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## 7,000 fewer student seats available for U of H game

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Construction setbacks at Kyle Field will leave about 7,000 fewer seats available than previously anticipated for the football game Oct. 13 with the University of Houston, officials said Tuesday.

Assistant Athletic Director Wally Groff said only 19,000 student seats will be available — 5,000 fewer than last fall. An additional 3,000-4,000 seats will be on the track. As of Monday, 22,000 student tickets had been issued.

When completed, the stadium will accommodate approximately 71,600 people. Capacity last year was 54,000.

A spokesman for the contractor said Tuesday that two sections of the upper deck — one on each side of the stadium — will be usable for the University of Houston game, with progressively larger number of seats available for games later in the season.

Next week, students who do not receive seats will have three options:

- Accept seats on the track.
- Watch the game on closed circuit television.
- Receive a refund for the ticket.

KAMU-TV will provide the closed circuit television coverage for the game in G. Rollie White, which has a seating capacity

of 8,000. Seats not claimed before the game will be sold for \$3 to students and \$5 for non-students.

Student Body President Ronald Kapavik expects students to be angry over the situation, but says the athletic department is doing the best it can.

"Freshmen have always been discriminated against in the seniority system," Kapavik said. "We'll just have to put up with it for a while."

Groff said with construction running behind schedule, the total seating capacity will be 57,000 for the U of H game, 1,000 more than last year's capacity.

Many Aggie Club season ticket holders will find themselves on the Texas A&M student side of the stadium once again. More than 2,200 Aggie Club members — who pay from \$600 to \$1,200 for the right to order season tickets — will be moved from the west side to the east side.

Also, Groff said 1,500 tickets allotted for the high school students attending Career Day Oct. 13 have been canceled to make room for more Texas A&M students.

"We hope to accommodate all students for the SMU game Nov. 3," Kapavik said. Completion of the Kyle Field expansion is expected Nov. 17.

## Like predecessor, pope pleads for peace before U.N. assembly

United Press International

UNITED NATIONS — The talk was reminiscent of the first papal visit to the United Nations 14 years before, but Pope John Paul II went a step further.

John Paul Tuesday repeated the call for peace and "never again war" that Pope Paul VI delivered when he addressed the world body in 1965.

But then, John Paul said peace will be elusive so long as human rights and human dignity are not upheld; so long as the human spirit is oppressed by politics, economic plight or tyranny.

"Every human being is endowed with a dignity that must never be lessened, impaired or destroyed. . . if peace is really to be built," he said, depicting the Universal Declaration of Human rights as the cornerstone of the United Nations.

The pope said the "frightful disparities between excessively rich individuals and groups on one hand, and on the other hand the majority made up of the poor or

indeed the destitute" was a threat to peace.

For six hours, the pope excited the diplomatic routine at the United Nations with his appeal to mankind to respect human rights and bring peace at last to the world.

The heavily guarded U.N. building was packed with diplomats, politicians, religious groups, reporters and staff when

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John Paul made the rounds in the conference halls and lobbies — waving, blessing and lifting the spirits of the world's representatives.

The highlight of his visit was a 70-minute speech in the General Assembly to 2,000 delegates and guests. Thousands more watched on closed-circuit television.

The pope said there was a "second systematic threat" to peace in "the various forms of injustice in the field of the spirit." He spoke for the advancement of civil

liberties "under any political regime or system."

He also urged a settlement of the Middle East crisis, but pointedly said it must include the rights of the Palestinian people. He warned huge arms stockpiles mean that "sometime, somewhere, somehow, someone can set in motion the terrible mechanics of general destruction."

"The speech has made a mark in the spiritual and political history of the United Nations," said one diplomat.

The Albanians, as Communist purists, boycotted the visit. The Chinese, unhappy about the Vatican's continued relations with Taiwan, played it low-key — attending the speech but avoiding two social functions.

The two principal Middle East rivals, Farouk Khaddoumi, delegation head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum, each had brief friendly chats with the pontiff and each interpreted the speech in his own way.

Blum liked the specific condemnation of the World War II holocaust. "There was a very moving passage about Auschwitz," he said.

Khaddoumi was delighted with the pope's recognition of Palestinian rights and his idea of a special statute and international guarantees for Jerusalem, which Israel claims as its capital. Khaddoumi urged the pope to visit Palestine.

The pope did not respond immediately.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Construction workers, silhouetted against the evening sky, work long hours to make Texas A&M's Kyle Field ready for the first game against University of Houston Oct. 13. The U of H game will be in the stadium, although fewer seats will be available than previously anticipated.

### 'No fuel like an old fuel'

## Liquid propane becoming popular

By KENT DUNLAP

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With all the talk about gasohol and grain alcohol as alternatives to gasoline, an old fuel that burns cleaner and allows cheaper operation is becoming more attractive.

The conversion of a gasoline-powered vehicle to liquid propane may be a logical alternative to spot gasoline shortages and increasing gasoline prices.

Dr. Ashley Lovell, area economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said there has been a sudden increase in demand for liquid propane conversion kits for gasoline-powered vehicles, due to the

widening gap between gasoline and propane fuel prices.

Savings will increase over a given period of time, Lovell said, because of the increasing difference in prices between the two fuels and high mileage use of the vehicle.

"A major conversion benefit is the anticipated lower fuel cost per mile," Lovell said.

Since propane produces only about 75 percent as much energy as gasoline, a 20-30 percent decrease in miles per gallon could be expected.

"If reduced fuel cost per mile is the major savings considered, then the annual

amount of savings is directly related to the annual mileage," Lovell said.

For example, assume a vehicle gets 15 miles per gallon from gasoline and 11.25 miles per gallon from liquid propane. Gasoline is \$1 per gallon and liquid propane is 55 cents per gallon. The rate of savings is 10 percent.

"Driving 10,000 miles a year, you would save about \$865 in seven years," Lovell said. At 15,000 miles a year, the discounted savings would be \$845 in four years, and if you drove 20,000 miles annually, you would save \$884 over three years, Lovell said.

The total savings received from reduced fuel costs is not the only advantage that will realize.

Since liquid propane burns cleaner and has a higher octane rating than gasoline, it should cause less engine wear.

Savings should also include longer life of spark plugs and crankcase oil.

The liquid propane conversion kit in-

cludes a tank for storing the fuel; a converter, which vaporizes the fuel; and a mixer, which mixes the propane gas with air. The cost is about \$1,000, including installation. These kits are sold and installed by most propane dealers.

Lovell said the conversion represents a major capital investment and should be considered carefully before the change is made.

As for power and work efficiency, Lovell said that he has heard both pros and cons. "I've heard both sides. Some have said that there is some loss of power, while others have said they couldn't see any difference," Lovell said.

Since the gas lines have disappeared and the price of gasoline has leveled off does not see the system having a strong impact at the present time.

When gas lines and soaring prices return, the system could have a far greater impact.

## 14-year-old threatens to shoot classmates

United Press International

HOUSTON — A 14-year-old boy, described as a good student who considered himself "mistrusted by everyone," Tuesday pulled a .45-caliber pistol in class and threatened to shoot his classmates and himself before surrendering, police said.

Assistant Principal Ben Lenamon of George Thompson Intermediate School said the boy sneaked his father's pistol away from home, wrapped it in a newspaper and brought it to school in a grocery bag.

Lenamon said the boy, whose name was withheld, pulled the gun about 9:20 a.m.

in math class, threatening his teacher and about 30 other students. Eight students ran from class the moment the boy pulled the gun.

"He brought it out and told everyone in class to freeze and then he began to talk about how he was mistrusted by everyone," Lenamon said.

The principal talked the boy into surrendering the ammunition clip.

Lenamon said the gun at that point was unloaded but officials were uncertain so they waited for police, who persuaded the boy to give up the gun. Police released the boy to his parents.

### Firefighting dispute

## Chief wants solution

By RICHARD OLIVER

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Negotiations between the College Station city council and Brazos County over a new firefighting contract have not begun yet, but College Station fire chief Douglas Landua is ready for a solution.

The City of College Station is involved in a contract dispute with Brazos County over fire services. Under the present contract, which expires Dec. 1, the county pays College Station whenever the city fights a fire outside the city limits.

According to several city council members, College Station has not been paid for several calls made during the summer. Landua said he wishes the city council and the commissioners court could get together to settle the issue.

The city had given Brazos County an ultimatum to be accepted or rejected within 30 days, at the beginning of September to solve the problem or face termination of fire services. The deadline was extended until Dec. 1 at the Thursday council meeting.

In that meeting, City Manager North Bardell listed communication between the area volunteer fire departments as a major problem which needs to be solved in the new contract.

Bardell said there have been instances when the city fire department and both

volunteer units have shown up to fight a fire outside of the city limits.

"We really don't have a whole lot to do with them," Landua said about the volunteer departments. "We have had no problems with the volunteer fire departments."

Until the situation is settled, the station will not alter its response to emergency call outside the city limits, he said.

"As far as I'm concerned," Landua said, "each call will be answered as quickly as possible."

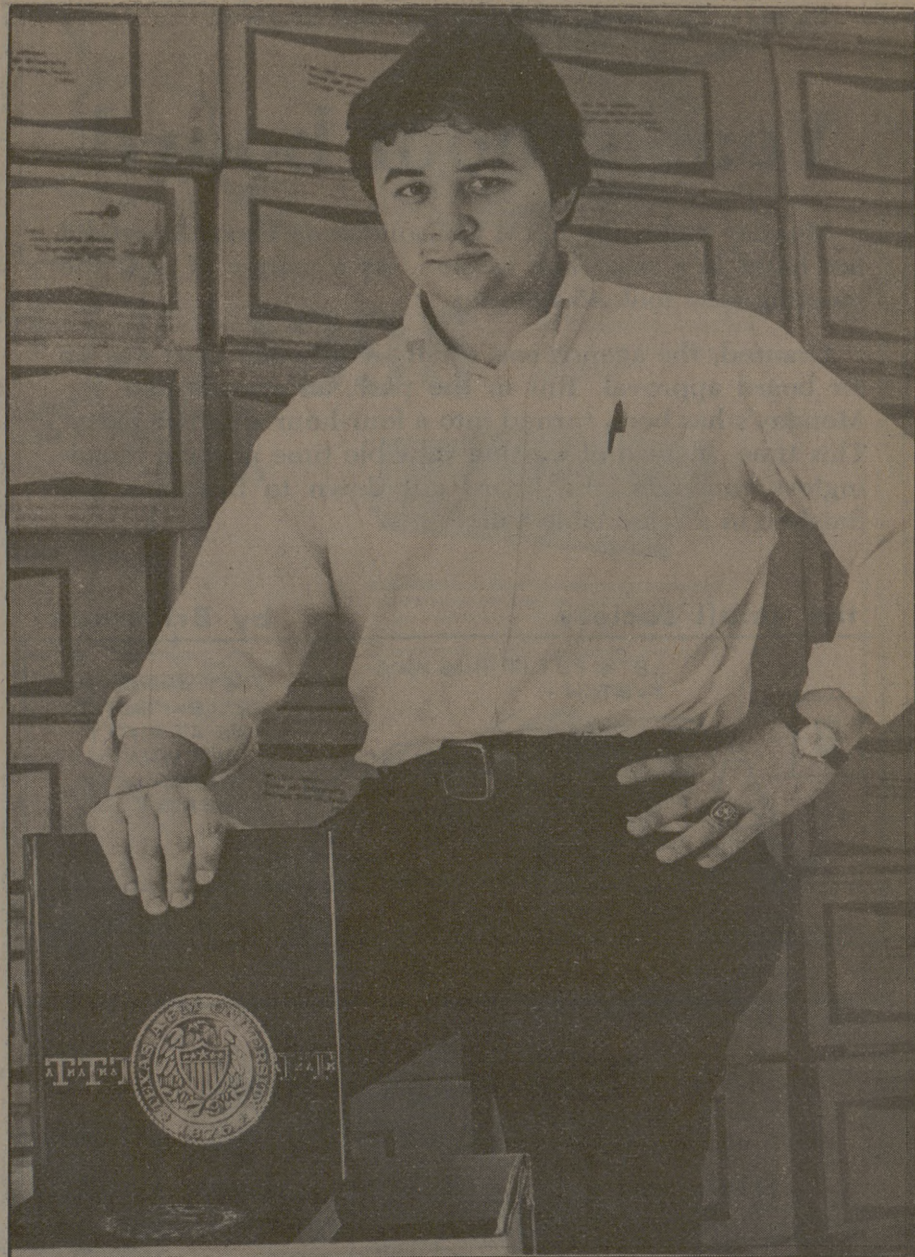
"We will continue to do so until the court tells us to do otherwise," he added. "Until Dec. 1, we will not change our procedure at all."

Bardell told the city council he expected some changes in the new contract.

One of the changes Bardell mentioned would involve the creation of a central fire dispatching office for the county. Another idea would create a new fire unit in the county that would respond to rural calls.

Landua, however, has steered clear of any of the decision making.

"I haven't been involved in negotiations at all," he said. "Really, I don't see anything wrong with the way we're doing it now. As far as who pays who, I suppose that's an important part, also. I'm sure all of that comes into it, but we are still here to give protection, and that's what we are going to do."



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Aggieland editor Pat O'Malley displays one of the 1979 yearbooks which will be distributed starting today. Behind O'Malley are a few of the 16,000 Aggieland yearbooks published this year.

## '79 Aggieland now here; '78 Aggieland gets award

Distribution of the 1979 Texas A&M University yearbooks, the Aggieland, starts today in Lounge C, which is between and Schumacher halls. Students who have bought a yearbook need to show their student I.D.'s to pick up their books.

The Aggieland is the largest college yearbook in the nation. More than 16,000 copies were sold this year.

The 1978 Aggieland, edited by Norine Harris, won a Certificate of Award in the 1979 graphics arts competition of the

Printing Industry of America in the college yearbook category.

The purpose of the contest is to promote high standards in the production and design of printed material and is open to users, creators and producers of printing of all designs and processes.

Awards, which include plaques and certificates, will be presented in dinner ceremonies in Washington, D.C., this month.

## Mexican bus accident called worst in 15 years

United Press International

LAREDO — A passenger bus collided with a semi-trailer truck 14 miles south of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, early Tuesday, killing more than 10 persons and injuring up to 40 others.

Reports from the scene indicated at least 11 and perhaps as many as 18 persons, including the drivers of both vehicles, were killed instantly in the wreck. The accident was described as the worst in 15 years for the Nuevo Laredo area.

A spokesman for the Laredo Fire Department said the Red Cross in Mexico telephoned at 1:12 a.m. Tuesday seeking assistance from its rescue squad in removing the victims from the wreckage of the bus and a truck loaded with soft drinks on the Pan American Highway between Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey.

The spokesman said the victims were rushed by ambulances and private vehicles to hospitals in Nuevo Laredo.

"When the men returned, they reported 12 persons killed instantly and 38 to 40 injured persons," the Fire Department spokesman said.

Mexican newspapers reported 11 deaths, while Spanish radio broadcasts indicated 14 to 18 persons died in the collision.