

Varsity I tenants want crossing repaired, ditcher fixed on 'ownerless' access street

By ROBIN THOMPSON
Battalion Reporter

Tenants at the Varsity 1 apartments are caught between a rock and a hard place in the form of a foot and a half of water and a set of unmaintained railroad tracks.

Carrol Street, located between Jersey Street and Welborn Road is the only access to the apartments. It is submerged in water on one end and is crossed on the other by a set of damaged railroad tracks.

Ted Powell, a tenant of the apartments and graduate student at Texas A&M University, has been unsuccessful in several at-

tempts at having the road repaired.

He sent letters of complaint, with signatures of other apartment residents, to the owner, Marion Pugh, to Arnold Bros. Lumber Co., a business adjacent to the road, and to the City of College Station.

Pugh replied by saying there is nothing she can do because the road does not belong to her.

Arnold Bros., Powell said, caused the flooding by filling in a drainage ditch. Arnold Bros. does not own the land the road is on, either.

Powell next contacted Home Finder Realty, the company

handling the Varsity 1 apartments. They also denied having anything to do with the road.

Powell said they responded to his letter as if it was an "empty threat."

Powell took his complaint to the College Station City Council on March 8 and secured a place on the agenda for last night's meeting.

Since then the council has postponed hearing the issue until the April 12 meeting.

North Bardell, city manager, said it was delayed because he is waiting to hear from Southern Pacific railroad about the condition of the crossing.

Bardell said he would like to see the crossing closed.

Powell said some of the railroad ties are gone or pushed down into the mud and there is dirt built up in places on the crossing.

In addition, Carrol Street is a private road, Bardell said, although he does not know who owns it.

Powell said the tracks are hard on his car and he has gotten stuck on them several times.

However, driving on the other end of the road involves the almost certain risk of getting stuck in the mud.

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Bowl-a-thon nearing

By RHONDA WATTERS
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Terrible bowlers, take heart. Skill will not be the deciding factor in winning the Jerry Lewis Bowl-a-thon on Saturday. Instead, the amount of money raised by each contestant will decide the honors.

The Bowl-a-thon, a project to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is being sponsored by the Texas A&M University chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity.

The tournament is open to all students, faculty, high school students and community members. Each contestant is asked to get a list of sponsors who will pay a certain amount of money per pin knocked down.

The tournament will start at noon and continue until each of the participants has bowled three games.

Bill Jentsch, APO co-chairman for the project, said the Bowl-a-thon is

one of the fraternity's yearly projects. He said that the most money raised by the bowl-a-thon in past years was about \$6,000. The group hopes to do as well this year.

First prize for the tournament is a \$500 stereo system, consisting of a receiver, turntable and two speakers. Second and third prizes will be announced. The prizes will be awarded on next Friday and March 31, the deadline for turning in all money collected for the bowl-a-thon. The winners will be determined by the amount of money turned in by each contestant.

Jentsch said that interested people can sign up now to participate, but if they don't get a chance to sign up they can show up on Saturday and bowl, as long as they get their sponsors in the following week before the deadline. He also said there will be a \$1.50 entrance fee for the bowl-a-thon.

All the proceeds from the bowl-

a-thon will be turned over to National Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Before an organization can part in the nationally-televised Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon in Vegas, it must raise at least \$20,000. Jentsch said any donation less than \$20,000 is recognized by the regional office in Austin.

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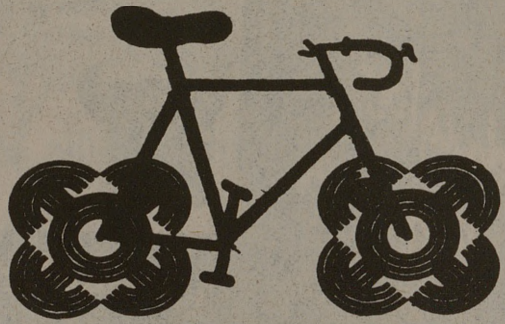
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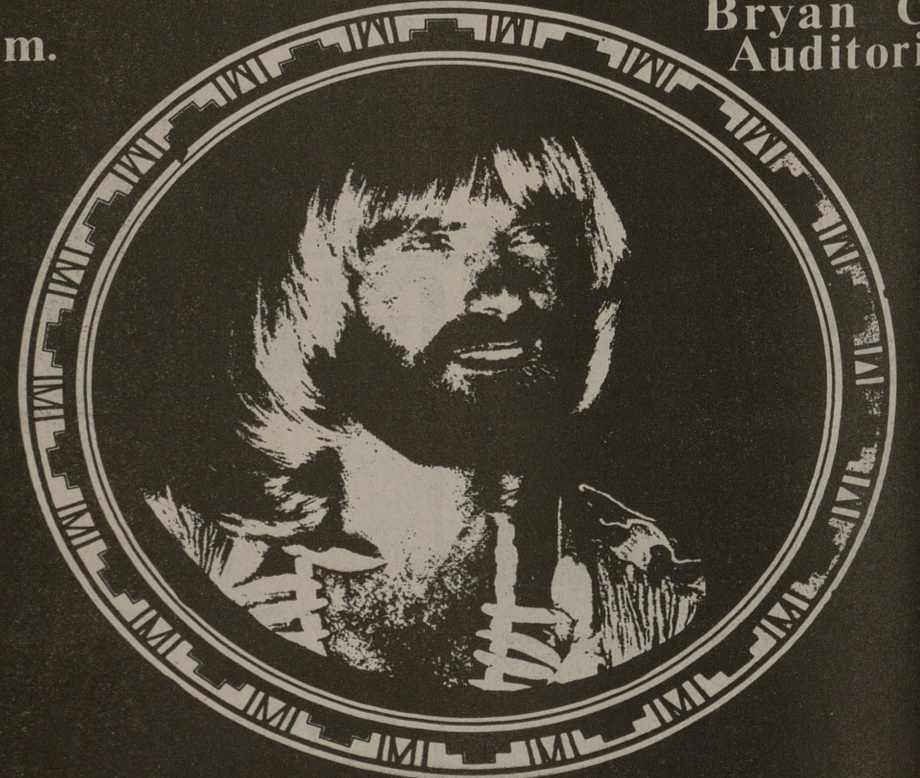
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