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## businesses must limit crowds

By DAVE TEWES

ne crowding of several local busis has prompted enforcement of a city ing code that limits the number of nts in a building, College Station Marshal said Friday.

vestigation began after complaints received by the College Station Fire wartment and several city councilmen.
"We had complaints of some of our inesses being dangerously over-vded," Harry Davis, College Station narshal, said. "We were in the proof enforcing the code when the le approached us." e code is the Southern Standards

ding Code, adopted by the city coun-nthe early 1960s, Bill Koehler, buildofficial for College Station, said yes-

The code has been in effect a long

time," Davis said. "We have never had

the manpower to enforce it."

Davis said the fire department now has the manpower and he began enforcing the code last week by personally surveying

Periodic checks will be made by Davis to ensure enforcement of the code.

"We have surveyed about 19 or 20 businesses so far." Davis said. "We skipped over a few, but not intentionally. We just

The accuracy of the surveys still hasn't been determined, Davis said. The surveys are taken during peak business hours, which vary from business to business,

"Naturally, there is no way we can take a head count," Davis said. "What we are going to be looking for is adequate aisle

The code has a specific provision that limits the number of persons allowed in a public establishment. This provision is what is being enforced, Davis said.

Any place that can accomodate 75 per-

sons or more, is subject to the code, he said. "The drinking establishments have

given us the most trouble."

Davis said he isn't picking on drinking establishments, but they are the most popular with students at Texas A&M University. Restaurants violate the code occasionally, he added.

Protection of the customer is the object of the surveys. Shutting down businesses

is not, Davis said.

"If they (businesses) can operate in a safe manner, then we are willing to let them go," he said. "What we are trying to keep away from is this sardine-type situa-

Exit capacity and fixed seating are the two main factors considered in surveying businesses, Davis said.

Exit capacity refers to the width of the exit. The width must be sufficient enough to allow a specified number of people to

exit in a given time period.

The definition of fixed seating was hazy,
Davis said. Consultation among city officials defined fixed seating as tables and chairs arranged to channel traffic flow.

"If you have fixed seating, you are allowed 6 square feet per person," Davis said. "With non-fixed seating, you are allowed 15 square feet and 15 square feet are allowed 15 square fee lowed 15 square feet per person."

Businesses with fixed seating are allowed more people per square foot be-cause the pattern of people moving toward the exit in an emergency is broken-up by the seating. The opposite is true for nonfixed seating.

The Dixie Chicken, The Sports Club, The Black Hat Saloon and TJ's are a few of the businesses required to obey the code'

"We don't like the code," Don Ganter, co-owner of the Dixie Chicken, said. "We are going to live with it if it doesn't get ridiculous." He said he wasn't sure how it would

affect businesses. If it hurts business, he said he would have to protest the code. "If we see our business is being hurt, we will have to do something," Ganter said.

'We will probably have to see a lawyer.'

Prices would be raised only as a last re-

sort, he said.

Sparky's has an average of 250 people on Friday and Saturday nights, Sparky M. Hardee, owner of Sparky's, said. "The code allows him to have 184 people in the building."

"It will cut my business by 30 or 40 per cent " Hardee said. "If fewer people come, I may have to raise prices because I have a fixed overhead.

The City Council adopted the code as a means of limiting growth of business in College Station, Hardee said.

"I think the City Council sits on a pyramid dreaming up ways to restrict the growth of College Staion," Hardee said.
"There is a real concern by businessmen about the callousness of the City Council toward businessmen.'

Larry Stegent, owner of the Sports Club, said he isn't concerned about his business being hurt. He said the Sports Club was given a fair limit.

"My business won't be hurt if they give us a fair capacity limit," Stegent said. "They have been very fair."

### hairmen to be chosen March 7

### MSC council picks officers

By PHYLLIS CARVER

officers were elected to the 1977-78 orial Student Center Council last all by unanimous decision. closed session of the council was

Il the elections were unanimous, Carolyn Johnsen, chairman of the

ohn Oeffinger, president of the council a member of the nominating commitsaid the incoming officers will be a

lary Greer, junior geophysics, was

elected vice president of programs.

"I didn't know until someone called to congratulate me," she said. "I was really surprised. I'm looking forward to it."

La Donna Young, junior journalism, was elected director of public relations. Sharon Taulman, junior accounting, will be vice president of administration.

The director of operations will be Ron Woessner, sophomore forestry. He said he plant to improve communication within

Lynn Knaupp was elected director of projects. Knaupp, sophomore political

science, said she had applied for director of operations but had cited projects as her also run for chairmen if they aren't elected," he said.

second choice. "I'm real excited about it anyway because I think I can do a lot with it," she

Debra Dollar was elected vice president of finance. She is a junior majoring in fi-

Oeffinger said the nominating committee had recommended that the officer elections be separate from and held before the election of the committee chairmen. This way those who run for offices can

The nominating committee will be making several recommendations for changes in nominating procedure, Oeffinger said
"We have decided to pick the top two

applicants per position and give a list of pros and cons for each," he said. "We didn't do it that way for this election because we haven't written it up in the rules

The next meeting will be another special session on March 7, when the council will elect the 20 committee chairmen for



#### Aggies win doubleheader

The Texas Aggie baseball team beat the McNeese State Cowboys yesterday with scores of 3-2 in the first game and 16-10 in the second. Buddy Grobe watches from third base as Kyle Hawthorne hits the ball to their third baseman. Grobe scored on this play and Hawthorne advanced to second on a throwing error. The Aggies began two more games with McNeese today at 1 p.m. on the Aggies' diamond behind Battalion photo by Kevin Venner

### Columnist Ashby supports individual

By DEBBIE PARSONS

e topic of the SCONA conference, iduality in American Society. s the conference a unique operation, an Ashby said Saturday morning.

shby, a columnist for The Houston t, gave the final speech of the SCONA dents Conference on National Affairs) ference at a brunch for all the deles at the Memorial Student Center. loome here today, not as a Teasip; not our acknowledged leader; but to mull

h you over the idea of the conference have all attended," Ashby said. he mere subject of this conference,

widuality, automatically makes this a que operation," he said. "In most of world today there is no room for the

reguls In most countries, I would imagine 80 clp out 50 to 50 per cent of the world, meetings like did says would be raided."

ost to 16 Ashby has traveled to many countries of the countries of

going on in that country.

In about eight or nine out of every ten untries, he said the readers find out at the government wants them to find

In this country the people run the of, by and for the people," Ashby "This is good theory, but it is not ye the fact. We don't always run the

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There is always a constant tug-of-war in this country, with the people on one side and the government on the other, he said. This is as it should be," he added.

It would be foolish to believe that there are no pressures against expression in this country, Ashby said. The pressures are not from the government, but from the

"These pressures are, themselves, expressions of the individual," he said.

The SCONA conference highlighted speakers who gave varying opinions on the subject of the individual in America, which Ashby said he feels is good

"If you have found total disagreement among you, then don't be confused," he said. "It would be very wrong if we all reached a common stand on this question. The whole idea of the individual in America is that we don't agree

Ashby said it would be mutually exclusive to have a conference where everyone is in total agreement. "It would be selfcontradictory," he said.

Ashby, as a journalist, said the idea of the expression of individuality in our society is of the utmost importance to him.

"In this country we've grown to expect freedom of the press and we should; we should demand it," he said. Lately our society has turned against

the press, Ashby said, and he agreed that some of the criticisms are true.

"Let me tell you one very simple truism," he said. "No group has served the people of this country so well for so long as the press. I'm not saying we are perfect. I'm saying that daily we express what we're talking about today: individuality."

We may now be living in what Ashby calls "the golden age of expression." We have a right to express ourselves and Ashby says he feels the current status of that right is excellent.

'No matter who you are or what you're doing, if you're any good at it you can express yourself, find an audience and people are going to listen," he said. "They may not agree with you, but they'll lis-

Ashby studied pre-med and received his B.A. degree in journalism at the University of Texas. He worked with The New York Times for six and a half years and has been working with The Houston Post

Before coming to A&M, Ashby made the following statement to a friend: "Yeah, I'm going up to A&M to do some misionary work among Aggies," he said. "I'm going back a few weeks later for another speech for the journalism department. I'm going to make them name a dorm after me or at least go easy on Thanksgiving Day.

#### A&M employe in fair condition at St. Joseph

### Painter injured in fall from Bolton Hall

A Texas A&M University employe was injured Friday in a fall from the top of

James Paholek, Department of Facilities painter, was standing on a ledge of the four-story building when he fell 46 feet to the ground. Paholek lives at 1908 Beason in

Dr. Claude Goswick, student health center director, examined Paholek min-

Paholek complained of pain in his left hip. Paholek was transferred by ambulance to St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, where he is listed in fair condition today.

edge that was approximately 18 inches

"He was in the process of attaching a rope to an outrigger on the roof of the building," Todd said. "The rope did not have enough slack in it and when it was jerked, he lost his balance."

R. D. Todd, assistant foreman of the paint shop, said Paholek was walking on a Todd explained that since the accident, all of the workmen have been warned to wear a safety belt attached to a safety rope.

Billy R. Barnett, head painter, was working on the roof when Paholek fell.

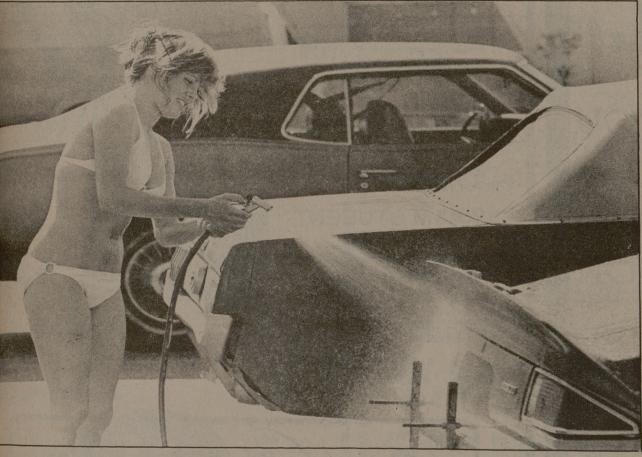
'He was on the outside ledge. I saw him reach for the ledge," Barnett said. "I reached out and grabbed for his hand, but I couldn't hold him.'

Dr. L. W. Coleman Jr., who is attending to Paholek's case, said the painter has a fractured pelvis, left ankle, and right rib.

"When the project was first introduced, the class recoiled en masse, as if it were a frightening and horrible prospect," Milgram said. When one student returned with only 14 test tries, Milgram decided to

try it himself, also with a student along to

Milgram said he found "the words unut-



Keep America Beautiful . . . Wash your car

Leah LeCompte, a sophomore accounting major at Texas A&M University, took advantage of the warm weather this weekend. She soaked up some of the sun's rays and improved the appearance of our environment at the same time. . . by washing her car. Battalion photo by Chris Svatek

#### Powerful unknown social pressures condition person, SCONA speaker says tress to the student investigators asking for

than they are willing to admit, Dr. Stanley Milgram said Friday.

The prominent social psychologist, speaking at Texas A&M University's 22nd Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA), said that how an individual be-

haves is conditioned by social pressures. 'Assertion of the idea that an individual is the source of his own actions is defi-cient," Milgram said. "But at the same time, it is useful for society to promote the myth that an individual is responsible for his actions.

His observations contributed to SCONA 22 delegates' consideration of "The Expression of Individuality in Soci-

Milgram said social norms and rules constrain people to act in certain ways. He said the force in operation is quite powerful and unknown to those upon whom it

A fish in water is the last to know he's surrounded by water, Milgram said.

Author of a twice-translated book, "Obedience to Authority," Milgram first conducted the somewhat controversial shock research. He found that 60 per cent of test subjects would apply increasing amounts of electrical shock — to lethal levels - to people cooperating in the re-

He also described graduate class projects to emphasize the point that individual actions are made to conform to accepted

actions are made to conform to accepted patterns. Milgram emphasized that cultural practices vary with local.

"In New York," he said, "a person does not smile at someone he does not know."

Students in his class went out on the

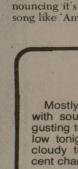
project, and greeted bypassers on the street "with hand extended and a Carterlike smile." The same test activities were conducted in small towns.

"Twice as many people in the small cities would reciprocate with a handshake," Milgram said.

Another class project required students

to board subways on a controlled-test basis and ask strangers for their seats. The assumption to be tested was that no one would give up a seat. The surprise in the findings, the SCONA speaker related, was that while more than half relinguished their seats, the project caused acute dis-

terable," and he retreated in failure twice. On the third attempt, he asked for and got the seat, he said, "and immediately felt enormously contrite." 'These projects were designed," he said, "to illustrate the point that individual impulses are in constant check by social norm," by what he called "inhibitory anx-"If you think it doesn't work," he challenged SCONA delegates, "try this. The next time you get on a bus, without announcing it's a test, pick out a loud, lusty song like 'America,' stand up and sing it.'



### Milgram

Weather Mostly cloudy and mild today, with southerly winds at 12 mph, gusting to 20 mph. High taday 73, low tonight 54. Continued mostly cloudy tomorrow, with a 20 per cent chance of rain tonight and tomorrow morning, becoming partly

cloudy tomorrow evening.