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Top of the News

Campus

APPLICATIONS are being taken at Texas A&M for the Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship. One will be given in each state beginning in September, to pay tuition, room, board and other educational expenses up to \$5,000 a year. Funded by the U. S. government as a memorial to the late president, the scholarships will go to juniors with an interest and potential for a federal service career. Students and faculty wishing to suggest a nomination should contact Dr. Bobby G. Johnson in the Student Financial Aid Office, on the third floor of the TMCA. Nomination must be made by Dec. 15.

SWINE FLU vaccinations will continue at Beutel Health Center as long as there is a demand and vaccine is available, according to Dr. Claude Goswick, director. The flu shots are given free to anyone in the community Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the health center.

THE ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTING MACHINERY will hold a mini-symposium Dec. 2 at the Gilruth Recreation Center at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The one evening affair will deal with the use of machine processing of remotely-sensed data in forestry and geology and the interpretation of remotely sensed images. Reservations for the dinner should be made before noon, Nov. 30 by calling Tina Willmon at 483-2936, 333-6157 or 843-4150.

National

REPUBLICANS have eight weeks to agree on a successor to Chairman Mary Louise Smith or take sides for a fight. Mrs. Smith, who took the party's top post 26 months ago at the request of President Ford, said yesterday that she will resign upon the selection of a new chairman. That will come at a Republican National committee meeting on Jan. 14 and 15.

AFTER TWO YEARS of controversy over whether fluorocarbons are destroying the atmosphere's protective layer of ozone, the government is moving toward banning use of the chemical in spray cans. The consumer product safety commission yesterday took the first step to ban fluorocarbon aerosols, saying they "present an unreasonable risk of injury to consumers."

PRESIDENT-ELECT Jimmy Carter, after meeting with President Ford, is planning discussions with leaders of Congress. After spending 75 minutes with President Ford yesterday, Carter said "There cannot have been a better demonstration of unity and friendship and goodwill than has been shown to me by President Ford since the election."

GARY GILMORE will press his demand to "die like a man" when he appears at a special meeting of the Utah Board of Pardons one week from today. The hearing has been moved from Dec. 6 to Nov. 30 in order to avoid conflict with a state law that requires executions be carried out within 60 days of sentencing. Some officials have said that they were concerned that he might be released if he were not executed by then.

World

ANDRE MALRAUX, France's Renaissance man of the 20th century died today at the age of 75. He was hospitalized last week with lung congestion. He opposed French colonialism in Indochina and fought for the Communists in China in the 1930s, fled for the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War and was a colonel in the French Resistance during World War II. He wrote the novels "Man's Hope" and "Man's Fate" and the surveys of art and art history, "The Voice of Silence" and the "Metamorphosis of the Gods."

THE UNITED NATIONS Security Council voted 13-0 yesterday to admit Angola to the United Nations. Ambassador William W. Scranton said the U.S. withheld its veto "out of respect for the sentiments expressed by our African friends," but he had abstained on the vote because Cuban forces were still in Angola. The United States had vetoed a similar proposal to admit the former Portuguese colony five months ago.

THE CANADIAN AUDITOR-GENERAL has issued a report that raises the specter of a scandal concerning more than \$10.5 million paid to promote nuclear power plant sales to Argentina and South Korea. The report, released yesterday, showed that Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., a government firm, couldn't give "adequate documentation" about how it spent the money.

SYRIAN peacekeepers in Lebanon are considering the risk they will take if they push into southern Lebanon. Israel has said that it wouldn't tolerate Syrian troops too near its northern border. But Palestinian-Christian battles are raging near the border and the Syrians are trying to decide if they can go and stop them.

Food coupons may be used for board plan next year

By JAN BAILEY

An optional board plan that could go into effect next semester was proposed last night to the Student Services Committee of the Student Senate.

A food coupon book system was described by Troie Pruett, committee chairman. She said Ed Davis, assistant director of management services, had explained the allotment system.

Any student could purchase a coupon book from food services, Davis said. Coupon books would be sold in \$50 allotments, from \$50 to \$200. Students could

buy just the meals they wanted with their coupons. The coupons would be redeemable at all University food services outlets: the MSC cafeteria, dining halls, and snack bars. In Sbsa, Duncan, and the Commons dining areas whole meals would have to be purchased. At the MSC cafeteria and at the snack bars the food could be brought on an individual dish basis, Davis said.

There is a \$10 allotment now available, but few students know about this option, Pruett said. With the \$10 plan, the coupons can only be used in the MSC cafeteria and in the Rudder Tower dining area. Pruett said the \$10 option would probably be discontinued if the new \$50 allotment is ac-

cepted. She said the \$50 option would probably have to be bought through the food services office, and not paid for at registration like the board plan. A previous plan allowing students to buy one meal a day was rejected by food services until they could use machines to record the number of meals eaten by each student each day.

In other action, Judi Stearman, a married student representative, gave a progress report on a cooperative car care center being organized at the married students' apartments on University Drive. The co-op center will be available at no charge to married students. The Texas A&M University Book Store has allocated \$2,000 for the project. The money has been used to buy machinery and tools to outfit the car care center. When completed, the center will have four stalls, a hydraulic lift, engine analyzers, timing lights, and other equipment. Students who use the service will have to provide their own light-weight tools, such as screwdrivers and wrenches. Stearman said that the center is now available only to married students, but that the possibility of opening it to other students has been discussed. She said she would discuss the matter with Frank Nicolas, student apartments manager.

Swine flu victim recovers, then receives inoculation

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A Missouri man who had not received a swine flu inoculation has recovered from the first confirmed case of the disease since a Fort Dix, N.J., soldier died of it nine months ago, officials say.

Federal officials who have been directing the nationwide swine flu immunization drive said there was no reason to fear the isolated case signaled an epidemic.

The man was identified Monday by the Missouri Health Division as "a young man in his 30s in western Missouri, in Lafayette County."

"He has recovered from his illness," Dr. Denny Donnell, director of the division's medical division said, adding that the man missed work for several days but was not hospitalized.

He said the man contracted a "flu-like illness" in mid-October and said blood studies confirmed the disease as swine flu. He said the man had not been immunized

against swine flu then, but has since had a shot.

"We are in the process of further investigation to attempt to determine the origin, if possible, and the extent and spread, if any, from his illness," Donnell said.

Rio Grande's only bank closed by state banking commission

Associated Press

RIO GRANDE CITY, Tex. — Starr County residents are asking a lot of questions but getting few answers after the only bank in the Rio Grande Valley was ordered closed by the state banking commission.

First State Bank and Trust Co. customers milled outside the bank yesterday after reading notices posted on the bank's doors which stated the bank was closed for "its inability to meet the demands of its depositors and creditors."

The closing order came from State Bank-

ing Commissioner Robert E. Stewart and was transacted by two Texas Rangers and deputy banking Commissioner Daniel A. Flynn.

"We will notify the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) and they will determine the method of paying depositors," said Flynn. "Normally, it takes three or four days."

The bank severed ties with the FDIC last Thursday. Deposits made after Thursday were not covered by federal insurance, say bank officials.

City Council tentatively selects boundaries

Texas A&M campus divided into two wards

With virtually no public opposition and only one dissenting vote, the College Station City Council last night tentatively agreed on a ward boundary system to be put into effect for the next city elections in April.

The motion to accept ward system D1 was passed by a 5-1 vote, with Councilman Jim Dozier opposing.

The council meeting, expected to be highlighted by a public hearing on the selection of one ward boundary system from a variety of proposals, was, in the words of Councilman Jim Gardner, "underwhelming." Three residents addressed the council during the hearing, each requesting clarification of plan D1. Councilmen explained the numbering of the wards, the division of the Texas A&M campus into two wards, and the possible locations of polling places.

Gardner noted that plan D1 provided for the centralization of minorities within a ward, as well as on- and off-campus students in another.

Councilman Gary Halter said the population figures, although not exact, should satisfy a court precedent of five per cent variance in population per ward. Each ward contains approximately 6,000 people. Final approval of D1 by the council is subject to a comprehensive review of the plan.

The ward plan, once approved by the council, must be reviewed by the United States Department of Justice before it can be implemented.

In other council business, Gardner suggested a moratorium on all rezoning and issuance of building permits until an updated version of the city sewage situation could be made.

He said the city was in need of the study

to plan possible improvements. City Manager North Bardell noted that such a study was feasible and said a city consultant could be used in the project. The council subsequently passed a motion to update sewage treatment information.

In a report to the council, Bardell said that last Friday's disaster drill proved the city's warning system to be ineffective. He said warning blasts were not heard in areas of the city.

Councilmen also discussed mayoral succession in the event that a disaster should leave the mayor and mayor pro-tem positions vacant. It was agreed that a third council member should be selected to succeed the mayor pro-tem, but no specific action was taken.

The Aggie bonfire met council opposition, and Mayor Lorence Bravenec agreed to meet with University officials concern-



Battalion photo by Kevin Venner

A crowd pleaser

Texas A&M quarterback David Walker delighted many Aggies Saturday with his performance in the 59-10 win against TCU, but Walker probably won more hearts after the game when he stopped to sign autographs for a group of young fans.

300 persons attend memorial services for John F. Kennedy

By MIKE COCHRAN

Associated Press

DALLAS — In 1975, only 14 persons appeared in downtown Dallas at the stark, four-walled memorial honoring John F. Kennedy, whose term as President was ended by an assassin's bullets in Dallas 13 years ago.

But yesterday about 300 chilled mourners attended a service that city officials had cancelled for lack of participation but was revived by the Dallas County Democratic Party chairman Ron Kessler.

"This is really the first people's commemoration of the death of the President," said Chase Hardy, who attended the brief ceremony at the memorial.

Campus construction familiar sight

By JAN BAILEY

First of a series

After years of practice, students at Texas A&M University have become adroit at walking over, around, and into construction projects that have sprouted up around the campus.

Since 1970 Texas A&M has spent more than \$172 million on construction for the main campus; \$7,850,746 of that amount has been spent since July 1976. Classrooms, laboratories, research centers, offices, roads, utilities, dorms sports facilities, and parking areas have been or

will be constructed. Yet almost before the ink is dry on the designs, many new buildings are the subject of controversy.

"The building is leaning, cracking or architecturally unsound."

"We don't need another office building, what we need is more dorm space."

"The style doesn't harmonize with the rest of the campus."

"What a waste of money."

Yet many factors are involved in deciding what is built, including everything from dorm residents' suggestions for bigger

closets to federal and state regulations for public buildings.

James O. Adams, director of facilities planning and construction at A&M, said there is no master plan for the architectural style of the campus. Nothing is barred from consideration because of its style, but the aim is harmony.

"Our administration looks at the plans and essentially we have an input into what the building is going to look like. That's part of our job: to make sure the buildings on campus are compatible," Adams said.

Howard Perry, associate vice president for student services, said students play a

major role in most campus construction.

"Here at A&M we've been very diligent in trying to get student input," Perry said. He said the major reason people, especially students, feel their suggestions are ignored by University planners is because of timing. When a building is proposed, several committees are formed to consider it. Perry said there are students on almost all of these committees.

"But from the time the suggestions from this committee are realized in a completed structure, the students who had the input have graduated, so students think they have no say as to what is built," Perry explained. He added that most of the students on the committees were either in student government or suggested by the president of the Student Senate. Perry cited the Beutel Health Center and the Krueger-Dunn-Aston-Mosher complex as examples of buildings that profited from former students' suggestions.

Many students, especially incoming freshmen, often suggest that the University build more dorms. According to Glenn H. Jennings, assistant director of student affairs, about 10,000 students requested the 8,409 dorm spaces for the fall semester, with an equal number of requests expected for next fall. However, Jennings said, there are no plans now or in the future for additional dorms.

W. Clyde Freeman Jr., executive vice president for administration, and acting University executive officer, explained that there are three negative factors involving dorm construction. Two of them, the interest rates and the construction costs, are financial reasons.

Freeman also said that state funds cannot be used to finance student housing. University system lawyer James Bond could not be reached for comment on this stipulation.

Freeman said that because state funds

cannot be used, dorms must be self-supporting. Bonds would have to be sold and then paid back from dorm rent on new dorms. The interest on the bonds, dorm maintenance, and utilities would all have to be paid by dorm rent. Perry added that the cost would not compete with rates being offered in the community.

Freeman said the third negative factor was that young people change their minds about the type of facilities they want to live in. He said that at many other universities dorm rooms are vacant because students choose to live off campus.

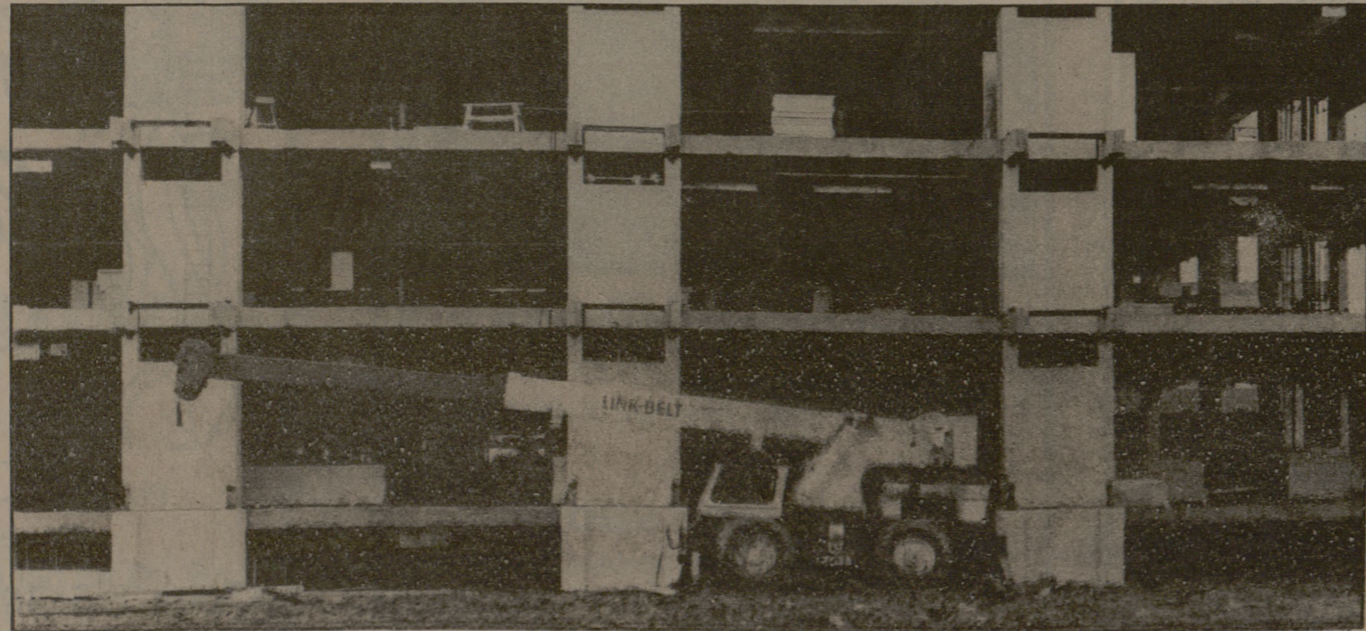
"I think if you look around, you'll find that Texas A&M has more dorm rooms per student than any other place in the United States," Freeman said.

A check of University-owned housing, including married students' apartments, showed that at Texas A&M the ratio of students to housing space is about 3 to 1. At the University of Texas the ratio is 6.1 to 1; at the University of Houston the ratio is 14.2 to 1; and at Baylor University the ratio is 2.4 to 1.

The vice president said the possibility of the University building apartments for both married and single students has been discussed as an alternative to dorm living. "But," he stressed, "it's nothing definite, it's still in the discussion stages."

Much discussion has also centered around the parking facilities on campus. Perry said he knew of no plans to increase the number of parking spaces for dorm or day students on the east side of campus. There are plans, however, to add more than 1,000 parking spaces on the west side of campus, across Wellborn Road.

Perry said that although it may sound unbelievable to some students, all the parking spaces on the campus are not full during the day. The problem, he said, is their location, far away from the dorms and the center of campus.



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Prefabricated building on west campus