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# Shuttle buses to expand

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A&M shuttle buses will soon have ad racks, according to the University Shuttle Bus Committee.

The ad racks will carry only news of student organizations. There will be no charge for putting up the ads, but space will have to be reserved through the office of the Director of Student Activities.

The committee also approved the use of an additional bus for one and a half hours each morning.

"This was done," said Charles Powell, director of student activities and committee chairman, "because there

was increased student load in Scandia apartments."

All shuttle bus drivers are going through a defensive driving course. Transportation Enterprises will probably have a course of its own to teach the drivers how to drive in the near future.

One committee member noted that the bus system has a very good safety record and there have been no major

accidents or injuries involving the buses so far.

The committee will also be working with a federally sponsored project to study the feasibility of a public transportation system for the Bryan-College Station area. At the present time there is no such system.

Powell said no new routes had been planned for next term but two or three more buses were going to be added to deal with the expected increase in the

number of students. At present eleven buses are in operation.

The current system of phoning for buses at night will probably end next term as efforts are being made to extend the regular bus service to 11 p.m., said Powell.

Over 3,000 students currently have passes for the bus system. Powell said that it has been calculated that for the average student using the service twice a day cost is about nine cents per ride.

## Brazos grand jury indicts 65

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The Brazos County Grand Jury, in its first session this year, returned 65 indictments, including a sealed one, late Wednesday afternoon.

The names of those indicted were not available at press time.

Gregory Rodriguez, grand jury foreman, said indictments were handed down on offenses ranging from intent

to rape to narcotics violations.

A number of persons charged Dec. 16 in College Station with a variety of drug violations were among those indicted, said District Attorney Tom McDonald. At least three A&M students were charged in that raid conducted by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Narcotic Service and local law enforcement officials. It was not announced whether or not they

were included in the indictments.

The number of indictments returned Wednesday by the grand jury was rather high, District Clerk W. D. Burley said. The grand jury traditionally has not met in December because of holiday conflicts. Cases that would normally be considered in December are held until the grand jury meets in January.

The previous grand jury returned 92 indictments last August in a one-day session. District Court Judge W. C. Davis said that was the most indictments returned by the grand jury that he could recall.

The Battalion will report Friday the local persons indicted in the Dec. 16 narcotics raid.

The grand jury will meet again Feb. 20.

## Committee plan freezes out high income earners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Upper-income taxpayers would be frozen out of the tax rebate program being considered by the House Ways and Means Committee, while lower-income persons would get the bulk of the benefits.

The proposal, advanced by Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., chairman of the committee, would provide for \$18 billion in tax reductions for 1974 and 1975, more than the \$16 billion that President Ford has asked, but includes nothing for individuals with over \$30,000 income.

Ford's plan, on the other hand, would give the person making \$30,000 a rebate of just under \$600, if he claims four dependents and has average deductions. Rebates would rise to a maximum of \$1,000 for a family with \$41,000 income and over.

At the lower end of the income scale, Ford's tax rebate would give a family with \$5,000 income an average refund of about \$12, and families with incomes below \$4,300 would get nothing.

Ullman's proposal on the other hand, would give a taxpayer at the \$5,000 level a total tax break of about \$260. If the taxpayer has paid no tax because of low income, he or she would receive a check from the government for about \$200.

Ullman said his plan does the most to help those "who have been hit the hardest by inflation" and also does the most to help end the recession.

The Ford tax rebate plan, Ullman said, would give 43 per cent of the total rebate to taxpayers with incomes over \$20,000, while his own would give 94 per cent of the relief to persons below \$20,000 income, and 52 per cent to individuals with income under \$10,000.

## New center criticized

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own personal junk collection . . . an art gallery . . . poorly done . . . students don't need showpieces or antiques . . . will there be a hall monitor to insure that no damage will be incurred? . . . a waste and I resent paying extra building use fees to support such trash . . . that's some of my bread and butter money . . . the presence of such in a 'student center' during a period when funds for financing student research, class field trips and even mimeographed handouts are not available is a totally inexcusable abuse of authority . . . noticed my building fees went up."

Less than half of those who responded said that the new center was comparable to or better than the old facility (built in 1951 and now being remodeled into an art gallery, ballroom and entry foyer). However, it must be noted that the well-lighted student lounge did not open until this semester.

"It was more homey and not so plastic . . . I liked the old way of sitting in comfortable chairs and looking out over the drill field."

Yet, while there is criticism of the MSC decor, most of those surveyed liked the furnishings in the Theatre Arts complex.

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Several also made their own suggestions of possible corrective action, including: "a boycott . . . an auction of some of the more obtrusive furniture . . . a financial refund by the persons responsible . . . future student participation (and finally) . . . this questionnaire, while it may reflect the feeling of the University community can in no way change that which has been set in mortar and brick or been purchased for an exorbitant price. For criticism to be worth the time and effort it should be given the chance to be expressed during the initial phases of any project."

## Senator wants citizens as convention delegates

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Bob Gammage, D-Houston, introduced a bill Tuesday to convene constitutional convention next Sept. 2, about 13 months since the 1974 convention adjourned without approving a new document.

But while the 1974 convention was composed of Texas' 181 legislators,

Gammage proposed a convention of 93 elected delegates, three from each state senatorial district.

The election would be Aug. 2.

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