

e me about Bicycles, bicycles everywhere ... this "Do not park" sign on the Sterling C. Evans Library seems to go unread. Library officials say that

is that I just Library-going bike riders People can Library-going bike riders tot parking as they should

Battalion Staff ople using the Sterling C. ans Library generally go there to - whether it's the magazines can't afford to buy, research for Perry's glass office wall, she said, and icial term paper or just for plea-

it seems these same people Bikes on Concourse," said Perry, head of the circulation

ese bikes clutter the concourse and often block the doorway,

is is a serious problem," Perry "and we'd like to encourage

people not to park on the concourse.
"When we evacuate the building it's very difficult to get people out and the firemen in Some bicyclists have even run into

often a row of bikes will fall and crash into the glass walls. There are bicycle racks on all sides

read before they enter the ing. Many students and staff are not being used.

Enforcing the no parking policy is

Enforcing the no parking policy is hard since many of the bikes are not registered, said Morris Maddox, University Police assistant chief. University police could hand out

tickets and impound bikes, but Maddox said they "don't want to go into the trucking business

Issuing tickets would be "a bunch

is not registered with the police, he said. "It is not compulsory to register bikes," Maddox explained. "Most students who register do it in case of

Maddox said the police are working on a master plan that would make bicycle registration mandatory and those not registered would be impounded. But he added, "They better build a big building when they do

An immediate solution for the library could be to station a police officer in the concourse area for awhile, and word would get around that he is there, Maddox said. But the plan's flaw, he added, is that as soon as the officer left, the bikes would be back.

Research seeks possible use for lignite coal fuel in engines

irce in a new way, Texas A&M ching the possible use of ligal in internal-combustion en-

We haven't really started exrimenting yet," said Dr. Jerald ton of the University's mechanical neering department. "We're e are unabl

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An advantage of using lignite inersity mechanical engineers are stead of gasoline is that the lignite can be used in a raw state. "There is

> Also, in the case of an emergency when gasoline supplies are short, the lignite fuel could be feasible replacement, Caton said.

But one disadvantage experienced by the researchers is that so far proas they had expected.

"So far, it's not a great saving,"

The potential problem of the coal dust clogging the intake system and fouling the engine must also be cons-

For Texas, the use of the lignite fuel could be a big advantage beless energy lost from processing the cause of the state's considerably fuel," Caton said. "The only cost in- large underground coal deposits, volved in preparing the lignite is the estimated at more than 10 billion

> The research, which is funded by the Center for Energy and Mineral Resources at Texas A&M, began in

Actual experimentation will begin cessing the fuel has not been as inex-pensive compared to using gasoline But he said at this point there is no way of telling when the use of lignite in internal-combustion engines will be fully developed.

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are are incorporated in a longrles R. O'B plan for Texas colleges and sities in the eighties, which will be proposed for adoption by the board in January.

The board is expected to hear testimony on the recommendations and other aspects of the plan from several representatives of the state's public The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 junior and senior colleges, as well as

If adequate revenue for higher education is not available in the future, the draft plan proposes several alternatives for spending cuts in specific areas as a means of preventing dilution of quality across the board. For example, lower funding rates for off-campus courses or merger of nearby institutions are suggested as preferable options.

Other recommendations include initiation of high school competency tests for graduation as a means of reducing state costs for remedial education, possible reduction of medical school enrollments and opposition to the establishment of any additional public senior colleges and universities.

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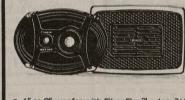
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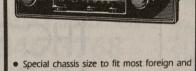
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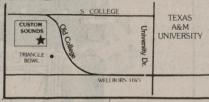


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