

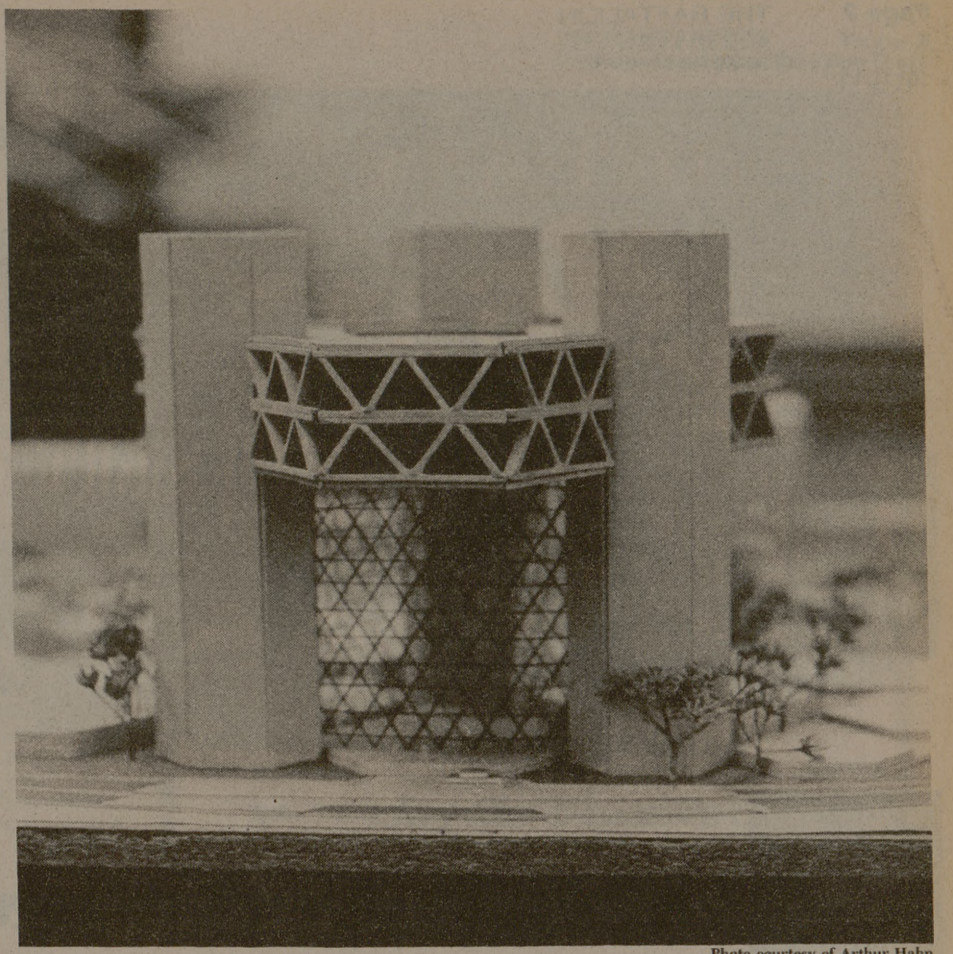
White House redesigned

By Holly Hutchison
A group of A&M graduate architecture students are redesigning the White House. Professor Peter Zweig assigned his design class a five-week bicentennial project of redesigning the Presidential home. It was not commissioned by the White House in Washington D.C. The members presented plans and models of the project yesterday. Zweig said the plans may be published in national magazines. The use of a laser field (generation of electromagnetic waves) to prevent precipitation included in the model and would allow freedom of movement in a natural

outdoor environment. Air is drawn from below the lasers that are on frames above the White House buildings. The laser heats the air causing movement, resulting in natural ventilation. Freedom of movement, saving of energy and environmental control would be accomplished. In this plan the old White House would be torn down and the new buildings would be in its place. Professor James Fitch, a visiting centennial professor from Columbia University, said, "At one level the idea is rational, yet it's also clinically mad and insane as far as social acceptance goes."

Fitch argued that to change the White House image would be as though a foreign country invaded our nation and changed the White House image to demonstrate its new authority. Other teams chose to leave the White House intact, either turning it into a museum or using its available space for offices or living quarters for foreign diplomats. Fitch viewed this approach as the most practical. Several teams separated the President's house from the offices, increasing the amount of privacy for the Presidential family. One team placed the President's house partly below ground level, connecting it to the White House offices by a tunnel.

Two intersecting pyramids is another White House proposal which would "preserve the old and revitalize the new" according to one of the teams. Glass would be the main material used in the design. Fitch warned of the "complicated phenomenon" caused by glass because of the black, somber effect that glass walls have at night. Besides creating an area of privacy for the President and his family, several teams are concerned with using natural energy sources such as the sun for radiant heating and the wind for cooling. Developing buildings which would allow for flexibility and the preservation of the landscape are other aims of the designers.



A NEW WHITE HOUSE
This is a model of a plan for a new White House

Photo courtesy of Arthur Hahn

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Senate discusses nursery, ticket policy

By RANDY DUSEK and LOUIS HEJTMANEK

Eight Texas A&M University married students brought a handful of policy reasons (youngsters) to last night's Student Senate meeting to show the need for establishing a Day Care Center.

The idea of instituting such a center was presented to the senate by a concerned group of married students who are facing the problem of attending school and raising children at the same time. Dave Scarfe, chairman of the inquiring group, said the center will be open to children between the ages of 18 months and five years and whose parents attend A&M.

The main goal of the program is to give the children and parents by allowing the parents to extend their scholastic activities and at the same time provide a means of a quality education for the children, Scarfe said.

In attaining this goal, a three-dimensional program will be established in which the children will benefit in the following ways: (1) It will provide an environment that will involve the manipulation of materials such as blocks and puzzles. Field trips, art and music will also be used to develop creativity and a good outlook. (2) Instead of using many teachers, the center will utilize one instructor for the youngsters to better identify with. (3) It is an attempt to help the kids do their part in strengthening family relations.

The program will be under the direction of specialists in early childhood education. Details are also being worked out for the eventual

incorporation of the center into the Educational Psychology Department of the College of Education. It is also planned to introduce a new concept of direct parental involvement and education, involving suitable seminars, lectures and activities in the center.

In other business the senate voted to let the students choose whether they will revert to the old Aggie tradition of camping out to wait for football tickets or continue with the current policy of random allocation. The students will get to vote on this in the form of a referendum during the student government elections.

Senator Steve Burch stressed numerous times that only 22,000 tickets would be available for students and the Athletic Dept. is trying to cut down on the illegal swapping of ticket books by stamping them with the student's I.D. number. This will minimize the use of student tickets by non-students.

The classification of students will be determined by the number of hours they have completed or the number of years they have been in school; using whichever will give a higher classification.

They also approved a resolution recommending to the Athletic Dept. the relocation of the "consideration section" which is designated for students who, because of some disability, can't stand up during an entire football game. At the present time one vertical section of the upper deck is set aside for these students. Under the proposed resolution the section would be relocated to run horizontally between each end zone including the first few rows of the upper deck. The reason for this

change is that the people sitting on the outside of the vertical section can't see over the people standing up in adjacent sections.

Dr. Vergil G. Stover, professor of Urban and Region Planning and Chuck Fuhs, student at A&M, presented a detailed study of bicycle traffic and pathways in and around the campus.

"Presently, there are 8,000 bikes operating on campus totaling over 20,000 bicycle trips each day," Fuhs said.

During recent years, there have been 37 bicycle-related accidents and one fatality on campus.

"This shows the definite need for increased bike pathways," he said.

The majority of the bicycle traffic comes from the North and South sides of campus. These problem areas will be the first to undergo safety construction.

In the future, over seven miles of inter-university bike routes at a cost of \$465,000 are to be constructed.

Stover said federal funding will be sought but if not available, construction will proceed at a retarded pace.

"Other routes are being planned in the Bryan-College Station area and will be determined by the location of the schools, students and recreational facilities," Stover said.

A resolution was passed by the senate to recommend that College Station adopt a ward system of electing councilmen. The argument in favor of this resolution was that Texas A&M would be made into one ward therefore assuring there would be student representation on the College Station City Council. Senator Steve Ingram countered that if the students want a representative on the city council they can vote for Jim

Crawley in the upcoming election.

The senate meeting was adjourned during discussion of a bill introduced by Donnie Payne to place "none of the above" as a selection on the ballot when electing the president and vice-president of student government. All at once eight senators left the room leaving less than a quorum, thus business could not be conducted and Speaker Fred Mc Clure was forced to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 a.m.

Players seek court injunction

Associated Press

DALLAS — An injunction has been sought in federal court by suspended Texas A&M freshmen basketball players Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams in an attempt to become eligible for the 1976-1977 season.

The injunction was filed in the court of U.S. District Judge Patrick Higginbotham, who earlier had granted a temporary restraining order allowing the two players to finish the regular season.

The players are also suing the SWC, excluding Texas A&M, on a charge of failing to grant them due process at a Feb. 29 hearing because it did not provide witnesses they asked to appear.

Students meet to consider lobby

Student representatives from 100 schools across the nation will meet in Minnesota today, possibly to organize a national student lobby.

The meeting, being held at the University of Minnesota, is purely an organizational one, according to Jeff Dunn, student body president. "Basically all we will do at this meeting is see if we are interested in forming the organization and see if it's worthwhile," Dunn said.

The University of Minnesota sent information to large schools last January stating their interest in forming a national student lobby organization for large universities. If formed, membership to the association will be restricted to large state and land grant schools.

"The reason for this," Dunn said, "is that larger schools have special problems all of their own which are different from problems of small schools. As a lobbying force we would be more effective if we had input just from larger schools."

The organization, which as yet has no name, will act as an alternative to the National Student Association (NSA) and the National Student Lobby (NSL), both of which serve as campus lobby groups.

Dunn said that A&M is a member of NSL which is comprised of both small and large universities. He added that A&M is not, however, a member of NSA, also open to all

universities, for they often choose to take sides on issues that do not affect students directly, such as civil rights, busing, war in Vietnam, and Medicare.

If formed, he feels this new organization will lobby only for issues that affect the nation's students directly as students.

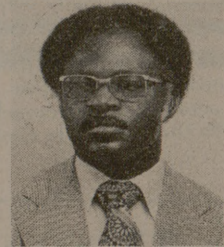
Dunn said that this weekend student representatives will probably compose a constitution, and decide on rules, procedures, goals, and possibly a name should they decide to form the organization. "The University of Minnesota has outlined a few issues that the association may want to take a stand on. We may also discuss a few of these," Dunn said.

He also said that he feels the organization sounds like something that can help the student body at A&M. He said that A&M along with other Texas schools has been only moderately involved in the national scene.

"We're not too close to the action in Washington, D.C.," he said. "And we don't have the exorbitant budget to fly around the nation all the time, either." He said the new organization will have broad contacts with member schools, and he feels this will help our student government to be more active on the national level.

Rajesh Kent, vice president of academic affairs; Stan Stanfield, an A&M student; and Dunn will attend the meeting. — LeAnn Roby

Candidates favor street improvement



By RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN

Both candidates for the Place 4 position on the College Station City Council favor plans for improving the streets and utilities of the city.

Incumbent Jim Gardner, 55, of 1216 N. Richfield, is being challenged by Clinton Robison, 34, who lives at 1101 Southwest Parkway.

Gardner is a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Texas A&M. He received a B.Arch. degree from the University of

The College Station City Council will meet at 7 tonight in city hall.

Southern California and earned his Masters degree in city planning from MIT.

Gardner said that in the two years that he has been on the council much progress has been made, but that there are still some areas which the council has neglected.

A Comprehensive Development Plan for the city is one of the goals Gardner hopes to attain if he is re-elected in the April 3 election. This plan would give the city a sense of direction for its future, something he says it has been lacking in the past.

"It is important and quite critical to come up with a Capital Development Program," Gardner said. "This would give College Station security for its utility supply in the future." He added that if it were necessary to discontinue utility service from Bryan that the Bryan citizens would understand the situation.

"I am also concerned with the quality of housing being built in College Station. I'm afraid that some of this housing may not stand the test of time." Gardner also said that he would like for the population density to be lowered in some areas.

Robison attended Paul Quinn College in Waco and now teaches Auto Mechanics for the Bryan Independent School District. He attends Blinn College at night where he is studying business law and attends A&M during the summer.

Robison has been on the Mayor's Committee for three years. The committee is made up of citizens who work with the communities around College Station.

Robison said he would like the Council to work for all the citizens than for just a few.

"There are a lot of things the present City Council has overlooked, such as streets,

sewage, street lights and water pressure," Robison said.

Robison has lived in College Station most of his life, and says some things have

Look for a special section next week on the school board and city council elections.

not changed since he was a youth. "Some things take time, but not a lifetime" was his criticism of the present Council.

Robison accused the council members of being out of touch with the citizens of College Station. "They should go out into the community to see what the people need. Some of the councilmen have never been in the community."

Improvement of the streets and the general condition of the city is the goal Robison has for the City Council if he is elected. "We need to get people interested in bringing the city up to standards and making it a better place to live."

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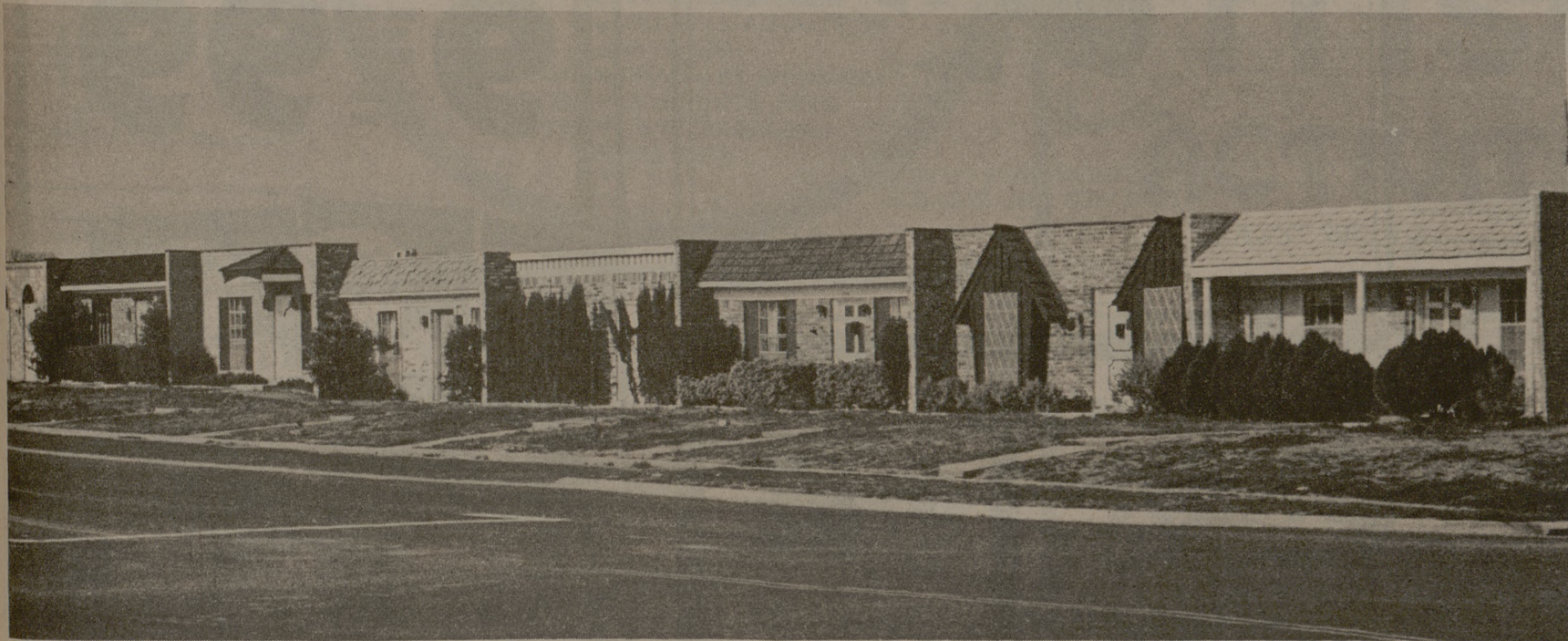
The Traffic Panel yesterday recommended that a high-rise parking facility should be studied as a possible solution to parking problems. Page 6.

Women managers aid A&M track team. Page 8.
Aggie baseball team beat Minnesota 5-2. Page 9.

The agriculture buildings are the most distinctive architecture on campus. Page 4.

Texas Student Association will consider sponsoring Willie Nelson's Fourth of July picnic. Page 5.

THE FORECAST for Thursday and Friday is continued mostly cloudy and mild with a 20 per cent chance of rain. The high today 74; low tonight 69; high Friday 78.



HOUSES AND DUPLEXES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN COLLEGE STATION

"Right now it's a lot easier to buy than rent a house," one local realtor says.

Housing becoming luxury in B-CS

By STEVE GRAY

and SUZANNE DEATHERAGE

"Right now, we've got only a couple of duplexes and houses for rent. They won't last long."

"I'm getting at least five calls a day from people, usually students, wanting to know where they can rent a house. There's just not much available."

"They're going to have a helluva time finding a place to live this fall."

These statements by local realtors reflect the sad truth that housing is fast becoming a luxury in the Bryan-College Station area, particularly for Texas A&M students. It is a matter of simple economics: demand far exceeds present supply and realtors here are predicting that the situation won't get much better for at least a couple more years.

Third of a four-part series dealing with the housing situation for students in Bryan-College Station.



Behind it all is the local (non-apartment) building industry that has been unable to effectively cope with College Station's rapid growth and overall development, not to mention A&M's 15 per cent annual growth rate between 1970 and 1975.

Students are fighting a dog-eat-dog bat-

tle for houses, duplexes and mobile homes that are located close to the campus. They take what they can get.

Students live off campus for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the shortage of on-campus housing. Others contend it is cheaper to move into a house, duplex or mobile home and split up the rent with two or three other budget-minded roommates.

And, of course, there are those who can't stand the ear-splitting "crash" and subsequent "whoosh" of a toilet being flushed on the floor above in a dormitory at 3 a.m.

Students are finding out that they are spending more and more time searching for a place to live. It's becoming a major source of worry for some.

According to figures from the College Station planning department, about 11,000 private dwelling units will exist by the end

of this year with the city's population peaking at about 39,000.

That averages out to about 3.5 units per person. According to the city's projections, if present trends continue, that figure should drop to about 3.25 private units per capita by 1978.

A major problem is that most students have a fairly limited income and cannot afford to rent an expensive home or duplex in the newer subdivisions that are being developed. As a result most are confined to living in houses surrounding the campus, a fair number of which are in need of renovation.

How can students find out what duplexes, houses or mobile homes are available?

Perhaps the best way, most realtors agree, is by word-of-mouth from friends who

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