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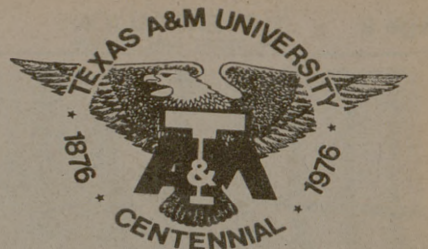
Mostly cloudy, warm and humid day with a high in the low 80s. Low night about 70. High tomorrow in the 80s. Forty per cent chance of thunderstorms this afternoon and evening, decreasing tomorrow.

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Utility talks to continue

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supplier," Councilman James Dozier said. "And what they are concerned about is whether College Station will continue being their biggest purchaser of utilities."

College Station presently consumes about 25 per cent of the total electricity generated by Bryan's power plant.

Dozier said Bryan wants to know how much gas it will have to contract for in the event College Station decides to buy its utilities from another source. College Station has been conferring with an independent utilities supplier, Gulf States Utilities Corp., but no decision has been made, City Manager North Bardell said.

The two cities have been negotiating a proposed 30 per cent utility rate increase since late last year and had been expected

to reach a decision last month. The city's current contract with Bryan will expire in January 1979.

"All we've been doing is trying to find out from Gulf States how much it would cost to hook up to their facilities and buy their electricity," Dozier said.

Bryan presently buys its natural gas from Lone Star Gas Corp. which has a request pending before the Texas Railroad Commission for a rate increase. The gas is used to fuel Bryan's power plant.

Bryan voters recently approved a \$14.7 million bond issue, part of which will go towards expansion of its present electrical generating facilities.

The College Station City Council met yesterday afternoon to discuss personnel

matters, but it did not discuss Joyce's letter, Bravenev said.

"The council may meet this Friday to discuss it but I'm not sure," he said. "Each councilman has received a copy of his (Joyce's) letter."

Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing between officials of the two cities over the proposed utilities contract. The old interim contract expired Jan. 1.

"We're still negotiating," Dozier said. "It's just that problems and other matters keep cropping up. That's what is causing the delay in our reaching a decision."

"My feeling is that most here would be willing to pay Bryan an increase in order to keep the money within the two communities. The question is how much they would be willing to pay," he said.

ampus parking congested

Panel hears recommendations

dent parking next year may be divided into only two categories — those with more than 60 hours credit and those with less than sixty hours.

distinctions will be made between day student parking if the recommendation made by the University Traffic Panel at yesterday's meeting is applied by Dr. John Koldus, vice-president of student services.

motion, which includes two other proposals, was passed after more than an hour of discussion of possible solutions to the parking problem for next year. There were dissenting votes.

Under the recommendation, the faculty-staff parking allocation would remain as it is this year and female dorm students would continue to be required to park in specified areas near their dormitories.

The removal of the dorm-day student distinction is to allow a greater availability of parking spaces to upperclass students who live off-campus.

Other alternatives discussed by the panel included the prohibition of cars to students with less than thirty hours and the prohibition of on-campus parking for those students living within the area served by

shuttle buses. Both of these plans were turned down as being unenforceable at this time.

One proposal to alleviate the student parking congestion on campus was made by panel member Jim Crawley who compared the A&M campus to a grocery store.

Crawley said that in a grocery store parking lot, there are only two classes of parking — employee and customer. The employees, he said, are required to park at the outer edges of the lot to allow customer parking

near the store. At A&M, he said, the customers are the students and the employees are the faculty.

This proposal was not favorably accepted by the faculty panel members.

In other action, the panel recommended that the visibility at parking lots 24 and 52, as well as at the intersection of Bizzell and Lubbock streets be improved.

The panel's next meeting will be May 5 at 3:15 p.m. in Rudder 308.

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Harrises charged with kidnapping

New clues uncovered in Hearst case

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As Patricia Hearst is recuperating from a collapsed lung, new clues emerged about her life as a fugitive and two of her underground escorts have been charged with her kidnapping.

Miss Hearst was reported as "mildly improved" at Sequoia Hospital in nearby Redwood City, yesterday. She had been scheduled to enter a plea on state charges that day in a joint Los Angeles court appearance with William and Emily Harris.

Miss Hearst was convicted last month of joining the Symbionese Liberation Army in the robbery of a San Francisco bank and

faces 90 days of mental examination. She was stricken in her jail cell Tuesday night.

The Harrises were charged Wednesday with kidnapping Miss Hearst from her Berkeley apartment on Feb. 4, 1974, beating her former fiancé and committing other violent crimes.

A district attorney in another San Francisco Bay area city said that Miss Hearst had told FBI agents of witnessing a terrorist bombing.

The developments underscored earlier reports of the 22-year-old newspaper heiress' willingness to exchange informa-

tion about revolutionary crimes for immunity from prosecution.

Marin County Dist. Atty. Bruce B. Bales said Wednesday that Miss Hearst had told the FBI that she was with a group which bombed two sheriff's patrol cars in San Rafael last Aug. 20 — less than a month before her arrest in San Francisco.

Bales said he learned Tuesday at a meeting of prosecutors involved in the Hearst case, that she had offered to name three members of the bombing group if she were spared charges against herself. Miss Hearst told investigators she was present at the

bombings but didn't actually throw the bombs, Bales said. Two sheriff's cars were destroyed, but there were no injuries.

As Miss Hearst lay in a heavily guarded hospital room Wednesday, a Los Angeles judge postponed the pretrial hearing she had been scheduled to attend. Judge Mark Brandler also urged attorneys for Miss Hearst's codefendants, the Harrises, to consider starting the trial without her.

Miss Hearst and the Harrises face kidnapping and other state charges in connection with an alleged crime spree in Los Angeles a month after the April 15, 1974, San Francisco bank robbery for which Miss Hearst was convicted last month.

The heiress' attorneys have sought to separate her Los Angeles trial from that of the Harrises, whom she denounced and identified during her trial as part of the terrorist SLA band that kidnaped her. The Harrises' lawyers have opposed such a move. They said the radical couple would plead innocent to the Berkeley charges.

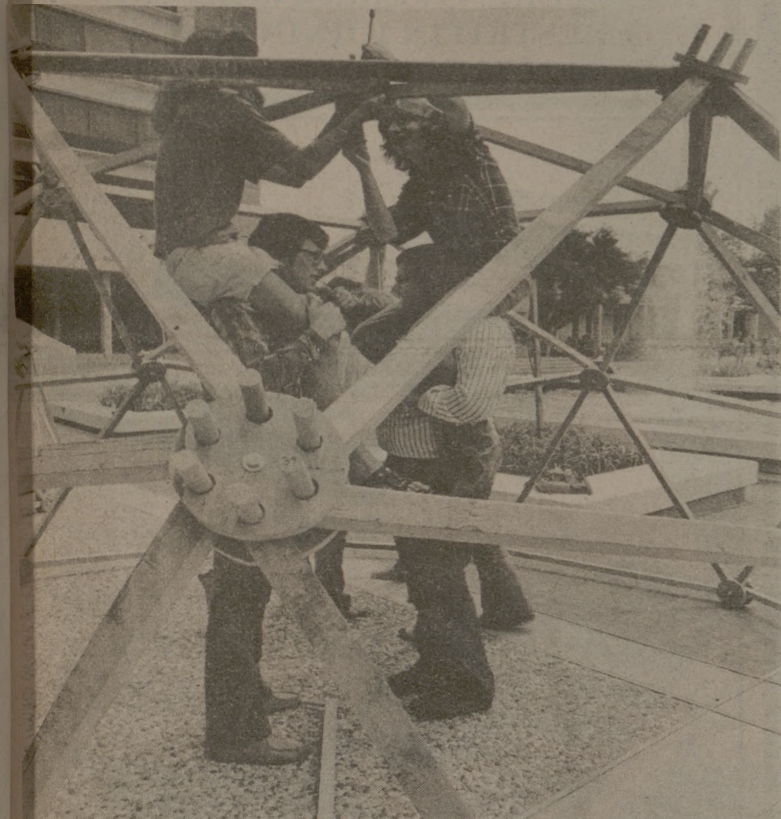


Photo courtesy of Steve Goble

Ecodome

As part of Ecofair '76, students from the College of Architecture erected two geodesic domes in the Rudder Fountain mall Tuesday afternoon. The domes are constructed of 2x2 lumber, dowels, circular joints and machine bolts.

state worth \$2 billion?

Hughes' will sought, executors appointed

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Sources here and in Los Angeles say they believe an effective will drafted by the late billionaire recluse Howard Hughes exists and a search for it is continuing.

Meanwhile, the lone surviving aunt of Hughes and her son were named temporary administrators of the Hughes estate that had been estimated to be worth \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion.

William T. Miller, a lawyer with the Houston firm of Andrews, Kurth, Campbell & Jones, filed the application Wednesday on behalf of Mrs. William R. Lummis, Hughes' aunt, and her son, William R. Lummis, both of Houston. Lummis is a partner in the law firm which filed the application. Mrs. Lummis is sister of Hughes' mother, the late Mrs. Howard Hughes, Sr.

Harris County Probate Judge Pat Gregory set bonds of \$200,000 for the administrators.

The application filed by Miller said the late had debts and tax matters that need immediate attention, but did not elaborate. Miller said a search will continue for a will and that the Texas Commerce Bank of Houston will be the custodian of certain specified Houston assets of Hughes.

In Los Angeles, the Summa Corp., the parent firm of the widespread Hughes interests, reported in a formal statement that it is believed Hughes executed a will though so far none has been found.

The statement was released through Arelo Sederberg of the public relations firm of Carl Byoir & Associates Inc. in Los Angeles.

Sederberg said the order was entered by Gregory, acting on an application filed at the request of Hughes' interests.

The statement also said the temporary court-supervised administration was sought to insure continued operation of all Hughes enterprises until the will is found.

"The search efforts since the April 5 death of Mr. Hughes have not revealed where the will is located," Sederberg said. "The continuing search will be assisted as the result of the Houston court action."

Sederberg said he could not elaborate on the prepared statement.

The will, if found, must be filed for probate in the state that Hughes called his official residence. That may be Houston, but there has been no evidence presented to that effect yet.

As expected, the Lummises designated representatives in Nevada and California to oversee Hughes holdings in those states.

In state court at Las Vegas, Mrs. Lummis nominated the First National Bank of Nevada as special administrator for Hughes' Nevada interests.

In Los Angeles, Richard C. Gano, Jr., a first cousin of Hughes, was appointed special administrator for Hughes' California interests.

Houston on an emergency plane flight from Acapulco, Mexico. An autopsy performed the next day attributed death to kidney failure.

How would you like a return of \$6,000 on a \$12 investment? Sound ridiculous? It is. It is also illegal.

A chain letter being distributed in this area offers the unwitting the chance to strike it rich within two weeks. The scheme works this way:

Someone hands you the letter (it is not being mailed) and you give him \$6. He then gives you a \$3 money order made out to the first person on a mailing list. You mail that money order to him and make two more lists, dropping the first person's name and adding your own to the bottom.

You then purchase two more \$3 money

orders and make them out to the person that is now first on the list. Attach a copy of the letter and the list to each money order and sell them for \$6 apiece.

Now go home and wait. Within two weeks, supposedly, you will get \$6,000.

Talk about a fool's paradise. It is not really impossible for the scheme to work. If no one ever broke the chain, eventually everyone in the United States would score \$6,000.

However, not everyone wants to risk even as small a sum as \$12 on such a venture.

Not everyone wants to risk six months in

jail and a \$1,000 fine on it either. Section 32.48 of the Texas Penal Code prohibits "any scheme for the disposal or distribution of property whereby a participant pays a valuable consideration for the chance to receive compensation for introducing one or more additional persons into participation in the scheme or for the chance to receive compensation when a person introduced by the participant introduces a new participant."

An offense under this section, titled "Endless Chain Scheme," is a Class B misdemeanor.

Easy as falling off . . .

Tim Jurek, right, of A&M, competes against Cail Johnson of Virginia Polytechnical Institute in the log birling event at the 19th Annual Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave in Athens, Georgia. Jurek lost to Johnson to finish 12th in the competition. A&M finished 13th overall.



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Got One!

Doug Branch, chairman of the Recreation Committee, displays his talents during the Balloon Stomp held yesterday near the Rudder Center fountain. Students participating tried to break the balloons floating in the pool using only their feet. Some of the balloons contained small amounts of money. The all-day event was part of Gas Week.

Polls open until 6

Polls for the Student Government run-off election will be open until 6 p.m. in the MSC, the Commons, and the Old Exchange Store. Voters must present a student ID and activity card to vote.