

Laundry care better, owner says

BY KARIN KNAPP

The new system for student laundry service at Texas A&M University, which was designed to provide students with minimum service at minimum cost, is running more smoothly after weeks of problems. Ron Vandiver, owner of Fabric Care Service of Bryan, said the laundry service cannot and is not going to satisfy everyone's needs. For three weeks of student complaints about long waiting lines for laundry pick-up, lost laundry, and high cost, Vandiver said he believes the operation is beginning to run smoothly.

hired extra employees to cover the substations more efficiently.

Scott Patton, a member of the student laundry committee, said four to six students a day complain to him about the laundry service. Patton, a junior Corps member, said he tells them to bear with Fabric Care Service until the problems can be settled.

"The main complaint is that students can't rely on getting their laundry back on the right day," Patton said. "When guys bring in their laundry on Wednesday, they expect it back on Friday for the weekend. So far, they can't depend on the service to get their laundry back on time."

Vandiver contends that students will always need some type of laundry service, and that Aggies on the laundry plan do get their money's worth. Jennings Cleaner, at 3000

Caroline in Houston, for instance, charges \$12.65 to handle the same load that Fabric Care Service picks up, cleans, and delivers for \$3.15.

"We aren't trying to force this down students' throats," Vandiver said. "But students who want their laundry done will get it done well on this plan."

Texas A&M has a five-year contract with Fabric Care Service, Joe Nixon, Residence Hall Association president, said the contract stipulates that no washers and driers can be installed on campus during that time unless Fabric Care Service installs them.

Neither Patton nor Vandiver would estimate how many students have obtained refunds on their laundry service. Patton said Corps members are currently doing their laundry elsewhere.

Some washateria in Bryan-

College Station have noticed an influx in business this semester. Highlander Center Washateria in Redmond Terrace in College Station, has increased its business, but owner B. F. Liles said he does not know if the laundry service problem has anything to do with it.

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Aggie Cinema, "Death Wish", 7:30 p.m., Rudder Theater
Aggie Cinema, "Norman, Is That You?", Midnight, Rudder Theater

Saturday
Humane Society of Brazos County, flea market, 9 a.m., Kroger parking lot
Industrial Education Society, student-faculty picnic, 11 a.m., Birch Creek State Park at Lake Somerville

TAMU Frisbee Club, Frisbee Flip-In, noon to dusk, between Hughes Hall and Sbis

Monday
A&M Students for John Hill, 7:30 p.m., Rudder 402

Questionnaire is 'enforcing law'

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Brown, who has tried once before to register, said he was never informed about this right to appeal. He has also filed an affidavit with the Secretary of State's office saying he applied for a voter registration certificate but never heard from the Tax Assessor's office. State election code law requires that any applicant in rejected-voter status for any reason must be notified in writing by the registrar (Symm), and is entitled to a hearing with the registrar.

The citizens of Waller County were reluctant to talk with reporters, but discussion in a local barbershop centered around the controversy. Most people in the county seat at Hempstead expressed feelings of bitter resentment at the intrusion of White into "their affairs." Hempstead residents felt that the issue would be resolved quickly by Symm.

"We do not disqualify students," said Chrystal Carr, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector, in response to questions about filing procedures.

"We think that students should be interested in politics but we want them to be interested at home where they are actively involved," Carr said. "Only transients or those here for a temporary purpose are refused voter certificates."

A spokesman for the Secretary of State's office said they are well aware of the contradictory policies in Waller County.

"Symm is in direct violation of the Secretary's Emergency Order," John Pettit, Assistant Secretary of State said Wednesday. "Our people have been down there and know the situation first-hand."

Mark White sent three attorneys to Prairie View September 8 and 12 to take a statement from students involved and to survey the situation.

Under state law, the Secretary of State has asked the Attorney General to seek an injunction preventing Symm from using his questionnaire. Attorney General Hill filed suit in the 155th District Court Wednesday to force LeRoy Symm to stop using his questionnaire about residency as a condition for valid voter registration.



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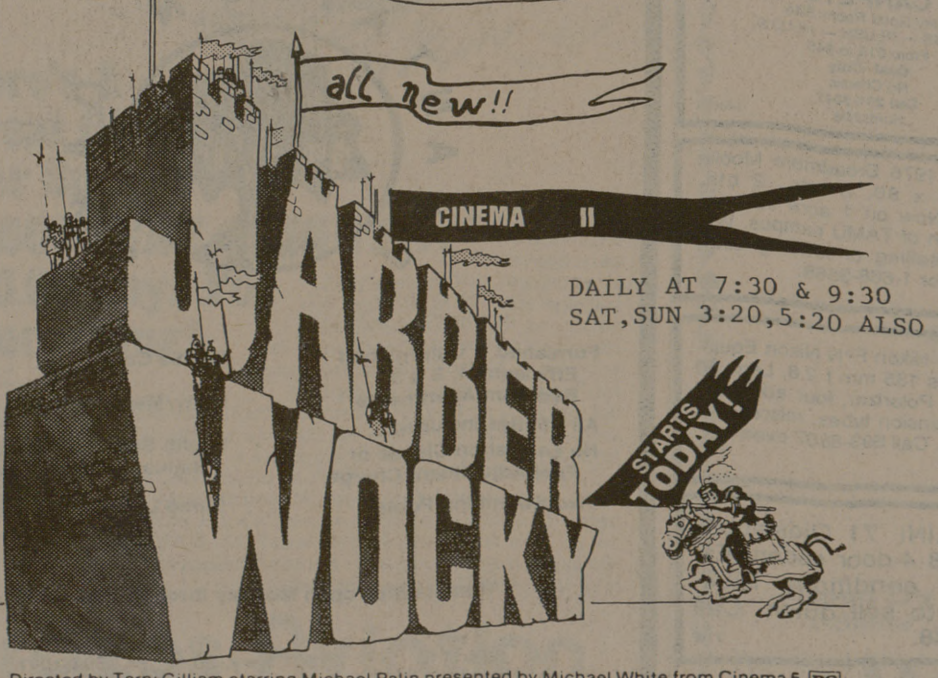
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