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Freedom Train

The Freedom Train passed through Bryan-College Station this morning on its way to Houston.

John Sarabia

Williams says regents won't limit enrollment

By LEE ROY LESCHPER JR.
Battalion Staff Writer

The A&M Board of Regents will not set any enrollment limits for the 1976-77 school year, University President Jack K. Williams said last night.

"The Board has already listened to our recommendations (on enrollment limits), listened to our enrollment projections and has set enrollment at 27,500," Williams said.

An enrollment limit of 27,500 students for fall 1976 has not been established because university officials do not expect enrollment to reach that figure. It is the projected maximum number of students A&M's facilities can handle.

The Board made the decision anticipating that the Texas Legislature will take some action on enrollment limits in the legislative session beginning in January 1977.

"Enrollment is set at 27,500, and, barring miscalculations, that will carry us through the legislative year," Williams said.

The last Texas Legislature authorized the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board to make recommendations on enrollment limits for all state universities. Any legislative action on enrollment limits would stem from such recommendations.

"It would be rather foolish for us to really be setting limits on enrollment until this board completes its work and makes its report," Williams said.

Dr. Norma Foreman, Coordinating Board director of publications, said yesterday,

"The state legislature is the only agency (outside the university) that can set enrollment limits for state universities," but A&M's Board of Regents can set its own enrollment limits, she said.

The Coordinating Board recommendations on enrollment limits would be part of a "role and scope" study of state universities authorized by the legislature, Foreman said.

She explained that a university's role is the level of course offerings it provides and its scope is the breadth of those offerings.

Each state university is submitting to the Coordinating Board its own role and scope report for the next five years, Foreman said.

The role and scope study is still in the working draft stage. A Coordinating Board report summarizing the study and containing any enrollment limit recommendations will probably reach the legislature this December, she said.

Foreman said the recommendations from the Coordinating Board would not affect enrollment for Fall 1976.

A&M's five-year plan allows for about 5,000 additional students over that period. Fall 1975 enrollment increase over Fall 1974 was about 3,500.

"We're looking at an enrollment of 30,400 five years from now," Williams said.

"We're expecting 27,500 for next fall. That means we'll have to be a little tougher on admissions in the future," he said.

The admission requirement at present is a July 31 deadline for submitting admissions applications.

A special faculty-student committee ap-

pointed by Williams last October investigated possible enrollment limits. The committee made the following recommendations:

- The University should publicly state that A&M reserves the right to curtail enrollment if registration for a given semester exceeds A&M's physical limits.
- Scholastic probation, suspension and re-admission policies should be stiffened.
- The Dean of Admissions should initiate tougher admission practices for out-of-state and international students.
- Students, especially freshmen and those on scholastic probation, should be encouraged to attend summer terms.
- The University should set a deadline for newly admitted students to make a definite commitment to A&M.
- Entrance requirements for the University should be uniform for students in all curricula, but individual colleges and/or departments could set their own limits.
- The class day Monday through Friday should be extended wherever possible.
- Freshman and transfer student admissions should be limited for Fall 1976 to approximate the number admitted in Fall 1975.

The recommendations were offered as guidelines for possible Board of Regents controls on enrollment.

A number of factors already limit enrollment, Williams said.

These factors include limited housing on-campus, required entrance examinations and tougher entrance requirements for out-of-state and international students.

A&M freshman files for county sheriff

Ronald Woessner, a 19-year-old freshman in Forest Science at Texas A&M, is running for Brazos County Sheriff on the Republican ticket in the May 1 primary.

Woessner, a six-year resident of College Station, graduated from A&M Consolidated High School where he was freshman class president, sophomore vice-president and student body vice-president his senior year.

"The main reason I decided to run for the office is because I came to the realization that one-party politics like we have in Texas shouldn't be the way of life here," Woessner said. "There needs to be a viable two party system at the local, state, and national level of government."

"The Democrats in this county have won year after year. The Republicans are never going to go anywhere unless somebody stands up and says, 'Count me, I want to run.'"

Woessner said, "Somebody has got to get involved and young people have to show what they are made of. I want to represent the party."

He suggests mandatory prison sentences for persons convicted of crimes using a hand gun.

He said, "We need to reevaluate the priorities concerning what should and should not be crimes such as marijuana and prostitution."

"Law enforcement officials should spend their time on more important matters and not try to capture headlines by busting football players," Woessner said.

Woessner's opponent in the Republican primary is W. R. "Bill" Owens.

Candidates for the Democratic nomination are incumbent Sheriff J. W. Hamilton and John Miller, a College Station detective.

— PRESTON JONES



Once a myth confined primarily to the Pacific Northwest, Bigfoot has gained national recognition through full-length motion pictures and a two-part television episode, "The \$6 Million Man Vs. Bigfoot."

Texas A&M anthropologist Dr. Vaughn Bryant Jr., who tracked down Bigfoot stories while a professor at Washington State University, will be featured in a two-part series on the elusive Bigfoot beginning in tomorrow's Battalion.

Williams', Godine's fates may be decided today

DALLAS — An effort to get two suspended Texas A&M basketball players back in uniform by Thursday night was resumed today after a similar try failed Tuesday.

Lawyers filed a motion for a temporary restraining order that would block the suspensions of Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams by the Southwest Conference, a hearing was set up for Tuesday.

But the hearing in federal court here was postponed because the players' counsel of record, Hugh Smith, was not present, a spokesman for U.S. District Court Judge Frank Higginbotham said. The spokesman said it also was not determined whether the case would be heard by U.S. District Court Judge Robert Porter or Higginbotham.

Smith said, "I will try to get on the dock Wednesday. They ran us around to two courts today (Tuesday)."

Meanwhile, the first place Aggies beat Houston 94-80 Tuesday night without the services of the two freshman starters.

Smith said the ruling suspending the players was based on "hearsay and erroneous evidence — no one has even advised us of the charges against them. The Southwest

Conference has not informed me of the charges against them and has refused to divulge any charges."

Godine and Williams took lie detector tests Friday and they were ruled ineligible Monday to play the remainder of the season.

Smith said independent investigators have probed reports that the two players each received new cars plus bonuses and jobs with unusually high salaries, and their mothers received new washing machines and dryers.

Wesley Boyd, coach at Houston's Francis Scott Key Jr. High School, denied reports that cars allegedly provided Godine and Williams were registered in his name.

The Houston Chronicle quoted Smith as saying the two cars allegedly registered to Boyd comprised one point of the SWC investigation.

Boyd said he has a 1975 Thunderbird registered to a funeral home he owns, and has a 1975 Oldsmobile registered in his own name.

Both A&M and the SWC were named in the suit by the players. Smith said they are asking \$10,000 from both Texas A&M and

the conference, but added, "We don't care about the money damages if they will be allowed to play right now. The \$10,000 is the minimum allowed in federal court."

He said A&M has denied the players due process "whether it wants them to be guilty or not."

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THE FORECAST for Wednesday is fair and mild with NW winds at 10-14 mph. The high today, 73. Tonight's low 46. Fair to partly cloudy is expected Thursday. Tomorrow's high, 78.

Genesis guarantees doom, says Centennial professor

The first chapter of Genesis is an "absolutely calamitous text" containing "beliefs which can guarantee the destruction of man," a visiting Texas A&M Centennial professor told his Zachry Engineering Center audience last night.

Ian McHarg's criticism of the first book of the Old Testament singled out its support of the dominion of mankind over nature.

The Biblical notions that man alone is made in the image of God, that man shall have dominion over all things, and that he shall go forth and multiply are forms of suicide, the visiting landscape architect

and planner said.

"When one creature multiplies at a super exponential rate without the normal biological controls," McHarg said, "then the brain is a spinal tumor rather than the apex of biological evolution."

McHarg suggested that man is becoming a "planetary disease that infests the earth, adding that it is fast becoming one of epidemic proportions."

The Scottish-born planner is chairman of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania.

Plans for new equipment

Emergency aid said to improve

By ROD SPEER

The effectiveness of Sherrill's ambulance service has improved in the past few months, local hospital administrators agree.

The service, a private firm receiving governmental aid, was criticized early last fall before the College Station City Council by a graduate student class which surveyed public opinion of local emergency health care.

"In the last five or six months the ambulance service has improved tremendously," said Sonja Shepard, director of nursing for St. Joseph's Hospital.

Sister M. Norbertine, head administrator for the hospital, described Sherrill's service as "no utopia," but added she had no major problems or complaints.

Shepard said in the past sometimes only one Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) would ride with the ambulance driver on a call, but now there are always two EMTs to aid accident victims. (An EMT has at least 120 hours of emergency medical training.)

All of Sherrill's ambulance crew except owner Ed Sherrill's son Billy, an ambulance driver, have completed EMT training in the last year.

Mobile radios for Sherrill's ambulances have been purchased by the local city and county governments with federal funds funneled through the Brazos Valley Development Council (BVDC). The long-awaited radios are arriving piecemeal, according to a BVDC spokesman, and none has been installed.

The BVDC originally requested

federal help in purchasing a base station radio unit for use in the Texas A&M University Health Center. After it was ordered, the student health center declined to take the \$700 station. (BVDC executive director Glenn Cook admitted recently his agency should take better precautions in applying for Health, Education and Welfare funds to prevent such misunderstandings.)

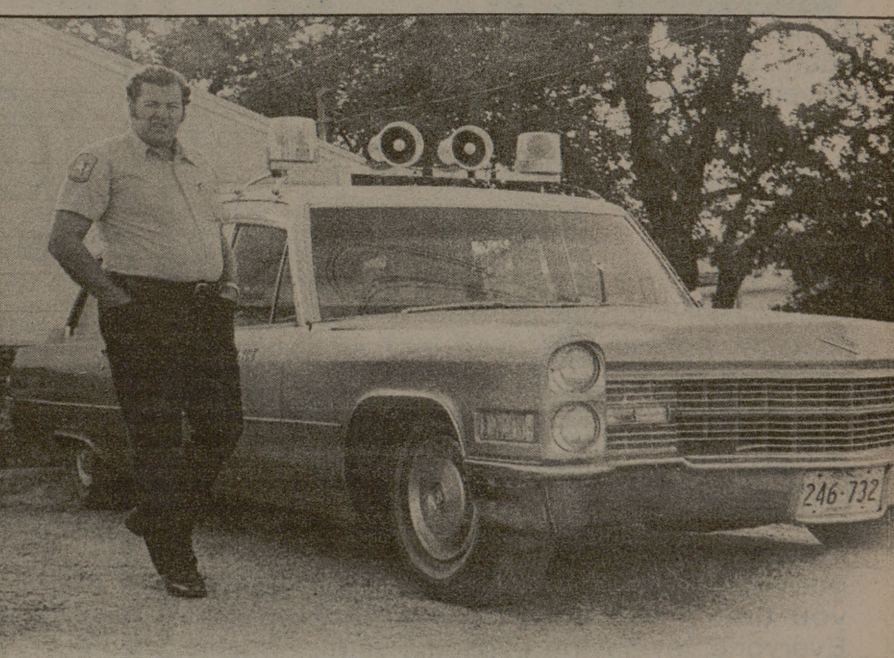
Bryan has agreed to buy the health center equipment, which needs to be modified for use at Sherrill's office at 3108 Doerge, near Sulphur Springs Road.

Sherrill's company operates in the Bryan-College Station area under permits granted it by the two cities.

When local funeral homes dropped their ambulance service in March, 1974, the two cities and Brazos County purchased three funeral home ambulances for \$14,300. When Ed Sherrill received the city permits over an Austin firm, Transportation Enterprises, the cities and county gave him the ambulances on a lease-purchase plan with 6 per cent interest.

Last year College Station and Brazos County bought modulations with matching federal grants for Sherrill's use. (A "modulation" amounts to a small emergency room on wheels as opposed to the conventional stationwagon ambulance, used strictly to transfer accident victims to an emergency room.) Sherrill pays only for operating costs for the modulations.

The A&M graduate student class pointed out the public concern for lack of complete ambulance records



Ed Sherrill poses by one of the stationwagons of his ambulance fleet.

Photo by Jack Holm

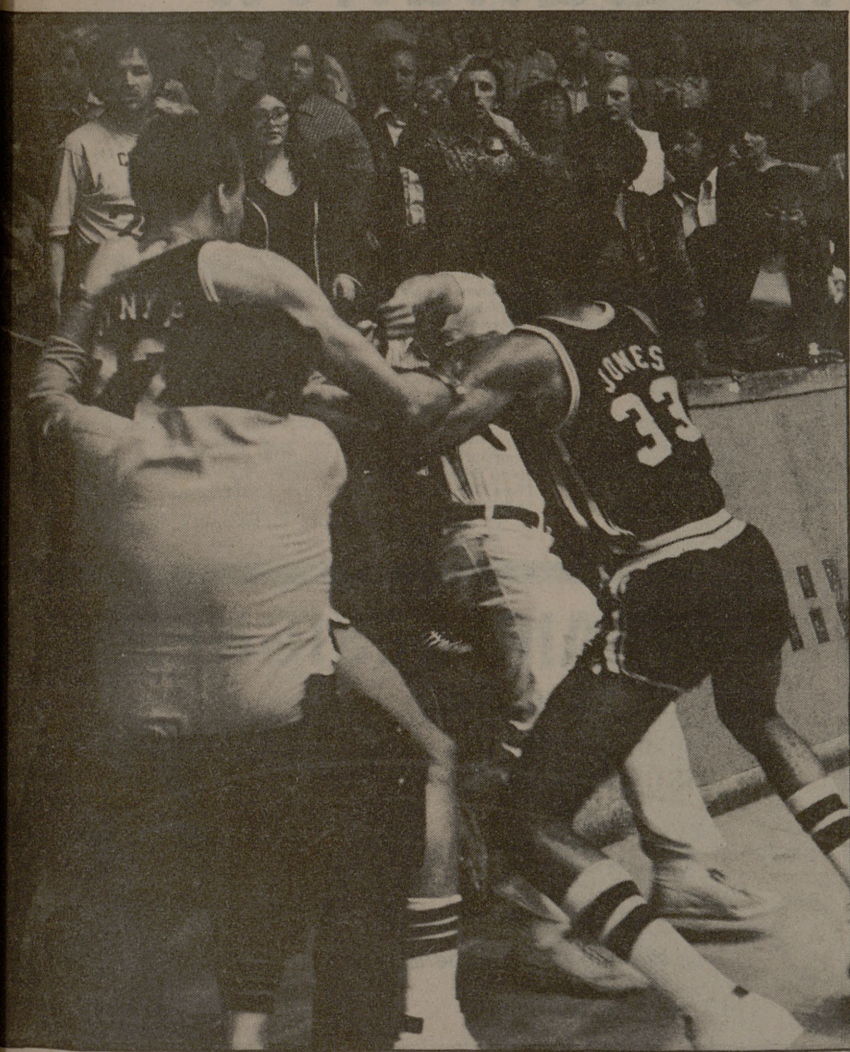
and lack of an adequate recourse procedure for complaints against the service.

To meet HEW guidelines, the city and county have required Sherrill to complete a five-page form for each person treated and transferred to a hospital in the modulations. Sherrill is required to fill out a form for every emergency run, whether it be with a modulation or one of his ambulances. He is not required to make a form for

transfer runs — taking patients from one hospital to another or similar duties — and he is not allowed to use a modulation for those cases.

The form itemizes aid given by bystanders and ambulance attendants, response time to the scene and to the hospital, and a specific description of the condition of the injured person before and after treatment.

In addition, complaint forms were (See AMBULANCE, Page 3)



Fight! (again)

Jim Hendrickson

A&M basketball player Sonny Parker charged after an attendant of Shasta, the University of Houston mascot, at the game between A&M and UH last night in Houston. Parker was restrained from the pursuit by a guard and A&M player Steve Jones. See story, page 11.