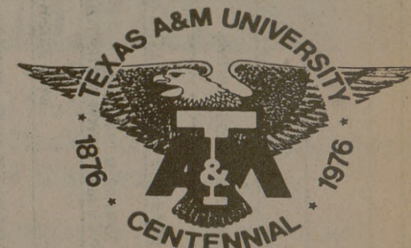


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The weather

Partly cloudy and mild with highs in mid-70s. Low tonight in mid-50s. Precipitation probability zero.

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U.S. can sell missiles

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Ford administration cleared away one obstacle threatening relations with Saudi Arabia, but Congress is still considering legislation opposed by the oil-rich Middle East king-

dom issue, according to the administration. A possible price rise for oil that Arab nations ship to the United States.

Responding to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's plea, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday cleared the way by killing any chance that Congress would block the sale of \$30 million worth of sophisticated airborne missiles to the Saudis.

The second obstacle is an amendment that would prohibit U.S. firms from participating in the Arab boycott of Israel.

Reversing an earlier decision, the Foreign Relations Committee refused to send to the floor a resolution by Sen. Clifford Case, R-N.J., that sought to stop the administration from selling 650 Maverick air-to-ground missiles to Saudi Arabia.

Technically, Case could still raise the issue directly on the Senate floor, but a source in his office acknowledged that the chance of success is nil.

In addition, the House does not even have a similar resolution before it. Because Congress expects to adjourn for the year by week's end, it is unrealistic to expect the

matter to be pushed through.

In fact, one of the House's leading opponents of the sale, Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., said of the effort to stop the sale: "It's dead."

Under the law, the administration can sell arms to a country unless both houses of Congress pass identical resolutions opposing the sale.

Kissinger made a personal appeal on behalf of the missile sale, saying Saudi Arabia "has been a good friend . . . has been helpful in Middle East peace efforts and it is in our interests to retain the friendship."

The issue is not a renewed oil boycott, he said, but the Arab nation "is in a position to use its influence in other ways." This was a reference to an increase in oil prices.

Canadian River best connection

Associated Press
AMARILLO — The Water Development Board has been told that the Canadian River would be the best vehicle to transport water from the Mississippi River to the High Plains.

Arthur Duggan Jr., a Canadian River impact commissioner, told the board at a public forum on Amarillo yesterday that

the Canadian River provides "perhaps the easiest gradient" for lifting and carrying water from the Mississippi River system.

About 30 officials testified in support of a Canadian River plan and other such water importation projects at the public forum, the fifth of 22 such hearings scheduled by the Water Development Board.

The hearings are part of the board's effort to gain statewide support for a proposed

state constitutional amendment that would increase the board's loan fund from \$200 million to \$400 million.

The proposed amendment will be on the Nov. 2 general election ballot.

Duggan, a Littlefield lawyer and official of Water, Inc., a statewide water conservation group, said unpublished engineering studies indicate the presence of reservoir sites.

Post Office service to increase

By RUSTY CAWLEY
Changes are being made at the University Center Post Office that are expected to shorten long lines at the service window.

Larry Ludewig, residence area coordinator said the office now has two postal employees handling purchases and customer services instead of one. The service window is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We can't seem to find a way to increase the number of hours of service," said Ludewig, "so we're trying to increase the service to the students within the two hours we have."

Differences between Postal Service and University Center officials have grown over the two hours per day schedule.

Charles Cargill, University Center manager, claims the Postal Service agreed to the facility eight and a half hours per

day.

He referred to the increase of postal employees at the window "fighting the symptom instead of the problem."

Stan Sartain, director of customer services for Bryan College Station post offices, said the Postal Service cannot afford to keep the window open more than the two hours.

The Postal Service would like to see the University Center take over operation of the post office, said Sartain.

"Our plans are to give the University a formal, written proposal by the end of the week," Sartain said.

Ludewig said officials have agreed upon a plan to reduce the lines for post office box rental during registration.

A notice will be placed in each box at the end of the semester. The notice will give a due date for box rental and allow students

to pay the rent by mail. If the rent is received by the due date, the student will keep the same box number.

"Hopefully, a student will keep the same number throughout his years at A&M," said Ludewig. "We hope this will eliminate the confusion of changing box numbers every semester."

Students who do not have a box, but want one, will have to stand in line.

During the fall registration, students had to wait until they reached the head of the line before they could fill out a box rental application blank. This spring, applications will be handed out in the lobby. Students will be able to fill out the applications while they wait.

"We want the students to know that we've seen the long lines, and that we're trying to do something about them," Ludewig said.

Rhodesia wants plan clarified

By JOHN EDLIN
Associated Press

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Prime Minister Ian Smith has asked Britain to send an envoy to Salisbury to "clear up any confusion" over steps for moving toward black majority rule in Rhodesia.

Smith said yesterday he was "anxious to proceed as soon as possible" on talks with African leaders to establish an interim government.

His comments came as a British diplomatic mission conferred with black African presidents in Botswana about working out details of the transition government for Rhodesia.

Tanzanian President Julius K. Nyerere said in Dar Es Salaam that he does not view the interim government's role only as preparing for black rule in the one-time British colony.

"We are talking about majority rule in

four to six weeks, when with the formation of an interim government the powers of the government of Rhodesia will be passed on to the majority," he said. "Independence will follow."

Nyerere noted that he and other black African presidents have specifically rejected Smith's proposal that the Rhodesian ministries of Defense and Law and Order remain in white hands under the interim government.

Parking area crime down, Luther says

By MARY HIRSCH

Fewer incidents of vandalism and theft in University parking lots this year are credited to increased patrolling, University Police Chief O. L. Luther said Tuesday.

"The presence of a policeman is the biggest deterrent to crime, in my opinion," Chief Luther said.

A list of incident reports for the school years 1973, 74, 75, and 76 showed a drop in burglary from 123 incidents in 1975 to 72 incidents in 1976. Vandalism dropped from 72 incidents in 1975 to 50 incidents in 1976.

Chief Luther said that the drop was due to a new enforcement program involving increased patrolling. The University Police Department has also added two more officers this September.

Chief Luther quoted a local thief as saying word had gotten around to "stay off the university campus if you don't want to get caught."

"We're kind of proud of that," Chief Luther said.

There was a drop in assault incidents from 20 in 1975 to 9 in 1976. Chief Luther

said that most of the reported assaults were fights, but added that if a car runs a stop sign while speeding and strikes and injures a pedestrian as a result, the action is legally classified as assault.

Rape and attempted rape are also categorized under assault. Chief Luther said that there had been one reported rape in 1976 that was not taken to court because of insufficient evidence. He said no attempted rapes had been reported.

Traffic notices increased, not only in numbers, but in proportion to the student population. There were 16,156 students in 1973 and 8,759 traffic notices issued. There were 21,463 students and 21,228 traffic

Emeritus designation awarded to Luedecke, Cherry and Amis

Emeritus designation was awarded Tuesday by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to Gen. A.R. Luedecke, Tom D. Cherry and J.A. Amis. The three retired Aug. 31 from key positions with university system.

General Luedecke was system executive vice president. Cherry was the university's vice president for business affairs. Amis was system attorney.

The recommendation that the three men be given emeritus titles was made in a written proposal initiated by President Jack K. Williams.

General Luedecke, a 1932 Texas A&M graduate, retired after eight years as part of the institution's administration, including seven months as acting president following the death of Gen. Earl Rudder in 1970. He is one of the few Texas A&M graduates to be awarded both the "Distinguished Alumni Award" and an honorary doctorate by his alma mater.

notices in 1975, and 25,247 students and 31,877 traffic notices in 1976.

Narcotics violations seemed to have no relation to fluctuations in numbers of students at A&M, going from 39 in 1973 to 25 in 1974, 42 in 1975, and 65 in 1976. There was a slight overall increase in liquor violations from 21 in 1973 up to 30 in 1976.

Construction on campus caused an increase in non-traffic accidents in the years 1974-75. Chief Luther said. There were 10 incidents in 74 and 18 in 75. Five accidents were reported in 1973 and two in 1976. Chief Luther said that most accidents during 1974-75 involved construction workers.

Cherry compiled 20 years of service here. He rejoined the Texas A&M staff in 1962 after a 16-year career with Trans World Airlines. Previously, he taught economics at Texas A&M and later served as director of economic research for the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. He earned a master's degree in marketing and finance from Texas A&M in 1938 after receiving his undergraduate degree from Sam Houston State University.

Amis, a member of Texas A&M's Class of '33, served as system attorney for the past 20 years. He earned his LL.B. from Cumberland University Law School.

Luedecke, Cherry and Amis, along with Dr. John Hutchinson, were honored by the board at a July 26 retirement dinner here.

Hutchinson, who retired in February as director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, was awarded emeritus designation earlier in the year.

Charity event set for Saturday

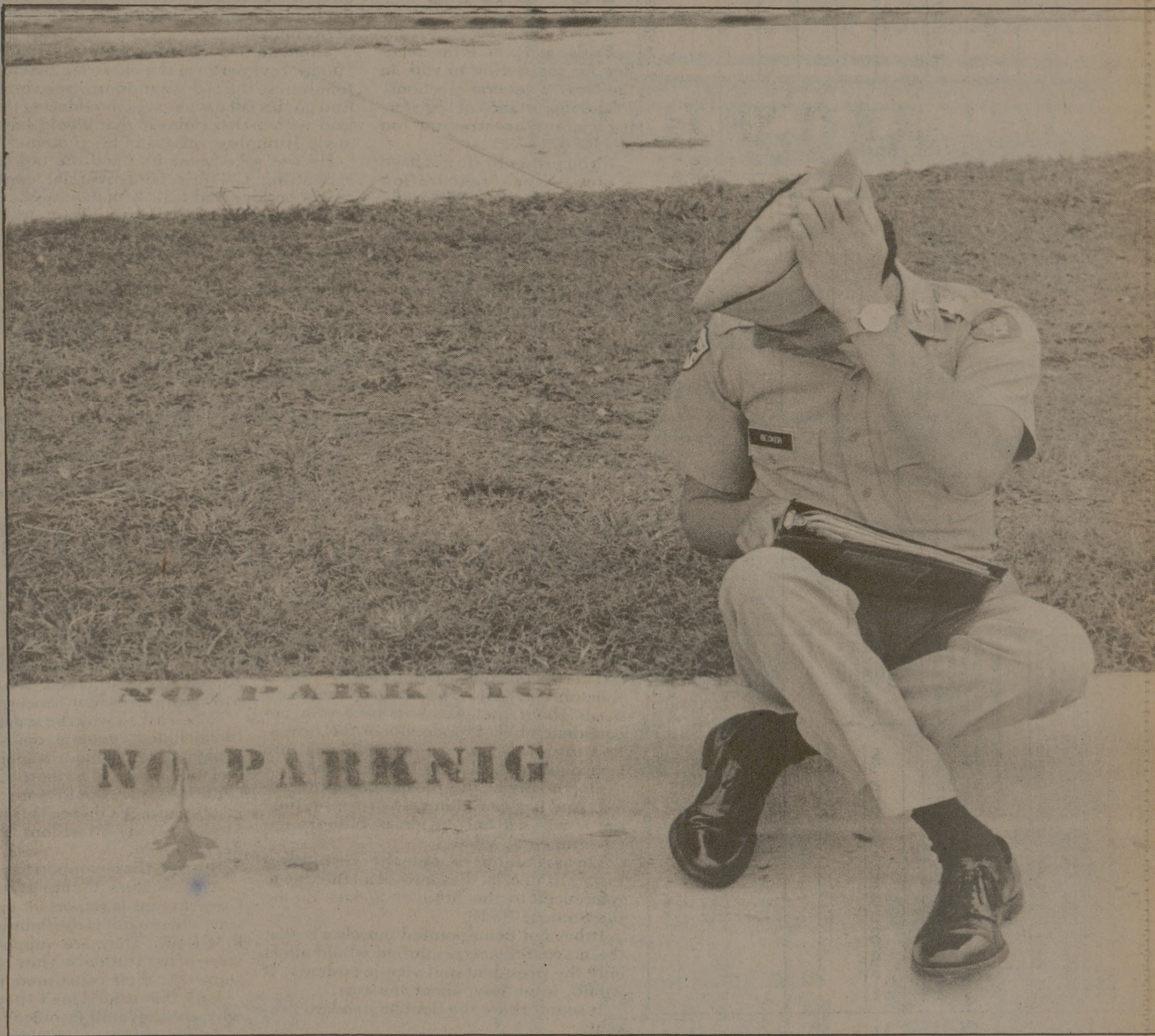
Registration will start at 7 a.m. on Oct. 2 for the Aid the Handicapped Bike-a-thon, sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans. Registration will be at Sambo's restaurant, and the ride will begin at 10 a.m.

The donations obtained from the bike-a-thon will go toward establishing an industry in the Brazos Valley

area to provide employment for handicapped persons.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning participants.

The winning organization or club will receive \$150. Prizes of \$100 and \$50 will go to the second and third place winners. First prize in the individual categories will be a bicycle.



Battalion photo by Tracie Nordheim

No parknig?

Larry Becker, a senior engineering technology student, seems to be perplexed with the sign located on the curb of the street which is west of the corps dorm area. The spelling of the NO PARK-

ING signs along this street, known to cadets as "zip row" and used for senior parking, is wrong. So if ticketed, reply with, "But occifer, who's parknigged?"



Defiant skateboarder

Kevin Venner, an A&M journalism student, does not believe everything he reads. These signs were posted by the maintenance people at the Wellborn Highway Crossway. The skateboarders circulated petitions and presented them to Dr. John Koldus, vice president of Student Services who got permission for the skateboarders to use the crossway.

Skateboarding on overpass now permitted

Skateboarding across the pedestrian overpass on Wellborn Road is currently permitted, despite signs warning against it.

The "Walk Bikes, No Skateboards" signs were placed on the overpass last summer by the A&M grounds maintenance department, but have since been overruled by John Koldus, vice president for student services.

The signs were placed on the entrances to the overpass after several of the handrail supports were broken by skateboarders, said Gene Ray, director of grounds maintenance.

Ray said the aluminum supports were easily broken by skateboarders using them to gain speed. He said that the grounds maintenance department repairs two or three supports each month. The department now constructs the supports from steel and coats them with aluminum paint.

Top of the News

Campus

THE SECOND installment board payment for the 1976 fall semester is due on or before Oct. 5. The amount due is \$143.05 for the 7-Day Board Plan and \$128 for the 5-Day Board Plan. The payments may be made at the Fiscal Office, Richard Coke Building or the Cashier's Office in the main lobby of Rudder Center.

Texas

THE CONSTITUTIONALITY of a water use fee aimed at controlling land subsidence is being challenged by Houston area rice farmers. They contend the fee of 1.2 cents per 1,000 gallons of water withdrawn from subsurface reservoirs is unfair in that it cuts substantial profits from farming operations.

National

PRESIDENT GERALD FORD will announce today whether he will sign or veto a public-works jobs bill that he has criticized but which Jimmy Carter has challenged him to sign.

BELL TELEPHONE, the first company in the nation to ever make more than \$1 billion in profits in three months, intends to ask for higher rates unless competition in the industry is eliminated.

World

SYRIAN TANKS, heavy artillery and rocket launchers today renewed a murderous bombardment of Palestinian guerrilla positions in the mountains overlooking Beirut. Top guerrilla leader Yasir Arafat sent urgent messages to Arab kings and heads of state pleading for them to stop a new bloodbath against people.

CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer Denis Healey is expected to announce new emergency measures today to halt the plunging British pound. The pound dropped 4½ cents to a record low yesterday.