

Ernest Clark takes over as city manager of Bryan

By ESTHER CORTEZ
Battalion Reporter

Bryan's six-month search for a city manager ended today when Ernest R. Clark officially took charge of the office at 8 a.m.

Lou Odle quit the position last summer over a disagreement with the city council. Hubert Nelson, Bryan's director of Planning and Traffic, took over until a replacement could be found.

Clark, 44, came to Bryan from Kingsport, Tenn. where he had served as city manager for four years. He received a master's degree in public administration from Oklahoma State University.

Clark doesn't expect his responsibilities as Bryan city manager to differ much from those of his previous job, he said in an interview Wednesday.

"Most cities have the same problem," he said, "and that is that there are a lot of things to be done and not enough money to do them with."

Regarding his plans for the city, Clark said he will try to analyze and propose new concepts and techniques for managing the city's problems.

"The success of my job depends

on the people who work under me, and it is also my responsibility to make them successful," Clark said.

By providing his employees with an environment which will "expand their horizons," he hopes to motivate them to do the best that they can.

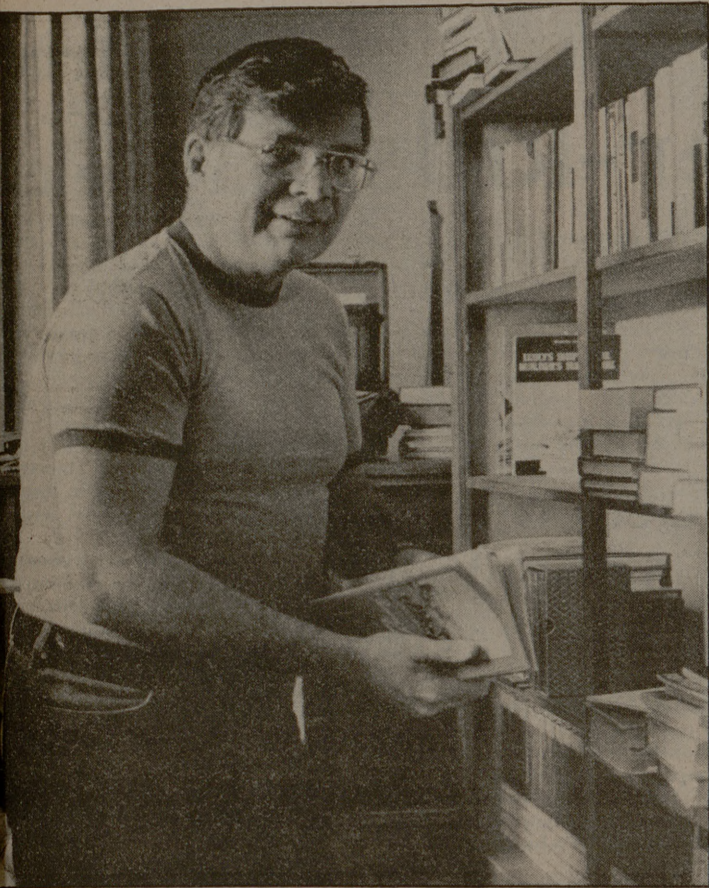
He added that he will basically be working for the city council, doing what they tell him.

"A yearning to come back to Texas" made him decide to take the city manager job in Bryan, Clark said.

Although he was born in Portsmouth, Va., Clark has spent a great deal of time in Texas.

He completed his undergraduate work at West Texas State University. He was later stationed at San Antonio for nine years while serving as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Clark also held several administrative positions in the city of Amarillo. He was the first executive director of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.



Bryan's new city manager, Ernest Clark, arranges the books in the study of his new home. Battalion photo by Jeanne Graham

More delegates than ever

SCONA 24 program set

By LOUIE ARTHUR
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About 180 college students from the United States, Mexico and Canada will meet at Texas A&M University Feb. 14-20.

The group will discuss the effects of government regulation on the economy at the 24th annual Student Conference on National Affairs. Chairman Daryl Taraba of Dallas says that SCONA 24, "America's Economic Environment: Business, Labor and Bureaucracy," will be the best conference ever.

There are more universities represented this year than in the past," Taraba said. "We've got a wider section of people so we have a lot more different views, both liberal and conservative."

Although the delegates represent a wide variety of viewpoints and attitudes, SCONA 24's planning committee has not had as much luck with its speakers. Mark Troutz, a member of the planning committee, says this year's list of speakers may receive some criticism.

"We may get blasted for it being so conservative this year," Troutz

said. "We invited a long list of liberals but they all turned us down."

"The people who fund it (SCONA) would love to see all the speakers be conservative," Taraba said, "but we tried to get it as equal as possible." Fifteen percent, or \$6,000, of the \$40,000 total budget comes from delegate fees while the other \$34,000 comes from donations. Many of these donations are from large corporations and foundations.

"Liberals are harder to get," Taraba explained. "Most of them are not in business — they're in Congress or the administration. Conservatives from corporations seem to be looking for an opportunity to do things like this."

Taraba sees luck as a big factor in getting more liberals to speak in the future. "You really need good connections to get them," Taraba said, "and most of the connections of the students and faculty here are conservative."

Sixteen of the delegates attending SCONA 24 will be from Texas A&M. These were chosen from the 85 to 90 applicants this year on the basis of their grades, involvement in

school activities and their ability to express themselves clearly, think well, evaluate a problem and approach it.

In recent years, high schools have been invited to send delegates to SCONA. This year 36 seniors from the top schools in Texas will be attending the conference.

"This is an opportunity to give top high school students in Texas a chance to look at A&M," Taraba said, "and it also gives A&M a chance to brag a little and pull in those top-notch students."

There are six speeches on the agenda thus far for SCONA 24. After each speech, the delegates will break up into 10 round-table discussions — eight of them collegiate and two high school.

Each round-table will have co-chairmen to lead the discussions. One of these co-chairmen will be an off-campus representative and the other will be an on-campus leader. The majority of the on-campus co-chairmen will be professors, while most of the off-campus co-chairmen will be business leaders.

The SCONA programs were begun in 1954 by Earl Rudder, then president of Texas A&M.



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Events program

Feb. 14

—3:30 p.m. James L. Buckley, former U.S. senator from New York. "The Federal Bureaucracy: Servant or Master?"

Feb. 15

—8:30 a.m. Dr. Murray L. Feidenbaum, former assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury. "Effects of Government Regulatory Policies on the American Economy"

—1 p.m. William Cunningham, economist, research department F.L.C.I.O. "Labor's Concerns and Issues Within the Economy"

—3:30 p.m. Dr. Joseph E. Burns,

senior vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "The Inflation-Unemployment problem."

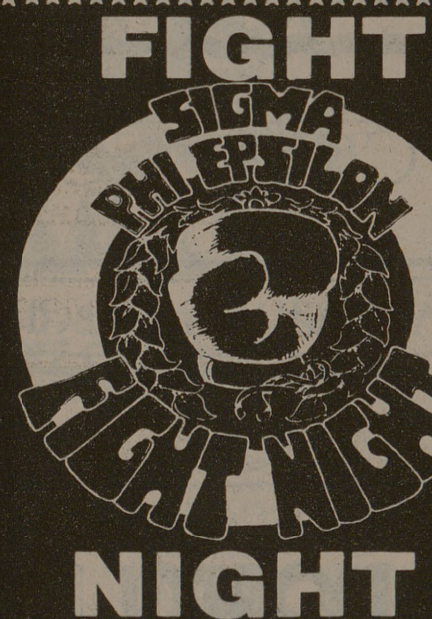
Feb. 16

—10 a.m. Dr. Clifton B. Cox, chairman and chief executive, Armour and Company. "The Economic Environment in Agriculture"

Feb. 17

—11 a.m. William P. Hobby Jr., lieutenant governor of the state of Texas, wrap-up speech.

Hobby's speech will be given in room 224 of the Memorial Student Center. All other speeches will be in Rudder Theater.



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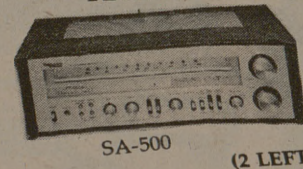
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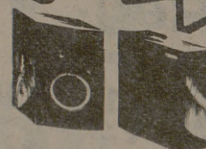


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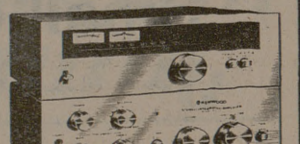
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