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A&M going to Cotton Bowl says Williams at G. Rollie

By KATHY BRUEGGEN

The Aggie Band was blaring "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" as the last few stragglers entered G. Rollie White Monday to attend All-University Night.

What may have been the first yell practice for many, turned out to be an example of what makes Aggie-land tick.

Two freshmen "sweet young things," Debbie Shafer of New Braunfels and Sharon Burris of San Antonio agreed that although A&M is a big school and offers variety, it still retains the "small school" atmosphere.

Many maroon and white Texas Aggie T-shirts were sprinkled among the khaki-colored uniforms

although one didn't need glasses to see that the Corps far outnumbered the non-regs. However, a Walton Warrior banner indicated that the civilians weren't to be overlooked. Various outfits and dorms spurted out mild obscenities as they belted out their individual yells.

As if on cue, Reveille began constant barking immediately after the prayer. From then on it was pep talk, plenty of whooping and hearing about Aggie Spirit.

Steve Eberhard, president of the Student Body, said that because of the new construction, A&M is going to be bigger and better. This comment received mild cheers, overpowered by loud hisses. He went on

to say the student body would be bigger and better as well and that this would be especially true for the Fightin' Texas Aggie football team.

Dr. Williams made a smash hit when he said, "This is the year we go to the Cotton Bowl." Williams spoke of A&M's enrollment of 21,000 plus and said, "All those that couldn't get in here have gone to the University of Texas. They've all enrolled in Home Economics there."

Williams commented on the Aggie's forthcoming football season: "We've got some owls to pluck, some frogs to gig and some Red Raiders to hang by the neck. All I know is that when they come up here, we try to be nice to them and all they do is ring those damn bells.

And I know one other thing. At the end of the season, we've got some Longhorns to butcher."

Steve Taylor, head yell leader, told a funny about how he was accused by a "bouncer" (dorm mother) of molesting girls at Baylor because he said "howdy" to all he met. He then spoke of Aggie Spirit and urged all students to be nice to Rice. Taylor said, "Meeting people and showing people you care is the spirit of A&M. But I don't think we should limit it to just this campus."

Coach Emory Bellard introduced the coaching staff and players and gave a brief pep talk. He said, "We're gonna fight. We're gonna fight like gangsters and we're gonna win. I promise that. You just be there on the 14th."

The band then broke into the yells and ended with everyone proudly singing "The Spirit of Aggie-land."



FIRST YELL PRACTICE of the year was led by head yell leader Steve Taylor in G. Rollie White Coliseum Monday night. He led a group of largely corps and freshmen at All University night. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)



UNIVERSITY CENTER TOURS acquainted new students with the MSC at Freshman Open House Saturday night. The open house showed students the building and the various organizations at TAMU. (Photo by Douglas Winship)

Mobile park owner sues CS workers; Lawyer found

By GERALD OLIVIER

An attorney was retained by the College Station City Council Friday to represent 12 present and former employees of the city in a \$50,000 suit filed by Ralph Bobbitt, owner of Bobbitt Trailer Park at FM 60 and FM 2818.

Bobbitt's park was serviced by the Bryan Rural Electrification Administration (REA) until 1972, when the city of College Station annexed the property and purchased the electrical rights.

L. P. Dulaney, director of public works and one of the plaintiffs

named in the suit, said electrical service was continued to the trailers already in use at the time of the transfer. Dulaney said that future hook-ups were not serviced unless they met specifications of College Station.

The suit alleges conspiracy on the part of the plaintiffs to destroy Bobbitt's business. Plaintiffs other than Dulaney named in the suit are: J. B. Hervey, former mayor; W. E. Johnson, Jr., chief electrical inspector; Jim Dozier, city attorney; Ran Boswell, city manager; Gail Smith, administrative assistant to the utilities department; Clarence Green, city electrician; R. M. Williams, assistant electrical inspector;

D. B. Jones, administrator of utility department; Joe Guidry, city electrician; and Shirley Urbanovsky, utility department employe.

Larry Bravenec, city councilman, said the council voted unanimously to retain Sears and Burns of Houston as attorneys in the case and to pay all legal fees.

The suit was discussed in closed session and the meeting was temporarily opened to vote, although no one left the council room to make that announcement, said Bravenec.

The Texas Open Meetings Law allows closed session discussion of pending litigation, but all votes must be taken in a public meeting.

The suit will be heard before Federal District Court in Houston.

Food price rise hits 14 per cent

Food prices continued their relentless climb during August, rising to a level 14 percent higher than a year earlier, an Associated Press marketbasket survey shows.

The AP checked the prices of 15 food and nonfood items in 13 cities on March 1, 1973, and has rechecked at the beginning of each succeeding month.

The latest check, at the start of the Labor Day weekend, showed that during August the marketbasket went up in every city surveyed except Dallas, Tex., where it dropped by a penny. The average increase was 4 1/2 percent. During July, the AP marketbasket rose in all 13 cities.

Many increases reflected higher prices paid to farmers and there were indications of further boosts because of the recent Midwest drought that severely damaged the corn crop that feeds the nation's dairy cows, poultry and beef cattle.

The Agriculture Department reported Friday that the price index for raw farm products rose 3 percent from July 15 to Aug. 15. The increase followed a 6 percent boost during the previous month.

The increases come after a period during which farmers complained they were losing money on their products.

Farmers still are getting less than they did a year ago when some prices were at record levels. But retailers claim rising costs of transportation and other items have prevented them from passing the savings on to shoppers.

The latest AP survey showed that prices at the beginning of September were up in every city checked since Jan. 1, an average of 11 percent over the eight-month period.

Bargains were as hard to find as ever. Preholiday sales on meat helped cut the price of chopped chuck, pork chops and all-beef frankfurters in a few cities, but over-all, there were more increases than declines in the price of meat.

Eggs went up in every city checked; sugar was up again in 11 cities; coffee was more expensive in eight cities; so was butter.

Rising world demand has pushed up the price of the raw sugar and boosted profits for refiners. Since last September, the price of a five-pound sack of granulated sugar has risen an average of 143 percent, according to the AP survey, jumping from 74 cents to \$1.80.

The increase ranged from 129 percent in Boston 79 cents to \$1.81, to 202 percent in Atlanta 64 cents to \$1.93, over the 12-month period.

Eggs went up in all 13 cities, an average 12 percent. But in every city except Albuquerque, N.M., they were 19 percent lower than they were last September.

The AP survey covered Albuquerque, Atlanta, Ga., Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, R.I., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Seattle.

Shuttle buses, carpools, bicycles offer major means of transportation

Campus transportation comes in a variety of methods, the three most common being shuttle bus, private cars, and bicycles.

Four different bus routes are covered during the 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. school day service. Rounds are made every 15-20 minutes.

A station wagon will serve those students remaining on campus from 6-10:40 p. m. Individuals using this service call the Physical Plant Department at 845-4311.

Passes or coupons are presented at each boarding. These are available through the Fiscal Office with passes costing \$15 per student per semester, \$22.50 for students and

spouses together and \$20 for staff and faculty. A book of ten coupons is available at \$1.50 for students and \$2 for non-students.

Route maps are available from the University Police, basement of the YMCA.

Motor vehicle regulations hinge on purchase and comprehension of parking permits.

Those people owning two or more motor vehicles must register each vehicle separately. Those with more than one vehicle, but using only one at a time on campus register them both under a "duplicate" permit. Those with this permit display a card on the driver's side of the front

windshield. Failure to display this results in a ticket.

People who are carpooling with three or more people can register all cars under one permit and may park the vehicle driven that day in the drivers' appropriate parking lot. Again a card is displayed on the driver's side of the front windshield with failure to do so a ticketable offense.

Spaces marked for disabled persons and "Reserved" are used by vehicles displaying the proper permit. Those vehicles illegally parked in these spaces will be towed away or immobilized by wheel locks.

Parking violation fines are five

dollars up to five tickets. Drivers exceeding this number have their permit revoked for the remainder of the year starting Sept. 1.

Delinquent tickets, those paid after a seven calendar day grace period, are an additional \$5. Fines are assessed in the Fiscal Office, Coke Building.

Three non-registration violations result in police impoundment of the vehicle.

Permits are displayed on the seat tubes of bicycles. Those not displaying the permit are ticketed and must pay a fine and register the bike before it is released. Bicyclists are asked to take every precaution against theft.

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Weather

Considerably cloudy and cooler with scattered showers today, tonight and tomorrow. High Tuesday 72°; low tonight 57°.



THE BIG PUSH was needed Saturday to win the annual pushball contest. The contest took place on the drill field and dorms, both men's and women's, competed against each other. (Photo by David Kimmel)

Rain delays apartment construction

By ROD SPER
Construction of Phase 2 of the Scandia Apartment complex on Anderson Street has been delayed by rain and, as a result, incomplete apartment units were rented, forcing some students to fend for other housing.

About 140 of the 208 units in Phase 2 have been rented, according to Ja Juana Allen, manager. At least 48 of those are in the "more complete" stage with stoves, furniture, refrigerators and air conditioning and are currently occupied, she said. Other apartments are in various stages of construction and renters live in the incomplete units or seek temporary or permanent housing elsewhere.

Four buildings with eight units and two with 16 units are in a skeletal stage with little more than two-by-fours in place and Allen said construction on these structures has

been halted to concentrate efforts on the near-complete buildings. She said construction crews are working seven days a week but could not say when the units will be finished.

Gene Holmes and Paul Gibson are two undergraduates living in an incomplete apartment unit in Phase 2. They moved in Saturday, had a refrigerator installed yesterday and expect a stove in a day or two.

Living without air conditioning was their main concern, but they have few other complaints. They said they have not signed a lease yet and will not be charged for rent until the unit is finished. They have only invested the \$50-per-person deposit.

"We can't charge rent when tenants don't have air conditioning, a stove or a refrigerator," Allen said. She said no leases have been signed for Phase 2 apartments.