

Fall 1975 routing changes approved for shuttle buses

Route changes for shuttle buses effective in the fall of 1975 were approved Tuesday by the Shuttle Bus Advisory Committee.

One of the major changes was the exclusion of the Monaco complexes from the present Route 1. This area will be added to the service zone of the Route 2 buses which load at complexes south of the campus and west of Highway 6.

Also scheduled is the addition of more buses to Routes 1 and 2 to accommodate anticipated increases in passengers.

Route 1 will be split into two routes for the morning peak hours, as is done now. Route 1 buses will leave campus by way of New Main

Drive, and will not make any stops west of Highway 6. Complexes included in the route are Tanglewood, Travis House, Barcelona and Plantation Oaks.

A possible addition to the new Route 2 is the Oak Forest Mobile Home Park. Despite its location on the east side of Highway 6, a reversal in the direction by the Route 2 buses will enable the stop without encountering cross traffic.

Routes 3 and 4 will stay essentially the same. The only changes are a one-block shortening of 3 to keep it off the gravel road near Mobiltown Trailer Park and a slight rerouting of 4 to Jefferson Street in the Northgate area. The Route 3

alteration will be effective next semester. It was prompted by damage to the buses and to the road surface where no hard-top pavement exists.

Dr. Charles Powell, committee chairman, asked for the committee's approval to initiate action to build shelters on campus at the major shuttle bus stops. He suggested the corner of Joe Routh Boulevard and Houston Street for riders on Route 2, the corner of Lubbock Street ac-

ross from Krueger-Dunn for Route 1 and the corner of Ross Street and Ireland Street for Routes 3 and 4. The Lubbock Street location will be the only stop for the Route 1 buses next fall. Planned construction on campus will make the present circle following Bizzell, Lamar, and Lubbock Streets unsatisfactory.

The plans for bus shelters will have to be made to accommodate the long-range beautification plans for the campus as a whole.

Campus briefs

Theater discussion postponed

Dr. John Joy's talk on "The Place of the Theater versus The Theater in its Place" has been postponed until Dec. 12.

The joint presentation of the SC and the Great Issues Committee will be held in rooms 215 and 216 of the Rudder Tower at 8 p.m.

Joy will discuss "the necessity of the theater arts in society and the roll censorship plays in subverting its goals."

Amateur astronomers to gather

Dr. Ron Schorn, A&M physics professor, will open his home for a gathering of amateur astronomers Friday.

If weather conditions permit, the group will engage in a little stargazing, but the meeting will be held regardless. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The group will discuss the merits and details of a more formal organization. Anyone interested in attending should call 846-4172 or 823-5519 for directions to Schorn's house.

Weekend rally planned

The Sports Car Club holds its third autocross of the year Dec. 6 and 7 in what is termed a "winter weekend."

The autocross begins with 9 a.m. registration Saturday in Parking Lot 59 across the railroad tracks from Wofford Cain Pool.

Time runs then begin at 12:30 after a 30-minute break for lunch. A 120-mile rally will be featured Sunday with registration at 12:30 p.m. and a 1 p.m. target time for competition.

Members of the TAMSCC may enter both for \$5 or one for \$3. Non-members will pay \$4 for each or \$6 for both.

Club officials emphasize that helmets and seatbelts are required. Some helmets will be available.

Several questions surround Olmecs

In the jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula around 1000 B. C. a mysterious people called the Olmecs carved colossal heads, children and jaguars from stone and jade. In the language of their successors, the Aztecs, Olmec means rubber people.

Dr. Jerry Epstein discussed Olmec sculpture in a Great Issues presentation Tuesday night.

Describing himself as a "little old country boy from New York" Epstein is a college professor with a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He began the talk saying, "You don't have to be crazy to be an archeologist, but it helps."

Calling the Olmecs the earliest great American civilization, Epstein said, "That's no exaggeration."

He showed slides of artifacts from two major sites, La Venta on the Rio Tonalá and San Lorenzo on the Rio Chiquita.

The figures shown in the slides

included half human, half jaguar creatures and well proportioned children with catlike faces and thick upper lips.

Also shown were some of the colossal, eight to 16 ton heads the Olmecs carved from massive boulders they had to transport from mountains in another area. It is not known how they accomplished this.

Using stone tools, the Olmecs were the first to carve full round statues in America, Epstein said.

He explained how a volcano-shaped monument was uncovered



Dr. Jerry Epstein

in the jungle near La Venta. Buried beneath the monument, under six layers of clay, was a serpentine mask of a jaguar.

The many Olmec carvings of jaguars, Epstein suggested, may explain the origin of the later Aztec god Tezcatlipoca of the underworld and volcanoes, who was often depicted as a jaguar.

With many questions still unanswered, like how they moved such large stones, why they carved so many children and what ceremony they used the statues in, the Olmecs remain a mystery.

Saying that about 20 problems remain unsolved in Olmec research, Epstein said, "If you want to try to solve them, you're welcome to try."

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