

# Easterwood improvements, problems subject of meeting

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A faster, more comfortable airplane with a capacity of 48 passengers will be available for service at Easterwood Airport. The deHaviland Dash 7, which is owned by Rio airlines, will be making its first run April 15 from Easterwood to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

In order to service a plane with a capacity of more than 30 passengers, special equipment was needed to comply with safety standards of the Federal Aviation Administration. The new equipment is for crash fire and rescue protection. Until proper funding is available for Easterwood to buy its own equipment, certain pieces of rescue equipment will be borrowed from larger airports so that the service can get underway.

Other proposed improve-

ments to Easterwood include the installation of taxi-lights, a new sealing coat on the runway, an expanded parking area and new directional signs, to help guide the pilots to the runway. Presently, the only real problem at Easterwood is the limited ramp space available at the airport.

In a meeting of the Texas Aeronautical Facilities Plan (TAFC), the needs for further airport development and state funding for airport improvements in seven counties were discussed. The counties included Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties.

Dana Ryan, airport development specialist, conducted the meeting which was attended by representatives and elected officials of the counties, airport board members and managers and other local citizens with an

interest in the subject.

The future population growth of the counties, as predicted by the Texas Department

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of Water Resources, was discussed along with need for further development of the individual airports.

Most communities are eligible to receive state or federal fund-

ing for airport development but very few receive funding because of limited funds available, Ryan said. The funding that is given is to be used for preserving and bringing up standards of the airport for regular users. Currently, there are no funds available to construct new airport facilities.

Because of the limited resources available, many facilities are deteriorating. Right now, one-third of community airports do not meet dimensional standards of the Texas Aeronautics Commission.

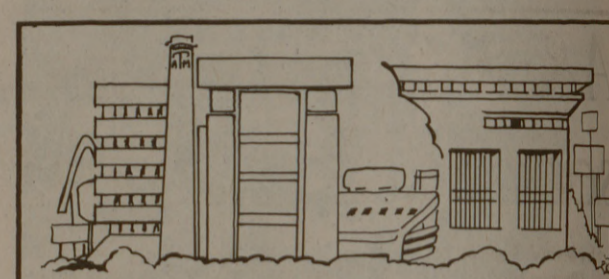
Individual needs of the counties were discussed, starting with Brazos county. Coulter Field, in Bryan, was the target of the discussion. Since 1979, Coulter has had a single-paved runway. The proposal of a new runway, along with a recommendation of a

taxi-service for the new runway, were requested of the TAFC.

Local citizens argued that the oil business, which is located across the street from Coulter, and the growth in population of Bryan should be used as factors in determining state funding for renovations of the airport.

However, Ryan said that the limited funds available would probably not be used for such a project. Because of the close proximity of Easterwood Airport to Coulter Field, most of the improvements would be made to Easterwood since it is already equipped with a control tower and more sophisticated equipment.

Ryan said the direct impact of the economy on air travel is hard to measure, but as the economy improves, so will the amount of air traffic.



## Around town

### Meeting to discuss Outward Bound

The MSC Outdoor Recreation Committee will meet to discuss Outward Bound's Western Wilderness Program at 7 p.m. April 5 in Room 501 Rudder.

### Five kilometer run set for Saturday

Psi Chi is sponsoring a five kilometer run at 10 a.m. Saturday that will begin in front of the Academic Building. Entrance fee is \$6, and registration applications will be accepted until 9:45 a.m. the day of the race.

Participants can compete in one of four divisions: men and women's divisions for 34 years and under and men's and women's divisions for 35 years and older.

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

# Parents' midnight yell cancelled

by Connie Edelson  
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The first Parents' Weekend midnight yell practice was to be held this year, but problems have arisen and the event was cancelled before it ever was scheduled.

The student government committee on continuing programs — which handles Muster, Parents' Weekend, and blood drive — conceived the idea to

have the yell practice earlier this semester.

Wally Brewster, chairman of the Parents' Weekend committee, said he wanted to have the yell practice April 15, to show parents one of the more memorable traditions here at Texas A&M.

"Parents' day is here to show our parents Texas A&M and the things we do," he said.

Midnight yell practice is

something most parents hear about but don't usually see, he said. The yell practice also was to have been a prelude to the alumni football game, which will begin at 2 p.m., April 16.

Brewster said his committee talked with coordinators of the alumni game, members of the administration and students and received favorable reactions to the yell practice.

Since the event would start before the end of Residence Hall Association's Casino — which usually doesn't end until after midnight — the committee also contacted RHA.

Brewster said RHA had heard about the yell practice and had planned to close early for the event.

However, when the committee approached Tom Joseph, head yell leader, he opposed the idea, citing the imposition on the Aggie Band as his main reason for not wanting the event to take place.

Joseph said in an interview

Wednesday that he felt there already were enough activities planned for Parents' Weekend and that the band would be involved in many of them.

He listed the Elephant Bowl (a football game between seniors in the corps), MSC Talent Show and RHA's Casino as some of the activities band members either would be involved with or attending April 15.

Joseph also said the band would have to be at the alumni game. He said students have the choice of going to the game at all or leaving early, but band members and yell leaders have to stay for the whole game. The band also would be busy all day Sunday with the Corps review.

"Sometimes it's easy for students to want the band and yell leaders here, then there," he said. "It's easy to ask a little too much."

Joseph also said the element of time involved in planning and preparing for the yell practice is also a problem. Yell leaders,

Corps juniors who guard the band and band members would have to leave other activities at 11:20 p.m. or earlier.

When confronted with that reason, Brewster said he told Joseph that it was unnecessary for the band to march all the way from Duncan Dining Hall but just to be in Kyle Field by midnight.

However, Joseph said Wednesday, "I don't want to do something halfway."

After talking to Joseph, Brewster said his committee talked to yell leader advisor, Donnie Albrecht; junior yell leaders, T.K. Kronshage and Jeff Crofton; and a representative from the band.

Crofton and Kronshage were contacted because if elected to their yell leader positions again, one of them probably would be announced as head yell leader over the weekend and would be in charge of the yell practice, Brewster said. The new yell leaders were to have led the midnight yell practice.

Crofton, Kronshage and Albrecht foresaw no problems with the event, Brewster said, but the committee had to print a schedule for the weekend. They still had no approval from Joseph or Col. Joe T. Haney, band director, so they decided to drop the idea. Brewster said he didn't want to stir up problems and possibly damage the weekend.

Joseph said he understands the desires of students and former students to have the yell practice but said too much would be happening over the weekend.

"This has been a real good year," Joseph said. He added that he hoped the omission of yell practice on Parents' Weekend wouldn't spoil the year saying, "I hope it will go out on a good note."

Brewster said he hoped — even though midnight yell practice wouldn't be held — many students would invite their parents for the weekend, because there were more activities for students and parents to enjoy.

## Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department for March 30.

- THEFT:**
- A gold 10-speed, from the Zachry Center bike rack.
  - A blue 10-speed Huffy, from Mosher Hall.
  - A red Nike racquetball bag, from DeWare Field House.

• A wallet containing a Texas A&M ID card and several credit cards, from Dorm 1.

**RECOVERY:**

- Of stereo equipment valued at approximately \$1,460. The equipment was taken from the residence of Walton Hall March 29.
- A suspect was apprehended. No charges were filed.

## Now you know

United Press International OXFORD, England — Michael Cox, proud owner of 214-year-old Swinton Bridge in Oxfordshire, is adamant. He wants a 400 percent toll hike and never mind the government's fight against inflation.

He told a hearing Tuesday he wants 10 pence for cars, 15

pence for heavier vehicles and 5 pence for motorcycles. In American currency, that converts to 5½, 8¼ and 2¼ cents, respectively.

After all, he told a Department of Transport inspector, the fee has been unchanged at 2 pence — a penny — since the bridge was completed in 1769.

Joseph said in an interview

# CS polls open this Saturday

by Kathy Wiesepape  
Battalion Staff

Elections for the College Station City Council and the College Station Board of Trustees will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Saturday. Citizens will vote to fill places 3, 4, and 5 on the Board of Trustees and places 1, 3, and 5 on the city council.

Candidates for the Board of Trustees are:

- Place 3 — Deanna R. Wormuth and David Morris.
- Place 4 — Mike Fleming and Bart Munro.
- Place 5 — John C. Reagor, unopposed.

Candidates for City Council are:

- Place 1 — Alvin H. Prause and Steve Parker.
- Place 3 — Vicky H.Reinke and James Behling.
- Place 5 — Gary L. Anderson and James R. Gardner.

The contest this year has been relatively quiet, said Mary Lynne Galloway, assistant board secretary and election official. Improvement of the school district's building program and curriculum were the main issues discussed during the campaigns.

Absentee voting has been especially heavy this year. Galloway said the number of absentee ballots submitted is triple the number submitted in last year's election.

Galloway is not optimistic ab-

out Saturday's turnout, however.

"Considering that it's a weekend, we're really expecting a light turnout," she said.

Volunteers will operate polls in College Station:

- Precincts 2 and 29 vote at Wellborn Water Services Building.
- Precinct 8 votes at S. Knoll Elementary School.
- Precinct 9 votes at the College Station Community Center.
- Precinct 10 votes at the College Station Police Station.
- Precinct 24 votes at Gulf Hills Elementary School.
- Precinct 28 votes at the Creek Community Center.
- Precinct 31 votes at Consolidated High School.
- Precinct 32 votes at College Station Fire Station #2.
- Precinct 34 votes at the Central Fire Station.
- Precincts 35, 20, and which includes the Texas Campus, vote at the Collection Municipal Building Church Avenue.
- Precinct 33 votes at the Coln Center off Holleman Drive. Since Holleman Drive is currently under construction, voters should take Fairview, which runs north and south between Jersey and Holman streets. Voter signs will be placed along the route from view Street to Lincoln Center.

Precinct 28 votes at the Creek Community Center.

Precinct 31 votes at Consolidated High School.

Precinct 32 votes at College Station Fire Station #2.

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# 'No Exit' explores hell, existentialism

by Angel Stokes  
Battalion Staff

"Hell is other people," could be the theme of "No Exit," a play by Jean-Paul Sartre presented Thursday. The theme also could be "hell is an agony of mind."

Its real theme, however, is existentialism. Existentialism is the belief that each man exists as an individual in a purposeless universe, and, through the exercise of his free will, must oppose his environment.

The device used to express existentialism is three people, one man and two women, who have been damned to hell.

Each person arrives in hell expecting torture to await him, but there is none. The only torture is what they do to one another verbally and emotionally.

The three are destined to spend eternity in a drawing room that contains three couches and a bronze statue. It is never dark, and they never can sleep.

Garcin, played by Stewart Gallas, is a journalist from Rio. Afraid of a trap, he only wants to

be left alone with his thoughts. He doesn't want any communication with the others.

Inez, played by Tara McMott, is the only person afraid to admit the chances of being in hell. A lesbian, she wants to know what others are in hell.

Estelle, played by Patricia Lamo, prefers to be called an absentee. She first claims she has done nothing wrong, finally admits she not only killed her baby, but caused a man to kill himself because of her.

The valet, played by Kuykendall, leads them through the depth of the story, stand in the beginning, but each character expanded true personality, the meaning became clear.

The play has limitations because of the complexity of topic and the need for audience familiarity.

Presented by the Texas Pre-Theological Society, the play will be presented at tonight and Saturday night in Room 501 Rudder.