



Staff photo by Jim Hendrickson

Moonlight Apartment

When Clarke Wideman of Barcelona Apartments got ready to go to bed last night, he had one problem. His bed was missing. While he was out, Wideman's

roommates, Elvin Randell and Tim Leightner disassembled the bed, transported it to the roof and then reassembled it. The bed was later returned to its proper location.

Raised sidewalks may reduce puddles

By SUSAN BROWN
You may notice fewer puddles on the campus sidewalks the next time it rains.

Engene Ray, Texas A&M grounds and maintenance director, said the sidewalk drainage problem is gradually being corrected by a process called mud jacking.

The water collects in areas where the sidewalks have been laid flat, or where the ground has settled and the sidewalks have sunk. The purpose of mud jacking is to slightly raise one side of the sidewalk to allow a slant for the water to run off.

In the mud jacking procedure, small holes are drilled in the concrete. By means of a hydraulic ram, a sand and concrete grout mixture is forced into the area beneath the sidewalk. The pressure created raises the sidewalk to the desired slope, approximately three-fourths of an inch.

Ray said several areas on campus have already been corrected. Some

of these are the sidewalks around the Drill Field and in front of the YMCA Building, and the driveway that leads to the Zachry Engineering Center.

Pat Curington, assistant manager of construction at the physical plant, revealed there are some problems involved in the mud jacking process. Although it is cheaper than tearing out the sidewalk, the holes made have to be patched after the sidewalk is lifted. Depending on the amount of pressure exerted, the sidewalks may crack.

"If there is a lot of ground settlement, it is better to tear the sidewalk out and start over," the manager said.

The university receives no state money for streets and sidewalks, so that much of the funds for repair come from parking fees, he said. Correcting the drainage problem is not a first priority job, he said.

"With all the other work we have going, it gets left for the last. We have to build a crew to do it, and with so much of it to do, it's hard to say when we'll start and when we'll finish," Ray says. He predicts the next area to be repaired will probably be that surrounding the Academic Building.

U.S. to form Africa policy

"For ill or good, I think Americans know each other a little bit better now," says Ronald Palmer, deputy coordinator for the U.S. Department of State, Human Rights Division.

Among his accomplishments, Palmer received his M.A. in Asian studies from John Hopkins University, taught political science at West Point and received his present position in 1975.

Palmer was the first speaker on the agenda of Black Awareness VI, sponsored by the Black Awareness Committee. He spoke on human rights and the United States foreign policy.

While giving historical background on human rights, Palmer said that at the end of World War I, primarily communists and socialists spoke about human rights with economic and political rights.

"World War II saw fundamental man rights flower," Palmer said. Now the U.S. is working on helping other nations with human rights, like regimes who repress their people, he said.

The two basic concerns with Africa now are 1) self-determination with the Rhodesia question, and 2) majority rule concerning Rhodesia and South Africa, Palmer said.

Palmer said we have to put our money where our mouth is soon because if the U.S. is going to support the majority rule,

we need to show it to Africa.

"Our African policy is in the state of becoming," Palmer said.

Asked if the U.S. could continue to play world policeman, Palmer said, "We've a great source for good in the world."

Palmer said he thinks in the U.S. we have to do something about people who feel trapped in their jobs.

The U.S. is going through some cultural changes, such as the role of women, religion, and relationships between men and between man and God, Palmer said.

"The revolution for women is the most profound one going on in this country," he said.

Today Black Experience VI presents an art exhibit from Texas Southern University in the Memorial Student Center Gallery. The Pilgrim Wanderers Gospel Choir, 12:30 p.m., MSC Lounge; and August Meier, a professor of history at Kent State University will speak at 8:00 p.m.

Also tonight in honor of Black Awareness week the Aggie Cinema presents "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," 8:00 p.m., admission \$1.00.

Tomorrow "Ceremonies in Dark Old Men" performed by The Charles Gilpin Players of Prairie View A&M University will be held in the Rudder Center Forum, 8 p.m.

—Denise Edmonds

Elderly to get swine flu shots

Associated Press
AUSTIN, Tex. — Texas' elderly will start getting flu shots about July 1, beginning with those in nursing homes, says the director of the Department of Health Resources.

Dr. Fratis Duff said the vaccine will be swine influenza, coupled with the A-Victorian vaccine, and it will be available to those 65 and older.

The A-Victoria strain was a major cause of influenza during recent outbreaks across Texas and the nation," Duff said yesterday.

The regular swine influenza vaccine will become available about Sept. 1, he said.

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