thomas R. Chaney, associate with the Richard-Smith Company, is opposed for the position by Gloria Martinson, a part-time student and practical nurse.

Place four candidates are Charles F. Johnson, agency manager for Fidelity Union Life Insurance, and Jim Gardner, a professor of urban and regional planning at TAMU.

O. M. Holt, a retired professor of agriculture-education at the University of Texas, is the only person running for mayor of College Station.

Incumbent Homer B. Adams, an agent for North American Van Lines is running unopposed in place two.

City Attorney James H. Dozier is running unopposed for place six.

Elections will be held April 2.

# Old Exchange Store lounge delayed again

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More delays than could ever be expected have plagued the opening of the Old Exchange Store as a student lounge.

Now that the building has been completely renovated, the ceilings lowered, the floor replaced, vending machines installed, mural painted, furniture on its way and transformer in, the lounge should be open.

Wrong. A steam pipe burst earlier in the week causing a four- to six-week delay in an expected March 1 opening.

"We have to replace all the plumbing in hopes of preventing damage to the building. It's an old building, built in 1916, and heated by radiators. The plumbing must be in good repair or the heating won't work," said Ron Haggin, designer in the office of the physical plant.

Last spring, the building was vacated when the Exchange Store moved into the new Memorial Student Center Complex.

The Student Senate recommended a lounge for all students be built in the empty structure with full recreational services and a snack bar.

The University committee to investigate the matter was (and still is) composed of Don Carter, director of registration; Ed Davis, assistant director of management; and two students.

Students serving on the committee have included Randy Ross, Steve Wakefield, Sam Walsler, Bill Davis and Frederick Mach.

The building was completed enough to hold spring pre-registration this year, yet it is still not ready for student use.

One thing that has delayed student use was the installment of a 6,000-watt transformer which had been ordered early in the summer. When

asked which manufacturer the transformer had been ordered from, Maintenance said that they would check. The next day the transformer, which hadn't been expected for two more weeks, arrived.

Furniture was another reason for the grand opening's delay. Ann Harper, interior decorator for the University, selected the furniture, much of which is molded plastic pieces from Evans Monacle at a cost of \$40,000.

"It's a seller's market in the furniture manufacturer's eyes. We put the purchase out on bid and got about a 30 per cent discount off the retail price. This furniture should be really practical for the area because of its mobility," Harper said. The furniture, ordered in early fall, still hasn't arrived.

A group of environmental design students, Beth Ussery, Anne Darnaby and David Wyckoff, helped with the furniture choice and mural on the west wall.

"If there was more money the project would

have been completed earlier," one of the students said.

Eating facilities in the lounge will be handled by vending machines serving hot and cold food or food which can be heated in micro-wave ovens. The machines arrived around Feb. 12.

"The situation of the lounge deems it unworthy of a snack bar. Funds are inadequate to finance such a measure and generally, vending machines could handle the job just as well. It would take double the funds, \$50,000, to build such an operation. Besides it would cause a fire hazard," Ed Davis said.

When the lounge is finally open, there will be another place for students to go to study in a contemporary atmosphere, like every other lounge on campus.

But unlike any other lounge on campus, it will be closed down for pre-registration, about four months a year; during the summer, for freshmen conferences; and, according to Robert Lacey, registrar, maybe even for drop and add.

# The Battalion

Who cares if hair is long or short or sprayed or frayed or partly grayed 'cause we all know that hair ain't where it's at.—Frank Zappa

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# Impeachment does not hinge on illegal acts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Judiciary Committee, investigating the possible impeachment of President Nixon, was advised by its staff Thursday that impeachable offenses need not be criminal acts.

The advice, quickly rejected by the ranking Republican member of the committee, was contained in a staff memorandum exploring in general terms the constitutional grounds for impeachment of a president.

In its most significant finding, the memorandum states that criminal law is not applicable to the process of removing a president from office.

"The criminal law . . . does not address itself to the abuses of presidential power," says the memorandum. "In an impeachment proceeding a president is called to account for abusing powers which only a president

possesses."

Chairman Peter W. Rodino, D-N.J., and Rep. Edward Hutchinson, R-Mich., at a news conference at which the memorandum was distributed, made it clear it in no way reflected the committee's position on the crucial question of what constitutes an impeachable offense.

Rodino called it a useful tool that would help the members make up their individual minds when it comes time to vote on whether grounds exist for impeaching Nixon.

Hutchinson said "it speaks to the committee, it does not speak for the committee." And he left no doubt that it did not speak for him.

"It supports a broader concept of impeachment than I would think wise in dealing with a president," said Hutchinson, who added that he believed criminal behavior should be required before a president was removed from office.

But the memorandum stated there is nothing in the 400-year history of impeachment in England, the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention or the precedents of the House to support the narrow view espoused by Hutchinson.

Turning specifically to the standards against which a president must be judged, the memorandum states that no precise criteria can be listed.

"However," it says, "where the issue is presidential compliance with the constitutional requirements and limitations on the presidency, the crucial factor is not the intrinsic quality of behavior but the significance of its effect upon our constitutional system or the functioning of our government."

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



IT LOOKS LIKE THE END of "Beginnings," billed as College Station's first tent revival, as discouraged revivalists gather up the remains. Thursday's high winds proved too

much for the fabric structure, but the show must go on, and the meeting was moved to the First Baptist Church. (Photo by Gary Baldarari)

## Constitutional revision fails to change Permanent Fund

AUSTIN (AP)—Repeated attempts to spread the wealth from the Permanent University Fund failed Thursday, once with a little help from Texas Constitutional Convention President Price Daniel Jr.

Daniel refused to cast a tie-breaking vote and make surplus income from the fund available to all schools in the University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems.

The vote was 82-82 on an amendment allowing regent or directors of the two systems to spend as they saw fit any of the fund's earnings that remain after servicing their bonds. As it stands, the leftover money can be spent only at UT-Austin and the main TAMU campus at College Station. Bonds could be issued against the fund, however, for buildings, equipment and

library books at any school in the two systems. Politically potent alumni and governing boards of the UT and A&M systems have staunchly opposed any further changes in the use of the fund.

The amendment appeared at first to be headed toward passage when a motion to table it failed, 77-86.

But several legislator-delegates then spoke against the amendment.

"This is something that will be a big squabble in every session of the legislature, with every school coming in and wanting to divide this fund up," said Rep. Wilson Foreman, D-Austin.

"I know you have been talked to and had your arms twisted on the floor" during the time con-

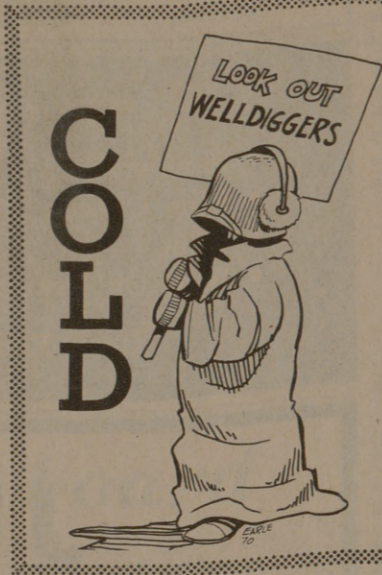
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## Weather

Fair and cool Friday with a northwesterly wind 8-14 m.p.h. High today 59°. Continued fair and cool tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight 41°. Warmer Saturday with a high of 67°.



## Policewomen feminine, say officers

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The two university policewomen say that they would like for people to realize that they are still feminine.

Both Mary Helen Gaas, 23, and Nancy Preslar, 21, emphasize that they feel it is important for people to realize even though they are in what has been a predominantly male field they are still women.

"I don't like for people to take the attitude that since I'm in a man's field I just have to take it like a man," said the pretty, brown-haired Gaas.

Preslar and Gaas explained that they were hired last August when more women moved onto campus. They say they know of no plans to hire more women for the force.

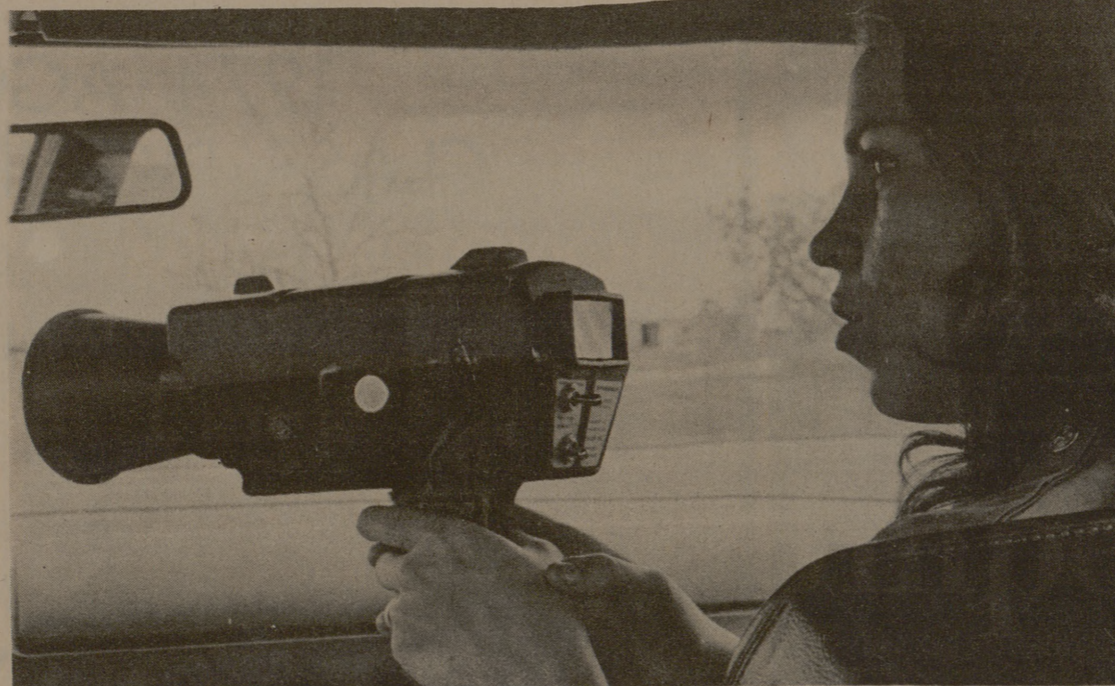
"We were hired primarily to handle any problems the women on campus might have, but we have received very few complaints," said Gaas.

"The resident advisors seem to do a very good job of solving any problems that the girls cannot solve themselves," said Preslar.

Since they have had few duties with the women in dorms, Gaas and Preslar have assumed the same duties as the other policemen have. They patrol, give tickets, and investigate disturbances. For night patrol they have a male policeman in the car with them.

Both women are interested in going into probation as well as police work. They look upon this job as a good training ground for their future plans.

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POLICE OFFICER NANCY Preslar is not wielding a ray gun from a science fiction novel. The device is a radar gun used to check for speeders. Preslar is one of two women on the campus police force. (Photograph by Alan Killingsworth)

## Basketball yell practice at 10 tonight in civilian quad