

Bryan envies CS

# Rescue squad needed

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Special to The Battalion

Arnold Smith and Bill Jones, two businessmen from Houston, arrive in Bryan to attend a conference at Texas A&M University. Both men report they plan to present the next day.

Suddenly, Jones grabs his chest and collapses. Smith knew Jones had a heart condition, so he quickly picks up the Bryan-College Station telephone directory. Horrified, he finds two listings for ambulance services, and one for College Station.

Smith runs from the room and across the parking lot to the main desk. In the confusion, he forgets his room number so he and a clerk dash back to the room where the clerk finally calls the ambulance.

When the ambulance arrives, Jones has died. The Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) say if they had arrived moments earlier, Jones could have been saved. Smith is left alone in his grief and wonders why there are two ambulance services in Bryan-College Station.

He is not alone. A number of residents are pondering the same question.

Operating an ambulance service is expensive.

The above is fictional but it could be true. The cities of Bryan and College Station maintain separate ambulance services. The operation in College Station is financed by taxes while the Bryan service is operated as a private concern, Mid-Tex Ambulance Service.

Operating service is expensive. The ambulance equipment must be well-maintained and the emergency medical supplies stocked in the ambulance are costly.

Adding to the problem is the man element. Occasionally a patient can't pay his bill. In College Station, taxpayers make up for delinquents at the end of the year with an assessment. In Bryan, bad debts are absorbed by the private businessman.

The owner of Mid-Tex ambulance service, Bill Thornal, recently asked

the Bryan City Council for subsidy of \$2,000 monthly to enable him to continue emergency ambulance service. He told the council it was either the \$2,000 or he would be forced to cease operations.

Reluctantly, the city fathers came up with the money. They say it is only temporary. Bryan hopes to come up with a new ambulance plan.

How did the ambulance service get into its present situation?

In 1974, the local funeral homes, who at the time operated the area emergency ambulance service, announced they were going out of the ambulance business. They cited the rising cost of doing business as their primary reason to curtail the service.

The College Station city council opted to run their own ambulance service. Bryan was approached by William Sherrill of Waco, who operated D.K. ambulance service in that city. The city council gave Sherrill the authority to operate an ambulance service in Bryan.

Sherrill operated his ambulance service from a Bryan fire station. After a short time, Sherrill moved to Texas Avenue. He said the move was completed to give his service a centralized location. The firemen said there were serious personality clashes between the firemen and the ambulance operators.

Shortly after Sherrill began operation, Bill Thornal left his job as sergeant on the Bryan police force, to operate an ambulance service.

Despite his not being allowed to provide emergency service, Thornal existed on private non-emergency calls and patient transfers.

Sherrill continued to operate his service for two years, but he went out of business, apparently because of financial reasons.

Thornal's Mid-Tex ambulance service petitioned the Bryan city council to provide emergency service. The city leaders were delighted that private enterprise would still operate the service.

They were not thrilled recently when Thornal asked for the \$2,000 subsidy.

Instead they cast a curious glance toward College Station and their successful city-operated service.

So far, College Station has refused to offer its sister city any consolation.

College Station approached the ambulance dilemma cautiously.

"When we anticipated the upcoming ambulance problem, I was instructed to contact areas throughout the state to determine what worked best," says College Station Fire Chief Douglas Landau. He says his unofficial poll revealed the current trend of public-controlled ambulance systems. When Landau presented his findings to the College Station City Council, they created the ambulance service operated by city taxes.

Today, College Station residents possibly have the best emergency service system in the state, Landau said. Average response time is three minutes.

"Our crews are combined with the fire department," says Landau. "The men rotate between fire duty and ambulance duty," he says. Landau discovered that in some areas of the state, friction developed when firemen were housed with ambulance personnel. Landau decided to combine the two tasks. He says it has worked perfectly.

It has worked so well that Bryan now wants to merge with the College Station group to provide service to both cities, plus the county.

City Manager North Bardell of College Station doesn't think it is a good idea.

"The trend in government these days," says Bardell, "is the one of the smaller, the better." Bardell went on to say, "If we were to combine with Bryan and possibly Brazos County, we would be going against their trend."

Bardell also said he feels the citizens of his city don't want a combined ambulance service.

"I don't feel the residents of College Station are willing to give up one or two minutes of response time, to enable Bryan to consolidate ambulance service," he says.

Acting City Manager of Bryan Hubert Nelson says he thinks the College Station ambulance service is a good operation and he wants the city of Bryan to be part of it.

"I think the ambulance service should be operated on a county-wide level. The city dweller pays 70 percent of the county taxes. That's why I feel it's better if the county controls the ambulance system," Nelson says.

Bardell says he favors a mutual aid service. The fire departments in the area operate with one and he sees no reason why the ambulances can't do the same. But he adds, "I don't expect any combined ambulance service in the near future."

The problem of dual ambulance service still exists in Bryan-College Station. Bryan wants to set up a jointly operated system, while College Station wants to continue a separate operation.

While Bryan may continue to press for a single ambulance service, College Station is expected to fight any attempts to merge.

Dual ambulance service will be the case in Bryan-College Station for many years.

## what's up?

- Wednesday**
- POLITICAL FORUM:** Presents Earl Butz, Former Secretary of Agriculture. Butz will speak on "Agriculture — Where Politics and Economics Clash," at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Admission is 25 cents for students and 50 cents for non-students.
  - BAHA'I CLUB:** Invites everyone for a free International Dance and Food Festival at 7:30 p.m. in Room 231, MSC.
  - BRIDGE CLUB:** There will be a bridge tournament in Room 212, MSC at 7:15 p.m. Everybody is welcome to play.
  - ACT CLUB:** Today's meeting has been canceled. Members are urged to attend the Earl Butz speech instead. The next meeting will be Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 002, Reed McDonald Building.
  - MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** Will have a speaker on assertiveness training. The coming field trip will be discussed at 8 p.m. in Room 206, MSC.
- Thursday**
- MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Will have a seminar on "Backpacking: Techniques and Equipment" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 401, Rudder Tower.
  - CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 350, MSC.
  - STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** Is now accepting applications for any position that might become vacant on University committees. Please go by the Student Government Office, Room 216, MSC, for applications. All applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13.
  - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY:** Ernest Simmons from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 104, Nagle Hall.
  - LECTURE:** The Department of Geography presents Ben R. Finney, who will talk on "Three Thousand Miles Without a Compass: The Voyage of Hokule'a" at 4 p.m. in Room 340, Rudder Tower.
  - PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM:** Will be held with John Linsley speaking at 4 p.m. in Room 146, Physics Building.
  - PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM:** Will be held with Pete Gunter speaking at 4:30 p.m. in Room 502, Rudder Tower.
  - NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS:** There will be a panel discussion featuring four former students concerning careers after graduation at 8 p.m. in Room 607, Rudder Tower.
  - COTTON BOWL REPRESENTATIVE:** Applications for the 1979 Cotton Bowl representative from Texas A&M are available in Room 221, MSC. Any female student who has completed one semester at Texas A&M and has at least a 2.25 GPA is invited to apply. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, in the Student Activities Office. The selected applicant will represent the University at the Cotton Bowl parade and post-season football game in Dallas on New Year's Day.
  - TENNIS:** The women's team will play the University of Houston here.
- Friday**
- VOLLEYBALL:** The women's team will play in TAIAW State Tournament in Houston.
  - AGGIE CINEMA:** "The Turning Point," a story of two women, one of whom gave up a promising career as a ballerina, the other her best friend who went on to become a great star, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

# Carter will not meet with Begin

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter does not intend to meet with Menachem Begin when the Israeli prime minister visits the United States later this week, the White House said Tuesday.

Press secretary Jody Powell used deliberate and unequivocal language to get that point across to reporters at a midday briefing. The president, said Powell, "is not going to meet with Begin."

"There are no plans, nor have there ever been, for the president to meet the prime minister in New York (where Begin will accept an award from the Council of Churches)," Powell said.

Carter and Begin have been at odds over the last few days, and have corresponded angrily on the subject of Israel's decision to expand its settlements in occupied Arab lands on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

The president canceled a news conference tentatively set for Tuesday so he might avoid public comment on the simmering dispute.

Asked why Carter will not see Begin, Powell said, "There is no particular reason for a meeting of heads of state at this point."

UPI learned that Carter previously planned to meet with Begin during the latter's visit. So failure to set a meeting could be interpreted as something of a diplomatic snub.

Powell also said Begin has responded privately to Carter's criticism of the Israeli settlement decision, and that response "is being studied."

On other topics, the press secretary declined to comment on the declining value of the dollar on world money markets, or the drop in the stock market.

Carter was also meeting with Crown Prince Reza of Iran, the son of the shah, Tuesday. Powell said the president would convey to the shah his "support and warm wishes" at a time of growing tensions in Iran.

As for the decision to scrub the news conference, the reasons were manifold.

# Soviets attack press freedom

United Press International

RIS - The West is sticking to position to government control world news despite Soviet attacks that in the West, freedom of press means nothing more than a tool to promote war, racism, and pornography.

Today, at the opening of the 14th week of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization general conference, Britain and West Germany rejection of a draft declaration giving government supervision of press, radio and television.

John Hart, head of Britain's delegation to the conference, told the delegates from 146 countries, "We always ready to work for reason-compromise, but I would prohibit consideration (of the decision) be postponed."

Earlier in the day, Igor Zemakov, deputy foreign minister and member of the U.S.S.R. delegation, liberty in the West amounts to interference.

Zemakov said in the United States "300 pornographic magazines are published and hundreds of motion pictures. There are 300,000 minor children in the pornographic industry. These unfortunate children do live long enough to reach the age of 20."

Zemakov did not say where he obtained his eyebrow-raising statistics. Instead he went on to say

that the western press is "always for freedom. Freedom for what? Freedom to trample on people?"

Britain's Hart urged that instead of a declaration turning the press into a servant of government, UNESCO should work to stamp out illiteracy, to reconcile state subsidies with freedom from state control and to encourage rich countries to help poor ones build up their mass media.

West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher said information "can be used merely for sensationalism or to provide genuine information. To want to solve this problem by government control, or worse still, by censorship, would be a totally unsuitable way."

In an oblique reply to the Soviet delegate, Genscher added, "There is not too much freedom of the press in the world but too little."

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