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Don't talk to me, I'm talking.

Maintaining a relationship and different roles in a marriage proved too much for three couples featured in an article on

page 12. In an accompanying article, some unmarried couples learn about the same difficulties.

Warehouse scheme 'nonhires' 73 here

By ANDY WILLIAMS
Battalion Staff

Until Monday night, 73 people believed they would start work this week in a distributing warehouse in west Bryan.

The hours and pay were hard to beat. They were told they would make \$6 an hour and better and be able to set their work schedule, as long as they worked at least 18 hours a week. And many quit other jobs to take this one.

THEY HAD INFORMATION about what they would be doing and how much money they would be making — especially about how much money they would be making. Only one thing was wrong.

The warehouse operation didn't exist. "This has just flat blown my mind," said Leroy Balmain, executive director of the Better Business Bureau of Brazos Valley Inc., as the dust began to settle Tuesday. "It beats anything I have ever seen or heard."

Since at least the first week of November, Presley Hood, a former warehouse worker from Houston, has been recruiting people to employ. Those people say they were to be hired to package and prepare merchandise for shipment to stores. Hood planned to hire 500 people eventually, Balmain said.

RON WELLS, head of the Texas A&M University Baptist Student Union, said "probably 30-40 students" in his group considered taking the jobs. Though no one could say why, Hood had said many times that he wanted to hire Christians.

"As far as I know, Presley really believed the thing himself," Wells said. "His brother Tim had even been fooled by it."

While those contacted said Tim Hood, a junior at Texas A&M, recruited most of the students, they all said he had believed that the idea was legitimate. Hood could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

"I talked to a good many of the kids and said, 'Have you really checked this thing out?'" Wells said. "They said they had. Of course, they were wanting it to be true."

THE WAREHOUSE, Hood told them, wasn't built yet.

A senior microbiology student at Texas A&M who said he had been "hired," said Hood told him it would cover eight acres on FM 2818 when it was finished. Until then, Hood said, business would be conducted from leased space in the International Shoe plant.

Plant Manager Russell French said Tuesday, "To my knowledge, I have never heard the name (Presley Hood) before. I have never been in contact with him, and I don't know a word of what you're talking about."

4 planes crash in 24 hours

United Press International

Three plane crashes in less than 24 hours claimed nine lives Monday night and Tuesday, but all 22 people aboard a fourth plane were rescued after surviving a crash and a brutally cold night in the blizzard-swept Colorado Rockies.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, was in serious but stable condition in an Anchorage hospital following the accident that killed his wife, Ann Stevens, 49. The chartered Lear jet carrying the Stevenses and five other people from Juneau crashed Monday night on landing at the Anchorage International Airport.

Stevens, 55, suffered head, neck and arm injuries and was in the intensive care unit of Providence Hospital. He had been in Juneau Monday for the swearing in of recently reelected Alaska Gov. Jay Hammond and was returning to Anchorage when the jet went down upon landing between two runways and broke into four pieces.

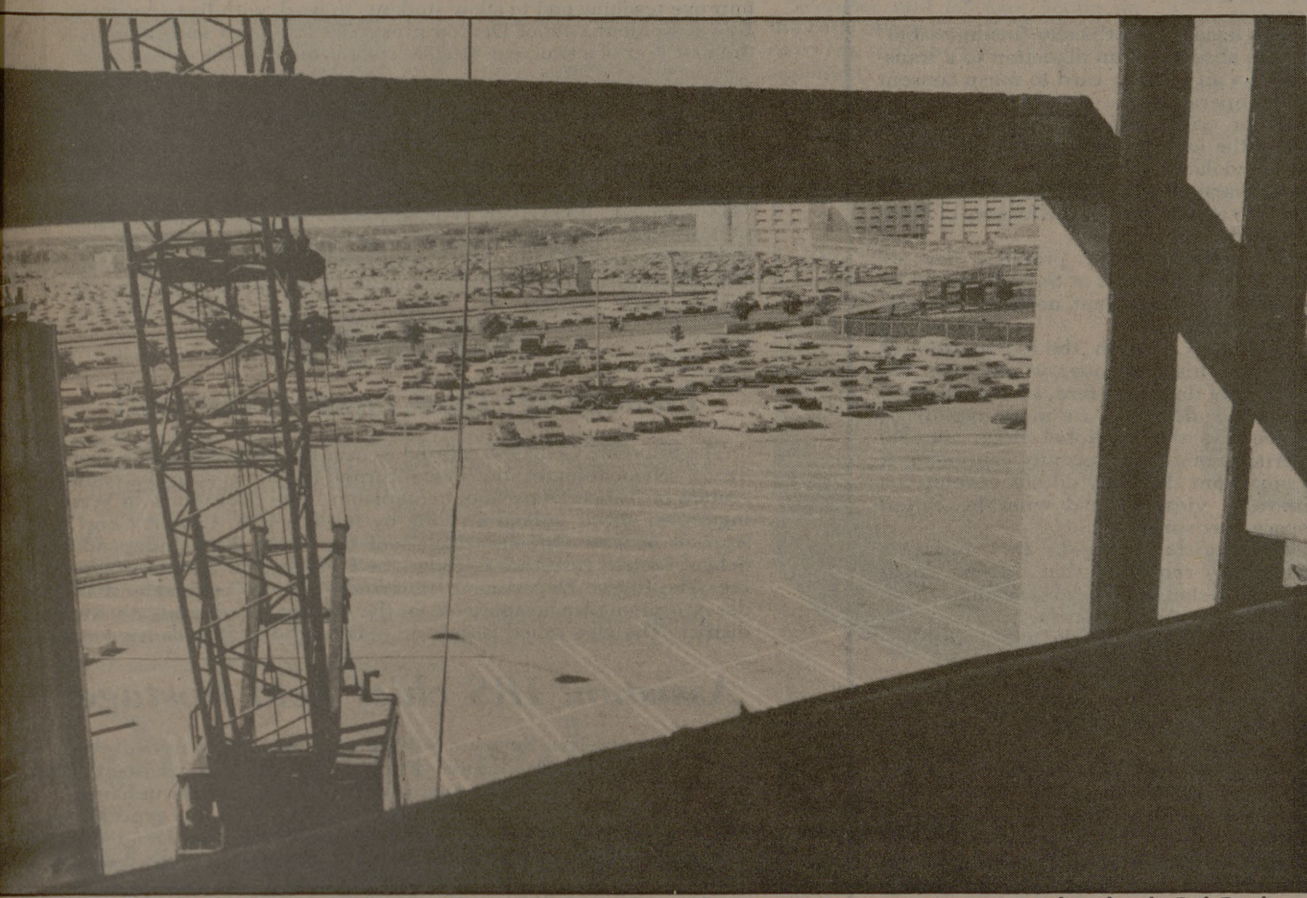
In Florida, a twin-engine plane flying through high winds crashed into railroad tracks alongside a highway Tuesday, killing three people aboard. The crash occurred near Florida, a small community 15 miles southeast of Sebring, about 5:30 a.m.

Slightly more than an hour later, Troy Shelton, 50, the manager of the Union County (S.C.) airport was killed and a woman riding with him, Sue Chrisawn, 49, was injured when their Cessna 130 crashed during takeoff shortly before 6:40 a.m.

In Colorado, rescuers on snowcats snaked over five-foot snowdrifts and Tuesday morning reached the wreckage of a twin-engine Aspen Airways plane carrying 20 passengers and a crew of two.

The propeller-driven DeHavilland Twin-Otter went down on a 50-minute flight from the ski resort of Steamboat Springs to Denver Monday night after the pilot reported icing and said he was turning back.

"Everybody is alive," Grand County Sheriff Houston Henderson said. "There are at least 16 who need medical treatment and the other six are okay." Henderson said some of the 16 injured were seriously hurt.



Battalion photo by Beth Breuker

Trucks 1; parking spaces 0

Stadium expansion on Kyle Field has begun. And student parking spaces have been closed off to accommodate the construction. Russ McDonald, chief of University Police said about 250 spaces on the east

side and 215 spaces on the west side are now closed off. McDonald said the spaces were to have been closed off last week, but he persuaded the contractors to hold off until this week.

Extent of drugs unknown

Campus users feel safe

By STEVE LEE
Battalion Campus Editor

It was getting late and Rick was having a hard time keeping his mind on what he was reading. He was getting keyed up by the prospect of taking a major exam the next day that would most certainly determine his grade in an economics course, but there were two more chapters to read and he still needed to go through his notes a few more times.

He stopped what he was doing and went across the room to the his dresser and pulled out what little grass he had left from the weekend.

Finally Rick settled down at his desk and took a few deep hits of marijuana. When he felt more relaxed, and ready to read the next chapter of the thick economics text.

He could have chosen to accept the fact that his roommate often uses to stay in his room all-nighters become necessary. He didn't need anything to make him stay this night, just a little something that would calm him down and yet not put him to sleep. He maintains that he can do some of his best studying when "under the influence."

Rick and his roommate feel fairly comfortable about smoking marijuana in their room, although they take the routine precautions of placing a towel at the base of their door and locking the door whenever they light up. Their resident adviser is aware that the two smoke grass frequently and has even warned them a few times on the possible penalties that could be involved. But he is hesitant to get them in trouble. He would rather not take the blame for their suspension from school.

Rick's suitements don't smoke marijuana, but they seem unbothered by the situation. They have often been in Rick's room when Rick was smoking grass. As long as the stuff isn't brought into their room, the suitements don't seem to mind. This is a hypothetical situation based on what, to some degree, exists at Texas

A&M University. Exactly to what degree it exists, only the students know.

But in this situation, the relative security felt by Rick and his roommate could be for good reason. University Police say students are protected by the same rights that apply to other citizens — for instance, the search and arrest warrant based upon probable cause. And officials at University Police at Texas A&M say that probable cause must come in the form of a highly reliable source before a search can be made.

Suppose Rick's resident adviser decided to report Rick to the University Police after, again, catching Rick smoking marijuana. How would police react to the report?

According to J.D. Gossett, chief investigator of University Police, officers wouldn't exactly barge into the dorm room upon moment's notice.

"Most of the time, when a source comes to you for the first time, you kind of sweat it out, because the person does have to be reliable before the judge will issue you a warrant," Gossett said.

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The "judge," referred to here, is commonly a justice of the peace.

"The whole warrant idea is based on the judge," Gossett said. "If he feels like you have probable cause, then he will issue you a warrant."

Gossett said the informant is subject to thorough questioning before the police have "reason to believe" that the informant is reliable. For example, the informant may be asked if he is sure that what he came into contact with was an illegal drug, the last time he came into contact with it, and how much of the drug the suspect is holding, Gossett said.

Russ McDonald, chief of University Police, said that the warrant must state what the police would be searching for specifically. However, he said that this

doesn't mean that the specific item being sought would be the only illegal item that can be confiscated.

"If we had good evidence that someone had stolen merchandise in their room, and we got a search warrant and go in and look for this merchandise, and in the course of looking for this merchandise we run across some drugs, then seizure of the drugs would be lawful," McDonald said.

Detective Ronnie Miller of the College Station Police Department cited an example of a possible illegal search.

He said, for instance, that if officers were searching the living room of a residence for a stolen television set and come across a bag of marijuana on the coffee table, then a narcotics arrest would be lawful. However, if officers were searching for, say, a stolen refrigerator and ended up going through dresser drawers in the bedroom, there may be grounds for an illegal search, Miller said.

In this instance, this would mostly concern off-campus residents. University Police does not carry police records on off-campus students, unless the arrest takes place on campus property.

So, in our hypothetical case, a search warrant would need to be obtained based on a questioning of the resident adviser and a determination of whether he is a reliable source. Let's further suppose that a warrant is issued and police search Rick's room for marijuana.

If the search turns up nothing, do the police have any recourse?

Not likely, says McDonald. If the search was indeed based upon probable cause, then there is no problem, McDonald said. But he added that the only problem the police may have is if searches repeatedly turn up empty.

"If that happens too many times," McDonald said, "then the judge may be hesitant to issue you a warrant. He may not know what you're talking about, whether your informant is supposed to be reliable or not. But this doesn't happen that often."

Parade marches in Christmas

By LIZ BAILEY
Battalion Reporter

Excitement filled the cool December streets as children and adults alike lined the streets waiting in eager anticipation. Somewhere out of the blackness of the night came the low rumble of drums in a sounding cadence.

Eager cries of "Mama, Mama, it's coming," were heard. The Tuesday night 1978 Children's

Christmas Parade in College Station had begun.

Donald Duck, Raggedy Ann and R2-D2 were present in all their splendor.

Ten local government leaders also took part, riding in antique cars, waving to onlookers lining the streets.

Bands from six high schools participated. The Texas A&M University Fish Drill Team, Women's Drill Team and Ross Volunteers also marched.

Between the staccato of drum beats and the part of marching feet on the pavement, floats rolled by on clouds of magic.

Then came the clowns, soap box cars, motorized miniature cars and horses.

Alenco won first place in the float division. The prize was \$500.

The Bryan High School Industrial Arts Club won \$400 for second place. Brazos County React placed third and won \$300. Apple Creek Street residents won fourth place and \$200. McCool-Hoggard Realty won fifth place and \$100.

The Bryan Viking Marching Band won its division with the A&M Consolidated High School Band placing second.

The Stephen F. Austin High School Band from Nacogdoches won first in a second division with the Calvert High School Band winning second place.

Bryan and College Station alternate years to hold the parade.

Library posts final exam hours

The Sterling C. Evans library will be staying open later to assist students studying for final exams. The library will remain open 24 hours a day from 1 p.m. Dec. 10 until 1 a.m. Dec. 13. Regular library service hours will be observed Dec. 14 and between-semester operations begin at 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Hours are posted for the Dec. 16-Jan 2 period, during which the library will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Dole: Confidence needed, not faith

By STEVE LEE
Battalion Campus Editor

Senator Robert Dole called for the Agriculture Council of America (ACA) to express the need for "economic confidence" among farmers, in a speech Tuesday night to the National Farm Summit.

After the speech at the Ramada Inn, both American Agricultural Movement (AAM) supporters and ACA summit delegates said they were pleased with the conference and expressed optimism for future impact.

The Republican from Kansas said that, unlike other businesses, farmers haven't been able to predict market conditions and accurately order supplies. Instead, Dole said, the farmers "have always faced indecision and continue to produce based on faith and a healthy economy."

He said that now the government is stepping in and causing more indecision with "economic manipulations and other controls." Because of this, the farmer is hesitant to make additional investments for expansion, he said.

He said that the government faces a challenge to use the ideas that come out of the summit conference to help the farmer. Dole echoed the

statements made Monday by former Texas Gov. John Connally at the summit, saying the government should help the farmer get his commodities into the market.

With one day to go, members of the AAM and the ACA alike expressed content with the summit.

"We had input from the family farmer and we feel like the ACA has given us our say. It's been fair," said Charlie Pitts, an AAM alternate delegate from Cameron. "But we feel like this wouldn't have happened if we hadn't come."

"We are in the same boat, it's the Titanic, and we're all going down," said Pitts. "We sat around for years and now we're waking up."

Two AAM members were optimistic that the situation will get better for the farmer next year due to better informed farmers and representatives.

On the ACA side, Wilson Carnes of the National Future Farmers of America in Alexandria, Va., said that many problems have been identified at the summit but is unsure if many solutions have been proposed. He said that AAM has contributed to the conference.

"I think they (the AAM) have kept the summit in touch with reality," Carnes said.

Man finds a naked lady in bed — of his pickup

LAFAYETTE, La. — Marvin Roberts hopes his wife will understand. But she might not even believe him.

Roberts was stopped at a red light Tuesday when he saw another driver motoring to the back of his pickup truck. What he saw next he won't soon forget.

"It was the damndest thing I've ever seen," Roberts said.

There in the back of his truck Roberts saw a 50-year-old woman slowly begin a striptease in 39-degree weather. The performance went on until the woman was nude and had strewn dollar bills across the Evangeline Thruway.

The unidentified woman had asked Roberts for a ride two blocks earlier and he refused her.

Roberts went on his way but when people started pointing at his truck at the stoplight, he thought he had left his tailgate open and got out to check. Then he found the stowaway.

"She wanted a ride and when I said no she tried to give me a

bribe," Roberts said. "I said, 'I don't want your money, I want you off of my truck.'"

"Then she threw me a kick and started taking off her clothes. First her dress, then her shoes and then her G-string."

"Then she started throwing money." By the time the Lafayette police arrived, five-and-10-dollar bills were strewn across the thruway. A meticulous motorcycle cop carefully circled in white chalk the positions of the women's dress, shoes, sweater, cash and loose change.

In the meantime, the woman — still nude — walked down the street and began thumbing for a getaway ride. She was picked up by police a few minutes later.

The impromptu performer was taken to the Acadiana Mental Health Center for observation.

"Wait till my wife hears this," Roberts moaned. "Or rather, wait till I call my boss and tell him I'm at the police station giving a statement about a naked lady."