

New students . . . where will they sleep come fall?

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New residents in College Station this fall may have trouble finding housing in the city.
City Planner Bill Koehler said current housing is about 95 per cent occupied, an assessment corroborated by the local apartment owner's association.
Koehler said a population increase of 3,000 in the city following a

projected university enrollment increase of 2,000 students is anticipated for this September.
"The availability of capital for building has been low," Koehler said. "This has reduced new housing starts from 1,100 in 1973 to only 414 new units in 1974."
These figures are based on the number of building permits applied for. Koehler said the city estimates 2.7 people will be served by each

new unit. According to this ratio, 1,000 people will be able to find housing in the new units. These should be ready for the fall, Koehler said.
The other major source of housing in College Station is the university. Construction on the new dorm behind Krueger-Dunn is scheduled for completion this fall. University officials have said there will be no new dorms after this one.

"I do not perceive at this point that I would recommend the building of any new dormitories," Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said in a recent interview.
The new dorm will house an additional 950 students. This leaves the estimated 1,000 new students, plus the additional 1,000 new city residents needing housing in the private sector off-campus.

One thousand of those are provided for by the 414 new units in construction. The other 1,000 will have to seek housing elsewhere. Koehler had some ideas on where they might end up.
"A lot of the excess could be taken up by building in Bryan," he said. Housing in Bryan is available, but not as convenient to the campus.
"Apartment owners could start putting more people in one unit that

presently," Koehler suggested.
"The university could start sleeping three people in a dorm room — they've done it before," he added.
Local officials agree the problem of obtaining convenient housing may result in a decrease in the growth rate of A&M.
"One of the main factors limiting growth at A&M is the availability of housing," Koehler said. "If people

can't find a place to live they won't want to move here."
Koldus agreed that housing is one factor to be considered in predicting enrollment increases in the future.
The university is expecting an enrollment of 27,566 by 1979. Koldus and Koehler said they feel it will be up to the private housing industry to build places for these additional students and the people they bring with them to live.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Chances of showers tonight and Wednesday. Cooler tomorrow. Winds from the south 10-18 mph. High today near 80°. Low tonight 61°; high Wednesday 74°.

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Texas House bogs on salary increase

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Legislative action on a Senate-passed pay raise bill for state employees became mired in a swamp of technicalities Monday.
The House Appropriations Committee adjourned until Tuesday morning without a final vote on a rewritten version of the bill.
Speed is necessary because the raises cannot go on the employees' Feb. 1 pay checks unless the bill is passed and signed by the governor Friday.
The Senate's \$93 million pay raise bill was rewritten over the weekend by a group that included its sponsor, Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, to eliminate "inequities." The price tag now is \$110 million over the seven-month period covered by the raises.
House committee action stalled

over reimbursement of the general revenue fund for raises paid to employees whose salaries come from the numerous special or earmarked funds. These include regulatory agencies financed entirely by special fees or taxes on the industries and occupations they regulate.
When an amendment seeking to clarify the situation failed, 6-10, the committee abruptly adjourned. Several members said they wanted to work on new language overnight with the Legislative Budget Board staff.
In the version before the committee, the bill would:
-Give rank and file, or "classified," employees in salary groups 2 through 12 — that is, up to \$12,000 — a 14.2 per cent across-the-board pay raise. Classified workers in groups 13-21, who now have a top

salary of \$23,220, a 10.5 per cent increase.
-Provide a 14.2 per cent increase for those outside the position classification plan making less than \$876 a month.
-Raise the pay of those outside the plan who now make between \$876 and \$1,181 a month by \$124 per month.
-Provide non-classified workers making between \$1,181 and \$1,935 monthly with a raise of 10.5 per cent, across the board.
-Increase the salaries of non-classified employees making more than \$1,935 monthly by \$203 per month.
The Senate's bill, which passed 31-0 last Monday, gave those making under \$10,500 a 14.2 per cent raise, those between \$10,500 and \$20,500 a 10.5 per cent increase and

employees earning over \$20,500 a 5.5 per cent raise.
The Senate bill was criticized after its passage because it set up situations where an employee's pay could jump above that of his supervisor.
"It does not make good sense to mandate salary increases that would raise an employee to a salary level above that of his boss," said Rep. Bill Presnal, D-Bryan, House Appropriations Committee chairman.
House Speaker Bill Clayton said that if the committee changed the bill drastically from the form in which the Senate passed it, there might be an attempt to speed up House action by suspending rules and debating the measure Tuesday — assuming it comes out of committee that day.



Dancing beauty

Photo by Douglas Winship

Fifteen-year-old Kameswari Pattisapu dances in her native style. The "India

Night" performance was presented in the Rudder Theater Saturday Night.

Concert refused by Town Hall

Or at least that's part of a very long story

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Suppose they gave a concert and nobody came.
Town Hall would lose money. Student Government would lose money. Student Government Radio would get the publicity it wanted.
Suppose they didn't give a concert.
Town Hall wouldn't lose money. Student Government wouldn't lose money. SG Radio wouldn't get the publicity. And people would ask a lot of questions.
In November of 1974, Jim James, manager of SG Radio, confronted Student Government with the idea of having a Michael Murphy concert in C. Rollie White on Feb. 14 to promote SG Radio. Curt Marsh, student vice president of finance,

agreed to help James push the project. "We agreed that the best idea was to have the concert in conjunction with Town Hall," James said. "If the concert took a loss they could help us handle it."
The other reason was that MSC advice would be beneficial since they have organized student programs, James said.
Marsh then contacted Doug Thorpe, chairman of Town Hall, about the idea.
"Doug thought it was a good idea," Marsh remarked. "He just wanted to make sure we had the money to back a loss."
An agreement between Student Government and Town Hall was drawn up and signed by Marsh for Student Government and by Thorpe for Town Hall. The agreement stated that Student Government would absorb 60 percent of the profits or 60 percent of the losses with Town Hall taking the other 40 percent. Town Hall also agreed to handle the booking, production and

personnel for the Murphy concert. All seemed legal and ready to go.
MSC President Bill Davis had different ideas.
"I consulted Doug on the matter and we agreed that the risk of the concert was too high," Davis said. "Thorpe didn't rule the concert out though and hoped that there was still a way to have it."
Unaware of Davis' opinion, Marsh took a resolution to the Senate to get its backing for the concert. The resolution passed unanimously in a voice vote. It then went to Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president of student services, for his approval.
"When I went home for the Christmas, I thought that everything was still on," James said.
By this time, the agreement to have a concert had been shown to Col. Hal Gaines, associate director of the MSC.
"Gaines didn't like the idea about the concert," Thorpe said. "He wanted to know where the money was that Student Government was going to use to back the concert. Gaines told me to sit on it (the concert)."
When Gaines was asked if he told Thorpe to sit on it Gaines replied, "It's possible. I don't remember."
Why didn't Thorpe tell Student Government that the concert was still under consideration?
"Signing the agreement wasn't necessarily the go ahead with the concert," Thorpe said. "It was up to Student Government to get the approval of Koldus."
Why hadn't Koldus approved the resolution?
"Steve Eberhard had told me that Koldus had stopped the concert," James said. "I went to Koldus and he told me that it wasn't a good idea but it was all right with him. Then to top all the confusion, Gaines told me that it was all right with him if it was all right with Koldus."
When the Christmas vacation came, Student Government went home with the idea that came Feb. 14 there would be a concert. Town Hall had the idea that there was no set agreement.
No one knows all the hows and whys which explain why the concert turned into such a problem. Davis summed it up this way: "Who's fault is it? Legally, we screwed up. Thorpe and I had agreed that the concert was not a good idea because of the finance and the time. We thought the resolution had little chance of passing in the Senate and if I had known that it was going to be brought up at the Senate meeting I would have been there to tell them

that I didn't think it was going to get anywhere."
"All this time, Thorpe believed that he was only under a gentleman's agreement when he signed the contract. Thorpe also had made a mistake by signing the agreement when it hadn't been passed by the MSC Council. Town Hall also knew it couldn't handle a loss on the concert. Right now, we're drawing up a policy on how Town Hall can schedule concerts. We are also looking into ways that we can promote SG Radio without concerts, although concerts are not completely out. I don't mind admitting it, but we made a mistake."

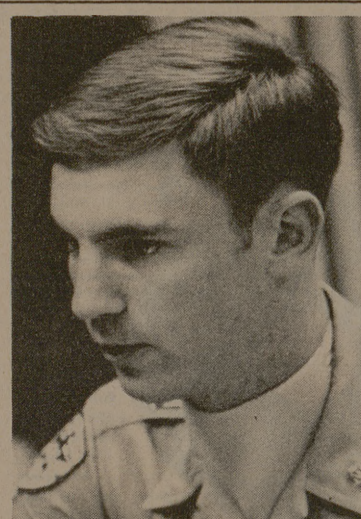


Photo by Jack Holm

Jim James, station manager of Student Govt. radio.



Douglas Thorpe

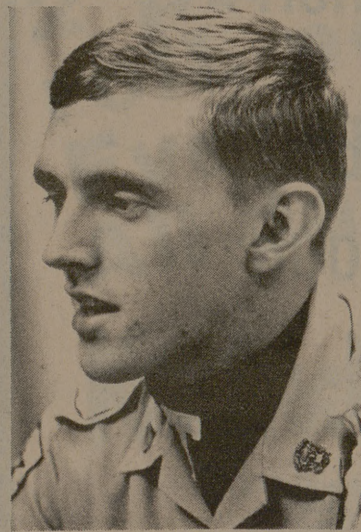


Curt Marsh

Answer, answer, who's got the answer?



Dr. John J. Koldus



Steve Eberhard

Election revision in CS suggested

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The College Station City Council voted Monday night to consider an ordinance creating a city charter revision commission at a special meeting to be held Feb. 4.
Councilman Jim Gardner presented the motion to create the ordinance after suggesting that the council consider changing the city's at-large election system to one electing councilmen from wards. A

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similar commission was formed to study the change last year but no change was made in the city charter.

The city council was elected through the ward system just a few years ago before changing to an at-large system.

Councilman Homer Adams pointed out that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision held that the city of Dallas' at-large election system was unconstitutional. Under the new ruling Dallas must realign its ward boundaries in time for the April elections.

Councilman Jim Dozier said the council will discuss the appointment of such a commission next Tuesday and outline its duties.

"Actually, I don't really like seeing a commission appointed every year to consider charter revisions. It costs money because we'll have to call for a special election to let the people vote on the proposed changes, if any. It won't be possible to include them on the election ballot in April," Dozier said.

"It's the same thing that comes up

every year," Dozier said, referring to the possibility of converting to the ward system.

In other business the council decided not to change the city's voting precinct boundaries. Dozier pointed out that the county has already realigned them for this year. Only one alteration was made in the city's lines when the county made its change. Voting precinct No. 10 was split into two smaller precincts which are bordered by Texas Avenue and the east by-pass of Highway 6.

Councilman Don Dale suggested that the two precincts be recombined. Dozier disagreed, pointing out that it would be better to leave them alone to avoid confusion for voters. The city presently has six voting precincts.

In other action the council approved rezoning of 171 feet of Lot 26 in the D. A. Smith subdivision. The land is behind the Saber Inn Motor Hotel, 701 Texas Ave. The rezoning action will allow the hotel to expand its facilities. The land was previously zoned for apartment building use.

The council will also hear a presentation next Tuesday from Dr. Charles Pinnell, of Pinnell, Anderson, Wilshire & Associates, Inc., on the Comprehensive Development Guide for the city. Pinnell represents the planning consultants firm of Dallas, which is helping the city outline plans for future land use and community facilities.

The council also will hold hearings on three rezoning motions at its next regular meeting Feb. 24.