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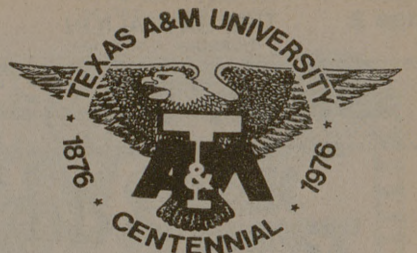
Clear to partly cloudy today with high in the upper 70s. Low tonight in the lower 50s. Partly cloudy tomorrow with the high in the upper 70s.

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Traffic Panel rates mo-peds; discusses parking revisions

Texas A&M University Traffic Panel met yesterday that mo-peds operated on campus should be considered motorcycles.

A mo-ped is a motor assisted vehicle with a maximum speed for a mo-ped on campus is 20 m.p.h.

Irman Stover said that for University clarification purposes, motor bicycles shall be operated in the manner and under the same regulations as motorcycles. Under state law, a mo-ped is considered a motorcycle.

There are currently four mo-peds operating on campus, but the number is expected to increase. Stover said, "The problem is that they ride them on the sidewalks. The new regulation will take care of that," he said.

The panel tabled action on vision problems at the entrance to the new parking lot behind Mosher Hall and at the intersection of Lubbock and Bizzell Streets until its next meeting so that the problem areas could be studied further.

Seven basic proposals were mentioned as solutions to the overcrowding problems in the University parking lots during an open discussion of the problem.

The first proposal was to leave parking registration and allocation as it is with distinctions made between reserved faculty-staff, regular faculty and three student parking divisions.

Proposal two suggested having only three parking categories: "A," "B," and "C." "A" parking would be available only to

faculty and staff and would correspond to the current reserved, numbered spaces. Both "B" and "C" parking would be available to all university students and faculty.

Under this proposal the campus lots would be designated with one of the three letters and parking would be as follows: "A" permits would be allowed in any lot on campus; "B" permits would only be allowed in "B" and "C" designated lots; and "C" permits would be confined to "C" lots only.

Restriction of parking registration to only certain groups of people was the third basic proposal mentioned by the panel. Forbidding freshmen from having cars was the most often mentioned plan under this proposal.

The fourth possible solution would open

all university lots to all persons on a pay daily basis.

Selling nothing but reserved, numbered spaces was the fifth proposal considered.

Limiting access to the center campus area to faculty, staff and visitor parking was the sixth proposal. Under this plan, student parking would be restricted to the campus perimeter.

The final proposal, based on parking categories currently in use, would limit the number of parking permits sold in each category.

None of the proposals was studied in depth at yesterday's meeting, which lasted more than an hour. All of the proposals will be studied further at the panel's next meeting on April 14.

—Susan Brown and Dave Johnson

Plans for May '77

Library expansion discussed

A preliminary design of the library expansion was discussed last night by the Joint Campus Planning Advisory Committee and the project coordinator Charles

Smith. The six-story expansion will be located in the present library, and will extend 79 feet of the Agriculture Building. Construction should begin in May, 1977, and completion in July, 1979.

The cost of the new building is \$12 million, which includes limited renovation of existing building. A \$2 million allowance is made for unfinished square foot-

age, which means the 6th floor will be only partially completed at that time.

When completed, the library will hold 2 million volumes, double what it now holds. The University of Texas library holds 3 to 4 million volumes.

The projected life of the library expansion is not known. Smith said the next expansion step would probably be a branch library, possibly on the west campus.

Smith, who has degrees in architecture and library science, said seven university libraries were studied for ideas. These in-

cluded Arizona State University, University of Denver and University of Georgia.

The library design shows a single entrance at the east end, next to the Agriculture Building. The existing entrances will be closed. To keep the present entrances would weaken the design of the building, Smith said. One entrance will aid library security and circulation.

The majority of the indexes and reference material will be located on the ground floor. The library will use only the Library of Congress system and may use computer

terminals instead of card catalogs, Smith said.

Current periodicals will be housed in closed stacks, as in the reserve room, Smith explained. There will also be a multi-media room, similar to the MSC browsing library. The 3rd, 4th and 5th floors will hold most of the volumes and seating areas.

Although there will be a mass rearrangement of the library when it is completed, collection movement will be kept to a minimum. "We're still working on what will go where," he said.

—Susan Brown

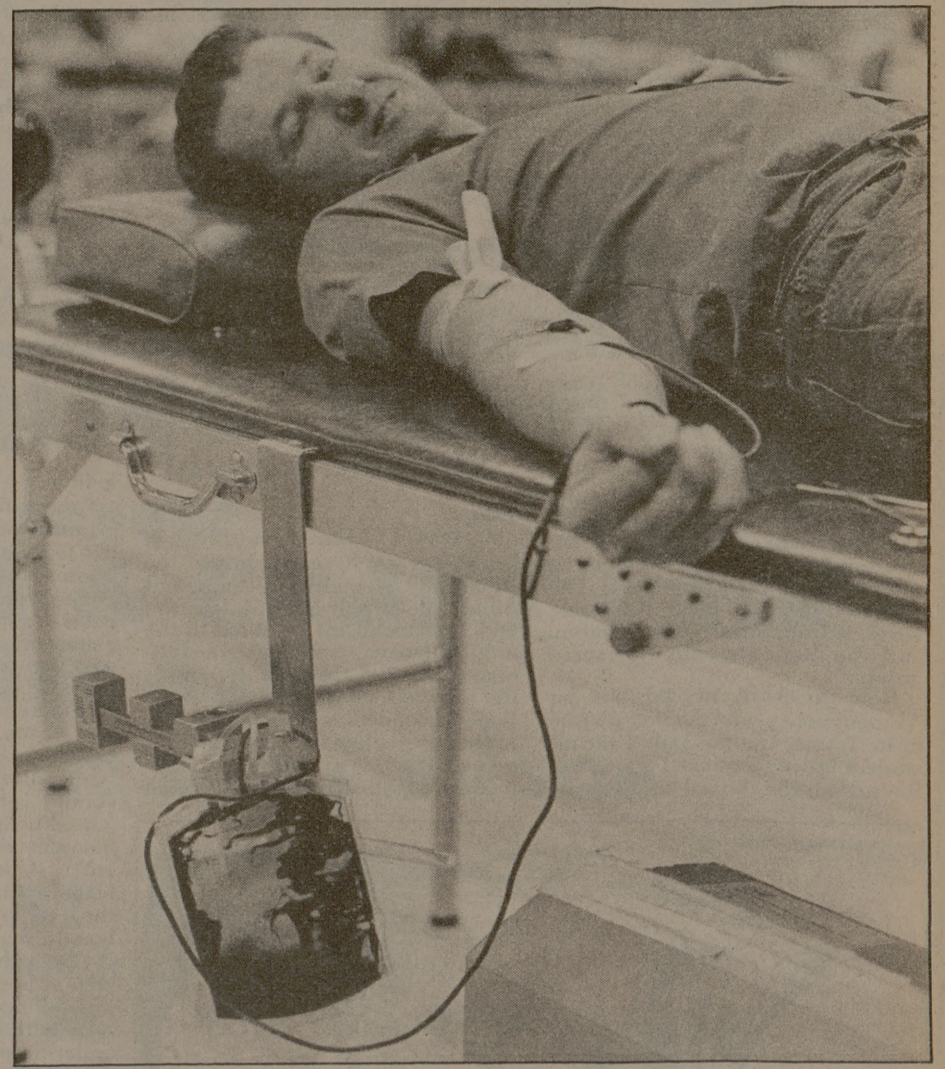


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Drilling for blood

The Spring blood drive got off to a slow start Tuesday. Shown here donating blood is Jim Pack. The blood drive continues through Thursday in an attempt to reach the goal of 1000 units set by Alpha Phi Omega.

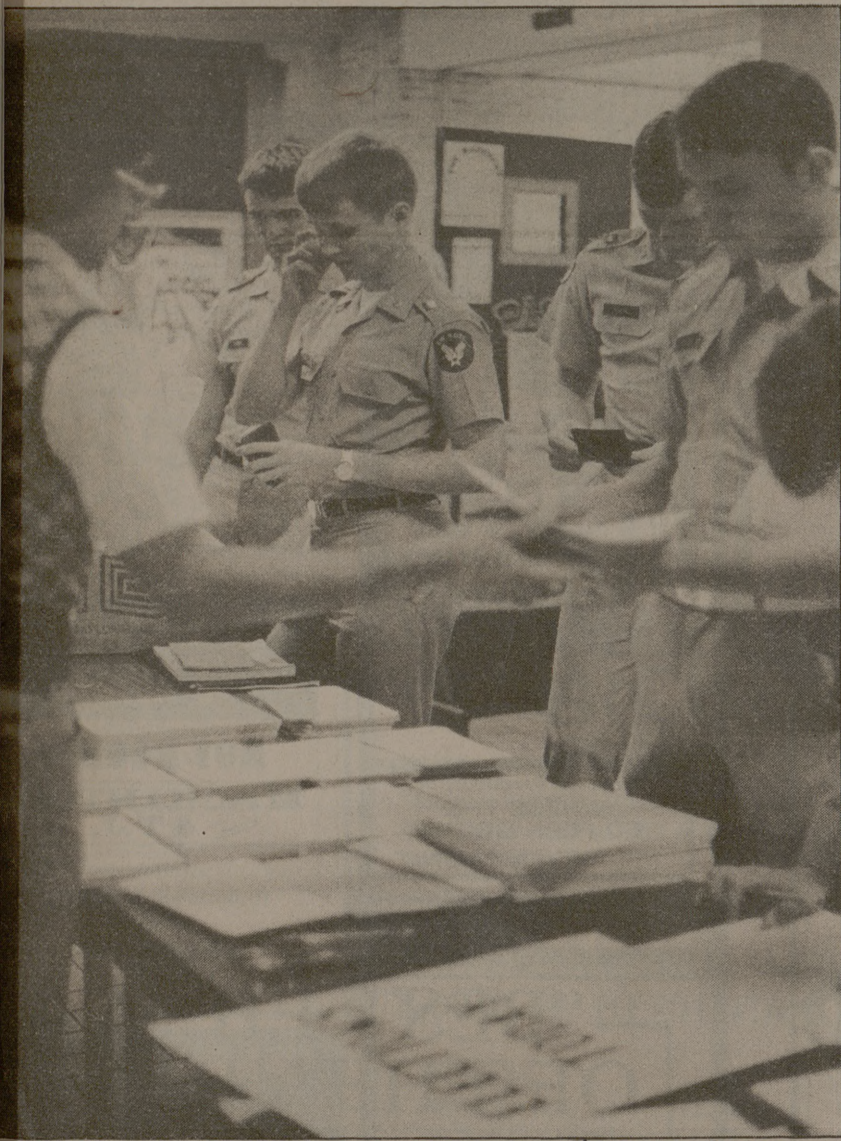


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Time to vote

Voting in the Student Government elections began Wednesday at 7 a.m. The election of president, vice-presidents, senators and yell leaders will continue today until 7 p.m.

Ursuline Academy . . .

More than a high school designed to 'make a girl a lady'

By MARK WILLIS

While almost everyone knows of Texas A&M history as an all male school, the history of this area's all female institution is not as well remembered.

Yes, there was a girl's school in Bryan, owned and run by Catholic nuns. Villa Maria Ursuline Academy operated from 1901 to 1929 and served some of Texas' leading families.

The school was designed to "make a girl a lady," and complete what was considered a satisfactory education for a woman. It was more than a high school, but it did not cover college courses. Music, rhetoric and trigonometry were among the more rigor-

ous courses offered. Many courses were designed to prepare a woman for family life and entertaining.

The school was located where the now vacant Howell home stands, at 1600 Ursuline Avenue. That street, as well as Villa Maria Rd., was named for the school. The grounds covered 150 acres and had several dormitory and classroom buildings, to which an auditorium, additional dormitories and classroom buildings were added in 1911. About 150 students attended the school at its zenith.

The Academy was established in Bryan in 1901 following the Great Storm of 1900, which forced the original school to close in Calveston, where it had been since 1847. Bryan was picked for safety and its central location.

Jerome Jeffries Kayne wrote in 1910 that the school was well known for its gothic buildings as well as its educational programs. Kayne said the school's students were known as "Our Pioneer Girls."

Yet, despite the school's many years of success and fine reputation, it was closed in 1929 and the entire estate sold to William Howell. A number of factors were involved in the school's closing but money problems was the major cause. Today, there are still Ursuline schools in Dallas and San Antonio, where the location proved more favorable to a private school program.

When Howell bought the school he had it torn down and used the brick to build his home, which remains today. The property has since been owned by several groups. For many years it was owned by Allen Academy and was used to house students of that school. However, the building has not been used in many years and is now in very poor condition.

Recently the property was purchased from Allen by a Houston party, whom it is rumored will restore the house to its original condition. The cost of such a project is estimated to exceed \$200,000.



Photo Courtesy of Mark Willis

HOWELL HOUSE SITS ON SITE OF FORMER GIRLS' SCHOOL. Bricks from old Villa Maria Ursuline Academy were used in its construction.

County-wide meeting called

Preparations are underway for the first Brazos County Town Meeting. Plans are for the meeting to be held at Bryan High School on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

David Beal, organizer of the meeting, said it will be a community brainstorming

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

session to identify the problems and desires of local residents.

Registration for the meeting will begin soon, price of admission is one dollar, including lunch, he said.

Volunteers are needed for a publicity session this Saturday. The session will be held at the Bluebonnet Room of Wyatt's Cafeteria in Bryan from 9 a.m. to noon.

Beal can be reached at 822-4518 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. for more information.

Private bus line to begin in area

If you want to go to Bryan on a rainy day, how do you get there? You can call a taxi, or perhaps persuade an auto-owning friend to take you there.

But by next week, you'll have another choice.

Roy Ellis of Bryan has received permits to operate a bus line from the Bryan and College Station city councils. Because it's going to be an inter-city transit line he had to get approval from the Texas Railroad Commission.

"My permit from them should come in Monday or Tuesday," Ellis said, "and I plan to put my bus into service immediately after I get the OK from them."

Ellis outlined his tentative route through the two cities. "We'll go from Highway 21 and Texas Avenue south to the K-Mart area at F.M. 2818," he said. "Then we'll go west to Wellborn Road, then north to University Drive. Across to the University Square Shopping Center then north on College

Avenue to 19th Street, and back to Highway 21 and Texas Avenue."

Ellis said, "I plan to stop at all the shopping areas in town."

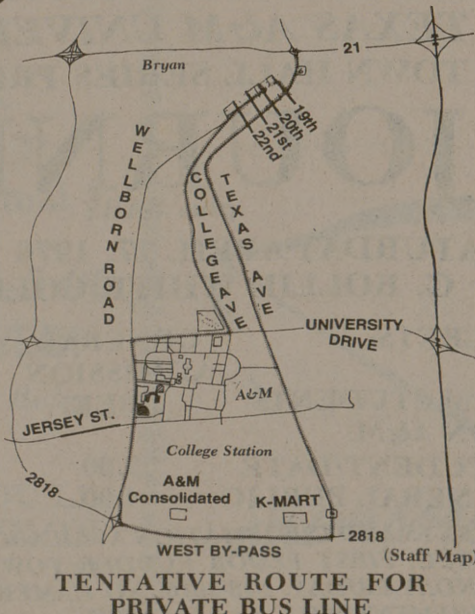
The complete circuit through both cities should take about one hour, Ellis estimates.

"At this point it looks like the fare will be about 50 cents," he said. "To keep the operation profitable, I will have to have about 300 fares a day. If the operation goes well enough, I'll have to go to my banker and try to get more buses."

Ellis' bus will carry up to 60 passengers, 48 sitting and 12 standing. The runs will start at 6 a.m. and end at 10 p.m.

Ellis said he originally bought the bus for his church, but the vehicle was too large for their needs. He then decided to take the knowledge of public transportation he gained in Houston and offer the people of Bryan-College Station a bus line.

—Owen Rachal



U.S.-China relations predicted favorable

WASHINGTON — China watchers in the United States are not ready to write off the moderate wing in Peking despite the dismissal of Teng Hsiao-ping, the ill-fated heir to Chou En-lai, from all party and government posts.

U.S. specialists on Chinese affairs, including CIA Director George Bush, former chief of the U.S. liaison office in Peking, expect the growing accommodation with Washington to remain on course with the elevation of Hua Kuo-feng as premier.

Significantly, with Teng's dismissal by Chairman Mao Tse-tung, came word that a close associate of the fallen first vice premier and a fellow moderate, Li Hsien-nien, had appeared in public receiving the Laotian ambassador.

Last year, as Chou's health declined, Li shared with Teng the prominent duties of hosting foreign visitors. He is an economic specialist whose future may tell a lot about China's intentions.

Bush described the promotion of Hua to succeed Chou as likely to have a stabilizing influence.

U.S.-Chinese relations "will not be adversely affected," he predicted.

At the State Department, meanwhile, officials said "personalities" play only a secondary role in dealings between the two countries. Spokesman Robert L. Funseth, quoting Secretary Henry A. Kissinger, said foreign policy depends primarily on how the two countries perceive their national interests.

Hua is not considered a radical but rather a compromise choice in a continuing struggle between Chou-style moderates and radicals for eventual control of China after Mao dies.

The violent demonstrations in vast Tien An Men Square on Monday were partly expressions of affection for Chou but also, it is believed here, a signal by moderate forces that Teng continued to have support among the people and within the government.

The fact that Teng's dismissal followed so quickly appears to indicate that the effort backfired. The official Chinese announcement of Hua's promotion pointedly refers to the demonstrations as "an antagonistic contradiction."

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Registration to move location to Exchange Store

The department of the Registrar's Office, which clears graduating seniors, will change location this week.

Beginning Friday at 8 a.m. the section will be located on the second floor of the Registration Headquarters. (The Old Exchange Store) The entrance is on the side of the building facing the Fish Pond.

The department should return to the Coke Building by May 1.