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A&M may increase price of traffic fines

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Violators of Texas A&M University traffic regulations might pay an additional \$5-10 for moving and parking offenses next semester.

The University Traffic Panel approved a motion calling for an increase in fines for moving violations from \$5 to \$10, and an increase in parking violation fines from \$10 to \$20. An additional fee for failing to pay within 10 days will remain at \$5. Before becoming policy, the motion

must be approved by Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services. Dan Parker, assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and chairman of the panel, said Koldus has informally said he will approve the proposal. The motion may also have to go through the Board of Regents, Parker said.

The idea of a penalty fee increase came up during the 19-member panel's annual amendment of the University motor vehicle regulations. It was passed with the approval of all but two of the panel's mem-

ber's. Those two were student representatives. Thomas Parsons, director of security and traffic for the University Police, abstained from the vote.

A new limit of four parking and two moving violations is also included in the new proposal. After the limit, recipients of violations face the possibility of having their permit revoked and may be prohibited from driving a vehicle on campus for the remainder of the year. The current limit is six offenses for a parking and four for moving.

Parker said there is still some discussion over the double-ticketing policy for cars without permits. The present proposal will do away with the policy but it could be amended if the proposal were to be approved.

Money from the increased fines will probably go toward parking lot construction and ground maintenance, Parker said.

All money taken in from tickets goes into the Parking Facilities Reserve Account. Forty percent of the police department's operating budget comes from the account.

A reduction in the number of violators will probably be the biggest benefit of the increased penalty fee, Parker said. "The current fees are obviously not a deterrent," he said.

Parker said he did not understand why there has been so much debate over the increased fees. The only people hurt by the increase will be the violators, he said.

Steve Hawrylak, a representative on the panel for the Residence Hall Association, said he looked at the proposal's long-run effects. He said he thought it would be to

the benefit of the students he represents, the on-campus residents.

If the increased revenue from tickets would go towards street and parking lot maintenance, Hawrylak said, both students and faculty will be better off. The increase could possibly help solve the bicycle problem by providing funds for more bike lanes and by discouraging motorists from parking in the lanes, he said.

Parker said a similar motion passed the panel last year but was not approved. There has not been an increase in traffic violation fines since 1973.

Dil reserve system can sustain U.S.

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department pumped 300,000 barrels of crude oil in its much-maligned strategic reserve yesterday to prove America can count on its stockpile in case of a major supply interruption.

Ruth Davis, an assistant energy secretary, told reporters the oil was pumped from underground reserve storage at West Hackberry, La., to a terminal 43 miles away in Nederland, Texas, at what would amount to a daily rate of 450,000 to 500,000 barrels.

She said the unscheduled test of reserve extraction was declared a success Thursday after 15 hours of sustained pumping. The agency's management of the strategic reserve was criticized last spring during a gasoline shortage when Congress learned that pumping capability did not exist to recover the imported crude that had been stockpiled in three underground repositories.

"The significance is that this was an unannounced drill — a testing of the withdrawal capacity," said Jim Griffin, an agency spokesman. "We wanted to make sure the system works and so far it has. No problem."

Fred Appel, the agency official dealing

directly with the reserve, called the test "surprisingly successful."

Since last September, the Energy Department has had capability to extract a bit more than 1 million barrels of oil a day from West Hackberry and the other two repositories at Bayou Choctaw, La., and Bryan Mound, Texas.

Prior to September, Griffin said, an interim pumping system hastily installed in June 1979 was capable of withdrawing reserve oil at a rate of 275,000 barrels a day.

Stockpiling of imported crude oil in the reserve has been stalled for political and economic reasons at 91.7 million barrels — although Congress had set a 1 billion barrel target when it ordered the reserve created in 1975.

The administration's fiscal 1981 budget earmarks money to begin raising reserve levels to 750 million barrels.

Griffin said two more potential underground repositories are being considered to handle the contemplated expansion. West Hackberry currently holds 29.5 million barrels of crude oil, with the rest stored at the other two sites.

The current reserve could meet America's oil needs for about three months in an emergency, provided oil imports did not fall by more than 1 million barrels.

Gas prices to rise 30 cents in year

WASHINGTON — Americans can expect a 30-cent jump in the price of gasoline and a 21-cent hike in home heating oil prices by this time next year, says a preliminary forecast prepared by Energy Department economists.

The 207-page draft study, obtained from the agency's Energy Information Administration this week, forecasts regular leaded gasoline selling for as much as \$1.52 a gallon and heating oil going for \$1.14 a gallon in the first quarter of 1981.

Current retail prices were estimated at 1.22 maximum for regular gas and 92.3 cents maximum for heating oil.

Despite record world crude oil stockpiles, a sluggish economy and conserva-

tion, the draft "Short-term Energy Outlook" said higher crude oil prices and larger gross margins for refiners and supply middlemen would continue to lift petroleum products prices.

The authors said they assumed recessionary conditions for 1980 even though the country's anticipated economic slump so far has failed to materialize.

The study projected that residential natural gas prices could rise to as much as \$4.19 per 1,000 cubic feet by 1981, up from a current maximum estimate of \$3.78.

Residential electric bills were projected to rise to 6.4 cents per kilowatt hour by April 1981. The study had estimated the current maximum price at 5.51 cents.

Sergeant files lawsuit against Houston police chief Caldwell

HOUSTON — A police sergeant has filed a \$40,000 lawsuit accusing the chief of violating his rights and depriving him of \$1,000-a-month in income from off-duty employment.

Sgt. D.D. Baker said in the federal court suit filed Thursday that Chief Harry Caldwell reinstated him after a brief suspension on the condition that he hold no off-duty work. Baker said off-duty jobs earned him about \$1,000 a month.

Baker was relieved of duty April 11, 1978 after the arrest of his friend, then assistant chief Carrol Lynn on extortion, obstruction

of justice and perjury charges. Baker was returned to duty Jan. 2, 1979.

Baker said a reinstatement letter from the chief showed Caldwell ordered Baker to duty in the prisoners' compound.

Caldwell also ordered Baker to operate no city vehicles, use no city telephones for personal business, handle no police files, spread no rumors, and not to leave his post for more than a 30 minutes at lunch, Baker said.

Baker further charged two performance rating reports by Caldwell unfairly lowered him and caused him "embarrassment and humiliation."

Class of 1980 will dedicate Twelfth Man statue Saturday

By MICHELLE MORREY

Campus Reporter

The origin of the Twelfth Man tradition at Texas A&M University will be celebrated Saturday morning when the Class of 1980 will dedicate its gift to the University.

A life-size statue of E. King Gill will be unveiled behind the Aggie Club building north of Kyle Field.

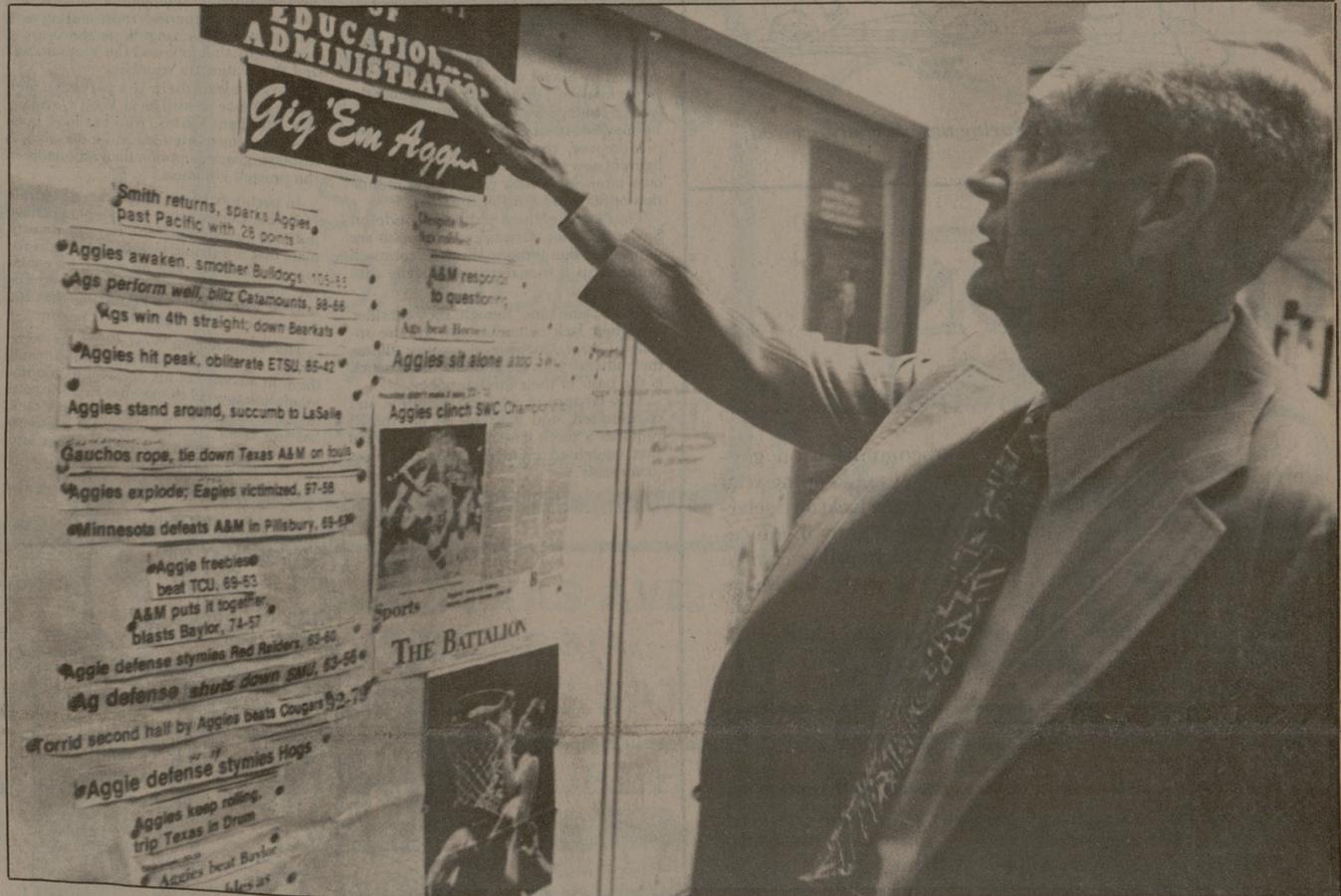
On Jan. 22, 1922, during a post-season game, Gill was called from the stands to help the football team, which was slowly defeating national champion Centre College. Gill was a football player during the regular season but had quit to join the basketball team. He never entered the game but when it was over, he was the only player standing along the sidelines. Since that time,

Aggies have stood at football games to symbolize their support for the team.

The Class of '80 gift committee wanted to donate a statue or a memorial symbolic of Aggie spirit. When Gill died during the summer of 1978, they decided a statue in his honor would be appropriate, said Paul Gulig, committee chairman.

Gulig said the project cost \$22,000. Money has been raised by selling T-shirts and having class balls, Mark Murphy, class president said.

The dedication will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Clyde H. Wells, chairman of the Board of Regents, and Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller will attend. Gill's niece, Mrs. C.D. Nichols, his closest surviving relative, will unveil the statue.



The Wall's wall

Dr. Paul Hensarling displays his collection of newspaper clippings from every Texas A&M basketball game this year. Hensarling, a professor emeritus in the College of Educational Administration, will be one of thousands of Texas A&M fans awaiting the outcome of the Southwest

Conference post-season tournament. The Aggies begin play tonight against Texas Tech. The winner goes to the finals for an opportunity to advance to the NCAA national tournament. More sports on pages 13 and 14.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

The age of butterfly power arrives on the SS Pussiewillow

WASHINGTON — The age of butterfly power will arrive at the National Air and Space Museum in March with the first public exhibition of a droll new astro-contraption named SS Pussiewillow II.

The handiwork of British inventor-sculptor Rowland Emmett, the unique machine has the distinction of not being billed as the answer to the world's energy problems.

It exists simply as a reminder of the time not too far gone when the entire concept of space exploration resided in the imagination.

Beyond that it does nothing but whirl, spin, flash, sway, twitch, quiver and play 18th century baroque music — ostensibly

from the thrust of a paddle wheel turned by large translucent Jupiter-rings," he said in well modulated tones.

Commissioned at a cost of \$58,000, the funds for which were privately raised, Pussiewillow II marks the first venture of the space museum, heretofore a rather down-to-earth establishment, into the realm of fantasy.

Once the exhibit has been formally opened early in March, it will be a permanent part of the collection of relics, artifacts, vehicles, mementoes and paraphernalia of flight.

At a preview, Emmett, a slight, tweedy, dignified Englishman with wispy white hair, undertook to explain how it works.

"This space ship is based on the flying carpet principle, only instead of soaring off at random, it is firmly suspended within a

large translucent Jupiter-ring," he said in well modulated tones.

"The Jupiter-ring, poised gracefully on three especially slowed down high-speed bicycle wheels, undulates in every known direction, at the same time spinning gently in a clockwise manner. This, of course, establishes false gravity."

The pilot's space suit has "helium-filled knee caps." A fireplace provides warm air updraft, "thus helping considerably to maintain altitude." And so on.

Emmett, who began his career as a cartoonist for the British magazine Punch, was a good friend of the late Rube Goldberg, the American genius whose fanciful pseudo-mechanical drawings added the term "goldbergian" to the language.

It is impossible for a mere layman to tell who influenced whom, if at all, but Goldberg's legions of admirers would feel right

at home gazing glassy-eyed at Pussiewillow II.

And so would movie-goers who admired "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Emmett designed all eight of the pookish thingamajigs seen in that 1968 film.

Altogether, it is 9 feet high, 18 feet long and 12 feet wide, including the oscillating vanity mirrors that "convert the sun's rays into puny but positive impulses."

Emmett said museum officials became absorbed with his work several years ago when he designed a "revolutionary moon-probe lunacy" named Maud.

"They borrowed it for six months, kept it two years and still didn't want to return it," he said. "When I insisted on having it back, nothing would do but have something similar of their own."

Pussiewillow II, for better or worse, is the end result.

CS City Council approves outdoor concert for June

By TIM JASEK

City Reporter

The College Station City Council Thursday approved an outdoor concert by the Houston Pops.

The event, scheduled for June 1, will be co-sponsored by the city and the Brazos Valley Arts Council, (BVAC).

Because the city has agreed to pay \$250 for advertising along with one-third of the \$8,500 total cost, BVAC will allow the council to decide on the concert site.

The BVAC suggested the concert be held at either Bee Creek or Oaks parks. The site will be decided at a later date.

The Houston Pops perform arrangements ranging from early 20th century American composers to current movements.

The Pops requested the event be non-profit and wished to encourage neighboring cities to patronize outdoor summer concerts by performing here.

The concert will be the first in a series to be presented every third week throughout the summer, according to the BVAC.

The council also agreed to install coin-operated timers for tennis court lights at Bee Creek and Oaks parks. The installation of a chain-link fence around the Thomas Park Pool was also passed unanimously.

A wrecker ordinance was passed requiring the posting of a sign or signs at parking facilities displaying the wrecker company's phone number.

The standard towing fee will be set by the city council following a public hearing to be held at a later date, the ordinance said.

In other action, the city council agreed to cancel 52 unpaid property tax accounts totaling \$943.

Tax Assessor-Collector Glenn Schroeder said the probability of collecting these taxes would be very slim for various reasons.

Denver suggested as site for international games

United Press International

DENVER — The city of Colorado Springs, which serves as the training center for the U.S. Olympic Committee, would be the perfect site for alternative games to the Moscow summer Olympics, state officials said.

In a proclamation sent Thursday to President Carter and Congress, Gov. Richard Lamm and Secretary of State Mary Estill Buchanan urged that the city be considered as a possible host for international competition this summer or fall.

The city has been used for a U.S. Sports Festival during non-Olympic years and the two officials said facilities for sporting events were readily available.

The proclamation urged that an alternative event be planned for American athletes who will not be competing in

the summer Olympic Games because of the president's decision to boycott the event to protest the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

The proclamation noted many outstanding young athletes had sacrificed their educational, financial and social goals for many years in order to compete as representatives of the United States at the Olympic games.

The proclamation said these American athletes "now will never know which among them are the world's best."

Because of the situation, it urged Carter and Congress "to create an alternate summer world athletic competition, perhaps in Colorado Springs in the shadow of Cheyenne Mountain, where the excellence of our spirit may be tested and proven once again in international competition."