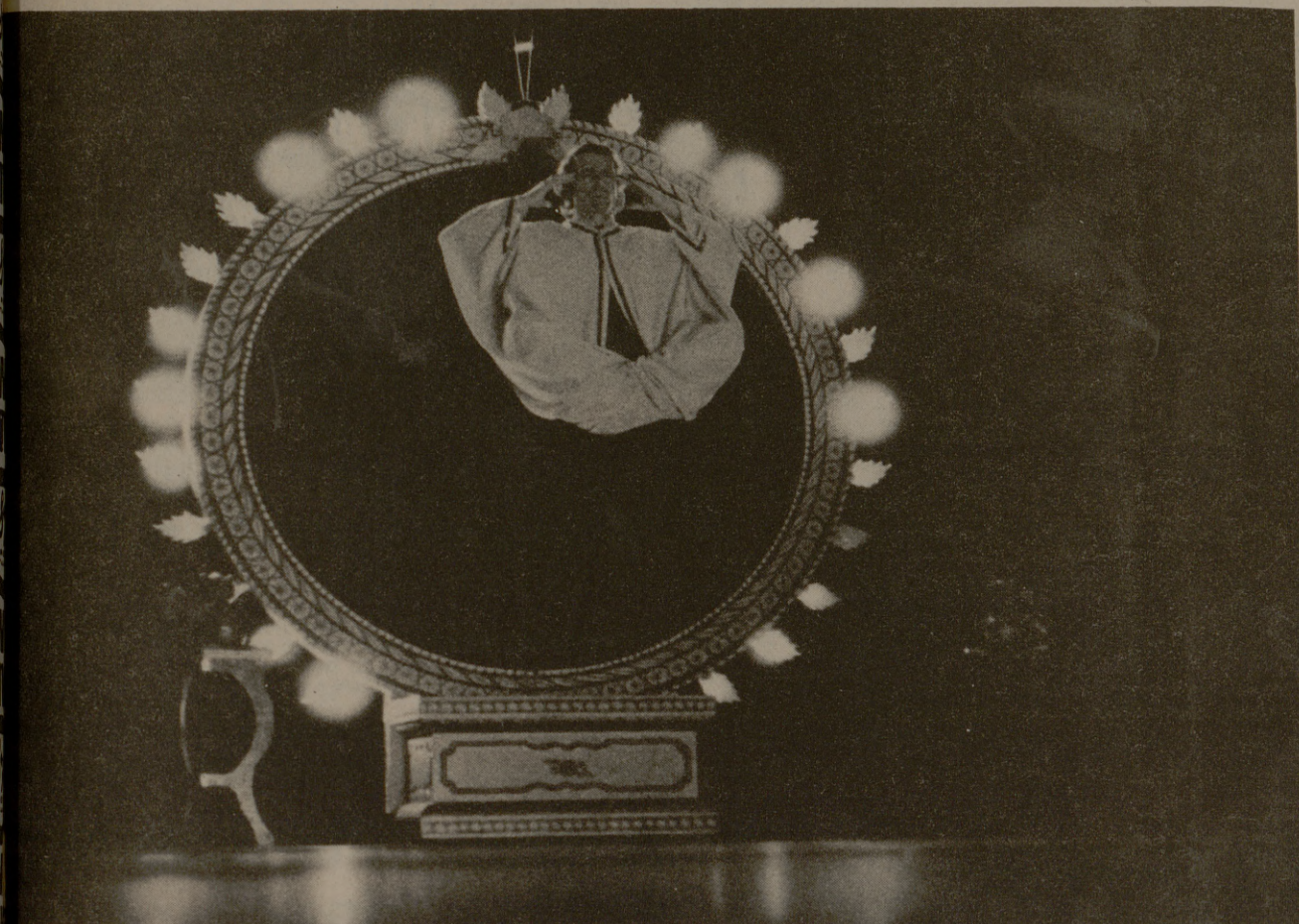


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Floating Illusionist

Photo courtesy of Steve Goble

Levitation was one of the illusions Andre Kole brought to Rudder Auditorium last night. Sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ, Kole discussed the supernatural and the Bible during

the show. He said the last few centuries have seen an increase in the severity and frequency of wars, earthquakes and famines; signs the Book of Matthew links with the Second Coming.

Bike path studies

B-CS groups hope for federal funds

By T.C. GALLUCCI

The following article is third in a series dealing with studies to establish a bikeway system in the College Station area. Part three covers a plan developed by the A&M Wheelman Committee and the Environmental Action Council.

Remember Anne? She's the green-eyed nine-year old who has to ride her bike every day to school. People feel sorry for her because she has to travel nine blocks in morning rush hour traffic. And she has to do it without the aid of safety bicycle lanes.

Some people in the Bryan-College Station community have expressed concern about Anne and children like her. These people, in the form of the University Traffic Council, the League of Women Voters, several urban planning students, the A&M Wheelman Committee and the Environmental Action Council, decided to take action to provide bike paths in the area. They conducted studies, presented them to D. Williamson, Supervisory Planning Engineer for the Bryan District, and now are waiting to see if the plan will be eligible for million dollars of federal funds.

The Environmental Action Council and the A&M Wheelman Committee proposed a system compiled by Timothy L. Rose, a member of both organizations.

Members of the groups took a traffic count on Sept. 30, 1975, of pedestrians and bicycles entering and exiting the A&M campus at 11 major entrances. The League of Women Voters took a similar survey two weeks earlier concentrating on traffic near the A&M Consolidated schools.

The study, which took place between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., revealed a total volume of 10,070 bicyclists and 9,075 pedest-

rians. Rose said the count was made on a Tuesday but traffic is heavier on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday since more classes are scheduled on those days.

The 11 entrances monitored were: New Main Drive, South Bizzell, Throckmorton, South Houston, Joe Routh Drive, Old Main Drive, North Houston, Ashbury, Ireland, Spence and North Bizzell. The count does not include bikes and pedestrians heading out University Avenue toward the veterinary complex. Rose estimated that the traffic missed at the unmonitored entrances would not affect the total counts by more than 5 per cent.

Specific recommendations and problems noted by the two groups were:

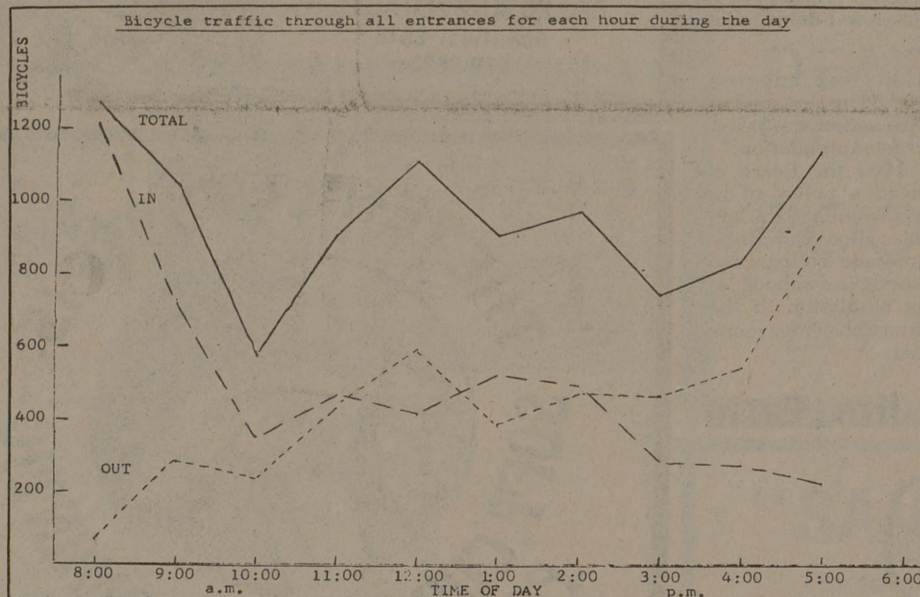
New Main Drive/Bizzell intersection — Bicyclists have difficulty negotiating changing lanes to turn.

South Bizzell/Jersey/Timber intersection — Automobiles cut in front of bicycles on their turns. Bicycles cannot trip the light signal from Timber and have long waits.

Throckmorton/Jersey/Dexter intersection — Bicyclists do not stop when exiting either Dexter or Throckmorton. Most drivers and bicyclists fail to signal turns.

South Houston/Jersey intersection — Traffic patterns are totally disordered since nearly all bikes must turn. The bicyclists neither signal nor stop.

Old Main Drive/FM2154 intersection — Traffic is light, but the unpatrolled 40 mile-per-hour speed limit makes it dangerous.



North Houston/University Drive intersection — Since there is a 5:1 ratio of bikes using the street compared to the sidewalk, there needs to be a better way for the bikes to cross University between College Main and N. Houston.

North Bizzell — The entrance to parking lot 50 where crosswalks have been placed is congested from 7:30-8:30 a.m. with over 400 pedestrians and 225 bicycles. An alternate entrance is suggested. Since twice as many bicycles than pedestrians use the pathway, a separation of the two groups is needed. A guarded crosswalk at the Col-

lege View apartments exit and University Drive is needed to protect the 2,200 pedestrians and bicyclists crossing there daily. It is also recommended that a break in the curb be placed on the sidewalk along Bizzell heading north by the Zachry building so bikes do not have to travel against the traffic.

Jersey and University — Due to heavy traffic, a bicycle path should be constructed along the north and south sides of campus.

These recommendations have been filed with the Planning Department and will be compiled with others into a final draft that should be submitted to the public during the first of March.

Tomorrow, part three will cover the system and data compiled by three Urban Planning graduate students, Robert L. Bright, Chuck Fuhs and Steve Richardson.

SG proposes \$16.50 for football tickets

In 1974, Texas A&M University students paid nothing extra for football tickets to Aggie home games. The cost was covered by student service fees.

In 1975, students paid \$10 in addition to the student service fees to see home games.

In 1976, an estimated 20,000 A&M students may have to pay an additional \$16.50 for season tickets.

This bill was passed at last night's student senate meeting, and is subject to the approval of the Athletic Council and President Jack K. Williams.

The approved proposal was one of three athletic funding options presented to the senate by Bill Flores, vice-president of financial affairs.

The three options were as follows:
1. \$15 optional ticket price with \$120,000 student service fee subsidy. (No reduction in student service fees.)
2. \$16.50 optional ticket price with \$90,000 student service fee subsidy. (\$1.60 reduction in student service fees.)
3. \$21 ticket price with no student service fee subsidy. (Approximately \$4.80 reduction in student service fees.)

Flores said the goal of the senate in approving this plan is to gradually adopt a policy of a separate users fee. This fee would only be required of those students who wish to purchase season football tickets.

The optional \$16.50 for season tickets plus the service fee would net the athletic

department \$420,000 to help cover the increased costs of not only major sports such as football, baseball and basketball, but also women's athletics and the payments on Wofford-Cain Hall.

The approved proposal is a compromise between the athletic committee's request (option three) and the student fee allocation committee's (option one).

Raj Kent introduced a bill to change the present on-campus bookstore's policy pertaining to used-book sales. The present policy of the bookstore is to buy books back from students at 50 per cent of the new-book price and re-sell them at 75 per cent of that price. This policy gives the store a net profit of 25 per cent. The plan proposed by Kent is to buy the books at 60 per cent of the new-book price and sell them for 65 per cent of that price. This gives the bookstore a 5 per cent profit. This plan was passed by the senate and will be recommended to the Bookstore Advisory Committee.

Approximately 34 per cent of the profits made by the bookstore are returned to student organizations on campus. The largest single argument against adopting this policy was that the student organizations would lose this money if a reduction in bookstore profits was made. Kent argued, however, that of 110 organizations on cam-

pus only 16 receive more than one-fourth of their funding from the bookstore's profits.

Profits would not be significantly reduced because much of the income of the bookstore comes from the upstairs portion containing gifts and supplies, said Duane Thompson, vice-president for rules and regulations.

In other business covered by the senate it was announced that Phil Williams will be taking over for Scott Sherman as manager of the student radio station. It was also announced that Aggie Muster will be held on April 21, at 5:30 p.m. on the east side of the Systems Building. The featured speaker will be Charlie Scruggs, vice-president and executive editor of the Progressive Farmer magazine.

Fouzi Ben-Ali was appointed as graduate off-campus senator to fill one of several vacancies. Also, the first reading of the Student Radio By-Laws was made and discussed briefly.

Whether or not to add a monetary stipend to the Thomas S. Gathwright Academic Excellence Award was discussed and postponed until the next meeting.

Due to the lack of time, a special meeting was called for March 3 for action to be taken on the proposed revisions of the student body constitution.

—Randy Dusek and Louis Hejtmanek

Superintendent

County schools gone

By JOE SCARMARDO

When Dec. 31, 1978 arrives, Brazos County School Superintendent Jack Streetman will probably be out of a job—or what there is of one.

The Texas Legislature last June approved a bill which will discontinue funding of county school superintendent offices in counties which no longer have a county school district. The last Brazos County schools, Kurten and Fairview Elementary, were closed by the county in 1968.

Streetman's remaining duties include approving school district boundary lines and authorizing purchase orders for school buses and related equipment. Those duties will be transferred to the individual school districts, Bryan and A&M Consolidated, when the county office is discontinued.

"There are practically no duties left," Streetman said.

Streetman, who was elected in 1974, said all rural students living outside the city limits of Bryan and College Station now attend schools in those cities. However, a few go to the Navasota school system.

W. D. Bunting, a former Brazos County school superintendent, said the position is not automatically abolished by the legislation. But, the nearly \$29,000 received annually from the state would have to be



Jack Streetman

placed with local funds if the office were to continue, he said.

County Judge Bill Vance has said the county commissioners are not considering continuing the office and will abolish it when funding ends.

Because of his few duties, Streetman was appointed as coordinator of the Bryan School District's adult education program when he was elected in 1974.

Several states, instead of phasing out the office of county school superintendent, have abolished all school districts within the county and placed the administration of both city and rural schools under the jurisdiction of the county itself.

\$126 in bookstore profits bring John Birch programs

By TIM SAGER

Students for Responsible Expression (SRE) is using \$126 of last year's bookstore profits to present films and speakers booked through the John Birch Society.

The films come through the society's American Opinion Bookstore in Houston and the speakers through the American Opinion Speakers Bureau.

SRE was approved as a student organization and granted the bookstore money although it does not charge dues. Collection of dues from organization members is required of all recognized student organizations.

Dr. Carolyn Adair of the Board of Student Organizations Approval said that this was an oversight and that the SRE would be required to collect dues from its 12 members before spending the bookstore funds.

SRE plans to end the year with a surplus of \$148, according to reports filed with the Student Finance Center. All of the bookstore funds are scheduled to be spent, however, or they would revert to MSC control.

Terry Hunt Tooley, president of the SRE, said a substantial number of the club's members are also members of the John Birch Society but the two groups are not officially related.

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Weather

THE FORECAST for Thursday and Friday is continued fair and mild with the high both days, 77. The low tonight 45. Southerly winds will be at 5-8 mph.

All Faiths Chapel lacks state funding

By SANDY RUSSO

The All Faiths Chapel has no funds for maintenance.

A decision made by the attorney general of Texas in the 1950's makes it questionable for the University to maintain the building with state funds.

When the chapel was donated to the school by the Former Students Association, it was given for the purpose of religious activities.

The attorney general's decision says no building with its sole purpose being religious activity may be funded by state funds.

The former students gave the chapel to A&M in 1957 with no provision made for maintenance. Although the ruling was already on the books, said Buck Weirus, director of the Association.

Although there was a chapel fund accumulated over the years, it could not handle any major repairs to the building, said Logan E. Weston, administrator for the chapel and campus religious director.

The University has done day-to-day maintenance on the building since 1957. Such things as replacement of light bulbs, sweeping, mopping and general cleaning is done by University maintenance crews.

Major repairs to the building didn't become evident until two years ago when the University conducted maintenance surveys on the chapel.

The first repair was replacement of the carpet at a cost of \$1,000. The \$1,000 was collected by the Former Students.

The roof was leaking and repair funds for this came from chapel fund and donations collected by Weston.

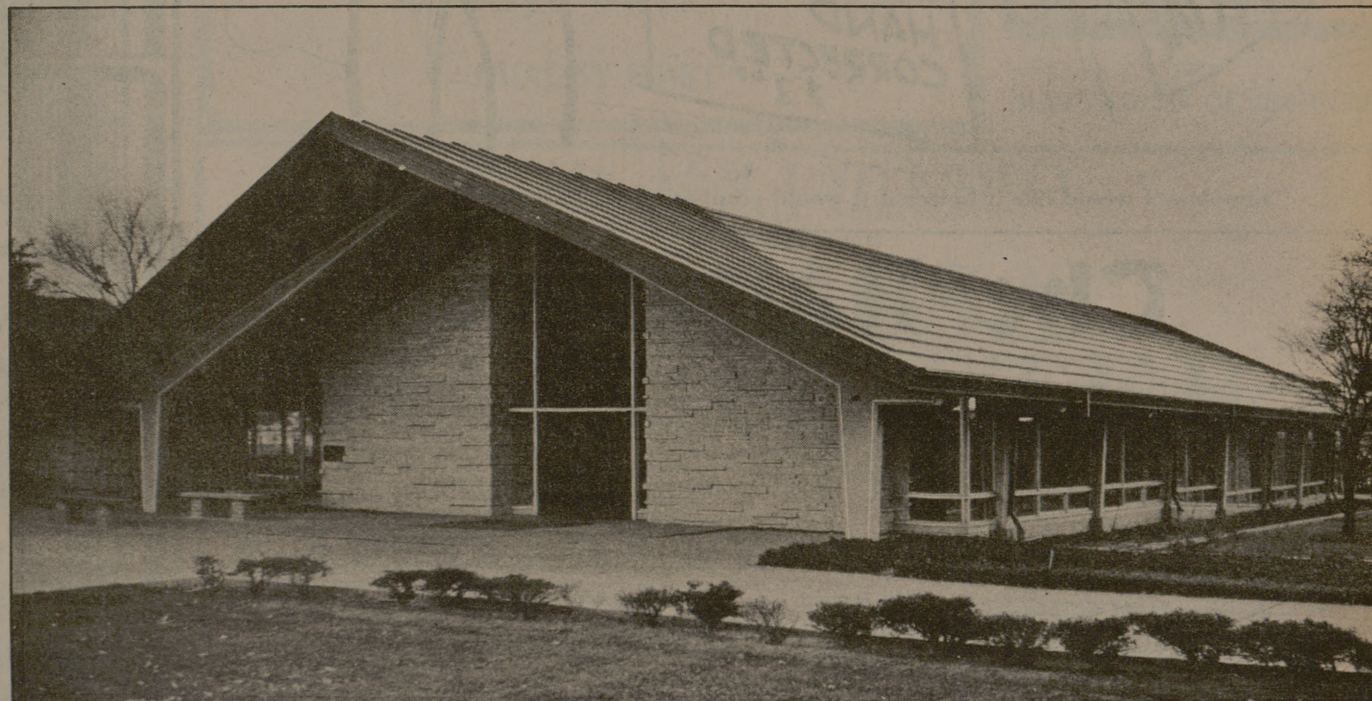
There still are major repairs to be made. The air conditioning system is obsolete, with parts becoming unobtainable, Weston said. Repair to the system is prohibitive because the University maintenance shops are making parts as they wear out in the system, he said.

To put the chapel on the University chilled water system, which supplies air conditioning for most campus buildings, would cost about \$50,000, said Howard Perry, associate vice president of student affairs.

The air conditioning will hold for another 10 years, Weston said.

Weston, in trying to build a maintenance fund, has started charging from \$10 to \$20 for chapel rental. He schedules weddings, the major revenue producer, as much as six months in advance to maximize usage of the chapel.

Weirus suggests that the Association reconsider the restrictions on the use of the building so the University can hold classes in it. At least it would be legal for the University to maintain the building that way, Weirus said.



Staff photo by Douglas Winship

The All Faiths Chapel has been a familiar part of the A&M campus for twenty years. Since it was built there have been no funds available for

maintenance. Repairs have been on an item to item basis with funds being donated by former students and others.