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Bicycle traffic to be restricted

by Michelle Powe

Battalion Reporter
Bicycle riders should take notice: about two months from now riding bikes on Texas Avenue and on Harvey Road could result in a \$37.50 fine.

During a College Station City Council meeting Thursday night, John Black, a traffic engineer for College Station, said bicycle traffic will be prohibited on parts of Texas Avenue and Harvey Road. Bicycle traffic will not be allowed on Texas Avenue, from University Drive to Holleman Drive, and on Harvey Road, from University Drive to West Frontage Road.

Bike riders will be allowed to cross these roads, but will no longer be allowed to ride with the traffic, Black said.

The city plans to put up signs in about three weeks which will indicate where bicycle riding is not allowed, Black said.

After the signs all placed, Black said, there will be a five-day grace period in which police

will give warnings to violaters. After 30 days, he said, there will be a \$37.50 fine — for a moving violation.

Black said that although people may think this fine is excessive, it is about the same as the fine given for the same violation in Austin. He said \$37.50 is the minimum fine for a moving violation.

Black also discussed with council members the possibility of changing school zone hours. The current school zone hours, when drivers must drive at 20 mph, are from 7-9 a.m. and from 1:45-4 p.m. Black said that all four schools in College Station are in session by 8:30 a.m. and are finished by 3:00 p.m. He suggested, therefore, that the current regulated hours be shortened.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Gary Halter proclaimed April 10-11 as days of remembrance for the Holocaust — the systematic murder of over six million Jews in Nazi Germany before and during World War II.

New intramurals complex planned

by Ruth Wedergren
Battalion Reporter

Construction of a new intramural complex planned for fiscal year 1985 could begin this fall, Dr. Charles McCandless, chairman of Texas A&M's master planning committee, said Tuesday.

The intramural complex is only one project in the University's continuing five-year master plan which is updated each year by the master planning committee. The committee recommends facility construction and renovation to the University president.

McCandless, associate provost for academic affairs, said there are several stages the project must go through before work actually begins. A description of what will be done, a preliminary design and then a detailed design must all be approved by the Texas A&M Board of Regents, he said.

Dr. John Koldus, committee member and vice president for student services, said the project is in the early stages, with the initial paperwork underway.

Koldus said the new complex will be west and south of the Penberthy Intramural Complex across Beef Cattle Road. It will be about the same size as Penberthy. The cost of the new com-

plex was estimated at \$1.5 million when the proposal was put together several years ago.

Intramurals Director Dennis Corrington said, "It's a godsend. We've been playing at maximum capacity, sometimes playing until midnight and on Sundays, which aren't good times."

Gen. Wesley Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said a horse barn on the site will be torn down and a new one built behind the existing horse center on Jersey Street.

Construction of the field probably will be done by a contracted company and the grounds maintenance department, Peel said.

Corrington said the new field will have a drainage system similar to that of the football practice field and better drainage than Penberthy currently has.

Drainage repairs to the Penberthy field are not currently in the master plan, but Eugene Ray, director of the Grounds Maintenance Department, said they are badly needed.

"Frankly, I'm amazed it's held up as long as it has," he said.

Local soil, heavy use and sodium in the water has lead to surface compaction, causing poor drainage, Ray said.

"We need a soil that doesn't

lend itself to compaction," he said. A turf like that on the practice field would be best.

Corrington said, "Penberthy has a real drainage problem. Sometimes we have to wait three or four days after it rains to play."

"The University of Texas fields have similar drainage as the Kyle practice field, and they say they can play 30 minutes after it rains. That's what we're looking for."

Koldus said there are two possibilities for repair.

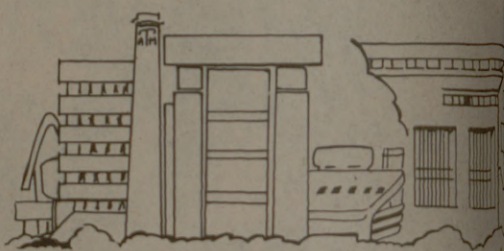
"A quick fix would cost about \$85,000, but we don't know how long it would last," he said. "We wouldn't want to keep replacing the field every few years."

He said a major repair, making the drainage similar to that of the practice field, would cost about \$227,000.

"The problem is it would take about a year for the major fix," he said. "We'll probably wait until the new complex is finished so there will be a place to play, then work on Penberthy."

Corrington said, "When the time comes, we'll push for the expensive job."

Ray said, "To really do it right, we need a thorough repair. The time has come in this country to treat athletic fields like they do in Europe — with long-term investment."



Around town

Toastmasters to hold speech contests

The Toastmasters International area spring speech evaluation contests will be held Saturday at the Inn in College Station. Clubs from College Station, Houston, Humble and The Woodlands will have pants in the contests.

For information on the area contests and communications development programs contact at 846-7439 or 845-4036 in College Station.

Election officers' school to be held

A School of Instruction has been announced for holding the April 2 election for Places No. 1, No. 2, 5 on the College Station City Council, and Places No. 1 and No. 5 on the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The school will be held at 5 p.m. on March 29 in Council Room, College Station City Hall, 1101 South Avenue, in College Station. Presiding judges, judges and clerks will receive instruction on conducting an election.

All interested members of the public are invited. For additional information contact Mary Lynne Galbreath, Assistant Board Secretary, CSISD, at 696-8893.

Police to hold bicycle safety day

Bryan's Recreation Division and Police Department are co-sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Day at Burton Creek Park Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

Burton Creek Park is located on Sharon Drive and Henderson School.

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. bicycles may be officially inspected by the Bryan Police Department for a fee of \$3. From 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. bicycle safety instruction will be given by a Bryan policeman.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for a column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reservoir or contact Tracey Taylor at 845-2665.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department for March 23:
HARRASSMENT:
• Several calls made to a resi-

dent of Legett Hall.
VIOLATION:
• A fictitious dorm sticker found on a Moses Hall parking lot.

UH worker fined for taking bribes

United Press International
HOUSTON — One of two University of Houston registration office employees accused of offering to alter student records in return for money has been placed on probation and fined \$400.

Charisse McBride, 26, of Missouri City, pleaded no contest to the charge of bribery Wednesday and was sentenced to three years probation.

Last January, an undercover security officer posing as a student contacted McBride, and she offered to alter his records

to show he was a Texas resident, which would have cost less a semester than the actual cost. "The most serious part of the bond was the fine," he said.

The undercover officer reported that McBride offered to change records for \$30, authorities said.

McBride's code name was Sheila Dupar, 21, a student on similar charges.

Officials said it's possible some students paid to have their records changed, but minimal charges refer to student.

Today's almanac

United Press International
Today is Friday, March 25, the 84th day of 1983 with 281 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its full phase.

The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus and Mars.

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

Italian symphony conductor Arturo Toscanini was born on this date in 1867, as was composer Bela Bartok, in 1881 and film director David Lean, in 1908.

On this date in history:
In 1911, 147 people died when they were trapped by a fire

that swept a dressmaking factory in New York City.

In 1947, a mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., resulted in the deaths of 111 men, most of whom were asphyxiated by fumes.

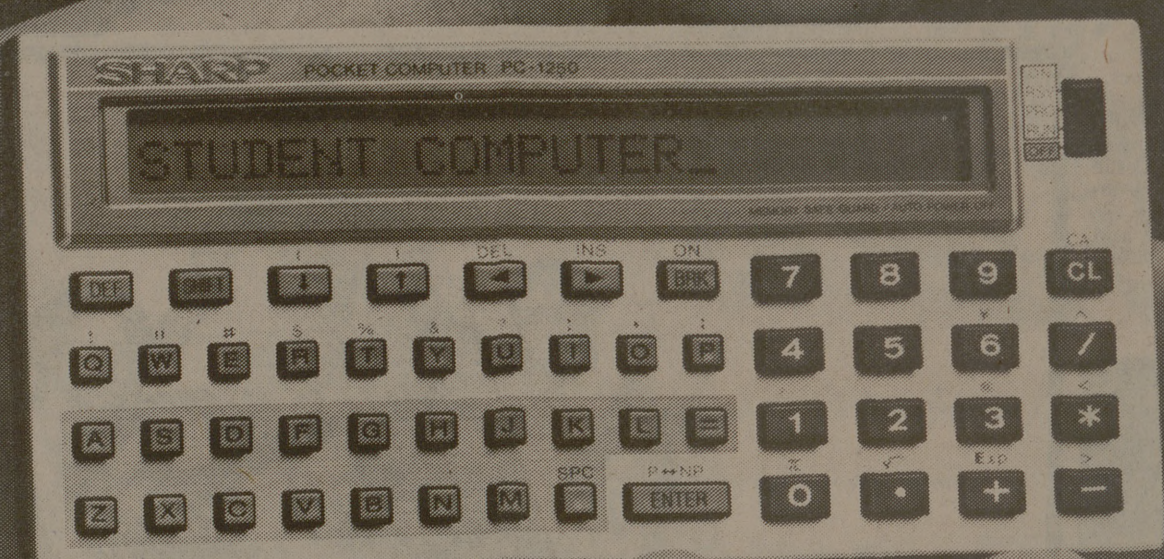
In 1954, the Radio City Music Hall production of television to receive programs in the area.

In 1975, King Faisal bin Abdulaziz was shot in the head by a deranged nephew in Riyadh.

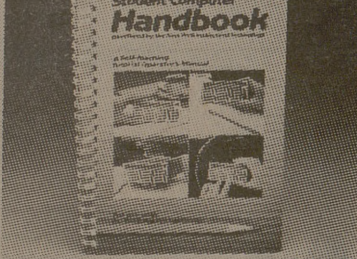
A thought for the day: The American writer and critic Gertrude Stein defined "lawyer" as a machine which you go to and come out as a pig.

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