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Campus chimes help promote Yule spirit

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Stop. Listen. There's Christmas music in the air on campus. Instead of the usual hourly chimes ringing from the Memorial Student Center's bell tower, Christmas carols can be heard from noon until 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. every day. The carillon was donated by the Class of '81. The carillon is a set of bells in a tower played from a keyboard or by some other mechanism.

"They (the Class of '81) felt like students being caught up in the hustle and bustle of school life never really have time to think about Christmas, so they requested that it play Christmas carols during the last few weeks of the semester," James Randolph, associate director of the MSC, said. The carillon contains a Westminster chime, which plays every quarter hour and has the capacity to play 108 different musical selections.

Included in this repertoire are Christmas carols, patriotic selections, religious hymns and traditional Aggie songs. The carillon works like an old player piano; the songs come on scrolls, and when the scrolls are rotated, the player arm plays the selected songs. In addition, it has an automatic timer to turn it on and off. The carillon cost \$11,561, including the scrolls.



Staff photo by Daniel Sanders

The dorm life?

Mark Smith, right, a freshman accounting major from Houston, and Lester Lehreman, a freshman industrial distribution major from Houston, do some friendly boxing in Walton Hall.

New buses to roll next fall

By JOHN BRAMBLETT
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The Texas A&M Department of Business Services has chosen the Texas Bus by Thomas Built Buses Inc. for the University's shuttle bus service, which will become operational in the fall of 1982. In July, the Texas A&M Board of Regents decided to implement a University-operated service to improve the service currently provided by Transportation Enterprises Inc. The board appropriated \$1.4 million for purchasing buses, but the cost has since risen to \$1.6 million. At its Nov. 23 meeting, the board appropriated an extra \$225,000 to cover bids higher than expected, said Jim Ferguson, University manager of administrative services for business services. The business services office has purchased 33 buses, which will carry 44-48 adult passengers, and 10 small 24-passenger buses, which will be used for intracampus service. The buses are powered by Cummins V-8 diesel engines in

the rear. They look like a cross between a school bus without the nose, and a transit bus. "We only added three options — an air-operated two-piece door, a destination sign and a roof-lined ventilation system," Ferguson said. The large buses will not be air-conditioned, he said, because it costs an additional \$14,300 per bus. Ferguson said the small buses may eventually be air-conditioned if funds are available. The price of a large bus has increased from an estimated \$41,000 to between \$46,000 and \$47,000. Due to this increase, the business services office had to discard the idea of buying one or two additional buses that would be air-conditioned, Ferguson said. The additional buses would have been used for such events as special field trips and for transporting University groups, he said. The money allocated by the regents for the purchase of the buses is from existing auxiliary enterprise funds, a basically self-sustaining fund, Ferguson said.

Funds from user fees, student service fees and book store revenue funds will be used to keep

the buses running, he said. "We are still standing by our plan not to raise user fees," he added.

Gag order issued in drowning case

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SAN MARCOS — A Hays County judge has ordered the attorneys of three Limestone County police officers not to discuss publicly the case involving the drowning deaths of three teenagers in Mexia June 19. Judge John Jackson issued the order Wednesday after he postponed a pre-trial hearing until Jan. 7 because a new defense lawyer has been hired by one of the officers. Limestone County deputy attorney Genney Elliott, 23, county probation officer David Drummond, 32,

and reserve deputy Kenneth Archie, 23, are charged with criminally negligent homicide. They were transporting three handcuffed black youths across Lake Mexia during a Juneteenth celebration after they had arrested the teenagers for possessing marijuana. The three who drowned were Anthony Dwight Freeman, 18, Carl Baker, 19, both of Mexia, and Steve Booker, 19, of Dallas. The trial was moved from Groesbeck to San Marcos on a change of venue.



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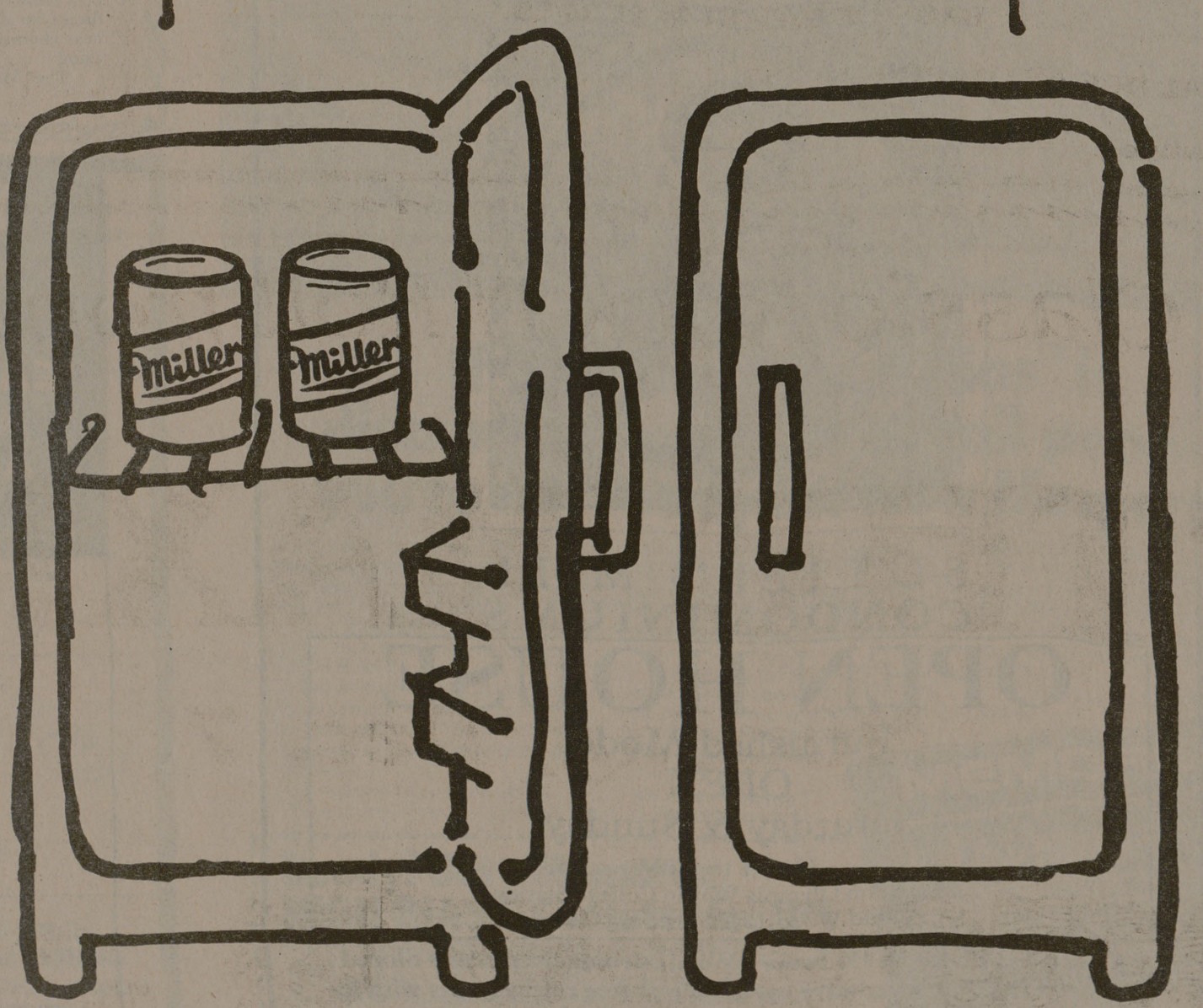
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