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Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

So this is basketball

Jeremy Byington didn't just want to see the A&M-Baylor game Monday night. He asked his companions if he could venture to pet Revielle, the Aggie mascot, during halftime. E-2, the mascot company, is in charge of bringing Revielle to games.

Three sororities consider construction of houses

By JEANNE LOPEZ

Several sororities are looking into the possibility of building homes on Munson Avenue in College Station, says Don Martell of Martell Properties. Martell presented the sororities' plans to the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission in their regular meeting Thursday night.

"Nine sororities are presently housed in the Sausalito Apartments," he said. "They have 15 units with each sorority having around 40 or 50 girls."

Block 2 on Munson tract will be made into one-acre tracts, Martell said. Alpha Chi Omega sorority has proposed a 5,000 foot home with nine bedrooms. The house will accommodate 18 girls and have another bedroom for the sorority housemother.

"The shuttle bus goes up and down University Oaks and turns on Munson to pick up the kids at Sausalito and then goes on to pick up passengers at the Sundance

Apartments. We feel that this would be convenient for the sorority girls," Martell added.

He went on to say that after the three organizations built houses, perhaps the others would follow.

Commissioner Violetta Burke asked Martell how he was sure the sororities would actually go through with their plans.

"We are essentially treading in new territory as this is something that we've never tried," he answered. Commissioner Chris Mathewson suggested to Martell that he make alternate plans for a conditional use permit and present them to the council at a later public hearing. The hearing will allow area residents to express their opinions on the possible sorority move.

Earlier the commission denied a conditional use permit to Alpha Gamma Rho, a men's fraternity that wished to use a house located at 418 College Main. The house would accommodate 12 men.

"Even though 12 men would live there, they probably would be feeding 30 to 40 others. This would block the

fire lane on Cherry Street because the present parking lot does not meet city standards," Mathewson said.

Bob White, commission member, added that deliveries to the house would also cause parking and blocking problems.

"I cannot decide until I see the floor plans. It is important to see how the kitchen is relative to the driveway where deliveries are concerned," White said. He abstained from voting on the issue.

Commission Chairman Vergil Stover noticed a discrepancy in the architectural drawing of the house and admitted that the fraternity needed to present a "suitable site plan before being considered for a conditional use permit."

The Commission agreed the permit would be granted later if the several conditions were met. The existing driveway must be removed and replaced with an appropriate driving area and the parking lot must be edged and surfaced according to the city standards.

Need longer hours

Graduate council surveys students on library policy

By PAIGE BEASLEY

A preliminary survey by the graduate student council has shown a need for extended library hours. Consequently, the council will begin working with the library council to prepare a new questionnaire to examine other student demand areas.

The graduate student council surveyed 250 students from Texas A&M University during the fall semester.

Survey results show that if library hours were extended, more students would use

the library between the hours of midnight and 2 a.m. than they do now between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m.

Results also show the library being used most between the hours of 8 p.m. and midnight.

Members of the graduate student council distributed the questionnaire among friends within their respective colleges. Glenn Sliva, past chairman of the student government's canvassing committee, assisted in distributing surveys for the un-

dergraduate level.

Undergraduates were shown to use the library an average of less than half a day per week during semester break.

From approximately 145 samples, taken in the fall it was shown that graduate students would use the library an average of two days per week during semester break.

When the sample was taken, some graduate students were unaware of their work requirements during the Christmas holidays. Thus, graduate student use during holiday periods may be higher than the sample indicates.

The survey also showed which courses of study required the most library use.

For graduate students, the College of Education required the most library use, with the College of Agriculture ranking second. Results for undergraduates have not been calculated.

Michael D. Gerst, vice president of the graduate student council, said a new questionnaire will be distributed to include questions concerning particular hours and days throughout the week.

At least 1,000 surveys will be distrib-

"The whole objective is to determine what hours the students want from their library within a month by members of various campus organizations.

library which includes extended hours," Gerst said.

"Another thing," he added, "is to point out the times of the library's demand loads. For example, if we can show that there isn't a need for as many library employees between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m., then we can suggest they extend hours and shift employees to the hours of midnight through 2 a.m."

"Then we could possibly get these extended hours with probably no change in the finances of the library," Gerst said.

A lack of funds, he said, is the major problem in opening the library on an extended basis.

"We would also like to see which colleges are demanding most use of the library," Gerst said. "This would aid in deciding where to put more money for the acquisition of journals and books."

Another area of concern, not included on the first questionnaire, is the need for a 24-hour library service.

Watergate officials claiming \$1 million of campaign funds

United Press International
WASHINGTON — John Mitchell and other major figures in the Watergate scandal have claims totaling more than \$1 million against the last \$313,715.78 in Richard Nixon's 1972 presidential campaign fund.

The claims by Mitchell, Maurice Stans, Kenneth Parkinson, Robert Mardian, Sally Harmony and others are mostly for legal fees in cases where they were found innocent. Such fees in the past have been paid — even if the person involved was found guilty in another case.

The Campaign Liquidation Trust, successor to the Committee to Re-Elect the President, filed its 1977 year-end report with the Federal Election Commission Thursday.

The trust said it started 1977 with \$1.3 million and took in about \$28,000 — mostly in interest — while spending \$955,000.

The report said the trust will receive \$148,784 plus interest from the Internal Revenue Service for over-assessment of federal income taxes. When the IRS pays up, the trust will have assets of about a half-million dollars more than five years after the 1972 campaign.

The trust said it was studying all claims for payment of legal fees.

Mitchell, former attorney general, asked the trust to pay \$471,390 in legal fees from a conspiracy case in which international fugitive Robert Vesco was also indicted.

Mitchell was acquitted in that case and to date, the trust has paid \$220,000 with the

remaining \$251,390 pending.

Mitchell is now on medical leave from a federal prison camp in Alabama where he was serving a sentence for conspiracy in the Watergate cover-up.

Stans, also indicted and cleared in the Vesco case, has asked for \$140,000 not only for legal fees in that case, but to pay for 620 hours of his own time spent in preparing testimony for the Watergate prosecutors.

Stans, former commerce secretary and campaign finance chief, pleaded guilty to five counts involving illegal campaign contributions in another case and was fined \$5,000.

Parkinson and Mardian, along with Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, stood trial in the Watergate cover-up conspiracy. Mardian was acquit-

ted and Parkinson's conviction was overturned on appeal.

Mardian, former deputy attorney general and deputy campaign manager, asked for lawyers fees of \$481,898 while Parkinson, the counsel for CREEP, asked for \$73,390.

Sally Harmony was secretary to Watergate burglary mastermind G. Gordon Liddy and she testified that, like a good secretary, she never read the boss' letters when she typed them, so she didn't know what was going on.

She asked for \$780 in legal fees — and was one of a half-dozen lesser Watergate figures making such requests.

The campaign trust also noted that Nixon contributors need not bother to ask for their money back.

During the past year some such requests for refunds were received and the trust has not honored any such requests and it probably will not do so at any time in the future.

Student causes scare

By TERESA HUDDLESTON

Texas A&M University police were armed and ready for action Thursday when a man was seen carrying a weapon into the Sterling Evans Library. A bystander on the first floor looked up to see the man holding a rifle at his waist in a two-tone brown case.

A 45-minute search led to the confiscation of a .22 automatic rifle and the embarrassment of a Texas A&M University freshman.

"When I saw a half dozen policemen running around, I knew what they were looking for and I knew that I was in for it," said the freshman, who owned the gun.

The student had the rifle on campus because he planned to attend trout for the Texas A&M rifle team that evening.

He said he was in a hurry to get back to his job in the computer center of the library. "My car would not lock, so I had no other choice but to take the gun with me," he said.

But University regulations prohibit the carrying of any firearm into buildings on campus. Chief O.L. Luther of the University Police department said the student wasn't trying to hide or conceal the gun.

At work he put it on a box visible to everyone," he said.

No charges were filed. The student was returned to work after checking in his rifle with police. He was allowed to pick it up after getting off work.

Any on-campus student wishing to keep a firearm is required to register it with the University Police Department who will keep it when not in use.

Leaders prepare U.S. meeting

United Press International
RABAT, Morocco — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is taking his drive for a Middle East peace to the United States and President Carter says a common trust in God will help guide them in two days of private talks.

Sadat was leaving for Washington today on the second stop of a 13-day, eight-nation diplomatic mission to promote his proposals for ending 30 years of Arab-Israeli conflict.

He conferred Thursday with Morocco's King Hassan II, the strongest Arab sup-

porter of his peace initiative, and stayed overnight at the palace of Dar es Salaam — the house of peace.

Only 800 miles away, the hard-line Arab states — Algeria, Syria, Libya and South Yemen plus the Palestine Liberation Organization — were winding up a two-day summit in Algiers aimed at blunting Sadat's peace drive.

Algerian President Houari Boumediene opened the conference with a blast at Sadat for "negotiating about the Palestinians without the consent of Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization." But political observers said the tone

of his speech was much more moderate than they had expected.

Sadat, who has often said the United States "holds 99 percent of the cards in the Middle East," was making a brief statement at the White House and then flying with Carter to Camp David in western Maryland for 48 hours of talks so private even the usual brief photo sessions were cut out.

U.S. officials said they hoped the summit could help break the deadlock between Israel and Egypt on the broad outlines of a settlement.

President Carter told a prayer breakfast in Washington Thursday a common religious faith he found in both Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin could help bring about peace.

"In our own search for peace . . . I have a sense of confidence that if we emphasize and reinforce those ties of mutual faith and our subservience and humility before God and our acquiescence in his deeply sought guidance, we can prevail," Carter said.

But in an indirect criticism of the Jewish state, he also told aides he would stand by his public statement that Israeli leaders promised him they would create no new settlements in occupied Arab territories.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has denied he made such a pledge.

Sadat began his trip Thursday less than 24 hours after Egypt and Israel adjourned their military talks without reaching agreement on Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai desert.

Parallel talks between the Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers broke down in Jerusalem two weeks ago.

Sadat will leave Washington on Wednesday and make visits to Britain, West Germany, Austria, Romania, France and Italy before returning home.

Park plans complete

By TIM RAVEN
Bids for construction at Bee Creek Park will be solicited over the next few weeks, College Station City Council decided Thursday in a special session. A two-hour long closed session to discuss "pending litigation and land acquisition" followed.

Plans for Bee Creek Park include construction of a 50-space paved parking lot on the north side of the park's swimming pool. An extension of Anderson Street will give access to an additional 140 paved spaces while an arboretum, located behind the present baseball diamonds on the south, will give access to the outdoors via a marked nature trail.

Paul Wojciechowski, director of Parks and Recreation, presented the plan to the council.

Between \$70,000 and \$80,000 are expected to be spent on this project, accord-

ing to councilman North Bardell who discussed the plan after the closed session. He said the city now has \$104,000 for such projects from the sale of municipal bonds. He added that the council is considering using the remaining funds to help finance the construction of four new tennis courts at the park.

Raised voices were heard coming from the council chamber during the closed session.

Grumbling councilmen were herded back into the council room after the closed session by reporters demanding a public adjournment. The reporters said the public adjournment was required by the Texas Open Meetings Law. After the public adjournment, Councilmen protested when reporters approached them.

"You're embarrassing us," said Councilman Jim Dozier.



Heave!

This is ideal weather for getting cars stuck in the mud, as students in Wildlife Fisheries Science 408 discover. Charles Davis demonstrates the tech-

nique of getting stuck, while WFS students come to his rescue.

Battalion photo by Larry Chandler