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Top of the News

Campus

SENIOR CLASS RINGS ordered during the 1976 fall mid-semester term will be ready for delivery today at the Registration Center located in the Old Exchange Store. Rings may be picked up from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Registration Center today and Monday only. Any rings not picked up by 4:30 p.m. Monday will be left with the Ring Clerk in Coke 7.

TUESDAY, FEB. 1, is the last day to drop courses with no records.

THE DIRECTOR of Texas A&M University News Service, Jim Lindsey of College Station, was replaced on the State Banking Board Wednesday — four years after his term expired. Sam Carter of Temple was named by Gov. Dolph Briscoe to replace Lindsey.

WARCON III will be staged today through Sunday beginning at 6 p.m. in the MSC. Ten select games, open gaming and an auction are featured. Registration fee is two dollars and dealer's tables are available for the weekend for five dollars.

AGGIE PARENTS OF THE YEAR applications are available in the Student Programs Office, MSC 216, and are being accepted now through March 25.

Local

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (OCSA) organization plans are underway. Students interested in helping may contact Karen Switzer, YMCA 108 or attend a meeting Thursday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in YMCA 106.

Texas

STATE SENATORS unanimously approved 104 of Gov. Dolph Briscoe's appointees, including his selections of Garrett Morris of Fort Worth, Alan Erwin of Baytown and George Cowden of Dallas, to be the first members of the Texas Public Utility Commission. H.C. Bell of Austin won reappointment as a Texas A&M University regent.

National

COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS are recommending the Postal Service use space satellites to speed mail deliveries. They said most messages carried electronically would probably come from business and government — perhaps one of every three letters, one of every three letters.

CONGRESS WASTED no time today in starting to work on President Carter's request for emergency powers to deal with natural gas shortages. Debate on the measure was scheduled in a House energy subcommittee and in the full Senate. In the House, witnesses were summoned to discuss where the gas is and who needs it.

MORE THAN 36 million Americans today are living under a state of emergency declared by their governors because of the worsening energy crisis. New York, New Jersey and Ohio residents were warned of worse times to come. The National Weather Service said a mass of cold air would bring zero and subzero temperatures to much of the area during the weekend.

CLAUDINE LONGET'S probation officer has asked that the French-born singer be sentenced to no more than 30 nonconsecutive days in the county jail for the slaying of her lover, Vladimir "Spider" Sabich. Longet was convicted Jan. 14 of negligent homicide, a misdemeanor, in the shooting death.

FIVE MEN on Wyoming's death row will be spared the gas chamber because the state supreme court has ruled the state's death penalty law is unconstitutional. The court said yesterday the Wyoming death penalty statute failed to meet several requirements of the latest U.S. Supreme Court decision concerning capital punishment.

weather

Increasing cloudiness Friday afternoon, turning much colder tonight and Saturday. Wind gusts 15-25 mph this afternoon and tonight. High today upper-60s, low tonight low-20s, high Saturday upper-30s.

City Council aids housing problem with ordinance

By LAURA BROCKMAN

The College Station City Council passed an ordinance last night which will encourage residential development to satisfy the housing demands of Texas A&M University.

The proposal will amend the Zoning Ordinance No. 850 which requires a conditional use permit for projects.

This permit is contingent upon certain points, including parking provisions, maximum lot coverage and design of interior streets.

The project plan must contain one and three-tenths off-street parking spaces for each bedroom included in the proposal or two spaces per dwelling unit, whichever is less. "This will encourage one bedroom apartments," Councilman James Gardner said.

Main and accessory buildings must not cover more than 40 per cent of the lot area.

The amendment also gives the city engineer power to alter the proposal whenever the public health, safety or general welfare of project residents would be endangered.

The Council also passed a joint resolution and mutual aid agreement concerning civil disasters. "This primarily is preparing disaster contingency plans," North Bardell, City Manager, said.

Councilman Gary Halter questioned the resolution's wording which "assumes that we can recover from a nuclear attack."

"Wording in this resolution is general because of national requirements," Bardell said. "It is necessary that it be worded this way for us to receive the funds." The

resolution was passed by the Council with Halter opposing.

Pat Baker of the "Years for Profit" program presented plans for a nutrition program for elderly people. "The plan is designed to prevent isolation," Baker said.

"We don't want to take the place of nursing homes," she said, "we just want to keep the elderly out longer." The program will be 90 per cent federally funded and 10 per cent locally supported by cash donations.

People 60 years or older will be eligible to eat the noon meal and enjoy recreation at Lincoln Center. The program will start in March. Meals should begin in April.

The Council also passed an ordinance which will require fire hydrants in single family and duplex districts to be no more than 500 feet from any part of the building. Fire hydrants in other districts will be no more than 300 feet from any part of the structure.

"This will raise the density of fire hydrants in the city," Bardell said.

A resolution favoring legislation authorizing the use of eminent domain for coal slurry pipeline purposes was also passed by the Council last night. A copy of this will be sent to all members of the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate.

A study of College Station visitor opinions was presented to the Council which proposed a brochure to inform visitors about activities in the area. Mayor Larry Bravenec said he would try to get work started on the brochure.

Better coordination between Texas A&M University and the city was also suggested. Streets and directional signs were said to need improvement.

College Station gets \$275,000 HUD grant

By LAURA BROCKMAN

Streets will be paved in four areas of College Station with the aid of a \$275,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HUD funds were allocated to various city improvements at the Jan. 13 meeting of the College Station City Council.

The sites for improvements are predominantly low-income minority areas of the city, said James Callaway, Community Development planner.

"This program proposal is based on the community development needs identified at the beginning of the City's Community Development program," Callaway said. "The proposed street construction projects for program year 1977 will solve several drainage problems as well as improve circulation and access."

Roads to be improved are Avenue B, Pearce, Columbus, Preston, Georgia, Detroit, Eleanor, Thompson, and Edward streets. Also Nevada Street from Detroit to Georgia will be paved.

"These programs were selected on the citizen participation program," Callaway said. "Other problems of the community that were brought up were drainage, lighting and parks and recreation areas."

The HUD funds will also be used in clearing the streets to prepare for the repaving and to insure paving specifications are met.

"The code enforcement and clearance proposals are part of an ongoing program in all four of the Community Development Neighborhoods," Callaway said.

HUD has certain specifications as to

how the money is to be distributed, but the final decision is made by the City Council.

Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, rules are listed for the eligibility of activities to be carried out under the program.

Subpart C states that streets, street lights, traffic signals, signs, street furniture, trees and other normal accessories to streets but excluding expressways and other limited access ways, may be funded by the HUD grant.

"The 1976 program has just finished the engineering work and construction will begin this spring," Callaway said. The 1977 engineering work will probably not begin until November or December."

Woodkins granted stay of execution

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell has issued a stay of execution for Calvin Woodkins, 21, the next man in Texas scheduled to die in the electric chair.

Woodkins had been scheduled to die at Huntsville Feb. 10.

Powell's stay order will remain in force until Woodkins files a formal appeal and it is acted upon by the high court.

Woodkins was convicted of killing oil executive Jimmy Kukendall of Marshall. In his appeal to the court his attorneys argued he was not the person who fired the fatal shot during the Nov. 21, 1973 robbery and abduction.

He said he did not receive a fair trial because he is black and because jurors who said they had reservations about the death penalty were improperly excused. He also argued about the introduction of prejudicial but irrelevant evidence of past criminal conduct.

Previous requests for a stay of execution were denied by the Harrison County trial court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.



Speeding by

The bright sun and warm weather which have beset College Station the past couple of days have brought out bicycle riders who wish to take advantage of the spring atmosphere. However, A&M

Meteorologist Charlie Brenton says that a cold front is expected in this afternoon which will drop temperatures to the low 20s tomorrow morning. (Photo by Kevin Venner)

Economic center established

The notion that the United States is becoming a "nation of economic illiterates" has prompted a program involving Texas A&M University to establish a program involving education and research in the free enterprise system, according to the University News Services.

With \$300,000 as an initial gift to assist in the creation of the Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise, the pre-college program will be designed to assist Texas public schools meet the Texas Legislature's mandate requiring all public high

schools to "provide instruction in the essentials and benefits of the free enterprise system."

The center will include a summer institute for high school teachers in their class presentations, minitraining programs for teachers unable to participate in the summer institutes, and advisory services for state agencies and local school districts.

After the system was authorized by the Board of Regents Wednesday, the university's alumni organization, the Association of Former Students, and the Texas A&M

University Development Foundation made the initial contribution.

In presenting the proposal for the new center to the regents, Texas A&M officials cited a Joint Council on Economic Education report which noted that 75 per cent of the nation's college students do not take a single course in economics and that half of the nation's 60,000 high school social studies teachers have no formal training in economics.

"The danger is that a nation of economic illiterates may, through the political process, unwittingly damage the economic system upon which the material welfare of the nation depends, and fail to favor measures that would enhance the viability of that system," university officials noted in their proposal.

Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., vice president of academic affairs, said the center will draw on the resources of various parts of the university, but will be administratively attached to the College of Liberal Arts and the department of economics will be its headquarters. It will have an advisory board, he said, composed of businessmen, government officials and educators.

Other center activities will include sponsorship of public conferences, short courses and workshops, and initial initiation of a newsletter to school districts and other educational organizations.

New legislation concerns state antitrust suits

United Press International

AUSTIN — Special interests and lobbies are trying to force-feed consumers with legislation preventing the state attorney general from seeking damages in antitrust suits, a consumer group said today.

Congress last year approved legislation giving state attorney generals the right to seek treble damages for consumers injured by price fixing. The Texas House Judicial Affairs Committee this week approved a proposal by Rep. Charles Evans, D-Hurst, to repeal the federal law for the state.

"An individual consumer cannot begin to afford the cost of antitrust litigation," said Jim Boyle, executive director of the Texas Consumer Association.

"The only hope to enforce the antitrust laws for consumers is with the Texas attorney general."

Boyle said companies that are trying to fix prices or to gain a major share of a particular market are supporting Evans' legislation.

"Some special interest lobbies and certain legislators want to quickly shove the Evans bill down the throats of Texas consumers at the beginning of this session," Boyle said.

Texas band leaving for California

By KEVIN VENNER

Battalion Staff

The people in the room could not help themselves. They were coerced to break from the norm and enter into the world of reality. Inhibitions were cast aside, replaced by a desire for more of the mind-bending ingredients that put the otherwise placid crowd into their frenzied condition.

Who's to blame for distributing a medicine that put so many untainted persons into a state of nefarious calamity and made it extremely enjoyable as well?

It's Balcones Fault!

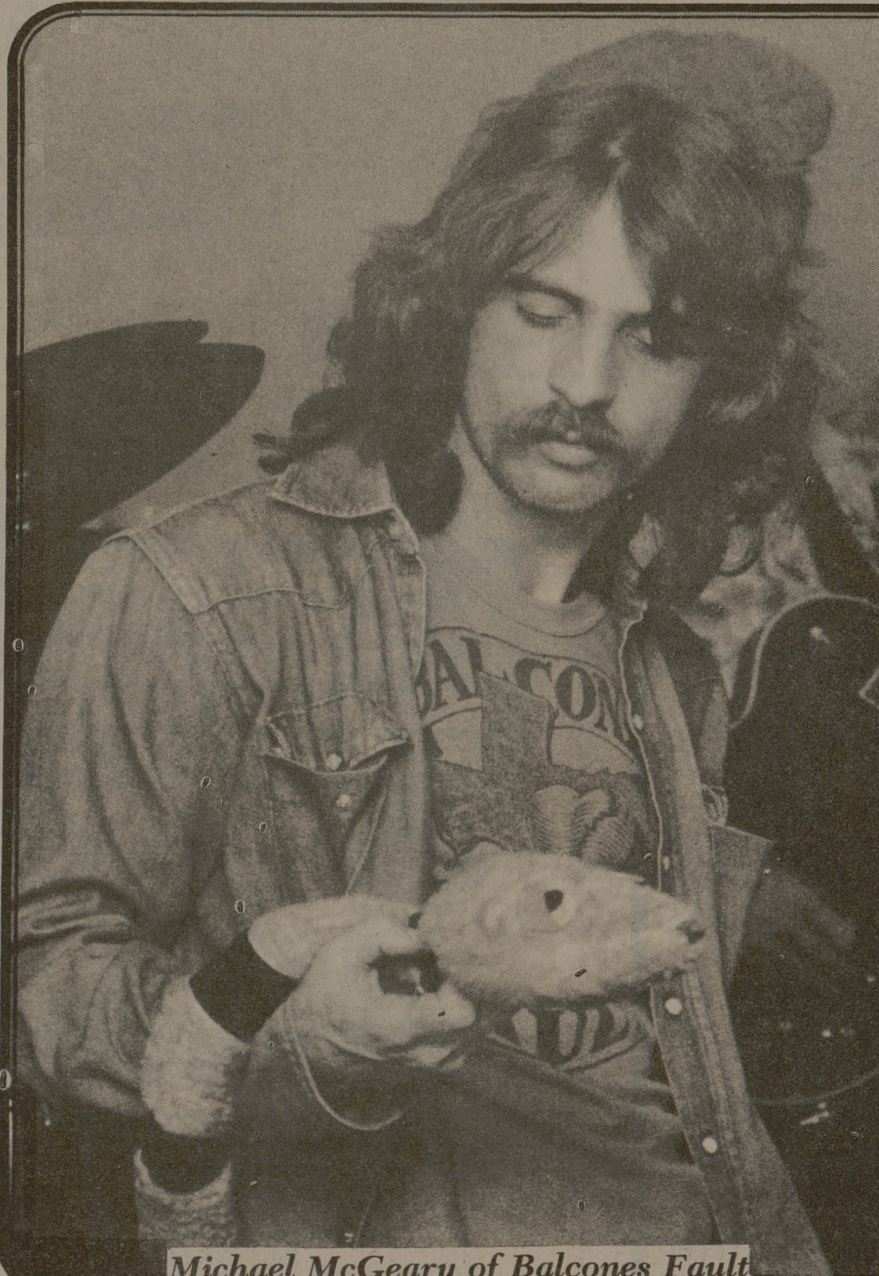
The Austin based band, plugged by TEXAS MONTHLY as being the "Best Show Band in Texas," verified this designation last night at the Black Hat Saloon by seducing everyone in the bar with its musical circus act.

Unfortunately, the group is about to lose its ranking as the best band in Texas...the musicians are moving to California.

Barry Davis, one of the road managers of the group, said that the musicians will play a concentrated area on the West Coast and try to do as well as they have done in Texas.

The eight-member band consists of two of the original five persons who started Balcones Fault five years ago. Jack Jacobs, formerly an instructor of government at the University of Texas, plays guitar and sings lead and back-up vocals.

The other original is A. Fletcher Clark III, who is the music coordinator for the band and also the business manager, which earned him the name "numbers."



Michael McGeary of Balcones Fault