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**Votes aren't in, but...**  
The Battalion's cartoonist Don Powell suggests that the Aggies' football coach may be looking for another job soon. See articles about Baylor University's victory on pages 11 and 12.

## Tortilla curtain' going up soon

**United Press International**  
EL PASO — The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service soon will begin work on a 6.5-mile long, 12-foot tall steel mesh barrier — the "Tortilla Curtain" — between El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, for the purpose of discouraging Mexicans from making illegal entries into the United States.

The INS says construction of the \$1.4 million barrier will begin within the next few months and should be completed in six months. It will serve, the INS says, as a valuable tool in preventing Mexican nationals from entering the U.S.

"This fence will be very much like the one that exists between East and West Berlin — a symbol of something between two countries. What can we say? It's reboding, it's ominous," said Gaston De Bayona, director of international relations in Juarez.

to be built soon in the San Diego area will be the first of their kind on any American border, the INS said.

A concrete foundation buried at least 2 feet into the ground will support a 5-foot-high steel wall that cannot be cut. Above the steel will be a mesh fence, leaning toward the Mexican side and designed to wobble so it will be difficult to climb.

Jesus Cuellar, a store clerk in Juarez, said the height of the fence would make little difference. The financial incentives would drive people to find a way over, under or around.

"I don't care how high they build this wall, the Mexican people will get across it," he said. "When they build this wall, believe me, it will be two or three days and the people will find a way to cross again."

Though conventional fences exist along most of the border between Texas and Mexico, but they are easily cut through, scaled or dug under.

U.S. officials are taking the position that the new barrier will be a non-controversial improvement in border control techniques. The Mexican Affairs desk at the state department said they were aware that the INS was building the fence but did not view the move as important enough to warrant the issuance of a policy statement.

De Bayona said relations between his city of 750,000 and El Paso, with a population of approximately 350,000, were the best ever "but the wall would symbolize Mexico's poverty and lesser world image. We Mexicans are a little sensitive about issues like that," De Bayona said. "There it will be, a symbol dividing two countries, one more powerful than the other."

The barrier and a similar one scheduled

## U.S. farmers plan trip to Congress

**United Press International**  
SPRINGFIELD, Colo. — The nation's farmers, who began tractor demonstrations in major cities more than a year ago to press their demands for higher prices, will begin a tractorcade to Washington, D.C., early next year, a farm spokesman said Sunday.

would take part in the effort, but said the trek would begin shortly after Congress convenes in mid-January and should take about two weeks.

"We'll give Congress or Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland the length of the time it takes us to get to D.C. to act," Schroder said.

American Agriculture was formed last year on the plains of southeastern Colorado by farmers who wanted more money for their crops. Organizers have urged farmers and ranchers to withhold their products from the markets.

"We'll camp anywhere and everywhere and become residents of Washington, D.C., until we get our demands," Schroder said.

The farmer said the national American Agriculture tractorcade will begin from five or six locations in the country, including Lamar, Colo., Amarillo, Dallas, Houston, Bismarck, N.D., and Pierre, S.D.

"We'll travel about 100 miles a day," Schroder said. "We'll have meetings every night and pass out fliers on the way. We'll gather more tractors and supporters as we go."

Schroder said tractors from the West Coast would be hauled to the closest starting point. He said the tractorcade would "parade through most of the large metropolitan areas such as Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis and Indianapolis."

"After reaching Washington, each morning we will travel to the Capitol to urge our congressmen to act," he said.

## Ask Dr. Miller

Have a question for the president of Texas A&M University? or one of his staff? The Battalion is offering a new reader's letter section to give students more access to the newspaper and to the University.

"Talk with Dr. Miller" is a forum for readers to address questions to the administration about University policies and procedures.

Questions should be addressed to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tx. 77843. The letters should specify that they are for this column. Names and phone numbers will be required on all questions and Miller has the option to decline to answer a question or request others on the staff or faculty to answer it.

Questions and answers will be published on the editorial page of The Battalion.



Flying in formation over the Texas A&M University campus Saturday afternoon, these aerobatic planes were piloted by members of the Texas

Outlaws airplane stunt group. They were warming up in preparation for their first weekend air show performance at Coulter Field in Bryan.

## Airshow — flying high at Coulter Field

By MARK BEATTY  
Battalion Reporter

Rolling planes filled the sky Saturday and Sunday at Coulter Airfield as the Texas Outlaws Flying Circus showed its stuff.

The Texas Outlaws, a newly organized group of stunt pilots from Alvin, performed stunts before a crowd of about 300 this weekend.

The pilots, who own and maintain their own planes, have a variety of professions. The group includes a surgeon, an electrician, a musician, an aeronautical technician, a cropduster and a radiator mechanic.

"Our group consists mainly of businessmen," said Chuck Stockdale, the show's coordinator who is also a pilot. "Some of us fly for a living, some of us fly for a hobby."

W.T. Lummus, a pilot and owner of a

radiator shop in Houston, said the group, now three years old, started in Alvin south of Houston.

"We love to entertain ourselves," he said. "We fly for each other, too."

Decathlon, Starduster, Citabria, The Pitts and the Great Lakes are just some of the names of the special airplanes the group uses. Each pilot performed an act of his own with stunts different from the others.

The comedy act, performed by Bruce Bohanen, a 20-year-old crop-duster from Alvin, had the crowd on the edge of its blankets.

Bohanen stumbled through the crowd acting drunk. Police handcuffed him and took him away, but only temporarily. After apparently escaping from police, he reappeared on a motorcycle and drove wildly through a roped-off area while police and other pilots tried to apprehend

him. He managed to get away from them and hopped into an already idling plane. He took off and put on a nerve-wracking show. Bohanen threw a dummy out of the plane to make the crowd think he was really drunk and had fallen out. The plane took a nose dive, came up again and disappeared over the trees in a distant field.

Back on the ground, pilot Lummus said putting on a show is hard work. They spent a week just advertising in the Bryan-College Station area.

"We don't make a nickel on the shows by the time we pay to maintain the planes and take care of other costs," he said. "We usually just break even."

Between them, the pilots perform at 30 or 40 shows over a nine-month period each year. Most of the shows are in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

No matter what the cost, Lummus said the pilots enjoy sharing their talent with the people. "I think the kids enjoy it the most," he said.

## Big 'bucks' found in bundle

United Press International

FORT WORTH — A bank is relieved, a courier service employee is probably in trouble and John Cary is left with only the wistful dreams of what he could have done with \$1.3 million.

When Cary's curiosity led him to pick up a package on a city street last Friday, he found four neatly wrapped bundles containing \$1,303,194.14 in personal, business and travelers checks ranging in amount from \$1.35 to \$77,000.

He didn't have to wrangle with his conscience, though — the checks were non-negotiable.

Cary, 34, president of the Fort Worth School of Aviation at Meacham Field, said a million thoughts ran through his head when he opened the box.

"I wondered what I could do with all that money," Cary said. "I thought to myself 'could this be money tossed out after a bank robbery?' It's hard to control your thoughts at a time like that."

He said he doesn't normally stop and pick up packages on the street, but "the traffic was light and I stopped just out of curiosity I guess. I almost drove on."

Even though the checks, which were worthless to Cary, eventually will be returned to the Hurst, Texas, bank for which they were destined, he said he couldn't help but think "what if?"

"That could have changed the course of my life in a little different circumstances," he said. "I can think of a lot of things I could do with it."

Instead, Cary is holding the checks until a representative of the bank can retrieve them. The bundle was en route from a San Antonio, Texas, bank when it became separated from a courier who had picked it up at Meacham.

Had the money been in cash, Cary likely could have expected a sizable reward. Then again, he said, "If it were \$100 bills, I'd probably have had a wreck going home."

## Student dies at local disco

Mark Alan Prachyl, 21, a senior agronomy major from Dallas, died Friday night in a College Station disco.

A spokesman at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan said this morning that the cause of death has not yet been determined; the time of death was set at 9:40 p.m.

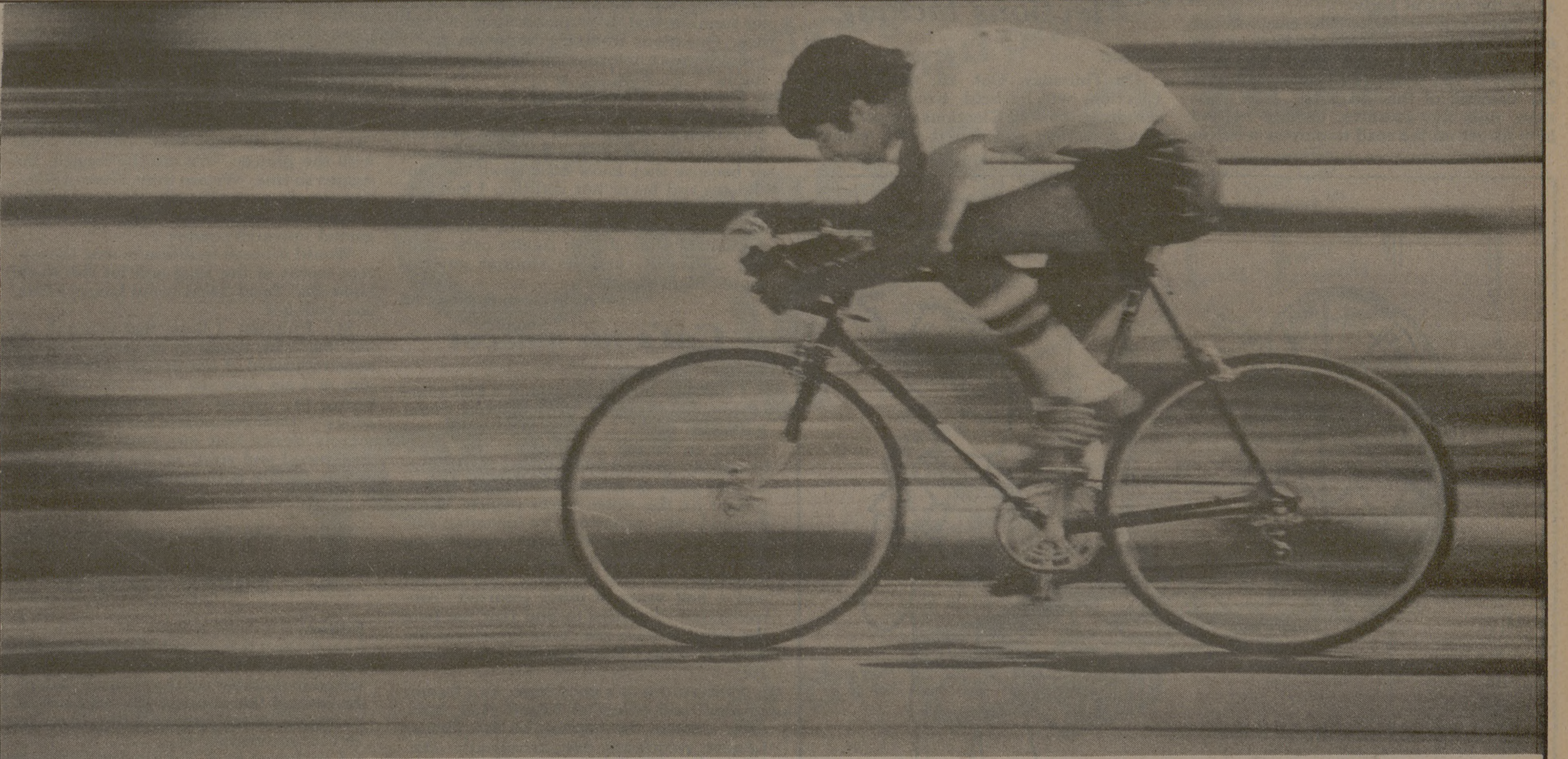
Silver Taps for Prachyl, who lived at Y31 Hensel Apartments, will be Tuesday at 10:30 p.m.

Services were today at 10 a.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Dallas, with the Rev. Richard E. Johnson officiating.

Rosary was said at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Calvary Hill Mausoleum in Dallas.

Prachyl's family requested that memorials be made to St. Bernard's Catholic Church or St. Bernard's Catholic School.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Patricia Prachyl, a Texas A&M student; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Prachyl; two sisters, Annette and Janet Prachyl; and a brother, Joe Prachyl, of Dallas.



The Texas A&M University Cycling Team sponsored five races Sunday on the Drill Field. The cyclist above is entering a curve during the first

race. Left, another racer is passing an official holding lap cards. Please see an article about the race on page 10.

## Cycling Season

Battalion photo by Ed Cunniff