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# College Station run by council-manager

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City Editor

The City of College Station operates under a council-manager form of government. The six-man council and a mayor make up the legislative branch of the city.

The council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in sessions usually lasting several hours. Occasional special sessions are called to handle any pressing matters.

Many hours are required to become informed on matters presented before the council, but councilmen are not paid for their services. This is to allow University employees to serve without giving up their salaries from the state. Most councilmen also feel that the job is not so time-consuming so as to require monetary compensation.

Councilmen are elected to two-year terms: Half are elected every year to provide for greater stability.

A short profile of the mayor and councilmen follows to enable new residents to become familiar with their city government.

**HOMER ADAMS** served one term as councilman during the 1960's. He was re-elected in 1972 and again in 1974. He is also owner of Adams Transfer and Storage located in College Station.

Adams gives the impression of

being an outspoken individual. He is a graduate and at one time an accounting professor of Texas A&M. Adams calls his approach to council matters one of "common sense."

**BOB BELL**, a flashy and energetic 33-year-old, is employed by Spearman Realty and until recently was station manager of KTAM-KORA radio. He was elected to the council last April. He is well-versed in parliamentary procedure and is also mayor pro-tem of College Station.

**LORENCE BRAVENEC**, 39, is a professor of accounting with the University and has served on the council since April 1974. As he has gained experience as a councilman, he has become increasingly more outspoken.

**JAMES DOZIER**, 52, is serving his third term as a councilman. He is an associate professor of finance at A&M and is also a lawyer. Dozier served as College Station city attorney in 1972 and 1973. His law background has helped the council in drafting ordinances and entering contracts.

**JAMES GARDNER**, 54, is an A&M professor of urban regional planning. He is serving his second year on the council and was previously city planning director. His knowledge of urban planning gives the council ready access to ideas in-

volving long-range planning for a rapidly expanding metropolitan area. Gardner has been responsible for some progressive input into the council and is keenly interested in beautifying the city.

**GARY HALTER**, a mild-mannered 33-year-old, is an assistant professor of political science with the University and has served on the council since last April. Dr. Halter teaches courses in city management, city finance and law. His specialty is municipal management and administration, and he advises other Texas cities on management and technology application.

**O. M. Holt**, 61, is retired and serving his first term as College Station mayor. He is presently a consultant with two local insurance companies. Mayor Holt has six years experience as a College Station councilman.

In addition to the same duties required of a councilman, the mayor is responsible for keeping order and following parliamentary procedure at council meetings. The mayor's signature is required on all official city documents.

**NORTH BARDELL**, 45, became city manager in January 1974. Bardell previously worked for the cities of Waco and Bryan and served as assistant city engineer of College Station.

The city manager is selected by the mayor and council and is present at all council meetings. The manager receives a salary from the city.

Bardell also serves as chief statistician at Texas A&M home football games and has done so for 20 years.

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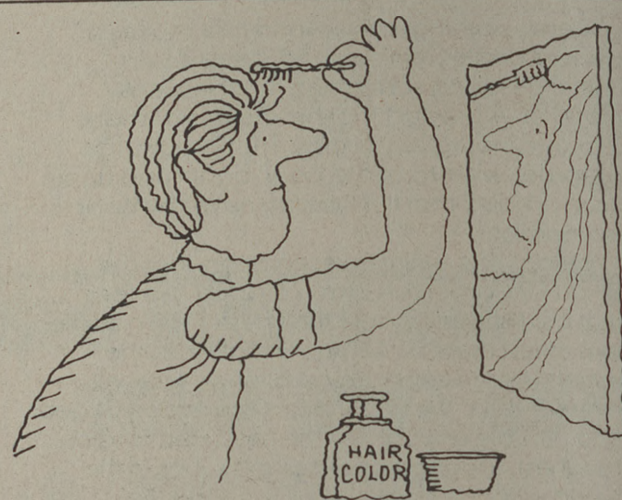
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## Program helps information flow

If you live off-campus, as do over two-thirds of the students at TAMU, a new program "Hassle Free" may help in the scramble to get the information that seems readily available to on-campus students.

Under the direction of the Office of Student Affairs, the "Hassle Free" program is composed of a corps of trained volunteers located throughout the major apartment complexes who are available to assist student and answer questions about the university.

The Student Affairs personnel assemble weekly packages of information for the student volunteers to post in the apartments. These "reps" are available for information about intramurals, TAMU traditions, University publications, campus facilities, and campus activities. They also have maps of the campus and community, and lists of often-called telephone numbers.

Although the program is just starting this fall, volunteers have already been found for the following apartments: Briarwood, Scandia, Tanglewood, Country Place, Barcelona, Casa del Sol, Plantation

Oaks, Willow Oaks, Southwest Village, Casa Blanca, French Quarter, Old College Main and Southgate. It is also being considered to have Area Reps for residential areas with high student populations, but as of yet no plans have been formalized.

When the program was first being considered, Karen Switzer, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, said, "Very often parents are really uptight when they find out that their son or daughter will be living off-campus. We hope that, when they find out there will be someone living in the area to whom the student can turn, they will feel much better."

Switzer stated, however, that the main purpose of the program is to improve the communication problem that exists for the off-campus student.

## Tradition of twelfth man explained

Since New Year's day of 1922, Texas Aggies have stood at home football games.

On that day in 1922, the Aggies were in Dallas playing the nation's top football team, Centre College, in what was then called the Dixie Invitational Classic.

After injuries had exhausted the team's supply of substitutes, Coach Dana X. Bible called on sophomore E. King Gill to suit up.

Gill, who was a member of both the football and basketball teams, was serving as team spotter that day. On Coach Bible's request, however, he left his position in the press box to join his teammates on the field.

Gill was never called into the game that day, but his willingness inspired the now famous 12th man tradition of standing to signify an Aggie's own readiness to serve when needed.

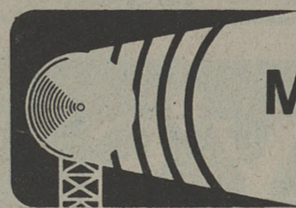
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