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Wheelchair day to feature check-out, basketball game



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Wheelchair Awareness Day planned for Friday will give students and faculty-staff opportunity to learn what it's like to be wheelchair bound.

A wheelchair basketball game featuring Houston teams and a plan to put other people in wheelchairs are scheduled.

The special day is a project of the student organization HOPE, Help Our People Excel. HOPE is composed primarily of handicapped students at TAMU.

HOPE President Mike Gagnee of Alice announced the Wheelchair Awareness Day program.

Thirty wheelchairs will be available. Faculty-staff may sign up to opening three hours in one between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students are scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. use.

The 7:30 p.m. basketball game, between the Houston-Galveston "Easy Riders" and the University of Houston "Rolling Cougars" will be in DeWare Field House. Game tickets are \$1 per adult, 50 cents for children under 16.

Wheelchair Awareness Day is designed "to help faculty and students realize what handicapped students go through every day," commented Sherry Easley. Wife of handicapped student Jerry Easley, she is helping with arrangements.

The program is expected to enhance awareness of the architectural and emotional problems faced by students in wheelchairs. It will also create more understanding for the handicapped, noted Gagnee.

Persons who spend three hours in a wheelchair will be asked to write a report on the physical barriers and emotional stress they encounter.

"It's possible," Mrs. Easley commented, "they will point out some barriers that have been overlooked."

The Texas Rehabilitation Of-

ice, located on the TAMU campus, has helped with Wheelchair Awareness Day arrangements. TRC counselor Don Gardner noted that the university has taken many steps to ease difficulties for handicapped students, and that the program is not designed to find fault.

Wheelchair signup is being conducted this week in the first floor hall of the Memorial Stu-

dent Center. The project is one of two planned by HOPE. The other is a handbook to be published that will acquaint new handicapped students with curb and building ramp locations at TAMU.

Wheelchairs are being donated by Bryan rental service companies, the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center and Houstonians.

Campus Briefs

Noted economist to speak

Dr. George C. Eads, associate professor of economics at George Washington University will speak on "Economists and Government Policymaking." The presentation is set for 3 p.m. Friday in Room 308 of the Fudder Tower.

A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Colorado in 1964, Eads received his Ph.D. at Yale University in 1968. He has been on the faculties of Harvard

and Princeton universities as well as George Washington University. In 1970-71 he served as Special Economics Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust, U. S. Department of Justice.

The economist has served as a consultant to several government agencies and he has numerous publications to his credit.

Scott heads yell leaders

Charlie Scott, a junior marketing major from Odessa, will be head yell leader next year.

Scott, Steve Taylor, G. II. Laster, Jim Bob Mickler and Chuck

Hinton will lead the TAMU student body in yells at football and basketball games and yell practices during 1974-75.

Corps commander

William Ricker of Corpus Christi has been named cadet corps commander of the Texas Maritime Academy.

Rear Adm. John W. Smith, TMA superintendent, announced Ricker's appointment along with the names of the four other top

cadet leaders for the Corps of Midshipmen for 1974-75.

Scott Craig of Anchorage, Alaska, will serve as corps executive officer. Company commanders include George Reeser, Beaumont; Jack Tompkins, Liberty, and Wayne Boyd, Houston.

Scholarships

Two students received scholarships from the Houston Sales and Marketing Executive Club last Thursday in Houston.

Teresa Anne Spetter and David O. Fraga, both junior marketing

majors, were recipients of \$500 scholarship.

Members of the club interviewed the top five marketing students here and awarded the scholarships at their annual sales meeting.

Bentsen asks increase in agriculture research fund

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, urged the Senate Agriculture appropriations subcommittee Wednesday to increase the Agriculture Department research budget by \$27.1 million.

The administration has requested \$98.7 million for the department's Cooperative State Research Service.

He said the service has cut its personnel rolls by 10 per cent since 1970 and that expenditures for research have decreased from 10.7 per cent of the total Agriculture Department budget in 1955 to 2.5 per cent in 1973.

"These reductions have forced our research effort to remain stagnant at roughly 1960 levels—fourteen years behind the times

during a period of skyrocketing food prices," he said. "I am seeking an increase in funding for this vital service in an effort to bring down food prices and prevent the prospect of food shortages."

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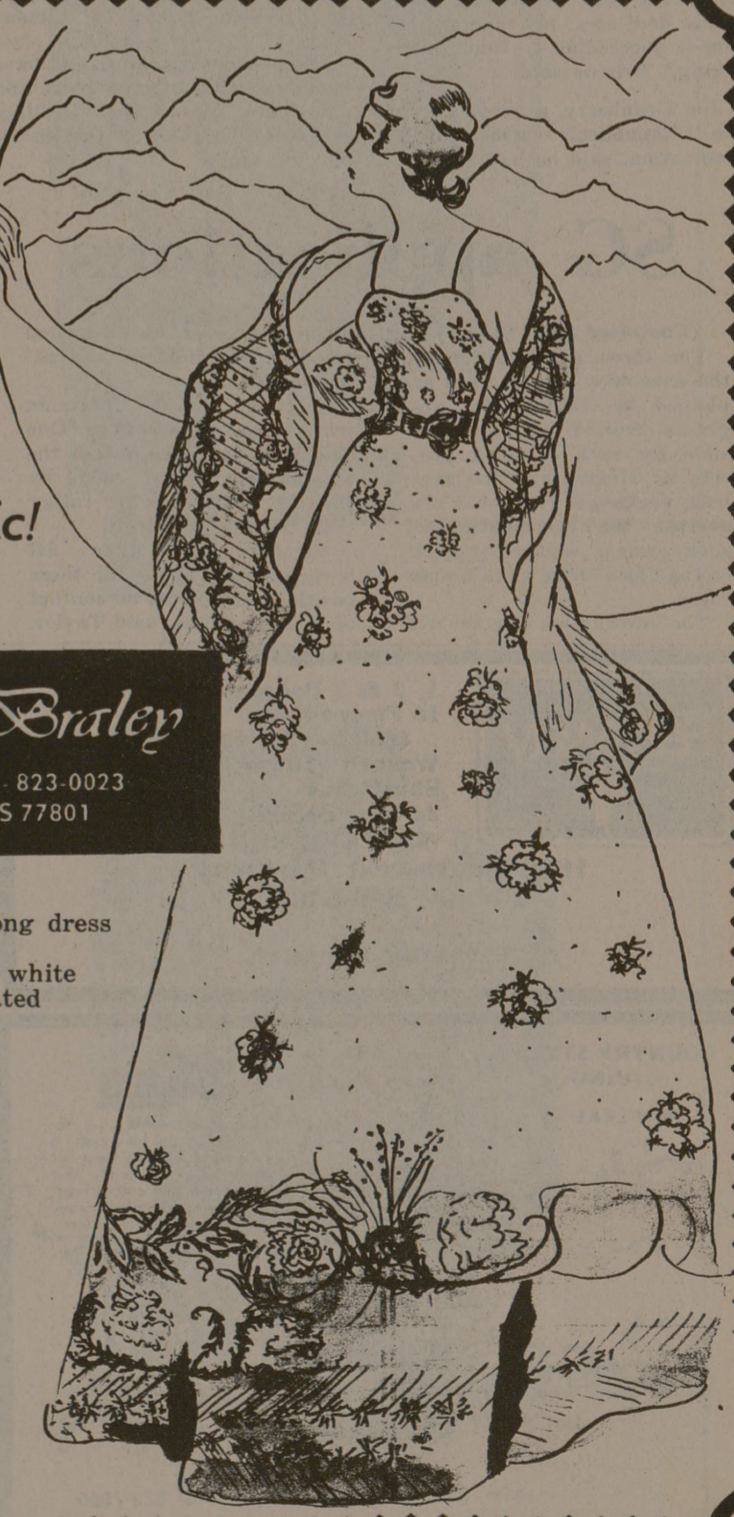
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