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Students of Texas A&M University can get six hours credit while visiting Spain this summer. Luis Costa, Spanish professor and native of northern Spain, is supervising the tour, which will cost \$1,400 per student.

This price includes round-trip air fare from Houston, a two-week tour of Spain, fees and books for four weeks of classes at the University of Santiago, tips, fees for museums and room and board. Most students will live in private homes.

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Campus

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

TEXAS A&M will be spotlighted in prime time tomorrow by KDFW-TV, the CBS affiliate in Dallas. The 30-minute special on A&M will air at 10 p.m. It provides an overview of the university and emphasizes students, school spirit and academic programs. Included are interviews with numerous students who gave their observations on such topics as "Aggie Spirit" and the quality of education they are receiving at A&M. The program will be shown locally by KAMU-TV and KBTX-TV at later dates.

THE ELECTION commission, which enforces campaign regulations will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower 510. All students are eligible for membership unless they are seeking office in the 1977 Spring elections. In addition to enforcing campaign regulations, the commission manages the filing process, checks candidate's credentials, manages the polls and counts ballots.

STUDENTS attending or planning to attend Texas A&M University in the fall have three chances next week to learn of available financial aid. Sessions next week at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday will explain the types of assistance—scholarships, loans, grants, and work study—students may apply for. The first two programs are in Memorial Student Center 206 and the final briefing will be in Rudder Tower 601.

A WORKSHOP for animal disease research workers in the South will be conducted March 15 and 16 by the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. It will be the first of four programs in March. Seminars on allergic dermatitis, canine seizure disorders, and surgical technology for assistants will be offered the weekend of March 26.

Texas

A HOUSTON policeman who shot an epileptic burglar suspect 13 times has been reassigned to a desk job, Chief B. G. "Pappy" Bond said yesterday. Of-

ficer J. T. O'Brien's fatal shooting of Tommy Hanning, 39, is under investigation. Bond said O'Brien was attacked and stabbed by Hanning but Bond said he questions the number of shots O'Brien fired. O'Brien had to reload to fire 13 shots.

National

REP. OLIN E. TEAGUE, D-Texas, said he opposes the Local Public Works Act, H.R. 11, which passed the House Feb. 24. "It is neither an efficient nor an effective way of solving our nation's unemployment problems," Teague, of Bryan, said. The act would authorize the expenditure of \$4 billion for public works jobs to stimulate employment. Teague said that providing permanent jobs by offering tax incentives to businesses to hire the unemployed would be a faster, more productive solution.

PLAYGIRL magazine will take a more psychological and realistic approach to life but the nude male centerfold will remain to show not all nudity is sexual, its new editor, Joyce Fleming, 33, said in San Diego yesterday.

A SOBBING mother and an emotionless stepfather were sentenced to 99 years and one day in prison yesterday for the torture death of 4-year-old Melisha Gibson.

The nine-man, three-woman jury convicted Wanda and Ronald Maddux of second degree murder after 43 minutes of deliberation that followed three days of testimony on how the girl was beaten, forced to march for hours on bleeding feet and given hot sauce when she begged for water.

BING CROSBY fell 20 feet from the stage at his 50th anniversary performance yesterday in Pasadena, Calif., cutting his head. Doctors said Crosby, 72, was not seriously hurt.

World

PRIME MINISTER Ian Smith rammed a controversial bill to relax Rhodesia's racial laws through parliament today, fighting off a challenge by right-wing rebels and gaining a bare two-thirds majority necessary for passage. The bill ends most restrictions on black ownership of land.

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New board planned Hitchin' Post helps students get home

By COLIN CROMBIE
What would you do if you were going home for the weekend and needed a ride or a rider?

You could use the Hitchin' Post in the Memorial Student Center (MSC) or the Ride Board in the Academic building.

The Hitchin' Post is sponsored by the MSC Travel Committee. It is on the stairway by the east entrance of the MSC. A brown board sitting in a corner, it is usually decorated with pink and green slips of paper.

But it is outdated, out of place and too small, said Rusty Phelps, a Travel Committee member, although he added that it does help.

The Hitchin' Post has a map of Texas and has been in operation for about 20 years. A bigger, permanent structure is planned that will include a map of North America.

Another Travel Committee member, Barbara Fricke, is responsible for the new Hitchin' Post.

It has been planned for almost a year, said MSC Director J. Wayne Stark, who is "most discouraged by the lack of action by the Travel Committee." He quickly added that in other areas the committee is more effective now than in the past 10 years.

The Ride Board on the first floor of the Academic building is now sponsored by Lambda Sigma, a sophomore honor society and service organization.

Until this year, the board was a project of Student Government, which became too involved in politics, said Sandy Morrow, vice president of Lambda Sigma.

They may be more effective the farther you are going, said Phelps and Morrow, or if they were in heavier traffic, said Stark.

But if the Hitchin' Post and the Academic's Ride Board are not sufficient, then where else might a board be positioned?

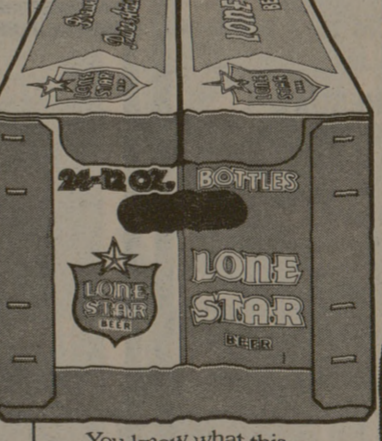
Having a ride board in the library has been discussed, said Assistant Library Director Richard L. Puckett.

With renovations planned to start this year, another board in the main corridor of the library may make noise and traffic unbearable, Puckett said.

By 1980 the estimated completion date for the renovations, he said a ride board may be put in an enlarged lounge area. He added that the responsibility and maintenance of a board would have to go to a student organization.

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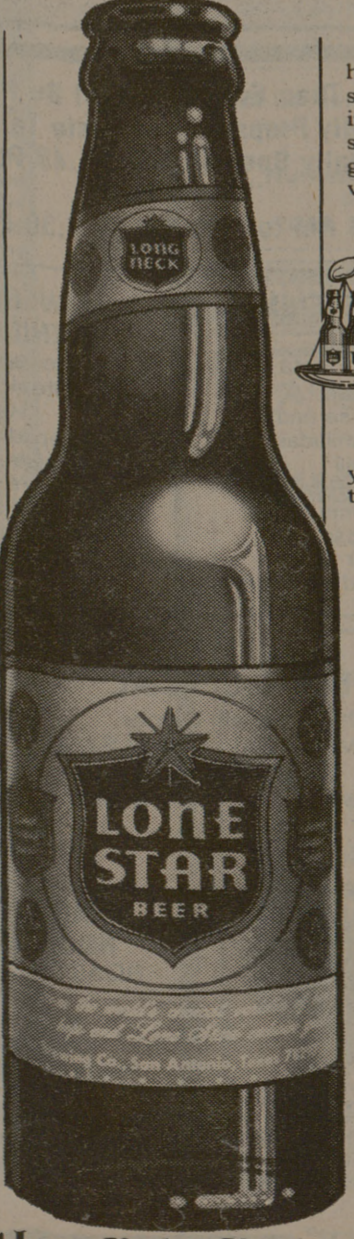
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