

Computer will aid auditor

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Staff Writer

In a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, the Brazos County Commissioners Court approved a proposal to purchase a computer to update the existing bookkeeping system in the county auditor's office.

The meeting was called after the court spent much of its time during

its regular monthly meeting Nov. 11 considering approval of the county budget.

The court accepted a bid of \$32,189 from Burroughs Corp., 1706 E. 27th, for the system which will be installed before Jan. 1. Money for the purchase will be taken from revenue sharing funds, County Judge Bill Vance said.

Two other companies, IBM and Texas Data Center Inc. of Bryan also submitted proposals. IBM submitted a bid of \$74,132 and Texas Data proposed a plan which would make equipment available to the county at a cost of \$60 per hour. Both bids were turned down.

The Burroughs system will consist of a central computer, card stacker and reader. Vance said the

new system will record voter registration lists, county payroll and general accounting data.

The present accounting system, which involves voluminous paperwork, has been used since the late 1930's.

In other action, the court approved an increase in hospital insurance coverage for county employees from \$16 a day to \$25 a day.

Bus service runs aground

A strike by 16,000 employees of Greyhound Bus Lines has left the Bryan-College Station area with virtually no commercial bus transportation.

The strike, which began Monday, is not expected to be a long one, according to Sam Enloe, Bryan Greyhound agent.

"The bus line has terminated local passenger and freight service until the strike is settled," he said.

The Amalgamated Transit Union, headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz., called the strike which resulted in 1,300 contract employees in Texas walking off their jobs Monday afternoon when the contract expired. Negotiations between the union and the bus company broke off at 2 p. m., an hour after the strike began.

Enloe said the local office at 1300 Texas Ave. will try to provide customers with information on other

means of travel daily from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

"The nearest freight and passenger service will be available in Hearne on Continental Trailways Bus Lines and Kerrville Bus Lines in Brenham," he said.

Charter bus service has also been shut down, Enloe said. But he pointed out that charter service is being permitted by the union for up to another week in other parts of the nation.

Greyhound tickets are being honored by Amtrak and Contin-

ental. Spokesmen for Amtrak said Greyhound was making up for the difference between train and bus fares.

Terminal service in Houston has been stopped along with 26 daily departures and arrivals, according to Bill Cohen, area sales manager in Houston.

Guy Parent, federal mediator, said union and company representatives were negotiating for 48 straight hours, prior to the strike. He said he did not know when talks would be resumed.

Bulletin board

TODAY
THE COMMITTEE MEETING is at 7:30 p. m. in the Student Programs Office.

PANHANDLE HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p. m. in room 501 in the Rudder Tower. Rules and projects will be discussed.

PHYSICS SEMINAR on "Correlations and fluctuations in Liquid Helium" features Dr. Linda Beckle of UT-Austin at 4 p. m. in room 146 in the Physics Building.

TAMU HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p. m. in room 215 of the Animal Industries Building to discuss breeding of horses and care of foals.

TAMU BOWLING CLUB meets at 7 p. m. at the USC bowling lanes to elect officers, discuss dues and projects.

TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION will sponsor a conference on "Numerical Control Machines and Computer-Aided Manufacturing" in room 301 of the Rudder Tower.

STUDENT SEMINAR on radioactive waste management features Arnold Granger of Houston Lighting and Power Co. at 4 p. m. in room 105B of the Zachry Engineering Center.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT will feature Arthur V. Wolfe speaking on becoming a professional manager at 10 a. m. in room 203 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

TAMCAMS meets at 7:30 p. m. in room 110 of the O&M Building. A film and slide presentation on tomatoes will be shown.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING WIVES CLUB visits Pat Walker's Figure Perfection, 3723 E. 29th St. at 7:30 p. m. for a demonstration.

AM STUDENT CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION meets at 7:30 p. m. in room 407A&B of the Tower for a film series and discussion of draft hearing procedures.

MARKETING SOCIETY meets at 7:15 p. m. near the MSC Fountain and later in room 601 A&B in the Rudder Tower. Group picture for the Aggeland and discussion of field trip.

EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 8 p. m. in rooms L&M on the second floor of the MSC to discuss secretariat and club pictures.

TAMU GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY meets at 7:30 p. m. in room 105 of the Geosciences Building.

SA ANTONIO HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p. m. in room 301 of the Rudder Tower. Thanksgiving and Christmas parties will be discussed.

GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES sponsors a lecture on "Chemical Fractionation During the Condensation of the Solar System" by Prof. Lawrence Grossman of the University of Chicago at 7:30 p. m. in room 112 of the Oceanography-Meteorology Building.

FRIDAY
OCEANOGRAPHY SEMINAR on radioactive tracing tools features Dr. Richard Ku of the University of Southern California at 3:30 p. m. in room 112 of the Oceanography-Meteorology Building.

TAMU METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT will have a special seminar on the processing, distribution and utilization of information from the Geophysical Operational Environmental Satellite. Brian Heckman, staff meteorologist with the National Environmental Satellite Service, will speak in room 103 of the O&M building.

CHESS CLUB meets at 7 p. m. in room 504 of the Rudder Tower.

SATURDAY
IRANIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION meets at 7 p. m. in room 114 of the Herman Heep Building.

AUXILIARY TO THE STUDENT CHAPTER of the American Veterinary Medical Association will sponsor an old-fashioned bazaar from 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. at the Manor East Mall. Proceeds will be used for community service projects.

TAMU FENCING CLUB will host the TAMU Invitational Collegiate Fencing Tournament at 10 a. m. in the DeWare Field House.

ALPHA ZETA CROWN'S CAR WASH will be held at the Mobil station on University Drive from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Cost is \$2.00 for a wash, dry and vacuum.

MONDAY
EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p. m. in room 501 of the Rudder Tower.

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Beginning Arabic — 7 p. m. — 123 Academic Building

Intermediate Arabic — 7 p. m. — 125 Academic Building

The Gospels — 7:30 p. m. — 106 Academic Building

Natural Food Cooking — 7 p. m. — 407 Cooner Street

Yoga — 7 p. m. — 302 Rudder Tower

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Famine group asks Thanksgiving fasting

Americans are being urged to fast on Thursday as a practical and symbolic gesture of concern over starvation that threatens to claim millions of lives this year.

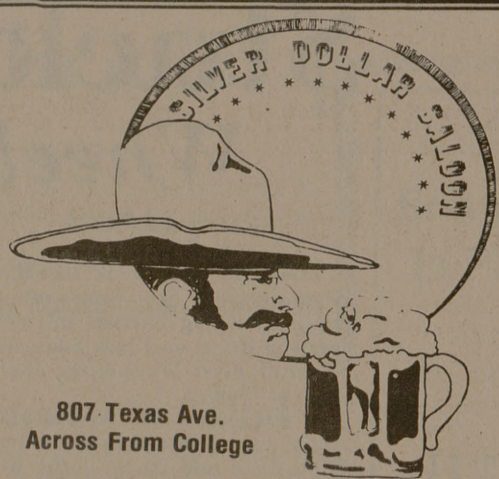
Oxfam-America, the U. S. branch of the British-based Oxford Famine Relief Committee, is sponsoring the fast. Spokesmen estimate that at least 200,000 persons will participate, limiting themselves to coffee, tea, fruit juice or broth for 24 hours and donating the money they normally would spend on food to an Oxfam fund for the hungry.

United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said the fast "is a welcome example of how individuals have a chance to join together in creating greater awareness of alarming global food shortages and in sharing their resources with those in greater need."

The U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization has estimated that more than 500 million persons face starvation in over 30 countries.

Several representatives at the recent World Food Conference in Rome urged Americans to cut their food consumption. Some people

have said that if each American gave up one hamburger a week, there would be a saving of 10 million tons of grain that would not have to be fed to livestock. The grain would feed 25 million persons in poor countries.



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