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Powell says coeds won't replace men

Male residents of McInnis Hall almost found themselves faced with a female invasion. As a result of miscalculations, there are 14 girls living in dorm rooms without a bed. Although Dr. Charles Powell, director of student affairs said the guys will not and cannot be forced to vacate their rooms, several girls plan on moving into McInnis this weekend.

Laurie Koenig, president of Kentsley and fourth floor RA, said that Powell has higher authority and the girls will just have to wait until definite, final word is received. The "three-to-a-room" situation has caused a great deal of girls an inconvenience, but Powell said that a solution will be worked out to accommodate everyone satisfactorily. No one, however, will be forced to vacate their rooms, Powell stressed.

Board to let contract on wall

Luedecke expects Northgate project to begin next month

By JIM PETERS

Construction on a wall along the northern boundary of campus will begin next month, according to Gen. Alvin R. Luedecke, executive vice-president.

The brick and iron structure, termed the "Northgate Perimeter Development Boundary Device" by university officials, will stretch along University Avenue from the United States Department of Agriculture building to the Engineering Center.

A contract for the wall is expected to be awarded Tuesday by the University Board of Directors. Construction bids ranged between \$400,000 and \$590,000.

NORTHGATE AREA merchants, students and faculty members have criticized the proposed wall.

The Student Senate last spring passed a measure taking "strong exception" to the university's "neglect to allow for student input into the development of the master landscape plan." The wall is one of four projects included in that plan.

Proponents of the wall say it will create order in the "chaotic" Northgate area. Opponents argue just the opposite.

At any rate, it is certain the wall will be built, with a scheduled completion date in fall, 1975.

About one-third of the nearly 3,000-foot-long structure will be a brick wall, broken up by stretches of iron fencework. The fence will resemble the iron barrier to the north of Kyle Field.

HEIGHT OF THE WALL will vary between four and six feet.

Luedecke said, depending on the scale of the buildings behind the wall.

Live oak trees and ivy will be planted on either side of the wall and sidewalks will be laid along the street side.

The only openings in the wall will be where a street cuts through. No wall will be erected in front of the Northgate Post Office, since that is federal property.

Tongue-in-check reports this summer of a concrete block wall, with broken glass strewn along the top, built up the image of the wall as a Berlin-like barrier.

THE QUESTION of "why a wall at all" was answered with a variety of reasons.

Timothy W. Keneipp, a designer with the TAMU Facilities Planning and Construction Department, called the wall a "device for delineating campus limits." He emphasized the importance of the structure as a "visual showpiece" for the university.

Gen. Luedecke said the wall will take attention off of the parking lots and backs of the dormitories.

The Student Senate Campus Planning Committee last spring said they found the entire "wall concept to be totally objectionable."

IT RECOMMENDED a "living" wall consisting of low shrubbery, broken up by stretches of three-foot high brick walls. At this height the walls could be used as seats for pedestrians, the committee suggested.

The proposal was rejected by the design firms contracted by the university as being of the "wrong

scale." Gen. Luedecke said the committee recommendation "just didn't have the same impact" as the current plan.

"It didn't accomplish what the landscape architects felt should be accomplished aesthetically," Luedecke said.

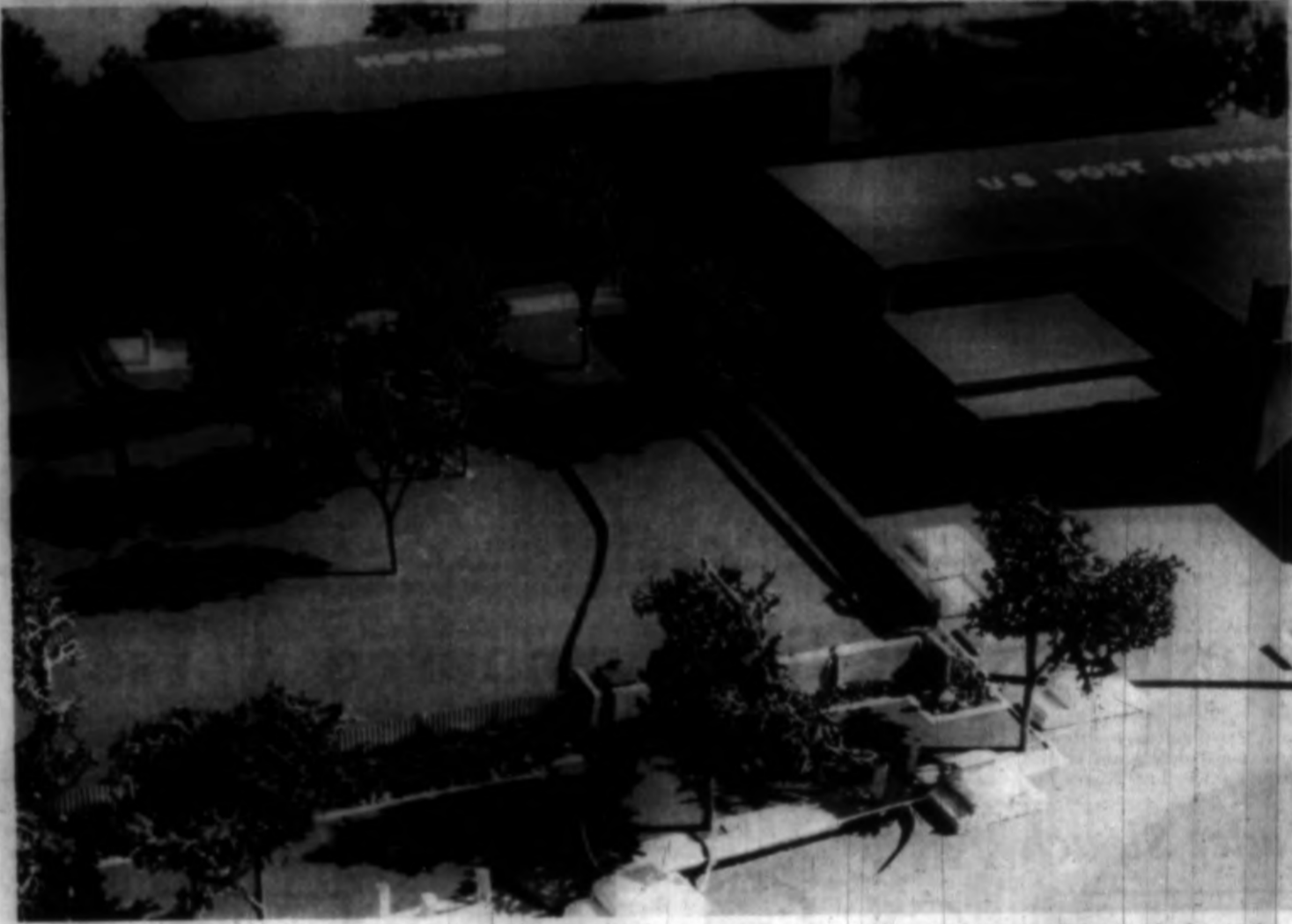
ROBERT F. WHITE, former head of the university's landscape architecture department, said he felt the wall would be an asset to the Northgate area.

"If immediately across the street from the campus there was a nice open park space—or even a commercial area where there was some vegetation—then there would be no need for such a plan," White offered.

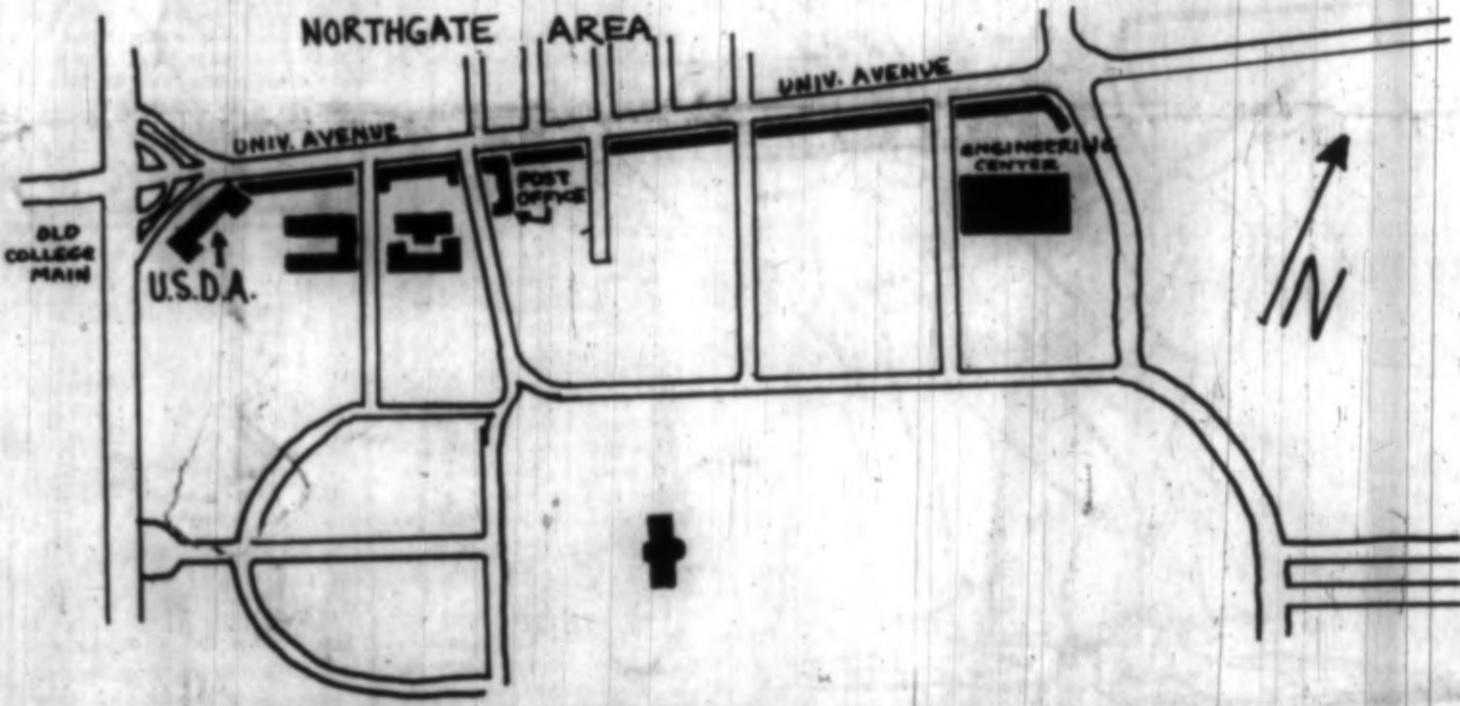
Another complaint voiced was the lack of consultation by the architects with an existing advisory committee for long range campus planning.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE said they met once with the planners to discuss preliminary plans for the wall. Since that meeting last November the committee had not been consulted to any aspect of the master landscape plan.

Other projects included in the landscape plan are a new plaza at the entrance to the Corp of Cadets area, a fountain and plaza west of the Chemistry Building, a new focal point between the System and Agriculture Buildings, additional work in the Sbis-North Dormitory area and modifications in the landscape design at the main entrance on Highway 6.



SCALE MODEL shows a portion of the Northgate wall to be built along the south side of University Drive beginning next month. One-third of the wall will be constructed of tan bricks, with the remaining sections fashioned from iron pickets. This view looks south toward the College Station Post Office. (Photo By Doug Winship)



LOCATION OF WALL is depicted by solid line running parallel to University Drive.

New Shuttle Bus Committee discusses problems, routes

The Shuttle Bus Committee met Thursday morning to discuss problems, route changes and acquaint new members.

The committee of faculty and students agreed to revise Route 2A to include a stop at Parkway Apartments.

The modification of routes to include stops at Treehouse Apartments and Oak Forest Mobile Home Park was discussed.

A list of residents wanting shuttle bus service promised to the committee was not furnished by Treehouse Apartments. This and other problems caused the proposal to be set aside for further investigation.

The committee agreed to remove extra bus stop signs near Travis House Apartments on FM-30 to consolidate riders in that area.

Riders on shuttle route three are advised that a bus stop closer to home can sometimes be found on route 4. This can be determined by checking route maps.

There were financial troubles last year but now shuttle bus finances are in the black.

The committee plans to use available money to get as many buses possible on routes and running smoothly. There are plans to increase rider information and install benches at some bus stops.

Dr. Charles Powell, chairman of the committee, asks that riders have patience and cooperate for the first few weeks until problems are remedied.

Today

Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and mild Friday. Winds from the east-northeast 7-12 mph. High Friday 80°, low tonight 59°, high Saturday 84°.



Students call convention a waste

Services fees spent on NSA 'flop'

By MARY RUSSO

After spending over \$250 in student fees to send a delegate to the National Student Association convention this summer, the student leader found the conference had "been a waste of time and money."

Karla Mourtsen, SG secretary, was sent to the congress for the purpose of finding out about NSA's various service offerings.

"The workshops dealt with broad concepts and were fairly helpful, maybe," said Mourtsen.

THE GENERAL MEETINGS she said, were poorly run with shows of parliamentary maneuver-

ing and arrogance.

University of Texas SG President Frank Fleming agreed. "The delegates were more interested in petty fights than in getting anything accomplished," said Fleming.

The major issue of the convention was finding out whether the NSA staff in Washington was willing to disclose their salaries. I only attended the meeting for a couple days, but found only one workshop offered encouragement.

THAT WORKSHOP dealt with student services. It was interesting to find other SG's showing a growing concern in offering more student services," said Fleming.

Fleming, as UT's president, is

faced with the problem of student services in a real way since SG at Austin is now on optional funding. To generate its budget, UT must meet student wants or face the consequences.

Other negative reports were generated about the convention by Bob Greene, a Chicago Sun-Times reporter (see comment on page 2).

A STUDENT LEADER from another Southwest Conference school found the convention beneficial however.

"I found the convention very successful in my own expectations, which were to meet students from other schools across the nation and interact with them," said Ginger Hansel, student services director at University of Houston's SG.

She said that perhaps the workshops the A&M and UT delegates attended just didn't catch their interest.

I ATTENDED one on the unionization of students for improvements. The students in Massachusetts have threatened, in mass, to stop tuition payment until their demands were met. They carried out their threat and the universities were forced to meet their demands," said Hansel.

She suggested that if the two other Texas delegates had stayed until the completion of the convention, they might have seen the validity in the squabbling about the

salaries. The convention fell into a sectional battle in the end with the North and East fighting the West and South. "At least there was some coalition on the outset," Hansel said.

There had been confusion at the convention, Hansel admitted, but she said that this could be due to having the convention in a hotel, allowing smoking or drinking and 300 people descending on one place at one time.



TRAINER David Heath uses some of the equipment in the new athletic dormitory to soothe some of the bruises on Edgar Fields' arm. (Photo by David Kimmel)

Institute appointed in closed session

Medical services evaluated for grant

Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio was appointed last night by the Brazos Valley Development Council (BVDC) to evaluate county emergency medical services.

The Institute, chosen during a closed session in the monthly executive committee meeting of BVDC, will decide if county emergency medical services are eligible for the emergency medical systems grant created under the Emergency Services Systems Act of 1973.

Since March 1, the county has been served by Sherrill's Ambulance Service and has recently come under criticism.

During the same meeting, the Brazos Valley Arts Council requested \$3,000. A new cultural center is being considered by the Arts Council group and to request a federal grant for the project. It asked for money to prepare brochures.

Action was delayed so that Glenn J. Cook, executive director, could

further investigate the proposal.

A report was also made to the committee on the radio communications system nearing completion. Col. Claude C. Stewart detailed the progress of the system.

Installed with the "very latest in equipment," the system is comprised of two base stations, and an inter-city base station. Technically a Police Communications System, it facilitates county-to-county and city-to-city security.

A public bus ramp was also voted

to be built in Robertson County. The ramp will be located on the highway right-of-way at Texas 79 and the Brazos River. Funding will be provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A "Needs and Priority Listing" was approved by the council regarding its Drug Abuse Advisory Committee. Among the priorities was the need for more educational programs informing the public of the extent of drug activity and the need for coordination of community action.