



Books for these shelves are sometimes ordered months before the class is set to begin. (Photo by Rodger Mallison)

Texts ordered early

Purchasing lengthy process

By JIM CRAWLEY

Elapsed time between the selection of a textbook and the time it is bought by the student may be as long as four months, said Howard DeHart, manager for the University Center Bookstore Book Dept., Monday.

The process of ordering, receiving and selling textbooks is a complicated system of telephone calls, forms, committees and computers. The instructors of the course choose their own texts as a general rule. The selection process was found to be generally consistent from one department to another in an informal Battalion survey.

The English Dept. is fairly representative of most academic departments in the manner in which it selects textbooks. Each course has a committee or group of instructors that teach the course. This group meets and decides on the books to be used for the next semester. This choice has to be approved by the department head.

Then, a form is distributed to each department by the bookstore where the department lists all books to be used. When returned the forms include estimates of the number of students who will enroll in the course. The bookstore uses this figure and the previous year's

total for the course, said DeHart.

The bookstore then orders from 80 per cent to 95 per cent of the expected enrollment for the course. DeHart said this is because many students buy from the off-campus stores.

DeHart orders the books. He uses the telephone because of the speed and the near-impossibility of the order being lost. The store also uses a computer to keep track of the orders and the books on hand.

After a period of about eight weeks, the books arrive at the store and are processed, DeHart said. The books have to be checked for damage and are priced. At this

point, the student buys the book.

Along with the ordering of books, the store also buys back student books that are used, DeHart said. Currently, the store buys back all used books at half the retail price, unless the book has been discontinued by the publisher or by the instructor. Discontinued books are bought back for about 10 per cent of the original price, he said.

Due to the high turnover rate of textbooks, the campus store makes little or no money on its textbook sales. The store makes a profit on its gift and supplies they sell on the second level of the store, said DeHart.

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Final board installments are due by Tuesday.

Students on the 7-day Board Plan must pay \$127 and students on the 5-day Board Plan owe \$114. The payments may be made either at the main fiscal office or in the new branch office in the Rudder Tower.

Dominik battle still not settled

By GERALD OLIVIER
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The question of rezoning a tract of land between Dominik Street and Highway 30 remains unsettled following Wednesday night's City Council meeting.

The council set up a conference between city officials, Dominik Street residents and attorneys for both to discuss the matter.

City representatives will be City Attorney Neeley Lewis, Councilman Larry Bravenec and Jim Dozier (both attorneys) and Mayor O. M. Holt.

Tom Kozik, a Dominik resident, has retained Brooks Cofer to represent him in the case.

The conference will attempt to define the exact legal questions involved.

Action on the request by owner Harry Seaback, local developer, is being delayed pending a decision by

the council on the admissibility of a petition signed by Dominik Street residents and sympathizers.

The city's zoning ordinance states that if a petition, signed by 20 percent of the property owners within 200 feet of the area in question, is submitted to the city secretary prior to the public hearing on the matter, a three-fourths vote of the council will be required to change the zoning.

Lewis advised the council last week the petition was not admissible because it was submitted after the hearing had begun.

Dozier said that by accepting the petition at the meeting the council in effect waived the requirement of early submission.

If the petition was presented legally, the question of whether or not 20 percent of the property owners' names were on it remains unanswered.

If the adjoining property owned

by Seaback is included in the total, the signers constitute only 10 percent of the owners. Without Seaback, the total represented by the petition is well above the required 20 percent.

"The conflict between the letter of the law and its intent is at question," said Bravenec.

Tom Kozik said the Dominik residents are interested in determining whether the city attorney's ruling on the petition was fair.

Kozik said the specific wording of the law is superfluous; what is being questioned is intent.

Lane Stephenson, another Dominik resident, said he knew of only one of the group who did not stand fully behind Kozik.

"We owe it to the citizens involved on both sides to throw this to some impartial authority for an opinion," Bravenec said.

The impartial authority selected was the Attorney General of Texas, John Hill. Dozier suggested the conference between interested parties and their attorneys as a means for deciding the exact legal question involved. He emphasized the need for an exact question before an Attorney General's opinion could be obtained.

UT chancellor LeMaistre will comply with request

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—University of Texas professors may have to put in writing any question directed to Chancellor Charles LeMaistre on his firing of Stephen Spurr as president of the school.

LeMaistre has agreed to appear before a meeting of the General Faculty Nov. 20.

The secretary of the General Faculty, English professor James Kinneavy, Wednesday said LeMaistre

has agreed to follow the regulation governing questions to school presidents at such meetings.

That regulation reads: "Involved questions, questions of major importance and questions the answer to which may require preparation of factual material should be submitted in writing to the secretary for transmittal to the president at least one week before the date of the meeting at which the question is to be considered."

P&Z joins in Council committee

By GERALD OLIVIER
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The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) agreed at a joint meeting of the two bodies Wednesday night to participate on a committee set up by the City Council to review city developmental controls.

The P&Z had declined to appoint representatives to the committee at its last meeting and requested a meeting with the council to answer questions about the new body.

John Longley, P&Z chairman, said, "Everything proposed for the committee is covered by existing committees."

"We don't need another committee breathing down the necks of the present ones," Tom Chaney, P&Z member said.

Questions regarding the scope of topics to be considered by the task force were raised by P&Z members.

Councilman Jim Gardner, author of the resolution creating the committee, said the committee needs latitude to discuss whatever comes up. Specific examples of items to be considered were included in the resolution to give the committee direction, Gardner said.

"The present committees have done nothing to my knowledge, along these lines," Gardner said.

The committee will review the city's developmental controls and make recommendations to the council for improvements.

Chaney said the committee should identify problems, not attempt solutions.

After much discussion, commission members George Boyett and Chaney agreed to serve on the committee to "protect our own interests, if nothing else."

"If the council thinks this committee will be helpful, we will cooperate," Longley said.

The council directed City Manager North Bardell to examine types of community facilities built by cities with a hotel-motel tax revenue equivalent to College Station's.

City Attorney Neeley Lewis said the building of a community center was within the guidelines for spending the funds.

In other action, the council accepted the bid of Ward and Jeter Service and Supply of Madisonville for the fencing of a baseball field at the new Bee Creek Park. "The fencing will cost \$8,250 and will make the facility first class," Parks and Recreation department head Paul Wojciechowski said.

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Weather

Mostly cloudy and cool with intermittent light rain Thursday. Continued cloudy and 30% chance of rain Friday. High today 57°; low tonight 50°; high Friday 65°.

Liquor? Can't buy at Skaggs

By JACK HODGES
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Some Skaggs Albertson's stores across the state have had their liquor permits canceled and others suspended following court battles winding up Oct. 30, at a state district court in Austin.

The suspensions will last 60 days and permits will not be renewed until the corporate structures are reorganized, said Joe Darnel, a lawyer for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC).

Skaggs Albertson's at 301 S. College Ave. had its permit suspended effective Monday, having to clear its shelves of beer and wine by last Sunday midnight. Last Wednesday there was a half price sale of all wine.

The court ruled that Skaggs Albertson's corporation was not operating for the benefit of the permittee, in violation of article 666.18 of the Texas Penal Code.

Under the law, Skaggs (a nationwide store chain) could not hold liquor permits in the state because it does not own at least 51 percent of the corporate stock in Texas. "Since they (Skaggs) couldn't obtain the permits, they set up liquor corporations which could," Darnel said.

The new corporations holding the permits are required to control the sale of liquor in each store. An investigation by the ABC revealed the liquor corporations were pawns of Skaggs Albertson's and were controlled by them, Darnel said.

Skaggs was in trouble over the summer when some of its permits were up for renewal and the ABC was informed of irregularities. ABC auditors found that Skaggs was operating a "paper front" for liquor corporations, Darnel said. "Paper fronts" act as false entities of another corporation.

The dummy liquor corporations established were Super Save Liquor Corporation, Bacchus Enterprise Inc. and Romulus Enterprise Inc..

"These corporations were being managed by the Skaggs corporation and did not act separately as they are supposed to," Darnel said.

A local Skaggs spokesman said, the College Avenue store will lose about \$7,000 each week in beer and wine sales, out of approximately \$200,000 in weekly gross sales.

"Those who have their beer permits under suspension will probably keep them but there is no indication that the ones that were canceled will be renewed," Darnel said.

Correction

The Battalion erroneously reported Tuesday the figure of the proposed county budget as \$3,396,809. That figure represents the total resources included in the budget. The actual proposed budget is \$2,429,272 in total expenditures which reflects an increase of \$663,330 over this year's budget.



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Landscaping plans released for bids

By JIM CRAWLEY
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Campus landscaping to the tune of \$500,000 is up for bid.

The landscaping is planned for 13 locations on campus.

Under the plan, by Myrick, Newman and Dahlberg of Dallas, Lamar Street (between MSC and Bizzell Hall) will be landscaped from Throckmorton (west of the Military Science Building) to Houston (from Northgate to the MSC) streets.

The Lamar Street change will involve landscaping the area between Bizzell Hall and the Rudder Center fountain. This area will be a mall and lawn area.

Another area of major improvements will be on Coke Street which runs along the east side of the Biological Sciences Building East between Lamar and the Campus Mall area. Plans include the addition of bicycle racks, greenery and sidewalks.

Because of the present heavy traffic at the Lamar Street and Coke Street sites, most of the area will be made into a paved mall with interspersed greenery.

To accomplish this the plans call for three types of paving material. Most of sidewalks and mall will be a type of "exposed aggregate," said construction Manager Charles

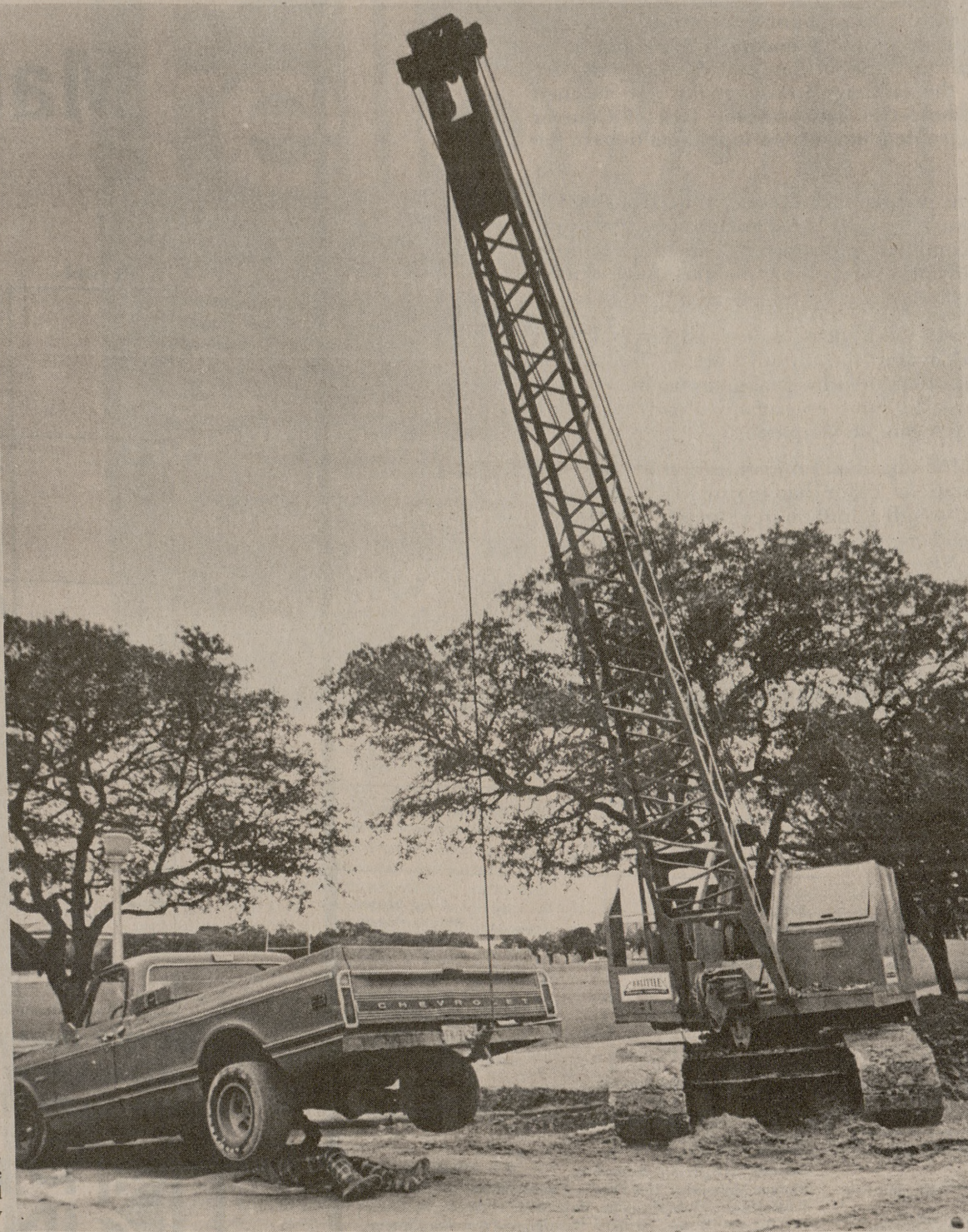
Brunt. In addition, a special concrete, which allows moisture and air to pass through it, will be used around the trees planned for the beautification of the campus. Smooth brown concrete will also be used.

The half-million dollar beautification project will involve the planting of hundreds of trees, shrubs, vines and other plants. About 52,000 Japanese starjasmime plants will be placed in the Lamar and Coke Street malls. Bermuda and St. Augustine grasses will be used throughout the landscaping program.

This will be the second step to reduce on-campus car traffic. Presently, Bizzell Street behind the Systems Administration Building is closed to traffic and is used for parking. The closing of Lamar Street alleviates the possibility of students getting hit by a car when crossing over to the MSC.

Brunt said that construction on the project would begin as soon as possible after the letting of bid. He said the area around Hart Hall and the Biological Sciences Building would probably be disrupted for most of the construction period.

Plans also call for the addition of some small trees at President Williams' home.



Changing the muffler

A crane came in handy when Tommy Hamilton decided to change foreman Jim Glover's muffler. The crane is part of the equipment being used to work on the landscape project underway on Houston near the YMCA Building. (Photo by Rodger Mallison)