

More than parking in project

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An investigation of costs connected with the construction of the recently completed Parking Lot 62 — an estimated \$1,290 per space — has revealed the figure to be misleading. The lot project, deluxe by recent standards, includes items not associated with parking, but included in the same contract reasons of economy. The actual cost-per-space comes to approximately \$733 — \$200 more than recent lot construction. But the money buys more, according to Systems Construction Manager Charles Brunt. Heavy duty paving was included to accommodate hefty TV vans and other overweight equipment.

Lot 62, directly west of Kyle Field, also features landscaping, lighting and fencing to "coordinate" the appearance of the lot with recent campus construction. At a meeting last week, the University Traffic Panel recommended an investigation of lot construction expense. The panel had arrived at an estimated cost of \$1,290 per space based on the total cost of the

single contract which included the parking lot. The Battalion has learned that the total figure also includes construction of a football ticket booth, an ornamental fence and sidewalks not a part of the parking lot. Brunt estimated the cost of the ticket booth at \$30,000, the fence at \$26,000 and other features which total \$97,000. The entire project prices the lot at \$303,000, with non-associated projects

bringing the total to \$400,000. The finishing touches could bring the total cost under the budget of the entire project of \$460,000. The lot was originally financed through the university available fund, Howard Vestal, assistant vice-president for business affairs, said. The available fund financing was designed as a loan to be repaid from parking facilities funds at a later time.

The loan was made because of limited parking facilities money when construction began. Gen. Alvin Luedcke, executive vice-president of A&M, said yesterday that he would determine sometime in the future the amount which must be repaid from parking facilities. Roadways, parking drainage, and some lighting are among expenses normally not included under parking facilities costs, he said.

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Army routs Moslems in Beirut

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanese army troops captured much of Beirut's seaside hotel district from leftist Moslem militiamen during the night but were still battling today for the St. Georges hotel. It was the army's first major intervention in the eight-month-old civil war. The Moslems charged army troops had been sent in to rescue the Christians. At least 850 army commandos with heavy weapons, tanks and armored personnel carriers moved into the hotel area and the city's commercial center. At first they wedged between the battling Moslem and Christian militias, then pushed them out of key positions in sharp fighting. The troops took control of the Holiday Inn, the Phoenicia Intercontinental and the approaches to the St. Georges, security spokesmen said. They also joined gunmen of the Christian Phalange party in the unfinished Hilton Hotel and the battered Starco office center. A fire raged out of control in the St. Georges, gutting much of its once plush interior. Moslems of the left-wing Amshush militia remained in and around the hotel, but the troops at the nearby Phoenicia controlled all approaches to them and cut them off from reinforcements and supplies. The police said at least 24 persons were killed in Beirut and its suburbs during the night and 63 were wounded. But they said these figures were incomplete. Four more deaths were reported in Tripoli, the northern port city, and the police said there were clashes all night in Zahleh, in eastern Lebanon. The Moslems captured much of the hotel district in hard fighting Monday. Kamal Junblatt, the most prominent spokesman for the Moslem left wing, charged that Premier Rashid Karami, a Moslem, had "authorized the use of the army to protect Phalange party gangs on their way to a military defeat." But the Syrian Baath party's Lebanese branch, a Shiite Moslem party and one of the country's several Nasserite factions, announced their support for Karami. The premier, who resisted all previous demands for army intervention because most of its officers are Christians, told Junblatt he had not ordered the troops into action. He said they were under the command of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun, a Maronite Christian. But this was considered an attempt to evade the issue since the premier is also the defense minister.



Carolers sang the Corps Tuesday night as the Christmas season continued to rise.

Staff Photo by Steve Goble

Angels caroled the Corps Tuesday night as the Christmas season continued to rise.

Soviet scientist Sakharov wins Nobel Peace Prize

Associated Press
OSLO, Norway — Andrei Sakharov's wife accepted the 1975 Nobel Prize for her husband today and read a message from him saying he shared the honor with "all prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union and in other Eastern European countries as well as with all those who fight for their liberation." King Olav and other members of the Norwegian royal family watched as Yelena Sakharova received the prize check, gold medal and diploma from Aase Lionaes, who chairs the Norwegian parliamentary committee that nominated Sakharov. The Soviet nuclear physicist was honored for his fight for human rights in the Soviet Union. Later today, at companion 75th anniversary ceremonies in Stockholm, Sweden, the other five 1975 Nobel Prizes were to be presented to 10 scientists and Italian poet Eugenio Montale, the winner of the Prize for Literature. Special guests there were 70 previous laureates, including 30 Americans, and all of last year's science prizewinners. Sakharov, the first Soviet citizen to win the Peace Prize, was unable to receive it in person because the Soviet government refused to let him leave the country. His wife was able to attend because she was in Italy for medical treatment. The statement she read was in addition to her 54-year-old husband's Nobel address, which she will read for him at another ceremony Thursday night.

For all those who went through the experience of the most terrible war in history, World War II," Sakharov's statement said, "the conception of war as the worst catastrophe and evil for all mankind has become not only an abstract idea but a deep personal feeling, the basis for one's entire outlook on the world. "To keep one's self respect one must therefore act in accordance with the general human longing for peace, for true detente, for genuine disarmament. This is the reason why I am so deeply moved by your appreciation of my activity as a contribution to peace."

Sakharov said the Nobel Committee had performed "an act of intellectual courage and great equity" by granting the prize to "a man whose ideas do not coincide with official concepts of the leadership of a big and powerful state." Sakharov expressed hope for "a final victory of the principles of peace and human rights" and added, "The best sign that such hopes can come true would be a general political amnesty in all

the world, the liberation of all prisoners of conscience everywhere."

Sakharov barred from trial
Sakharov, meanwhile, was in Vilnius, the capital of Soviet Lithuania, trying without success to attend the trial of another dissident Soviet scientist, 43-year-old Sergei Kovalev, on charges of anti-Soviet activity. Sakharov was barred from the courtroom on Tuesday.

Youths of all political parties except the Communists planned a torchlight procession through downtown Oslo tonight to express support of the absent Sakharov.

Aftenposten, Norway's biggest newspaper, commented: "At a time when the world is searching for signs of reduced tension, it is depressing that the superpower which talks most about peace and understanding has turned the solemn ceremony into a demonstration of unreformed."

Mrs. Sakharov will read her husband's acceptance speech at another ceremony Thursday night. She was in Italy for medical treatment when he was denied permission to leave the Soviet Union, but she has not revealed how she received his manuscript.

King to present prizes
The other Nobel prizes were to be presented in Stockholm by Sweden's 29-year-old king, Carl Gustaf. For the first time a foreign monarch — Queen Margrethe of Denmark — was to attend. Two of the three prizewinners in physics are Danes, Aage Bohr and Ben Mottelson.

The celebrations mark the 75th anniversary of the Nobel Foundation, set up in 1900 to administer the fortune left by the Swedish inventor of dynamite, Alfred Nobel. He willed that his money should be used "to benefit annually those who have conferred the most benefit to mankind."

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MSC video dream becomes a reality

By RAY DANIELS
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A design consultant for Industrial Audio/Video in Houston and a Sony sales representative are meeting here today with MSC personnel in hopes of devising a video film system.

After more than a year of inspection by various university administrators, the MSC Video Committee has been given full committee status. This approves funds for committee operations.

The \$24,649 budget was approved. The money was taken from the Student Service Fees reserve.

The ascribed purpose of the committee, is to provide educational, or entertaining programming on a regular basis. Additional public information distribution "of such a dynamic nature as to reach more people than is possible with posters, newspaper ads or articles," is to be provided.

The system, tentatively operational by September 1976, will include mobile recording and stationary playback equipment. Commercial programs will be acquired from software distributors who rent feature programs on a weekly basis.

Campus events to be recorded include speakers, concerts, and other productions. Some filming will be done on location while other may be done in the Basement Coffeehouse.

The playback equipment will be located in the MSC Browsing Library with cables running to four screens in the MSC providing remote viewing. Library personnel will be responsible for playing the programs at the proper time.

"We're trying to stay away from a commercial format," said Mike Hatch, current chairman of the committee. He indicated features would be shown continuously with ads shown before or after.

The committee was conceived in September 1974 by the MSC Council and submitted, as a

funding request, to Student Senate. The Senate passed the request prior to Christmas break last year said Joe Marcello, graduate student representative.

The request was forwarded to the Vice President of Student Services, Dr. John Koldus.

"I discussed it, looked into it, and finally recommended it," said Koldus Tuesday. The proposal was then forwarded to Vice President of Business Affairs, Tom Cherry. Cherry, said Koldus, did not agree with the expenditures, and forwarded the request to President Williams without his recommendation. System Vice President of Finance Clyde Freeman was then asked by Williams to look into the program.

The office of Academic Affairs and the Educational Television division were consulted. Educational television personnel disagreed on several points. They felt the system should be color instead of the proposed black and white, with much of the work done in the current TV studio. They also found the costs excessive.

With these issues presented, Koldus returned the proposal to the MSC Council which reviewed costs and decided to go to a color system. After Council revision, the proposal was resubmitted to Koldus, who passed it onto Williams. Williams has given final approval.

In order to acquire the needed equipment, Hatch, in co-operation with MSC staff and educational television consultants will select a system, which will be obtained through the purchasing department.

A Video Tape Committee Board of Directors will be responsible for approving program selections, arbitrating disputes over production of ads, and establishing the policies and guidelines of the committee.

The Board will consist of an MSC staff member, one faculty advisor, a student from MSC public relations, one non-positioned student and the chairman of the Video committee.

Houston students say pornography no threat

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A university student group has concluded after a five month study that pornographic movie theaters pose no threat to morality in the community.

The University of Houston special communications class viewed sexually explicit films, talked with adult theater owners, religious leaders, lawyers, prosecutors and law enforcement officers.

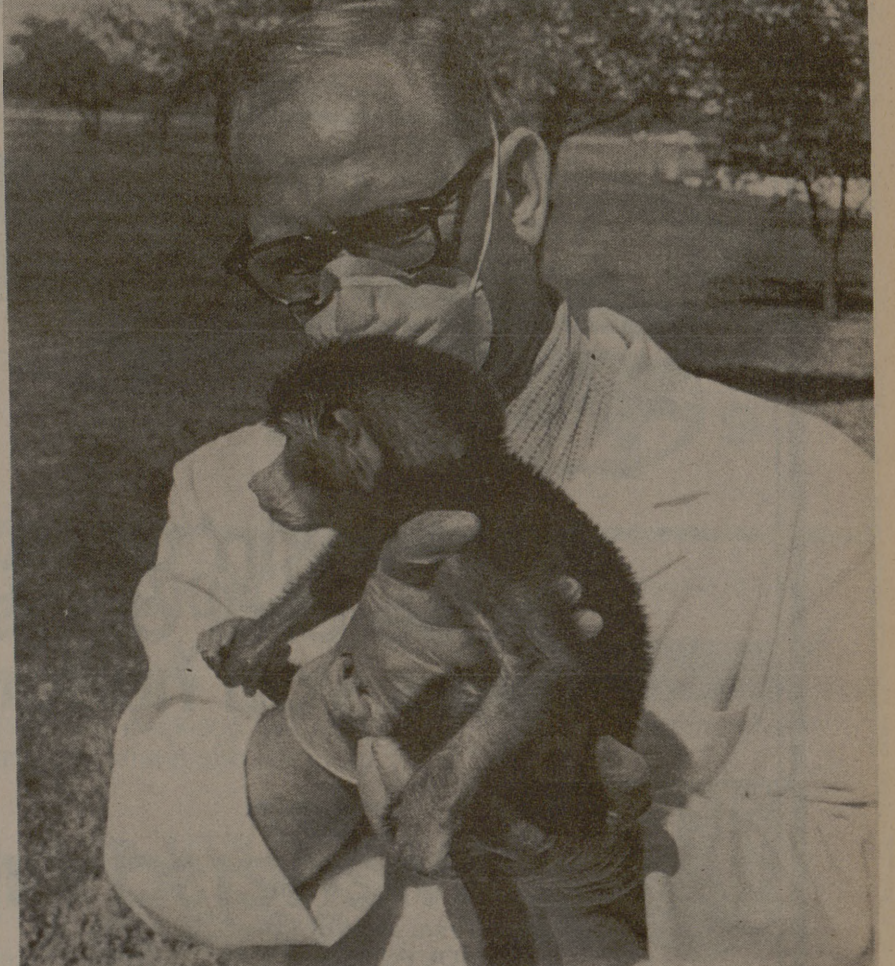
The 10 male and five female students also surveyed public attitudes through questionnaires distributed at theaters and at four shopping centers, one in each quadrant of the city.

The group viewed 34 feature films but "Deep Throat" was the only required viewing outside the class for everyone.

The survey indicated 49.3 per cent of those interviewed believed pornographic films have a good effect or no effect on the community, while 48.3 per cent felt there was a bad influence.

The survey's "slight edge for tolerance" prompted the conclusion by the students that the morality of the community is not being threatened, said Dr. William Hawes, a cinema teacher who conducted the seminar.

The group concluded, however, that Houston is the most open of Texas cities for pornography. The city has 18 adult theaters, with 15 exhibiting heterosexual films and three exhibiting all-male homosexual films. The 82-page report prepared by the class states "no large segment of the Houston community seems to be advocating the elimination of these cinemas or films from the community." "Harris County police and district attorneys have found the prosecution of theater operators to be expensive, time-consuming and not worthwhile because of the difficulty in obtaining convictions," the report said.



Dr. Duane Kraemer holds the 3-month-old baboon infant produced by embryo transfer.

TOP OF THE NEWS

Campus

THE BATTALION will not be published for the rest of this week. One more edition will be published before the end of the semester — next Wednesday, Dec. 17.

JOHN G. THOMAS, entomologist and project leader in entomology for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension from the Entomological Society of America. The award was presented at the recent national meeting of the professional organization in New Orleans.

THE STUDENT 'Y' Christmas Service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. by the Rudder Fountain.

GIFT Wrapping Service by the Student 'Y' Association will be held Dec. 8-17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 216A of the MSC. The service is free for all 'Y' members; there will be a nominal fee for non-members.

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT" will be shown Friday at 8 and 11 p.m., and Saturday at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

THE A&M Symphonic Band will perform Thursday at 12:45 p.m. in the MSC Lounge.

HOUSING for students remaining on campus during the semester break is available. Cost for the period beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 19 through Jan. 12 is \$50.

CHARISSA LYNN WALES, a sophomore Environmental Design student, will represent Texas A&M University as a duchess in the annual Buccaneer Coronation Pageant on April 29 in Corpus Christi.

ACTORS and actresses will be needed for the four shows to be produced this spring by the Aggie Players. Everyone in the B-CS area is invited to participate either back stage or on stage. Scripts are now available in the Theatre Arts office, 3rd floor of Bizzell Hall. For additional information phone 845-2621.

THE A&M VETERANS CLUB has a donation box at the VA office for used clothing and toys to be given to needy families this Christmas. Goods are being accepted through December 17.

Texas

A MAN and a woman were charged with attempted murder in Houston yesterday after wounding four narcotics officers late Monday night.

National

THE HOUSE appears ready to drop consideration of contempt of Congress action against Secretary of State Henry Kissinger following White House efforts to compromise in a dispute with the House intelligence committee.

A FEDERAL judge has taken over the administration of South Boston High, saying black students had been denied a peaceful, desegregated education. Antibusung leaders warned the decision could spark new troubles and within hours the NAACP office was firebombed.

JOHN B. CONNALLY, former Texas governor, called for a constitutional amendment in Boca Raton, Fla. yesterday, to ban deficit spending by the federal government, except during wartime or national emergencies.

THE SENATE intelligence committee has ordered its staff members to swear in affidavits that they were not the source for news stories linking President John F. Kennedy, a female friend and organized crime, committee sources say.

SECRETARY OF STATE Henry Kissinger set out on a nine-day trip today through Western Europe that will take him to a NATO meeting, a major energy conference and to his Bavarian birthplace.

World

IRISH gunmen held a married couple hostage for the fourth day in London under police siege as fears increased that the Irish Republican Army might kidnap prominent persons to try to use them as ransom for the gunmen's freedom.

INDONESIA has suspended trade talks with the Netherlands, apparently because the Dutch government has been unable to end the occupation of the Indonesian consulate in Amsterdam by South Moluccan nationalists, the Dutch Economics Ministry announced today.

Egg transplant makes baboon

By JOHN W. TYNES
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The first step toward application of embryo transfer techniques to the production of nonhuman primates for biomedical research was successfully completed recently by Dr. Duane C. Kraemer, associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

The step was accomplished with the transfer of an embryo (fertilized egg) from one female baboon to another. The "foster" mother carried the fetus from the fifth day after its conception to birth. The baboon infant was delivered by Caesarean section following the normal gestation. This is the first nonhuman primate infant known to be produced by embryo transfer.

The transfer was made March 20, 1975, at the Southwest Foundation for Research and Education in San Antonio, Texas. The male infant was delivered Sept. 5, 1975 and weighed 875 grams (1 pound 14.6 ounces). The young baboon has been entirely normal from birth.

The project is part of a physiology study being conducted for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Institute of Comparative Medicine, Texas A&M University/Baylor College of Medicine at College Station and Houston.

Dr. Kraemer initiated the project while he

was a Research Scientist at the Southwest Foundation. He was assisted in the research by Gary T. Moore, DVM, director of animal resources at Southwest Foundation and Martin A. Kraemer, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Allied Health and Life Sciences, University of Texas at San Antonio.

The research was prompted, Kraemer said, by a definite need for the production of specific strains of primates to be used in medical research. Previously, primates for research have been obtained from the wild. Dr. Kraemer's project will eventually increase the availability of research specimens. It will also allow greater selection in the characteristics of the animals.

Dr. Kraemer was the first to apply embryo transfer procedures to the commercial production of purebred cattle in August, 1971. He says that the procedures used with the baboon are very similar to those being applied around the world for increasing the number of offspring from cattle.

The significance of the research is its potential for increasing the productivity of individual female nonhuman primates which possess special genetic characteristics.

These characteristics make them particularly valuable as models for the study of human diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer.