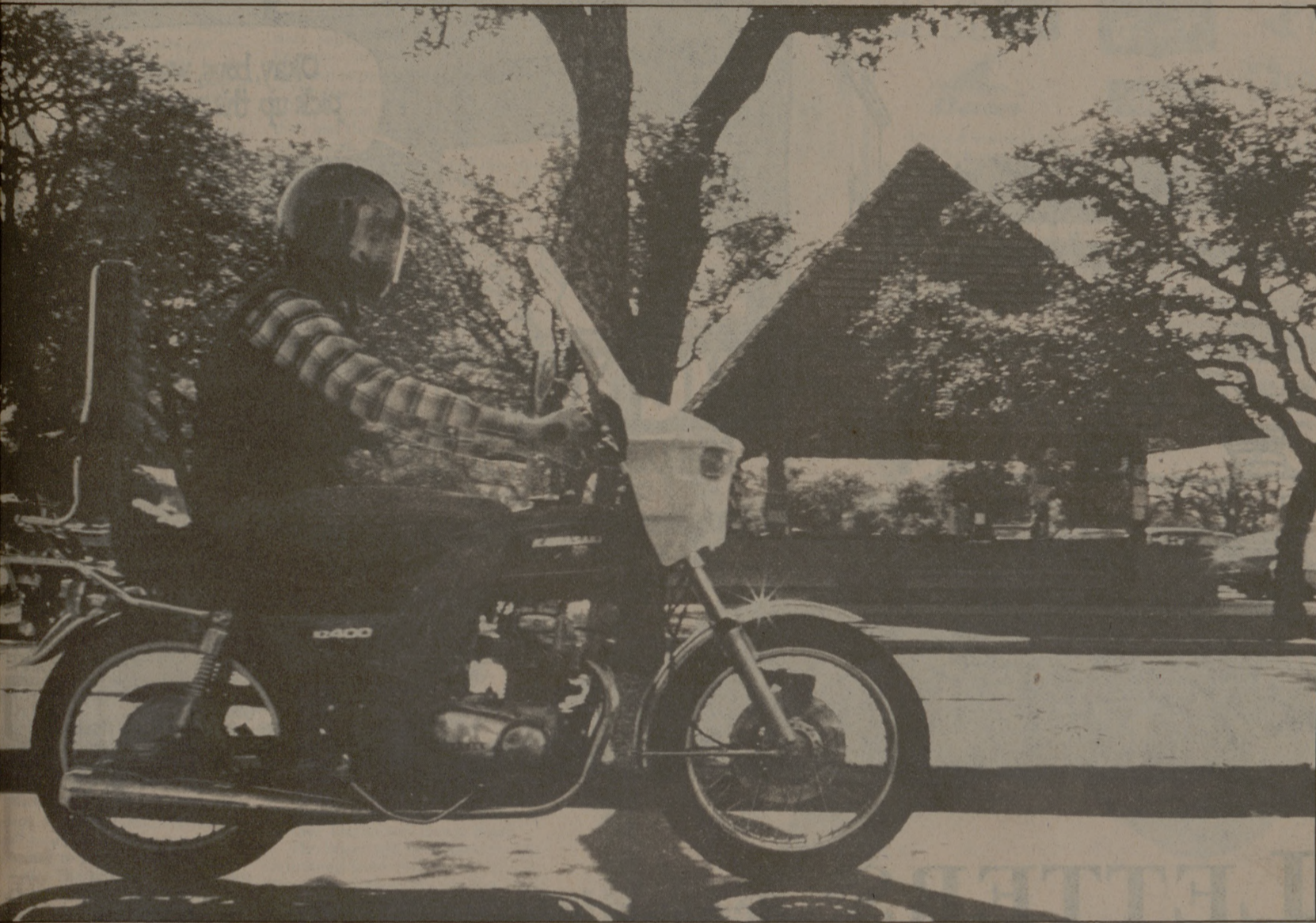


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Bicycles, motorcycles, mopeds and automobiles are causing traffic problems on Texas A&M's inner-campus. University administrators are looking at the problem and hope to design a solution soon. Meanwhile, the

University Traffic Panel is considering a proposal to make the central area of campus a walking area for bicyclists.

Photo by Paul Childress

Administrators look at campus traffic problems

By CATHY SAATHOFF
Campus Reporter

Recent problems caused by bicycles on campus have caused the start of a study to solve them.

Dr. Charles Powell is surveying bicycle traffic control at universities across the country to work out a solution to Texas A&M's problems with bikes.

Dr. John Koldus, Vice President for Student Services, asked Powell, his assistant, to tackle the problem which includes collisions between bicycles and pedestrians, cars and other bicycles.

"We're trying to come up with something that's a compromise," Powell said. Coping with the bikes alone won't solve the problem, he said. All forms of traffic entering and leaving campus must be considered.

Paul Bettencourt, Student Senate Vice President for Rules and Regulations and a member of the University Traffic Panel, said finding a solution won't be easy.

"There's not a solution that is going to please everybody," Bettencourt said.

Bettencourt is helping Powell with his survey by talking to groups on campus about what should be done; Powell is writing to other schools to find out how they handle bike traffic.

"We hope we can take the best of what they've done and come up with a workable plan for this campus," Powell said.

So far, Powell is impressed with the University of California at Berkeley's plan, which includes specific bike trails and parking areas. He said A&M is the only campus he has seen that mixes bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

The traffic panel is looking at a proposal to make the central area of campus a walking area for bikes.

"The traffic panel wants to take action on this because they see it as a problem," Bettencourt said.

However, the panel will have to hold off until Powell finishes his investigation.

Tom Parsons, director of security and traffic for the University Police is against the idea.

"I personally am opposed to the proposal

put to the traffic committee," Parsons said. "You're not going to see anything done 'til Powell finishes his investigation."

Powell said he could come up with a workable plan in a month, but it will be next semester before anything can be done with it.

Meanwhile, he will visit California to see how several campuses on the West Coast are handling traffic. He is also meeting with city officials from Bryan and College Station, since the problem isn't isolated on campus.

"We could work out a metropolitan bicycle plan," Powell said.

Powell said all forms of traffic must be included in the study, which is being paid for with money from the Student Services fund.

"It's going to take a lot of cooperation between people," he said.

Russ McDonald, University Police Chief, said lack of cooperation is part of the problem now.

"It's very hard to enforce bicycle laws," McDonald said.

Cyclists are hard to catch, he said, because they can ride between buildings to evade police cars, and officers on foot can't keep up with them.

"No one is going to solve the bicycle problem except the users themselves," Parsons said.

Powell said the final solution may restrict cyclists.

"Bicycles have to obey the same traffic regulations as the motor vehicles," he said.

However, some cyclists on this campus are trying to have the best of two worlds, Powell said, by following a mixture of automobile and pedestrian rules, or no rules at all.

"It's what the people are accustomed to doing," Powell said.

Powell said the administration encourages people to ride bikes, and said most accidents are not serious, although he has heard of students losing teeth and breaking bones.

"I'm looking forward to getting into it," Powell said. "Hopefully the final results will make it livable for everybody."

Congress thanks Canada for rescue

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A grateful Congress has given its thanks to Canada for the daring escape from Iran and safe return home of six Americans who will use the privacy of the Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to have their first meeting with their loved ones.

Air Force Maj. Robert Groom base information officer said the six Americans arrived at Dover from West Germany Wednesday afternoon.

After an overnight stay at the base they will meet their families who came to Delaware for the reunion.

On Friday, the six will travel to Washington

and, at a news conference scheduled for 4 p.m. EST at the State Department, will tell the story of how they hid for nearly three months in the Canadian Embassy and used forged documents to escape.

The House and Senate approved resolutions Wednesday thanking the Canadian government for protecting the Americans and helping them escape.

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, who speaks from the floor only on special occasions, called the escape "an extraordinary act of courage and friendship."

"It was truly a humanitarian act and America will never forget it," O'Neill said.

Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., said the Senate resolution represents "a special thank you to our neighbors of the North. The decisions they made and the actions they took saved the lives of six Americans."

Canadian officials shrugged off statements by Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh that Canada "will pay" for the deception which he called a "flagrant violation of international law, a betrayal of Iran, and a brutal act of espionage."

The Americans conferred with State Department officials Wednesday night but spokesmen would give no other details. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said their seclusion was in part to protect them from "a ravaging horde of journalists."

Officials said the six were given physical checkups at Frankfurt West Germany after their weekend escape then flew to the United States.

The six are Mark J. Lijek, a consular officer, and his wife Cora Amburn Lijek, a consular assistant, both of Falls Church

Va.; Joseph D. Stafford, a consular officer, and his wife, Kathleen F. Stafford, a consular assistant, both of Crossville Tenn.; Henry Lee Schatz, an agricultural attache of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, and Robert G. Andres, a consular officer of Port Charlotte, Fla.

According to what some members of the group have told relatives in the United States, they sneaked out the back door of the U.S. Embassy shortly after the Nov. 4 takeover and made it safely to the Canadian Embassy.

There they were integrated into the Canadian diplomatic workforce while hiding from Iranian authorities. Apparently carrying forged Iranian visas and Canadian passports, they finally left Tehran last weekend. Canada then closed its embassy in Iran to avoid retribution.

Students on SSI grants still waiting

By LAURA RUTHERFORD
Campus Reporter

The 500 Texas A&M University students receiving the State Student Incentive Grant may not get the money next year. Texas will not be eligible for the grant unless Congress reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965 to accommodate the state's accreditation statute.

Dr. B. G. Johnson, assistant director for student financial aid, said Texas A&M receives about \$91,500 of the \$4.1 million granted to Texas by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Johnson said the grant must be matched by University funds, so Texas A&M uses the grant to supplement money that would already be going to the student. This increases available Texas A&M grant money by one-third, he said.

Texas State Student Incentive Grant money was impounded last summer because of a U.S. Office of Education ruling. Texas was not meeting the requirements of the Higher Education Act, under which the money is granted, the agency said.

A 1976 amendment to the act, effective in 1978, requires students attending any non-profit, post-secondary institution to be eligible for the grant. But Texas does not accredit all non-profit, post-secondary institutions. In Texas, those institutions not accredited do not receive State Student Incentive Grant money.

Texas received the grant money this year because of a technical amendment sponsored by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and signed by President Carter in October.

The amendment only released the money for 1979-80.

Dexanne Clohan, a spokesman for Bentsen, said Texas should receive the money after reauthorization. Clohan said Congress would probably just reword the technical amendment so that it will continue beyond 1980. She added Congress tries to protect state laws that exist before legislation. Clohan said Congress does not intend to take control over higher education away from the state.

Gold falls slightly, dollar up

United Press International
LONDON — The price of gold fell slightly and the dollar rallied today in light trading on world money markets.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Thursday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 1980 with 335 to follow.
The moon is full.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury and Venus.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aquarius.

American entertainers Eddie Cantor and Garry Moore were born on Jan. 31 — Cantor in 1892 and Moore in 1915.
On this date in history:

In 1950, President Harry Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1958, Explorer 1, the first U.S. earth satellite, was launched from the Cape Canaveral missile test center.

In 1961, Ham, a male chimpanzee, was rocketed into space in a test of the project Mercury capsule to carry an American astronaut into orbit.

In 1979, President Carter and Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Teng signed agreements to provide the framework for what the president called "a new and irreversible course" in Chinese-American relations.

A thought for the day: In a 1945 message to Congress on atomic energy, President Truman said, "The release of atomic energy constitutes a new force too revolutionary to consider in the framework of old ideas."

"With no fresh news gold remained quiet and cautious today," said a dealer for Johnson Matthey bullion brokers in London.

The price of an ounce of gold fell \$39 on the Hong Kong market overnight closing at \$681.

Gold also fell in London and Zurich opening on the London market at \$670 an ounce down from Wednesday's close of \$690 an ounce. It started the day in Zurich at \$677 an ounce down from \$695 an ounce.

By mid-morning gold fell to \$668 an ounce down \$22 from its overnight close. Meanwhile rumors apparently fueled the rise in the dollar on most money markets.

"The dollar scored a broad advance all around this morning following reports that Russia has a timetable for withdrawal from Afghanistan," said a dealer for Barclay's.

Hong Kong and London were the only markets where the dollar dropped. In Hong Kong, the dollar closed at 238.80 yen from 239.35 while the pound sterling was worth \$2.2685 at the opening on the London market after an overnight close of \$2.2620.

In Frankfurt the dollar opened at 1.7375 German marks from 1.7350 while in Zurich the opening of 1.6248 Swiss francs, compared with Wednesday's close of 1.6212.

The dollar was also up in Paris at 4.0645 francs from 4.0635 in Brussels, at 28.8050 Belgian francs from 28.7350 in Amsterdam, at 1.9185 from 1.9160, and in Milan at 807.40 Italian lire from 806.55.

Gold was traded at prices higher than \$700 an ounce in all exchanges Wednesday but dipped into the upper \$600 an ounce range by time of the close.

Pastorini

Quarterback denies requesting trade

United Press International
HOUSTON — Yes, Dan Pastorini is having problems with the Houston Oilers and certain provisions of his contract, but no, he does not want to be traded, the team said Wednesday.

Oilers spokesmen said Pastorini, 30, denied telling a reporter he had requested a trade after being told two weeks ago his \$300,000-a-year contract forbade him from engaging in "activities which may involve significant risk of personal injury."

The pro athlete, who drives racing boats, had sought recently to drive dragsters in the off-season.

In a statement released Wednesday afternoon the team did indicate, however,

that there were problems with the quarterback and that legal action might be taken to keep him from buying and racing a dragster.

"Last week," Oilers owner K. S. "Bud" Adams Jr. said, "head coach Bum Phillips had advised him (Pastorini) that he had instructed Oiler legal counsel" to inform an automobile dealer that employing Pastorini to "drive a high speed dragster in competition... would be a violation of his contract."

Phillips was out of town Wednesday and Pastorini's agent said the quarterback left town temporarily following the publication of the Houston Chronicle's Wednesday edition.

The newspaper reported that Pastorini wanted to renegotiate the final four seasons of his six-year contract or be traded to Denver, Oakland, San Francisco or Los Angeles.

"I love it here, but I want out," Pastorini

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was quoted as saying.

In two interviews with Houston radio reporters following publication of the story, Pastorini denied asking to be traded.

The quarterback told KPRC radio that the contract restriction against him driving dragsters was "not the problem."

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Regents foresee no worker firings

By DEBBIE NELSON
Campus Staff

Due to adjustment factors, the Texas A&M University System is at present "substantially in compliance" with Gov. William P. Clements' request to reduce employees by five percent, and will not fire employees due to the resolution, Chancellor Frank W. R. Hubert said Wednesday.

Although the board of regents resolved Tuesday to adopt a policy calling for a five percent reduction in university system employees by August 31, 1980, their resolution also called for adjustments for "changes in enrollment and research contracts" and "contractual obligations for research and teaching."

A statement released by Hubert stated, "In my view, the Texas A&M University Board of Regents took a positive and responsible position with reference to the Governor's request for a five percent reduction in the number of employees between Jan. 31, 1979 and Aug. 31, 1980."

Hubert said the University system is in substantial accordance with the program for efficient and effective management in state government based on ad-

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In the newspaper, however, he said the restriction was "not the problem but part of the problem." He also said he "failed to read" the stipulation.

Ladd Herczeg, senior vice president and chief administrative officer of the team, contacted Pastorini by phone Wednesday.

"Pastorini informed Herczeg that the newspaper story was untrue and he denied requesting that he be traded to another club," the Oilers said.

The quarterback confirmed to KTRH radio that he was having contract problems. "There is a contract dispute," he said, "but I haven't asked to be traded yet."