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Traffic computers may help solve jams

By JACKIE FAIR

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A plan that may solve the local traffic problem is on the way.

This month, computerized control systems will be installed in traffic signals at intersections around Bryan-College Station, said D.D. Willison, supervising planning engineer at the Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Three of these signals will be installed at entrances to the Texas A&M University campus.

"Most traffic signals in use are either salvaged from another intersection in town, or run on a fixed time clock that doesn't always adjust to a heavier flow of traffic," Willison said.

A traffic counter at each intersection will relay the amount of traffic to a microprocessor that will integrate each intersection into the appropriate flow, Willison explained.

"The time clock signals in use now are limited to three or four different cycles," he said. The computerized signals are

equipped with about 70 different flow cycles, he added.

The computerized method will relieve the over-congested rush hour traffic, Williamson said.

"The new method will improve the traffic flow at all other periods as well."

The \$753,000 project includes three of 16 computerized signals installed at entrances to campus. The entrances that will be affected are Joe Routh Boulevard at Wellborn Road, Coke Street at Jersey Street and Agronomy Road at University Drive.

Lead singer provides key to success of Beach Boys

By KEITH TAYLOR

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If I wrote a bad review of the Beach Boys, I would get off easy with a death sentence.

Because I realize discretion is the better part of valor, this will be a good review of the Beach Boys.

I have never seen a band bring everyone in G. Rollie White Coliseum to his feet, screaming for more. Put simply, the Beach Boys were flawless Sunday night. Their vocal harmonies, made possible by Al Jardine and Carl Wilson, were excellent; but the key to their success was the energy and showmanship of lead singer Mike Love.

He was obviously enjoying himself and this rubbed off on the rest of the band. His banter with the audience helped set the party mood of the show. The response was overwhelming.

The band played all its hits, starting with "California Girls" and finishing with "Fun, Fun, Fun." All the songs were performed well, particularly "Barbara Ann,"

"Rock and Roll Music," and the crowd's favorite "Be True to Your School."

One of the highlights was Bruce Johnston's "I Write the Songs" made famous by pseudo-singer Barry Manilow. Johnston put Manilow to shame in his solo rendition.

The crowd swayed, danced, sang and screamed through the entire show. I had to remind myself I was in College Station

Unfortunately, the PA system fed-back throughout the concert.

Prism opened the show, making its Texas debut. Prism received good response from the audience, something opening bands rarely do at Texas A&M.

Prism is a basic straight-ahead rock band with top 40 pop overtones, reminiscent of Sweet's early days. After this band acquires a more confident stage presence and gets rid of its overly long and boring guitar and drum solos, it may go places.

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instead of Houston. It's about time a good band playing here received the response it deserved.

Now for the bad parts of the concert. The sound was the usual G. Rollie brand of lousy, the public address system could not handle the low notes, and Brian Wilson, the band's leader and songwriter, was in a foul mood at the beginning of the set.

Fortunately, Wilson caught the enthusiasm of the band and the crowd.



Mike Love, lead singer for the Beach Boys, jokes with the crowd at the Sunday night concert at G.

Rollie White.

Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

President to speak on troops in Cuba

United Press International
THURMONT, Md. — President Carter, backed by the "wise men" council of his own and previous administrations, will report to the nation tonight on his knowledge of a Soviet combat brigade in Cuba and his ideas for dealing with it.

While Carter was at Camp David Sunday, alone with his wife and one personal aide, the top figures of his administration met at the White House for three hours on the issue.

The "wise men" — former Secretaries of State Dean Rusk, William Rogers and

Henry Kissinger and other top officials in previous administrations, met earlier to advise Carter on the major foreign policy problem.

Cuban President Fidel Castro, in an interview with Dan Rather of CBS, reiterated Sunday Carter's charge was a false-

hood and the Soviet troops in Cuba merely operated a training center.

He also said he was willing to meet with Carter, a suggestion that drew no immediate response from the White House.

In Hanover, N.H., Saturday night, Vice President Walter Mondale indicated Carter plans to emphasize "balance and restraint" in his speech.

Carter has contended "appropriate action" would be taken if the status quo was not changed in Cuba. Brzezinski, saying the situation was more similar to the Berlin blockade than the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, ruled out U.S. military intervention, as had Carter himself earlier.

Some diplomatic observers believe Carter will beef up the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and in Key West, Fla., and Puerto Rico in a stronger show of might in the Caribbean.

The situation came after what Carter's aides called "the best week domestically... in terms of accomplishment."

Housing woes busy advisers

By ANGIE JONES

Battalion Reporter

Students who need legal advice about housing problems may get answers quicker by going to the Off-Campus Housing offices than to the student attorney.

There is a five-day waiting list for appointments with Jim Locke and Lowell Denton, student legal advisers.

"There are just too many people and only two of us," Locke said.

Part of the waiting could be alleviated if the more than 23,000 students living off-campus were aware of the services that Off-Campus Housing offers them, he said.

Some students who live off campus, Locke explained, are looking for help because they can't get their landlords to make repairs. Some want to break their leases because they can't get along with their roommates. Others want to move. Still others drop out of school.

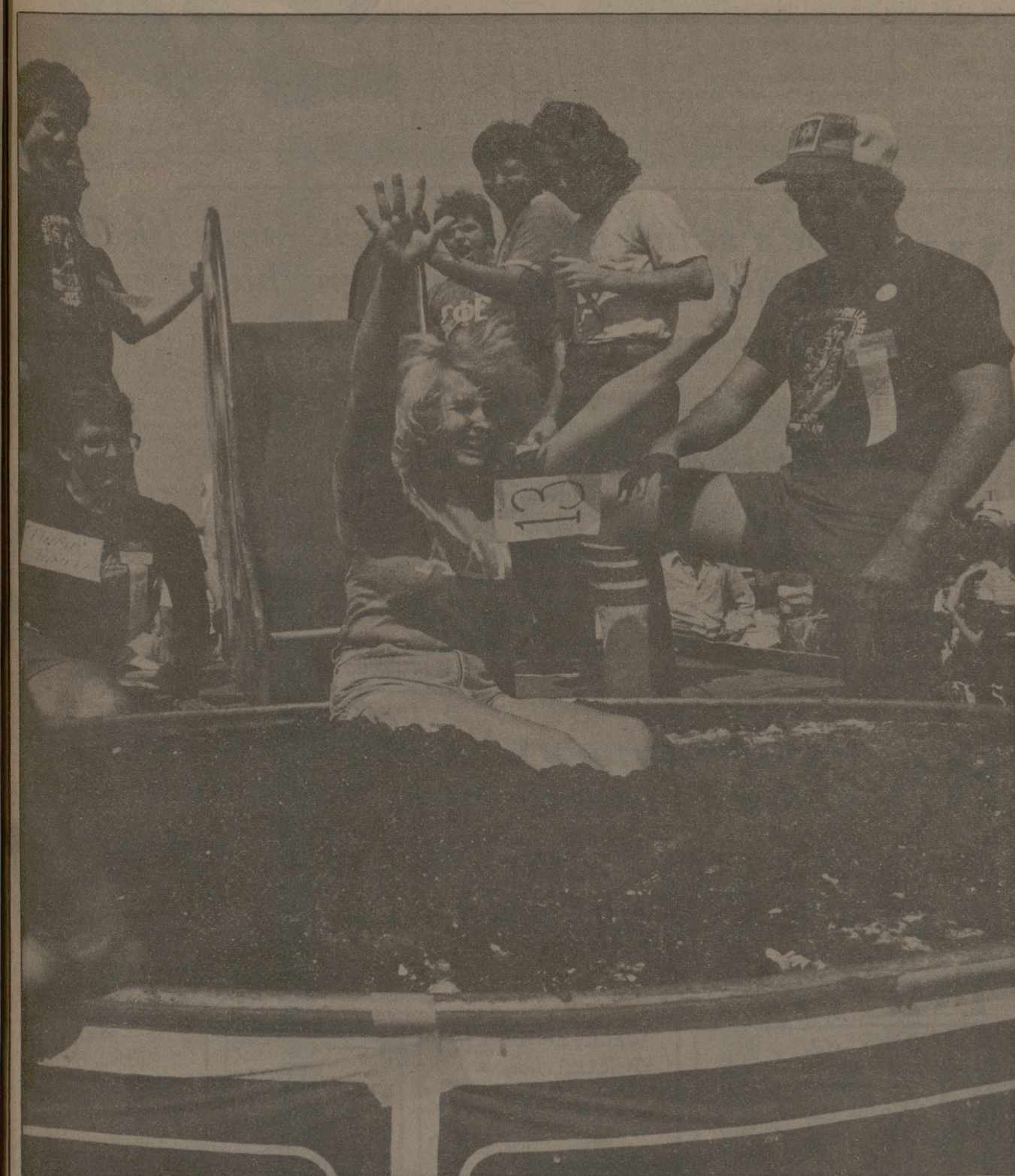
Delays also occur because students put off seeking legal advice until it is almost too late to help them. Those people have to be "squeezed" into an already crowded schedule, Locke said.

"We're seeing about 10 people apiece each day and that doesn't leave much time to help people that need letters sent or legal documents signed," Locke said.

Jan Winniford, coordinator of the Off-campus Housing Office, said, "This time of year there are many students that have repair-related problems, but now a number of roommate problems are arising because tests are coming up and there is more pressure. Roommates are feeling the pressure of not getting along."

"Usually it's a simple situation so we try to help them clarify what the real problem is," Winniford said. "We can't give legal advice," she stressed, "but we can inform them of the steps to take."

By next semester, the majority of complaints will involve students that haven't gotten their deposits on their apartments back yet, Winniford said. The number of students seeking legal advice increases at that time. "We try to prevent problems before they arise," she said.



Debbie Truelove plunges into a chilly tub of strawberry Jell-O.



Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

The sooner she finds the key that will determine her prize, the sooner she can get out of the goo.

Come on, jump in! The Jell-O's fine

By CAROL AUSTIN

Battalion Reporter

The girl slid in head-first and emerged a few seconds later from the 600-gallon tub of strawberry Jell-O.

She emerged triumphantly holding a key and smiling for photographers. The First Annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Jell-O Jump had begun.

Tickets for the Jell-O Jump were sold throughout September, and a drawing was held Wednesday night to determine the 92 lucky jumpers.

The people chosen for the jump slid into the goopy mess and fished out one of 92 keys suspended in the mess. Each key corresponded to a prize donated for the occasion.

Proceeds from the Jell-O Jump went to the Leukemia Society of America.

The Jell-O Jump was sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon and radio station WTAW.

WTAW disc jockey Jim Miller emceed the sticky affair and as the contestants climbed out of the tub, the crowd parted like the Red Sea.

"It was really gross, I'll tell you,"

senior Ron Stroup said when he slithered out of the red goo. Would he do it again? "You bet!" he answered.

Local merchants donated the prizes, which ranged from a \$1,000 gift certificate from Diamond Brokers to a \$10 canister of Karmel Korn.

Liz Huskey won the gift certificate from Diamond Brokers.

However, fate played tricks on other contestants. For example, a small boy won a \$100 gift certificate to the Sports Club and a middle-aged woman from Bryan won \$150 worth of record albums.

Rob Somers, chairman of the Jell-O Jump, was pleased with the results. "We've had great public support and we hope to make it an annual event," he said.

Jell-O fights erupted after all the keys were found. For a \$2 donation, spectators were allowed to splash to their hearts' delight. Unsuspecting spectators received bear hugs from Jell-O-clad friends, but the hose was nearby, and the stickiness, like the crowd, soon melted away.