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## Schedule books available

Schedule books for the Spring 1980 semester are available now at the Admissions and Records Office at Heaton Hall. Preregistration for spring classes begins Monday at 8 a.m. and closes Nov. 16 at 5 p.m.

## Anonymous preacher draws attention

By KATHLEEN McELROY  
Battalion Reporter

man who said his mission is to spread the word of God attracted a large and sometimes hostile crowd in front of the Social Student Center Monday afternoon.

port or just listen to the mysterious man who held a large banner with Christian sayings written on it.

About that time, three University policemen came to the walkway to monitor the crowd. When it became obvious the police wanted him to move, the speaker started defending his right to speak. He didn't move until Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, talked to him. Koldus said the man was blocking the path to the MSC and had to move. But,

Koldus said, he could continue talking. The man moved to a sidewalk on the MSC grounds facing G. Rollie White Coliseum. He resumed his discussion with one student in particular who told him, "I believe you're narrow minded in your thinking," and then asked, "What if your way is wrong and mine is right?"

The speaker answered, "I have faith in the word of God."

Even though some of the crowd walked

away when the man left the walkway, enough stayed around to keep police standing nearby.

"We're here to make sure no one gets into a fight, that no one gets hurt," one policeman said. "We're not here to stop him from preaching."

Most of the students who gathered around the speaker said he should be allowed to talk.

"I don't agree with him, but I think he does have the right to speak," junior Lisa

Shelby said as she listened to him.

Even the student who had earlier said the man's beliefs were narrow-minded also said the man should be allowed to speak.

"He's got all the rights in the world to stand up and argue," the student said.

President Jarvis Miller surveyed the situation.

"We're supposed to have a policy where speakers get permits," he commented. "They're supposed to go through procedures."

He said the University now would try to make sure all speakers are approved.

The man, who left around 2:30 p.m., said he has no affiliation with any organization on campus, and supports his lone crusade through his private business. He also said negative feedback from his audience does not bother him.

"The response is not the criteria," he said. "I don't come out here to mold me to you. I come out here to mold you to me and God."



First grade students at Bowie Elementary School in Bryan find traversing the country a breeze during recess Monday on this 42- by 65-foot scaled map of the United States. Some fourth

graders, together with a Texas A&M University education class, painted the map in red, white and blue on the school's basketball court. It includes state capitals and the proper

abbreviation for each state. At least one fourth-grade teacher intends to use the map as much as possible for her social studies class.

Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

## Interstate travel easy for kids with supersize map

By SANDRA SEFCIK  
Battalion Reporter

you ever wished you could walk the United States in just a few seconds? The kids at Bowie Elementary in Bryan are about as close to that fantasy as anyone can get.

Fourth graders at Bowie, with the help of Texas A&M University education majors, have painted a map of the continental United States on the school basketball court.

The map is a 65- by 42-foot scaled replica with 1 inch representing 3 1/2 miles, Dr. David David, Texas A&M Uni-

versity associate professor of educational curriculum and instruction.

One of David's classes, together with the kids, painted the map in one week. They colored the outlines white and the states red and blue.

White stars represent the location of capitals and two circles represent Bryan and College Station. To finish the map the states were given their proper abbreviations.

"The education majors came prepared with as much knowledge as they could get

about a particular state," David said, "and together with a fourth grader they talked about their state as they painted it on the concrete. It gave the children a sense of participation and it was an excellent way of enriching the learning environment."

For instance, one of the children who painted Arizona received a cactus to take home, said Randy Caperton, fourth grade teacher at Bowie. Another student, who painted Florida, drank orange juice, he said.

The only problem with the map, Caperton said, is some of the kids have noticed that Alaska and Hawaii weren't included

and want to know why. Caperton has found it hard to explain that there just wasn't room.

Alaska is way up here, close to the school building and is larger than Texas, Caperton tells the kids. And Hawaii is down on the corner of the street and is a bunch of islands.

The map has been and will continue to be an educational tool, said Betsy McQuaide, another fourth grade teacher.

The map has helped the kids realize that Bryan is not the only city; it is just a small part of a large country, McQuaide said. McQuaide said she hopes to use the map

whenever possible in her social studies class. The children learn and relate to the big map more easily than to other maps because they can get a better idea of how large the United States is, McQuaide said.

Even before the map was completed, Bowie principal Bill Hodge said the school's youngsters were enjoying the project. He said one afternoon he found a group of children playing on the map, naming as many states as they could.

"And that was after school," he said.

David said the project also served as a training tool for his class of future school teachers and helped the students develop

a sense of group pride.

"We are preparing teachers for the public schools. We are out to serve the needs of the students and the community. In this project, the class had to extend itself to be of service," David said.

David added that he would like to work on a project every semester because it helps the students identify with the public.

Hodge said funds for the map came from a special budget set aside by the school board. He said he is not sure how much the project will cost, "but whatever it costs it will be money well spent."

## Oil from ship crash washes up on beach

United Press International

GALVESTON, Texas — Thousands of gallons of crude flowing from an explosion-wrecked tanker are washing up a 60-mile stretch of Texas shore, hitting the favored west beach the hardest while forcing the Coast Guard to scramble to protect ecologically sensitive bay areas.

Coast Guard said the 772-foot long Burmah Agate originally held 16 million gallons of crude — more than five times the amount of oil estimated on Texas beaches last August at the height of the Mexican spill and more than double the amount carried by the Argo Merhant, which broke up off the coast of Massachusetts in 1976.

Federal officials, however, said they had the slightest idea "how much oil had leaked into the Houston Ship Channel and surrounding waters, though earlier estimates placed the total at 84,000 gallons.

The Burmah Agate and 482-foot freighter Mimosa collided before dawn Thursday, killing 32 Taiwanese crewmen from the ships. The Coast Guard found 11 bodies before suspending its search.

Coast guard officer Richard Griggs said, "We would expect we will continue to see dies floating to the surface." He said two dies were sighted late Monday about 2 miles offshore, but rescue boats could not reach them dark.

Experts said it might be days before the major oil fire that has been burning since Thursday is controlled and the flow of oil to the Gulf of Mexico stopped. Aerial surveys found patches and sheens of oil 6 miles from the site of the collision six miles from the entrance to Galveston Bay.

Larry Thebeaux of the National Oceanic

## Civil rights group wants investigation

## Slaying suspects under tight security

United Press International

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Fourteen men accused in the weekend slaying of four people at a Ku Klux Klan march were taken to the Guilford County courthouse Monday under tight security.

Law enforcement officers blocked off numerous corridors around the second-floor courtroom where Chief District Court Judge Robert Ceil was to make sure that each of the 14 had an attorney to represent him in future legal proceedings.

The men, handcuffed together, were

taken through an underground tunnel from the jail across the street. Admission to the courtroom hearing was limited and reporters were required to show credentials before entering. The hearing had been scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m., but by midmorning still had not gotten underway.

Four people were slain and 10 wounded Saturday when two carloads of whites arrived at a "Death to the Klan" march and began trading racial insults with an integrated crowd of about 50 people. Witnesses said the men in the car opened fire

and that some march participants returned the fire. Three people remained in the hospital Monday, two in critical condition. Most of the men accused in the shooting have been described by police as connected with the Klan. North Carolina Nazi leader Harold A. Covington has identified at least one of his supporters as being with the group.

Twelve of the men, arrested shortly after the shootings, have been accused of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. The other two, arrested Sunday, are accused of conspiracy.

The march was sponsored by the Workers Viewpoint Organization, which recently changed its name to the Communist Workers Party. The group has said it will hold another demonstration next weekend but Greensboro police, in an attempt to keep the situation calm, said Sunday they were suspending the issuance of all parade permits indefinitely.

Civil rights groups have called for an independent investigation of the shootings, claiming authorities did not provide proper protection for participants in the march.

## Farm loan future to be decided by city voters in today's election

United Press International

AUSTIN — The fate of a proposed constitutional amendment backers say could determine the future of family farms in Texas will be largely determined by big city voters in today's special election on three suggested revisions to the state's constitution.

The most publicized of the three proposed amendments would authorize issuance of \$10 million in state bonds to guarantee payment of loans made by private lending institutions for the purchase of farm or ranch land by individual Texas citizens.

The two other proposals on the statewide ballot would allow the legislature to delegate its review power over state agency rules and regulations to a

committee, and require notaries public to be licensed directly by the secretary of state rather than through county clerks.

None of the three statewide issues has attracted any significant attention, however, and the heaviest turnouts for the election are expected in half a dozen cities where local issues have drawn voters' concern. The biggest of the local contests is in Houston, where Mayor Jim McConn is being challenged by eight candidates in his bid for a second term. The challengers are led by Leonel Castillo, former city comptroller who resigned as head of the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service to enter the race, and city councilman Louis Macey.

City votes also are scheduled in Dallas, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, San Antonio

and Austin.

Rev. Luther Jones, D-El Paso, the chief legislative sponsor of the farm loan guarantee amendment, says voters in those areas will determine whether the constitutional amendments pass or fail.

"The fate of the family farm and ranch in Texas is now in the hands of Texas' big city voters," Jones said Monday. He said rural Texans understand first hand the survival of the family farm and ranch is threatened and Texans need financial help to keep the farms and ranches from falling into corporate or foreign hands.

"Urban Texans don't have this direct experience, which means that they are not as strongly behind the passage of the Family Farm and Ranch Security Act program as rural residents are," said Jones, who

concentrated his campaign for the proposal in urban areas. The amendment has been endorsed by virtually every state official, including Gov. Bill Clements.

Clements is opposed, however, to the proposition allowing the legislature to give a committee review power over rules and regulations adopted by state agencies. The governor said such action amounts to an intrusion of the legislative branch into the executive branch of government. The League of Women Voters also has opposed the amendment. Officials in the secretary of state's office have estimated only about 750,000 of the state's more than two million voters will participate in today's election.

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