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Transit systems return

Buses back in service

By CAROL MEYER
Although he drives a 1963 school bus, Roy Ellis started a bus system conveying working people, not school children.
Transit systems are not new to Bryan-College Station. When Bryan, 65 years ago, was the cultural and entertainment center of the territory, the majority of customers came from Texas A&M College. College Station was five miles south of Bryan's central square, with its 15 saloons and the opera house on the upper floor of city hall.
In the wilderness separating the two cities and only two lines of transport: Houston, Texas & Central Railroad, and a bicycle road maintained by the College Bicycle Club.
In 1910, construction of a public transportation facility was approved. An interurban rail system, consisting of four gasoline-powered streetcars, ran from downtown Bryan to the college campus with stops at Allen

Academy and the Villa Maria Convent. The system went out of business in 1918 because of the common use of automobiles.
In 1939, five buses operated in Bryan. The number grew to 12 in the next 10 years.
The growth rate of College Station was approximately 50 per cent from 1960 to 1970, and at this time, university enrollment doubled.
From 1960 to 1970, the two small cities of Bryan and College Station merged into one metropolitan area through strip development and the growth.
A bus line was operated by Burley, Erwin, and Smith between '60 and '70.
Aubrey Gentry operated the line until it failed in 1968, the operation of two buses cost more than revenue could offset.
Roy Ellis of Bryan and Tom Bass of Cameron have each received franchises to start bus systems from

the city councils of Bryan and College Station in March of this year. Ellis began operation on April 1, driving one bus from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a 50 cent fare.
Tom Bass was unable to reach.
"The system is just a transportation service being offered to the cities," Ellis said. "The only problem is a few taxicabs. The system is basically for domestic workers going to and from work."
North Bardell, College Station city manager, said the only problem on a bus system are to maintain the vehicle in good shape and maintain liability insurance on the vehicle.
Ronald Holder, associate research engineer for Texas Transportation Institute, is skeptical of the success of a privately owned bus system.
"If Ellis can pay his drivers enough and charge sufficient fares, he may keep his costs down, but I rather doubt it," Holder said.

Vitamin C may be deterrent for cancer and heart attacks

Vitamin C, long debated as a factor in treating or preventing the common cold, continues to surface in medical literature as a possible deterrent in other diseases, report researchers at Texas A&M University.
As a public service, the Health Education Coordinator's Office at

Texas A&M surveys and compiles recently published articles from health journals on a variety of topics.
Vitamin C, aside from its controversial position in the common cold debate, is now being researched for a possible role in preventing or lessening the severity of heart attacks and certain kinds of cancers.
Two studies, one in England and another in Czechoslovakia, suggest Vitamin C plays a key role in reducing cholesterol levels. However, both reports described in Sciences Magazine were somewhat inconsistent, Texas A&M researchers pointed out.
A Utah State University researcher, Dr. J. C. Street, studied the effects of Vitamin C on the growth of toxic and cancer-causing material. Although nothing conclu-

sive resulted, the study points to the possibility that varying levels of vitamin C may prove helpful in treating cancer or reducing the chances of getting cancer, says Mary Jane Schneider, Sciences Magazine writer.
An Army Medical and Research Nutrition Laboratory study showed that a dose of 45 milligrams of vitamin C meets all daily body requirements and that regular consumption of high doses is not necessary, Dr. Lewis Barnes of the University of Southern Florida reported evidence on the safety of high ascorbic acid dosage and concluded that toxicity is normally very low.
However, the question of fit and for whom high doses should be administered can only be answered by further research, A&M researchers said, and consumers must decide for themselves if high doses would be beneficial to their health.
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