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Lubbock Street may be closed if panel suggestion passes

By WENDY TAYLOR

Drivers will take the long way around if a University Traffic Panel recommendation is authorized and Lubbock Street is closed.

Lubbock Street is located on the north side of the Krueger-Dunn complex.

Howard S. Perry, associate vice president for student services, said the Traffic Panel has suggested closing the street.

"The Lubbock-Coke intersection has a high index for pedestrian-vehicle conflict," Perry said Friday. "The higher the index, the higher the potential for an accident. This is the main reason behind the recommendation."

Lubbock Street's closure would force a right turn off Joe Route Boulevard onto Throckmorton or Coke.

Both Perry and Larry M. Ludwig, administrative assistant for student services, pointed out that the panel's recommendation is merely a suggestion.

"The Traffic Panel has made the proposal and it is under consideration, but any definite decision concerning Lubbock Street is yet forthcoming," Ludwig said.

The decision will be made either by John J. Koldus, vice president of student services, or President Jack K. Williams.

Advantages and disadvantages of closing Lubbock Street are now being considered by appointed committees.

"Of course, from the Traffic Panel's point of view," said Perry, "the main advantage in closing the street would be the elimination of a dangerous traffic point on campus."

Inconvenience has been cited as the proposal's main disadvantage. Perry said some students have opposed the idea. He said students from the Krueger, Dunn, Aston, Mosher and Corps of Cadets dorm areas have complained that if the throughway is cutoff they won't be able to get from the dorms to the Memorial Student Center area.

"Of course that doesn't mean they can't walk," Perry said. "It's meant to cutoff through traffic, not pedestrians."

Other disadvantages Lubbock Street's closing might entail are increased daily traffic flows at other University entrances, limited access for emergency and delivery service vehicles, and inconvenience to construction crews. Also, persons parking in lots 48, 37 or adjoining lots would be

forced down Houston and Throckmorton Streets.

"This is a concern because these streets have no lights," Ludwig said, "and especially in the cases of football and basketball crowds, bottlenecks would be created."

Koldus said the situation would be carefully evaluated before a decision is made. "No matter how much of a conflict point the intersection is, no accidents have occurred down there as of yet. That would seem to be a good counter-argument to the proposal," Koldus said. "I'm going to have to look into this one pretty closely."

Should he decide to turn the issue over to Williams, Koldus said his final recommendation would be made within another month to give the president enough time to act before the end of the semester.

Vet school parking not solved yet

Parking proposal awaiting approval

By SUSIE WILLIAMS

Texas A&M University veterinary students hoping for immediate relief to the parking problem at the veterinary college are not going to get it right now.

The parking situation at the veterinary college is critical, according to O. L. Luther, A&M police chief. However, he says he sees no immediate solution.

"It's going to take building (more parking areas) ultimately," Howard S. Perry, associate vice president for student services said Monday.

There is a parking lot proposal awaiting approval by the Board of Regents which will extend the present student parking lot at the college (Lot 36) to hold about 60 more vehicles, Perry said.

The construction should be completed by September 1977 if the Regents approve it, he added.

"The prospects of the proposal being

approved are really good," Perry said.

There are 412 vet students and 846 biomedical science students using Lot 36 now. There are 318 parking spaces in the lot.

Vet students agree with Perry that there was not a major parking problem at the vet school until biomedical science students began holding classes there.

There are from 75 to 300 biomedical science students in classes at the vet school at any one time, Lyndon W. Kurtz, administrative assistant of the College of Veterinary Medicine, said Friday.

This leaves only a few parking spaces for vet students, of which about 90 per cent are day students, he said.

"The problem with vet students is they have no alternative," Kurtz said. They must park illegally when there are no parking spaces left because they cannot afford to miss classes, he added.

Vet students not lucky enough to find a parking space ran the risk of getting tickets for illegal parking. But Wayne Onslott, University Police desk sergeant, said that until some solution is reached, tickets will not be given at the vet school unless the vehicle is obstructing a driveway or is parked in a disabled student parking space.

Zachry Davis, a third-year vet student, received a ticket recently for parking illegally along the fence in Lot 36.

"I assume I have a place to park when I buy a \$36 parking sticker," he said.

Davis said he arrived for class at 8 a.m. and since there were no parking spaces available, he parked illegally.

"A vet student can't just call it quits for the day and go home," he said.

Davis said he felt the University Police Department and Traffic Appeals Panel

should be more lenient with vet students until the future parking lot is completed.

Students who have never purchased parking stickers are another reason for insufficient parking space, Kurtz said. They are occupying parking spaces free of charge that other students have paid to use.

While there are no solutions for immediate relief of the problem, the Traffic Appeals Panel has suggested a few solutions that might work.

Larry D. Pollock, chairman of one of the traffic appeals panels, said controlled lots with special parking stickers issued to vet students is one possible solution. Others include the use of shuttle buses, car pools, bicycles and motorcycles.

Pollock said he would discuss the college's parking situation further with Mary A. Wallace, co-chairman of the Traffic Appeals Panel, and Luther.



Bermudas at the pool . . .

Although spring has not arrived, the warm weather gave Brian Brady (left) and Nick Cervenka (right) enough reason to shed their winter clothes. The two Aston residents were playing pool in the Commons game area.

Battalion photo by Jim Crawley



Endless stares

Two barred owls at Texas A&M's Poultry Center glare woefully from their perches. The owls are part of an experiment in breeding birds of prey

in captivity. Seven A&M students are assisting Dr. Roy C. Fanguy of the poultry science department with the project. (See story, Pg. 8.)

Battalion photo by Steve Reis

House tentatively approves \$561 million highway bill

United Press International

AUSTIN — Gov. Dolph Briscoe used his emergency powers as governor and the highway industry's political muscle to win tentative House approval of a \$561 million highway funding program. Opponents say the program will create revenue shortages in the closing days of the session.

The proposal, which faces one more House vote before going to the Senate, guarantees the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation \$561 million for construction and maintenance in the next two years. Three-fourths of the revenue from motor vehicle taxes and sales taxes on auto parts, tires and accessories will go to the department.

Briscoe had proclaimed the measure an emergency, enabling the legislature to consider it early in the session before any of the \$2.9 billion state surplus had been spent on general funding for state agencies, school finance, or other issues.

Opponents appeared at one point yesterday to have crippled the bill, winning a procedural vote on an amendment limiting the life of the funding plan to four years. But House backers of the bill stalled for about 15 minutes and the governor's allies apparently convinced a number of members to switch their votes, then easily defeating the amendment.

Rep. Wayne Peveeto, D-Orange, said there is not enough money in the treasury to fund the highway bill, Briscoe's school finance proposal and the state budget recommendations of the Legislative Budget Board.

"What is going to happen is that all the colleges' budgets are going to be cut, mental health and mental retardation is going to be cut, but we're going to take care of the highways first," said Rep. Bill Hollowell, D-Grand Saline. "It's kind of silly to get stamped when we have so many other things to consider."

Briscoe's designation of the bill as an emergency allowed the House to consider it before the general appropriation bill is debated, and Senate leaders have promised quick consideration of the bill.

Review committee established

Faculty to evaluate A&M's appeal procedure

By PHYLLIS LEE

A committee has been established to review student appeal procedures at Texas A&M University.

W. C. Freeman, executive vice-president for administration, asked four students and ten members of the faculty and staff to serve on the ad hoc committee on student review and appeals procedures.

In a letter to the prospective committee members, Freeman stated that the current review and appeals procedures do not provide a "clear-cut appeal process for the myriad of academic, disciplinary, and administrative decisions which students feel they have a right to appeal or have reviewed."

Freeman told committee members that their responsibility is "to review the scope and methods of the appeal and review bodies." The members, he said, must evaluate the effectiveness of present procedures and make recommendations for changes in the process.

The committee has the responsibility to

review the language of current University regulations and make recommendations for changing existing publications of review and appeal procedures.

Dr. Thomas W. Adair, associate professor of physics and chairman of the committee, said the committee will meet next week.

student services, said the present system consists of the University Disciplinary Appeals Panel and the University Academic Appeals Panel.

"Like anything else, it is important to evaluate, update and improve the system," Koldus said.

Koldus said the two appellate committees serve the president in two ways.

"They provide for an objective review of the matter at hand and they relieve the president of the burden of listening to every appeal throughout the entire University," he said.

Freeman has asked Adair to submit a final committee report before the end of the semester.

Bookmart unable to continue operating

Efforts at lower bookstore prices fail

By MARY HARDIN

Student dissatisfaction and efforts by Student Government have failed to force the Texas A&M University Bookstore to lower prices.

Student Government opened the Book Mart in the spring of 1975. The Mart was opened in an effort to force the bookstore

in the Memorial Student Center to lower its prices on used books, Stan Stanfield, student government vice president for academic affairs said.

Used books were bought at 60 per cent of the cost and resold to students at 65 per cent.

The A&M Bookstore purchases books at 50 per cent of cost and resells at 75 per cent.

The Book Mart's prices did not bring the bookstore's prices down. It became a service organization for students.

Now Student Government does not have the time or manpower to continue, Stanfield said.

The Book Mart was not in operation last semester because of losses due to mismanagement.

Howard DeHart, manager of the A&M Bookstore said there are several reasons why their prices must remain the same.

The profits made from the bookstore (approximately \$80,000) are allocated to various student organizations, he said.

"I feel that giving money to these organizations does more good for A&M as a whole than each particular person would gain if we were to lower the prices of the books."

"Some of the student organizations wouldn't survive without our help," he said.

The Student Organizations Board decides how much money each organization is given.

"I think they base them (the allocations) on the significance of the organization to the University," DeHart said.

Stanfield said he believes these organizations should exist on the dues of their members.

"Most students complain about the bookstore allocations because they feel they are financing special-interest groups," Stanfield said. The bookstore

should lower the price of books so they will just cover expenses, he added.

If they cut prices that much, every off-campus bookstore would go out of business because of competition, DeHart said.

"Since the A&M Bookstore is state owned, it would be the State of Texas vs. Private Enterprise," he said.

Student Government has passed a bill to establish a book exchange commission. The commission will submit various policies to the Senate in February for the formation of a Book Exchange.

The Book Exchange (if established) will use exchange certificates in payment for books instead of money, Stanfield said.

"A small fee of 10 cents per book will be charged each time a student buys or sells books," he added.

Fred McClure, president of Student Government said, "If the policies submitted to the Senate in February are passed, then the Book Exchange should go into effect at the end of this semester."

weather

Partly cloudy and mild today with increasing cloudiness through tomorrow. Winds will be southeasterly at 7-10 mph today and tomorrow. High today in the low 60s. Low tonight in the low 40s. High tomorrow in the low 60s. Precipitation probability 40 per cent tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Toll-free telephone service answers legislative questions

United Press International

AUSTIN — Speaker Bill Clayton announced Tuesday a toll free telephone service had been instituted to answer Texans questions about pending legislation.

Clayton said the Legislative Information System of Texas and Legislative Reference Library will answer telephone calls from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the session.

The service also will be available at nights and on weekends whenever the legislators are in session, he said.

By calling 1-800-252-9693, or 475-3026 in Austin, citizens can request the current status and history of any bill or resolution introduced in the House or Senate.

Clayton said names of committee members and committee schedules also can be obtained.