

**Economist claims
9-day week better
for offices, schools**

United Press International
NEW YORK — Economist Carlos Varsavsky thinks America needs a nine-day week. The New York University economist, astrophysicist and industrialist has received a Ford

Foundation grant to work out details of his proposed triad system that would have staggered shifts of employees working two triads (three days each) and taking one off. Varsavsky claims the system would make business more efficient by keeping offices, institutions and schools open continuously with full staffs and making weekends less congested.

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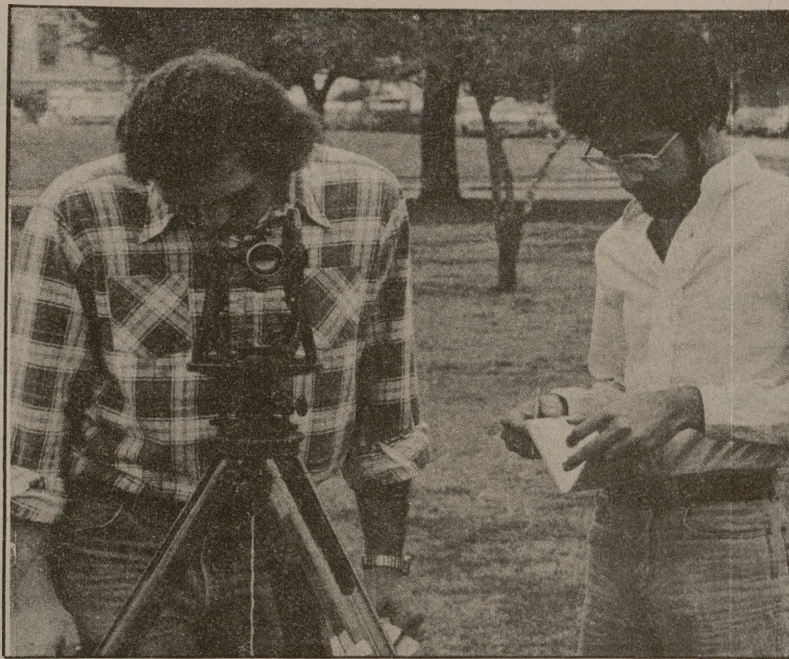
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HAMBURG, Pa. — An experimental ice machine which was used to cool an office building here in summer is warming the same office this winter.

The original equipment, known as an "ice bank," made ice at night, when electricity is cheaper, to cool the offices in daytime, explained Robert W. Smith, consumer affairs manager for General Public Utilities Corporation.

Now the system has been adapted also to heat water in winter to take advantage of the lower night rates.

The hot water is stored in an insulated tank for circulation through the heating system during the day.

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Surveying springtime

Emmitt Attaway, left, a senior in recreation and parks, and Miguel Acaron, a senior in architecture, survey the situation near the Langford Architecture Center. Their Civil Engineering 206 class is taking advantage of the clear weather, which will continue to pop in and out until Spring arrives in earnest.

Battalion photo by John Miller

Bryan considering three proposals for ambulance service

By JUDIE PORTER
Battalion Staff

Bryan City Council has 33 days to decide among three applicants to choose among before solving the problem of a city-wide ambulance service. And the council is making the most of its time.

Any decision has been delayed until March 15 when one of the applicants will present a more-detailed proposal to the council and can compare costs and services each applicant offers the city. The delayed decision will also allow any new applicants to be considered by the council.

The permit of the company presently operating in Bryan, Mid-Tex Ambulance Service, expires March 31.

Two private ambulance companies and an independent individual have expressed interest in providing the ambulance service: Capitol Ambulance Service of Austin, Mid-Tex, and Gary Williams of La Porte.

Dale Owens, president of Capitol Ambulance Service, told the council he would like to provide Bryan with an "advanced life support service."

Owens didn't go into detail, but said it would include correspondence between the doctor and the ambulance on call, if the city could handle it.

Owens said his company has not had time to set a budget on the costs or make definite plans about the services it would provide.

He said he would not have any additional information until March 15.

Mid-Tex owner Bill Thornal proposed the city pay him \$5,000-a-month. With the money, Thornal

said he would add more basic support equipment and compensation for increasing vehicle costs.

Thornal has provided emergency and transfer service to the city for two and a half years. His service includes three ambulances owned by Thornal and one modular ambulance sub-leased from the city.

The city currently pays Thornal an indigent subsidy of up to \$2,000 a month. The subsidy varies, depending on the number of people the month who can't pay their bill.

Thornal said he received \$18,000 last month from the city for emergency pickups.

Thornal said he would not discontinue his ambulance service if the permit isn't renewed, but would provide county service and long distance transfers.

"I just wouldn't be able to handle and unload within the city," Thornal said.

Gary Williams, 27, is asking Bryan for the \$2,000 subsidy Thornal has been getting.

Williams said he hopes to start membership plan in which people would pay in advance to use the ambulance service. Proposed cost for the plan would be \$60 for a family, \$55 for single people and \$45 for people 65 or over.

Williams said he would want to use the city's ambulance and ambulance equipment, but hopes to purchase two ambulances after he is granted his permit.

6 jailed in counterfeit plot probe

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Secret Service agents and local police Monday sought a Rhode Island man who allegedly financed the printing of phony bills and checks in a \$2 million counterfeiting scheme.

Three Texans, a Rhode Island woman and two Oklahoma men have been arrested in the past three days in what Assistant U.S. Attorney James O'Neill called "the biggest funny money bust in the history of New England."

Agents seized printing equipment allegedly used to make the phony money in a raid on a Tulsa, Okla. home Saturday. The arrests of the men in that raid followed two earlier busts in Providence and Warwick which four people were apprehended.

Lardner said the search centered on tracking down the man who financed the manufacture of the bogus money. Friday's seizure netted more than \$2 million worth of phony bills and travelers' checks.

The raids capped a three-week investigation by local police and the Secret Service that started with a tip to Warwick police that counterfeit bills and travelers' checks were being sold in the Providence area.

The raid began in a Warwick restaurant parking lot Friday afternoon when agents and local police seized \$1 million in bogus \$100 bills and \$250,000 in phony checks.

Arrested in that raid were Travis E. Parker, 33, of Dallas, his wife Karen Fournier Parker, 26, of Providence; Edwin Travis Fletcher, 39, also known as Travis Williams of Omaha, Texas, and Forester Robertson, 40, of Wichita Falls, Texas.

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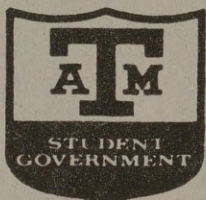
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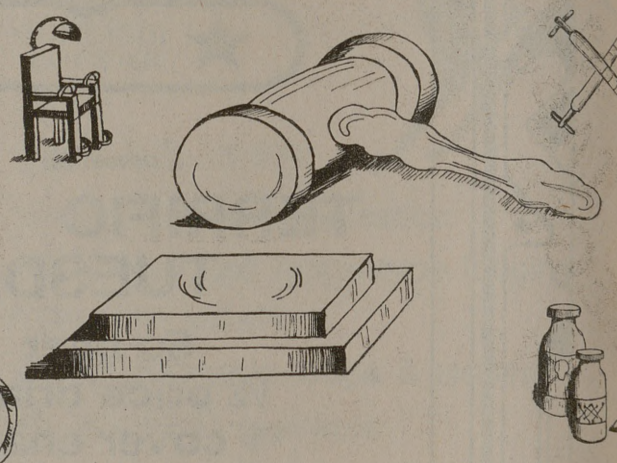
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