

Sbisa remodeled, now has better service, better food

Seven years of planning, \$1,065,000 and student demands changed 64-year-old Sbisa Dining Hall Annex into a "fast foods" service. Texas A&M students no longer have to choose between cold sandwiches and soup. Completion of the "fast foods" service (Phase I) of the renovation enables students to eat fried chicken, pizza, French fries, soup, sandwiches and hamburgers in a quiet, newly designed dining room. Acoustical ceiling and sound-absorptive carpet on the walls are two new features to reduce the noise. Cooking techniques have been

improved. Ed Davis, with the Food Services Department, said, "The people who are cooking must be careful as most of the cooking is done in view of the customer. Some of the cooks are students, so there is a certain amount of peer pressure." Two new ovens have been added which can cook 1,600 pizzas an hour. Chicken is fried on a new machine which allows for grease drainage, resulting in crispy chicken. Char-broiled hamburgers and ice cream are also available. Fred Dollar, food services director, said, "Our objective is the greatest bargain in American dining." He added, "If the students cooperate, we will give them any-

thing they want. Choice, variety and, we hope, quality will be satisfactory." One of the problems of "faster foods" is the "adjustment by the new customer," said Dollar. "It takes him about two weeks to learn where everything is." Besides the "faster foods" addition, renovation will provide for a cafeteria type service in the wing of Sbisa across from the University Health Center (Phase II). Davis said the structure of the cafeteria will be somewhat like the Krueger-Dunn Commons. Dollar said completion of Phase II is expected by Dec. 1, 1976. Although Phase I is probably no faster than the old system, Dollar and Davis agree it will be more efficient in the long run. Sbisa was inefficient before the renovation because, "it took more labor," Davis said. "The new system should actually help keep down board prices unless everyone eats 12 hamburgers and 14 pieces of chicken," he added. — Holly Hutchison

Senate secretary indicted

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Tex. — Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel says he put a teenage girl on the Senate payroll in 1974 as a political favor to Austin Rep. Ronnie Earle even though Schnabel had no work for her to do. Schnabel told The Associated Press Thursday he agreed to put Laurie Breihan on the Senate payroll during the Constitutional Convention after Earle said he "felt obligated" to give her a job. Earle disputed this version of the story. "No, that's not true," he said. "I didn't feel obligated at all." Miss Breihan worked from Feb. 1 through June 30 at \$410 a month. Schnabel said Earle told him Miss Breihan was the daughter of a Methodist minister and that Earle already had exceeded his payroll limitation but "felt committed to keep her on the payroll." "I told Ronnie that I would help him and give this girl a job, but that I would be pressed to come up with active duties to keep her busy," Earle said. "Ronnie said, 'Don't worry about that, that I can keep her plenty busy working out of my office.'" The pay warrants were mailed to Earle's office. "It was just a favor for Ronnie, a political favor," Schnabel said. Earle said Miss Breihan worked as an unpaid intern in his office in 1973 as part of an Austin high school program for honor students. She asked Earle for a paying job during the convention, Earle said, and he called Schnabel and told him, "I've got somebody you ought to hire." He told Schnabel he already had a full payroll but that Miss Breihan "had been invaluable — she was real bright," he said. Earle said Schnabel told him he had no place for her. "Tell you

what," Earle quoted Schnabel as saying, "you keep her down there and work her."

Earle said he knew Miss Breihan's parents well but did not connect them with her until after she had worked for him as an intern.

Rev. Bob Breihan is the director of the Methodist Student Center at UT.

"She was a deserving person and needed a job," Earle said. "She did a really fine job."

To the statement that some taxpayers might think it was improper for him to use this circuitous route to exceed his payroll limit, Earle said: "The taxpayers benefitted and profited from what she did. It never occurred to me for a minute that that was in the least improper, given the unique historical situation of both House and Senate sitting in common purpose as a constitutional convention."

Schnabel said of Earle's solution to his problem, "Everybody in the legislature does it, one way or another."

Earle's payroll records show he paid three employes a total of \$1,850 a month for February and March 1974, when his limit was \$1,450.

He paid the same amount for May, when his limit was \$1,225, and he paid \$2,150 in June, when his limit was \$1,225.

Representatives could pay at the rate of \$1,450 a month for the first five days of April and \$1,225 for the remainder of the month.

Representatives could use their \$875-a-month contingent expense money for payroll excesses, but Earle spent \$3,462.54 from that fund for the five months from February through June, or an average of \$692.50 a month.

That left him only \$182.50 a month from the contingent expense fund to pay \$375 payroll overages for each of the months February and March, the \$600 payroll excess for May and the \$950 overflow for June.

Schnabel has been indicted on two counts of theft and one count of official misconduct. A holdover Travis County grand

jury Thursday heard five more witnesses, all former or present Senate employes. The jury resumes its investigation of Schnabel's office Monday.

★★★

Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel sent Senate employes to Arkansas to pick up 31 canoes, according to a report by KPRC-TV of Houston.

Reporter Joel Smith said Ed Flagg, sales manager of the Ouachita Marine and Industrial Co., says the canoes cost nearly \$5,000 and were bought between the fall of 1971 and the summer of 1973.

Flagg reportedly billed 19 of the canoes to the State of Texas and 12 to Schnabel. But state warrants apparently were not used to pay for any of the canoes.

Smith said sources close to the investigation of Schnabel's office said Schnabel apparently resold the canoes in Austin at a profit.

The employes picked up the canoes on five different trips during weekdays, he said.

AGGIE CINEMA Popular Film Series presents **The Paper Chase** Best Picture Atlanta Film Festival 1973 Jan. 30 & 31 Rudder Theater 8 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. \$1.00 Advance Tickets Available at Rudder Box Office

AGGIE CINEMA Classic Film Series presents **To kill a Mockingbird GREGORY PECK** starring GREGORY PECK Wed. Feb. 4 Rudder Theater 8 P.M. \$1.00 Advance Tickets Available at Rudder Box Office

Possible site for 8 tennis courts under review

A proposed complex of eight new tennis courts, covering an area as large as Kyle Field, would ruin the last bit of open land on the campus, said Dick Guseman, PhD, student in Recreation and Parks. The proposed location, discussed Thursday night by the Student Campus Advisory Committee, is south of the Rudder Center between the picnic area and Houston Street. The site extends into the grove of trees near the picnic area. The money for the new varsity courts has been approved by the state Coordinating Board, which must review all construction projects at state universities. However, the final design has not been presented. The student committee will research another possible site for the courts and will present it before the Board of Regents at its next meeting. A statement of purpose was presented and passed by the student committee, and Randy Hohlaas was elected chairman for the Spring semester. — Susan Brown

Clubs offering nudity protested to council

SAN ANTONIO — The question of public nudity as entertainment has been bared before the city council here at a hearing called by Mayor Lila Cockrell following charges that nudity is becoming a common sight in the clubs along the city's Paseo Del Rio. All but two of the 15 witnesses at the hearing Thursday said they dis-

Use of stolen vehicles

Police activities probed

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A five-member committee which investigated alleged irregularities in the Fort Worth Police Department's auto theft division says that certain unnamed auto theft detectives and their supervisors "participated in acts and conduct which may have been violations of the law."

In an 88-page report made public

today, the committee recommended no action against specific members of the police department, but urged City Manager Rodger Line to tighten policies and procedures of the entire police department.

Nearly 300 hours of public hearings were conducted from July 15 to Oct. 27, after a Fort Worth Star-Telegram story accused police of alleged misconduct in the auto theft division.

The report concluded that any officer who drives stolen vehicles for either surveillance or personal use should be fired. It also recommended that any officer who exchanged recovered or abandoned auto parts for information from informants should be disciplined.

A carefully supervised fund for use in obtaining "essential information" form informants was recommended by the group. Also called for in the report was a city-supervised auto pound to store recovered, stolen or abandoned vehicles.

Committee members also recommended that the statute of limitations be extended from six months to

12 so an officer involved in misconduct could be prosecuted.

The report recommended a police-civilian review board and the hiring of a police psychologist. The review board would be a fact-finding group with no authority. It could, however, recommend disciplinary action against any officer.

Committee members also recommended that future police chiefs have formal law enforcement training with a degree in police administration, criminology or police science.

Members of the committee were former Mayor Willard Barr, retired Judge Atwood McDonald, attorney Milton Mehl, businessman Jud Cramer and high school counselor Mrs. Walter Barbour.

Crappy office goes to judge

Associated Press

COOPER, Tex. — The basement men's room of the Delta County Courthouse was open for "regular" business again Thursday after commissioners court moved out of the privy to its regular first floor quarters.

Commissioners conducted court affairs Wednesday in the restroom where Sheriff Benny Fisher had moved all of Bolger's office furniture.

The sudden transfer of offices was the result of a conflict between the sheriff and Bolger over allocation of county operating funds.

"He (Fisher) moved my desk, my clock, my pictures, everything. Those chairs were lined up just as neat as if you were going to eat in a dining hall. He really had me set up for business. Had my name on the door," Bolger said.

COME LISTEN TO **H. B. ZACHRY** IN THE ZACHRY ENGINEERING AUDITORIUM FEBRUARY 2 — 7:30 P.M. EVERYONE INVITED! SPONSORED BY TEXAS A&M CHAPTER S.A.M.E.

Free University courses offered

Registration will begin Tuesday for Free University. A registration booth will be located in the Student Programs Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables will be set up on the first floor of the MSC, from 7 to 9 p.m. Some of the courses offered this semester by Free University are precision bridge, folk dancing, yoga, guitar, house plants, bass fishing, bike repair, caving and chess.

Free University courses offered

Registration will begin Tuesday for Free University. A registration booth will be located in the Student Programs Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables will be set up on the first floor of the MSC, from 7 to 9 p.m. Some of the courses offered this semester by Free University are precision bridge, folk dancing, yoga, guitar, house plants, bass fishing, bike repair, caving and chess.

LYNN ASHBY houston post columnist You Mean This Is an Election Year?? 12:30 P.M. TUES., FEB. 3 RM. 601 RUDDER TOWER step into the msc circle

Yukon Jack 100 Proof Imported Liqueur Blended Canadian Whisky. There IS a difference!! PREPARE FOR: MCAT, DAT, LSAT, GRE, GMAT, OCAT, CPAT, VAT, SAT, FLEX, ECFMG. Over 35 years of experience and success. TAPE SESSIONS ONLY. Voluminous home study materials. Courses that are constantly updated. NAT'L MED. B'D'S NAT'L DENTAL B'D'S. Stanley H. KAPLAN Educational Center Test Preparation Specialists Since 1938. 11300 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY DALLAS, TEXAS 75231. CALL FOR INFORMATION NOW 214/750-0317. Branches in Major U.S. Cities.

A scientific approach to diamonds. An artistic approach to fine jewelry. Carl Bussell's **DIAMOND ROOM** TOWN & COUNTRY CENTER 846-4708 3731 E. 29th MEMBER AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY

THE BAHAI CLUB A PROGRAM FOR WORLD RELIGION DAY TUESDAY FEB. 3 MSC 139 7:30 P.M. Speaker-Gerald Calhoun Music by "NUR" (tentative)

ALLEN Oldsmobile Cadillac SALES - SERVICE "Where satisfaction is standard equipment" 2401 Texas Ave. 823-8002

Embrey's Jewelry We Specialize in Aggie Rings. Diamonds Set — Sizing — Reoxidizing — All types watch/jewelry Repair Aggie Charge Accounts 9-5:30 846-5816