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Dorm students request weekend meal change

By GARY LOVAN

Residents of the Krueger-Dunn, Aston-Mosher dormitory complex will vote the week of Feb. 21 on whether or not to have their weekend meals served in Sbsia Hall.

The proposal was presented to the Commons menu board Feb. 1. The proposal affects those students on the seven-day board plan.

If approved, the change would go into effect this semester.

Lloyd H. Smith, assistant director for board dining, said the Food Service Department will print the ballots, and the menu board will handle the rest of the voting processes.

The change was requested by students who eat in the Commons facility.

Originally the students wanted the Commons to serve the same type of food the Sbsia Hall facility serves.

THE SBSIA FACILITY contains a fast food unit that serves pizza, chicken, hamburgers and soup and sandwiches; and a cafeteria that serves a full menu.

The fast food unit uses specialized equipment to prepare the food, said Perry Moore, manager of the Sbsia Hall unit. This equipment includes high-speed, large-capacity pizza ovens and hamburger conveyor-broilers.

Edwin Hein, manager of the Commons facility, said the Commons is not equipped to prepare that type or quantity of food.

The students then made a proposal to the menu board to change weekend meals to Sbsia Hall.

"Weekend meals for the Commons'

students would be served in Sbsia on the weekends when there were no special events taking place," Smith said.

MEALS WOULD be served in the Commons on football weekends, Parents' Day, Graduation weekends and several other weekends.

Van Steed, member of the Commons menu board, said the major drawback of the plan is the distance the students would have to go to eat, especially in bad weather.

Sbsia Hall is located behind the main branch of the College Station Post Office on the north side of the campus. The Commons is located on the south side of the campus across the street from the golf course.

According to Smith, the Food Service Department as well as the students would benefit from the proposal. The Commons facility would be closed several weekends of the semester, decreasing operating costs, he said.

This decrease could result in the stabilization of board costs. Smith said the rates would not go down as a result of the proposal, but they would probably stabilize.

Steed said if the proposal was not accepted for the Commons, it would be tried again for Duncan Hall.

If approved for the Commons, Duncan would not get the chance to vote on it. Sbsia Hall could not handle the load of both facilities, said Moore.

Bell may give FBI narcotics control job

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell's announcement that his thinking of placing narcotics control in the FBI triggered a barrage of calls that forced a later "clarification" to assure drug employees their jobs are not in jeopardy.

Peter Bensinger, head of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), said Bell's words to a news conference yesterday were widely misunderstood as a firm decision to dismantle the organization instead of a preliminary idea. The result was a "strong reaction from the field."

Bensinger told UPI he understood headquarters and regional offices "were inundated with numerous questions in numerous calls" because DEA employees "apparently heard it as a statement of fact rather than a proposal."

By midafternoon, Bell, at Bensinger's request, drafted a clarifying statement the DEA transmitted by teletype to 4,400 agents and employees in the United States and 42 other countries.

"I would like you to know that a conclusion to reorganize narcotics enforcement has not been made," Bell's message said. "Also, I would like to know that your career jobs will not be put in jeopardy."

Narcotics enforcement has been reorganized several times in the past decade. The DEA itself represents a 1973 merger of the defunct Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and the Customs Bureau's drug enforcement.

"Maybe the reaction—it was certainly a strong reaction from the field—in some degree reflects past reorganizations and mergers and consolidations which have been characteristic in this field since 1966," Bensinger said.

Bell told DEA employees his idea was in line with President Carter's request that the Cabinet "consider reorganization as one means of streamlining the government and making it more responsive to the public need."

Logic would demand that I examine not only what the DEA is doing but any possible larger role for the FBI," Bell said.

He said the idea is "not an accomplished fact nor will it necessarily become an accomplished fact."

Finally," Bell added, "I would like to commend you for your recent accomplishments. I have just been shown your year-end statistics which reflect for the first time a substantial reduction in heroin-related injuries and deaths."



A misty moisty morning

Battalion photo by Kevin Venner

Lights reflect on the rain-soaked bricks that pave the mall area between the Oceanography and Meteorology Building (above) and the Ernest Langford Architecture Center, which is due for

completion in September of this year. The rain had stopped during this photo exposure, taken at 6:30 this morning, but the weatherman says the rainy weather will remain until late tonight.

College Station election set for April Council approves plan to improve parking

By LAURA BROCKMAN

College Station City Council an amendment last night to improve traffic flow in commercial and industrial areas such as Skaggs-Albertsons and Pepper Plaza.

The council discussed the Park South subdivision plat between Southwest Parkway and Holik Drive. Mayor Lorence Bravenec voiced concern about the width of the right-of-way for trucks or ambulances in the proposed subdivision. Don Martell, developer of the subdivision, said ample room would be included in the plans. The council approved the plat.

At the next city council meeting Feb. 24, a resolution by the Texas A&M University Student Senate will be discussed. It concerns lighting improvements on University Street at Northgate.

Councilman Gary Halter said the area is dangerous and that improvements would be a proper use of revenue sharing money.

The council then passed an ordinance for a general election to be held on Saturday in April. The purpose of the election will be to elect councilmen for wards 1, 3, and 5.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Polling places include College Hills Elementary School in Ward 1, Lincoln Elementary School in Ward 3 and Bee Creek Municipal Swimming Pool in Ward 5. Qualified voters may vote in the ward in which they live.

OTHER ACTION the council reappointed the Board of Equalization. The meeting will be March 1.

The council also passed a resolution according to the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission's plan for reconstruction on Holleman Drive from FM 1825 to Winding Road.

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Senate unanimously approves state Banking Board appointee

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Senate officially has replaced a four-year holdover on the State Banking Board by unanimously approving Gov. Dolph Briscoe's appointment of Sam E. Carter of Temple.

Carter replaced James L. Lindsey of College Station. Lindsey, publications director at Texas A&M University, was appointed to the post by former Gov. Preston Smith in 1971. Lindsey term expired Jan. 31, 1973. Briscoe let him continue to serve, however, and delayed naming a replacement until Jan. 26.

Carter will serve as the citizen member of the three-man board that rules on bank charter applications.

Briscoe's replacement of Lindsey was prompted by Sen. William T. Moore,

D-Bryan. Moore fell out with Lindsey over the banking board's 2-1 decision Sept. 29 to allow the First State Bank of Hearne to move to Bryan.

Moore has proposed a bill to prohibit such moves in the future. Senators who interviewed Carter for the banking board post did not ask how he stood on allowing banks to move from one county to another.

Briscoe issued a statement Thursday endorsing legislation to give the state banking commissioner power to veto changes in control of state banks. He said bills sponsored by Sen. Kent Hance, D-Lubbock, and Rep. Jerry Donaldson D-Gatesville, will help curtail improper changes in bank ownership and protect investors, creditors and depositors of state chartered banks.

The closed door Senate debate on Car-

ter and 18 other Briscoe nominees lasted less than 10 minutes.

Also approved were nominations of Melvin Rowland of Uvalde, Rena B. Rosson of Snyder, and P. Bolin Mahaffey of Corpus Christi to the Texas Health Facilities Commission, Jackie W. St. Clair of Round Rock to head the Texas Department of Labor Standards and George Hall Watkins of Austin to be a trustee of the State Employee Retirement System.

In addition, senators approved Briscoe's appointment of Sidney E. McKinney of Abilene to a \$31,100 post on the Industrial Accident Board.

Senators postponed action on McKinney Feb. 3 and indicated some concern about his remarks on unnecessary involvement of attorneys in workmen's compensation cases.

Legislators act on emergency bills New courts bill expected to pass

United Press International
AUSTIN — Representatives are only a few minutes away from passing a bill to create new district courts — the same measure passed in the closing minutes of the 1975 legislative session.

The House tentatively approved the new courts bill yesterday and is expected to take final action Monday and the measure to the governor to sign.

Dolph Briscoe speeded consideration of the proposal by declaring over-docketed cases in state courts an emergency matter.

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tentatively approved a bill to permit the Railroad Commission to transfer \$18,974 from its oil and gas division to the gas utilities division.

Briscoe had declared the fund transfer an emergency measure needed to keep the gas utilities division operating for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Senators approved a proposal by Sen. Kent Hance, D-Lubbock, requiring thermostats in state buildings to be adjusted for maximum efficiency. Hance originally suggested settings of 65 degrees in winter and 78 degrees in summer for all state

buildings, but changed his resolution because board of control officials said more energy would be used.

The Senate also approved and sent to the House a bill by Hance to permit the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems to self-insure their staff doctors and student interns.

Hance said UT has paid \$5.4 million in medical malpractice insurance premiums for the personnel in the past five years and has had less than \$1.2 million in claims.

Both houses adjourned yesterday for the weekend.

Fuel cost may offset tax rebate

United Press International
WASHINGTON — More than half of President Carter's plan to spur the economy with \$50 cash rebates to most taxpayers may be offset by the winter's high cost of heating, government figures show.

If the bitter cold resumes, Federal Energy Administration (FEA) analysts say, the average home heating bill will be about \$290, \$93 higher than it was a year ago.

Even if the weather returns to normal in February and March, higher consumption from October through January plus increased fuel costs will boost the average home bill to \$270, \$73 higher than last year.

About two-thirds of the increase is due

The agency said:

For the 39 million gas heated homes, average bills this winter will range from \$150 to \$160, compared with \$100 a year ago. A 21 per cent hike in gas prices, from \$1.65 to \$2 per thousand cubic feet, accounts for \$21 of the increase. Nationwide the increase ranges from \$1.7 to \$2.1 billion.

For the 18 million oil heated homes, average bills this winter will range from \$390 to \$420, compared with \$300 last year. A 6.9 per cent hike in oil prices, from 40.7 cents to 43.5 cents per gallon, accounts for \$21 of the increase. Nationwide the increase ranges from \$1.7 to \$2 billion.



Battalion photo by Jim Crawley

Walking in the rain

This student does not appear to be too happy about having to walk in the rain yesterday, but like it or not, the U.S. Weather Bureau says that she will have to walk in the rain again if she ventures out today.