



Drs. Bill Harris (left) and Dick Davison of TAMU have developed an auto conversion kit that allows them to start the car with gas then switch in a few miles to methanol which can be made from renewable resources such as garbage, sawdust, or any organic material and can also be conveniently made from coal. This solves problems previously associated with methanol use in conventional cars. The flowers in the background symbolize the fact that it is an extremely clean fuel that burns without smoke. See story page 1

## Panel takes action on bikes parked on ramps

The University Traffic Panel has recommended that any bicycles found parked on a ramp for disabled persons be impounded by the University Police.

The Panel reached its decision after lengthy discussion of the pedestrian-bike conflicts that have increased with the steadily rising enrollment.

Consideration was also given to the proposal that bikes not be allowed on sidewalks during peak times of congestion, but it was felt that the new bicycle paths would soon be ready and that this measure would be unnecessary.

In other action by the Panel, a

recommendation was made calling for the blocking of Houston between the entrance to Parking Lot 32 and Ross.

The Panel felt that this area was extremely hazardous to the pedestrian, and that until it could be closed permanently as prescribed by the Long Range Plan, existing planters should be used as a temporary measure. This recommendation, should it be accepted by the administration, would become effective after the second summer term had ended.

Campus Security Chief, O. L. Luther then reported that 125,000 dollars in traffic violations had been

collected in the last academic year. Of this figure there had been 344 moving violations at 10 dollars each, and 16,330 non-moving violations at five dollars each.

Luther further noted that an additional 50,000 dollars in fines had yet to be collected.

The panel was also informed that with the installation of an additional 2,000 bicycle racks over the summer, the campus would have approximately 3500 racks. However, Chief Luther noted that there were some 4,000 bicycles registered on campus last year and an approximate unregistered total of another 3,000.

## Power plant more than meets needs

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The university's water production began early (again, records and remembrances are scarce), and around the turn of the century there were several water wells located in the field diagonally across the street from the now existing Zachry Engineering Center. These wells ranged in depth from 500 to 1500 feet with most being in the area of 1000 feet.

One of the wells was said to have excellent drinking water, but the rest seemed to have a high sulfur content. All water had to be aerated in large spray ponds to rid it of the foul-smelling hydrogen sulfide. Because of a lack of good water in sufficient quantity, somewhere around 1940 the university began purchasing water from Bryan.

This was done until 1951, when A&M installed its own water supply source, pumping stations, transmission lines and storage reservoirs. These wells were dug

about eight miles northwest of the campus. Today there are nine wells located in the field which is just northeast of TAMU's Research Annex off Highway 21.

The water is pumped from the wells and stored in two 2,000,000 gallon water tanks located at the intersection of Finfeather Road and the F&B Road. The water tower recently completed on the main campus has a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons.

The physical plant has the capability of supplying 18,000,000 gallons of water a day. Current usage is in the general area of 5,000,000 gallons per day. This capability should give A&M a firm water supply for many years.

The present wells show promise of producing water for many years and because of the superior quality of the water, the treatment costs are drastically reduced.

A waste water treatment plant located near Easterwood Airport

was completed in 1970. The plant is capable of handling 2,000,000 gallons of waste water a day. Plans are now being formulated to expand this facility because of the rapid student growth at TAMU. The new plant was designed and located to provide for convenient expansion.

The central power plant is fully operational with five men working a shift.

As a result of sky rocketing fuel costs, power production costs have risen dramatically over the past two years, with much greater increases expected over the next three years. The cost per unit of power has escalated from one cent to three cents in the past three years.

There is no profit associated with the physical plant. The state pays the utility costs for all educational facilities. Dining halls, dorms, athletic facilities, the laundry and research labs are billed monthly for their utilities.

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## Brazilians giving TAMU the bird

Brazilian and Texas A&M researchers have joined in a hands-across-the-water project involving poultry products technology and marketing.

The Federal University of Minas Gerais is joining with TAMU in a cooperative research, extension and teaching program.

Two scientists from the Poultry Science Department—Dr. F. A. Gardner of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Dr. D. B. Mellor of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service—are presently in Brazil disseminating information on Texas marketing and re-

search in seminars and workshops.

They are also investigating potentials for future joint research in marketing and technology between the Brazilian and American schools.

Several Brazilians have graduated from the Poultry Science Department. One, Dr. Egladson J. Campos, now directs research at the Federal University Veterinary School.

The Texans are also expected to talk turkey with the Brazilians since Brazil has no turkey production of its own and offers a potential for Texas turkey products.

## Campus briefs

### Karate classes begin

An introductory course in basic karate began Tuesday, June 10, for Texas A&M University faculty and staff members.

It is offered by the Tae Kwon Do Club as a new exercise and physical fitness program.

Meetings will be in G. Rollie White Coliseum on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The meeting time is flexible for those who must return to work by 1 p.m.

More details are available from Steve Powell or Charlie Senning at 823-7936. They hold second degree and first degree black belts, respectively.

The club is recognized by TAMU.

### R.V. leaders named

Texas A&M's centennial year leadership of the state's oldest student organization will be headed by Stewart W. Gregory of Centerville.

Gregory and seven other Corps of Cadets seniors will serve as officers of the Ross Volunteers.

Leading the select company in 1975-76 with Gregory will be David Hackemeyer, executive officer from Lynchburg, Va.; David Buttery, first sergeant, Lampasas; platoon leaders Rob Urban, Dayton; Steve White, Houston and Tommy Morris, Irving.

Also, Larry Teverbaugh, operations officer, Texas City, and Bobby Shoemate, administrative officer, Edna.

### AVMA to hear Houston coroner

Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk, coroner for Houston-Harris County, will speak to the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association at Texas A&M University Thursday (June 5).

His program is at 7:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Veterinary Medicine Science Building on the TAMU campus.

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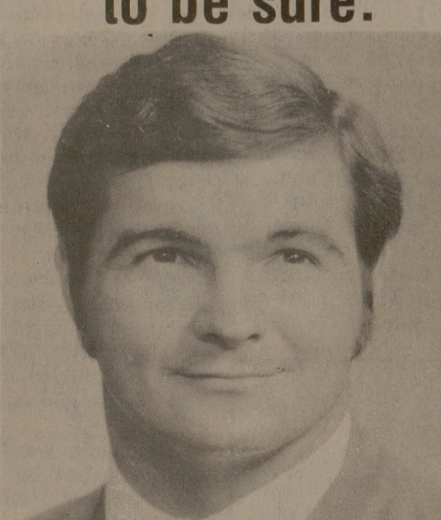
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