

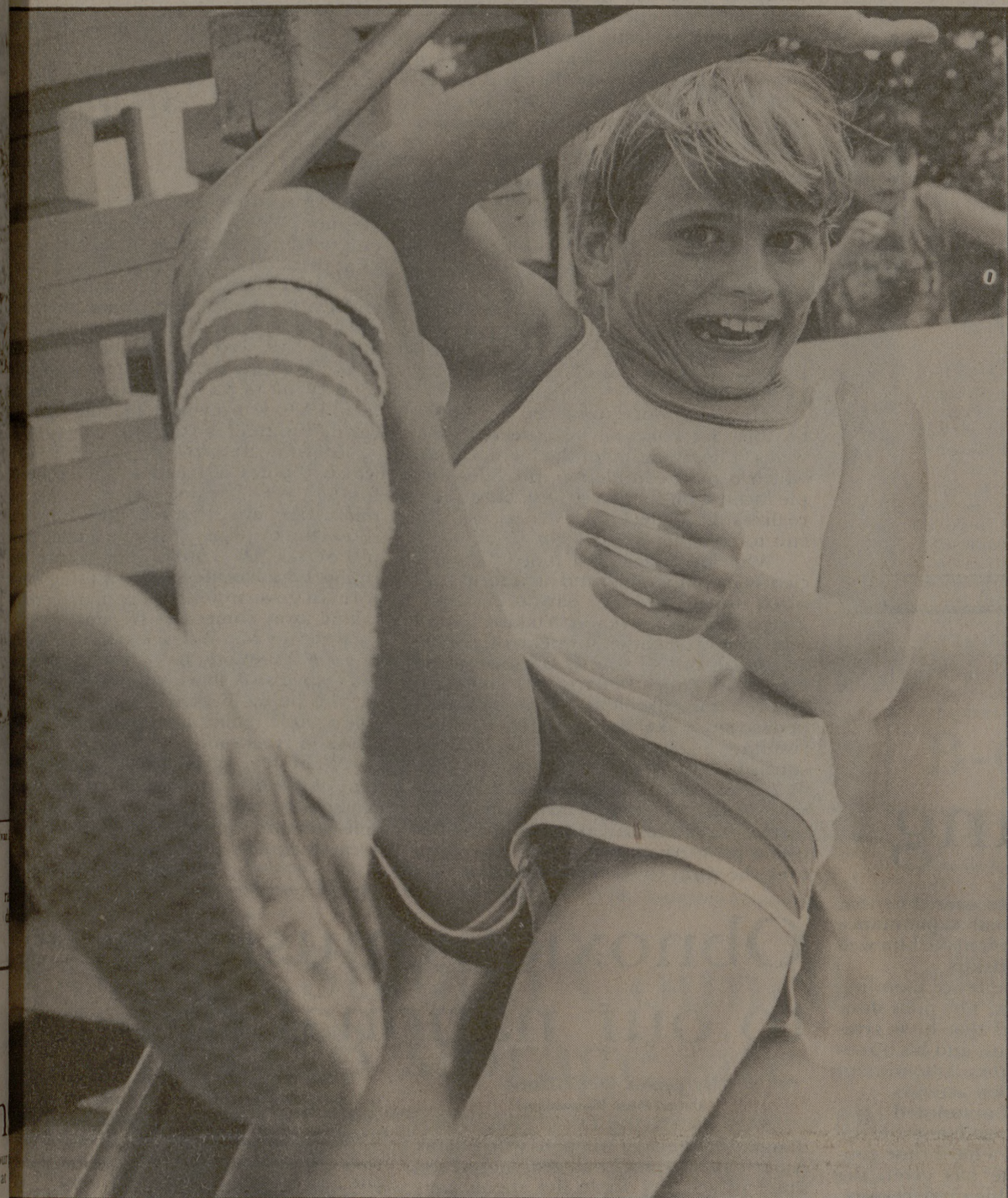
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Ready or not!

staff photo by Brenda Davidson

Doug Johnson, 11, of College Station Park. He didn't seem to mind the heat works off a little excess energy Monday that kept many other people in the on playground equipment at Bee Creek swimming pool.

## Traffic panel considers limiting parking access

by Tim Widdison  
Battalion Reporter

Front windows of most cars parked on campus may someday be as cluttered with parking stickers as rear windows are now.

The possibility of requiring parking stickers on front windows instead of rear windows is included in a study of the parking and traffic situation on campus. The consulting firm, Barton Aschman and Associates was hired late last year to conduct the study.

At one time, the firm considered restricting parking on campus, Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic, said Thursday.

Wiatt serves as a representative on an ad hoc committee of Texas A&M

administrators appointed by Dr. Charles McCandless, associate provost for academic affairs. The committee, appointed last year to study parking and traffic flow, includes representatives from each area of the University to be effected by the study.

In a preliminary report to the ad hoc committee in June, Barton Aschman and Associates recommended a two-fold approach to the problem, Traffic Panel Chairman Larry Dooley said. The firm proposed limiting access to campus and providing lot attendants for each parking lot to insure limited access, Dooley said.

Under such a system, parking stickers would need to be on front windows so lot attendants could see them

before cars drive past, he said.

However, a decision was made in March to postpone any changes in sticker placement until the consulting firm has reviewed recommendations and made its final report, he said.

Dr. Charles Pinnell, associate deputy chancellor and chairman of the ad hoc committee, said the study should be completed in August or September.

Cooley said that probably no action will be taken on the study until the October meeting of the Board of Regents.

Dooley said if the study is approved, parking stickers will not be transferred to front windows any sooner than fall 1984.

## Expulsion of errant congressmen called for

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., blasting two colleagues for "preying upon schoolchildren," says they ought to be expelled from the House of Representatives for having sex with two congressional pages.

Gingrich had particularly harsh words for Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., saying in a speech on the House floor Monday that Studds

showed no remorse. The Georgia conservative noted that Rep. Daniel Crane, R-Ill., apologized to his family and constituents but said he ought to be expelled anyway.

"Both men abused power," Gingrich said. "In this setting, the ethics committee's proposals for reprimand are a sad joke."

A reprimand entails no loss of privileges or standing, amounting to a figurative slap on the wrist. A vote on

the ethics committee recommendation for a reprimand may come Thursday.

The congressmen's affairs were revealed by the ethics committee last week after a year-long investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct on Capitol Hill. Studds had a homosexual liaison with a 17-year-old male page in 1973 and made sexual advances toward two others. Crane had sex with a 17-year-old female page three years ago.

## Kissinger 'not trusted'

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Henry Kissinger, President Reagan's choice to head the special commission on U.S. policy toward Central America, is getting praise from a congressional leader, but stinging criticism from both conservatives and liberals.

Saying the former secretary of state is "virtually a legend" in foreign affairs, Reagan announced Monday in a speech to the International Long-

shoremen's Association convention in Hollywood, Fla., that he will establish the nine-member advisory panel with Kissinger as its chief.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters Kissinger was selected to head it as someone "who has strong credibility in foreign policy," and added, "I don't think anyone can quarrel with that."

But quarrel they did.

"It would be difficult to find a spokesman less trusted by conservatives and liberals alike," said Richard Viguerie, publisher of the Conservative Digest, who called a news conference following the announcement.

Kissinger "was this nation's No. 1 foreign policy official when U.S. foreign policy virtually collapsed, leading to the loss of Angola, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia," Viguerie said.

## Student evaluations discussed at teaching conference

by Robert McGlohon

Battalion Staff

Faculty Evaluation — The Great Debate, one of several topics covered Monday during the first day of a two-day inquiry into quality teaching, might better have been titled "Student Evaluations — The Great Debate."

The inquiry is sponsored by the College of Education, the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. It is being held in 701 Rudder Tower, and will conclude today at 1:30 p.m. with a roundtable evaluation forum.

While it began as a discussion of instructor evaluation in general, Monday's panel inquiry soon turned into a lively exchange about student evaluations in particular.

Panel member Glenn Ross Johnson said the switch was understandable in that student questionnaires, while they might not be the most comprehensive of evaluation tools, are the most talked about as well as the easiest to administer.

Johnson, director of the Texas A&M Center For Teaching Excellence, opened the inquiry with a paper on "the state of the art" of faculty

evaluation before joining what was called "a reactor panel" by moderator Gary Conti.

In his opening presentation, Johnson first defined faculty evaluation.

It is, he said, "the process by which we determine how well a professor is accomplishing the objectives or goals established for his role at the university."

The purpose of faculty evaluation is fourfold, Johnson said.

First, it is used for administrative purposes such as determining promotions, pay raises, dismissals and tenure.

Second, it is used for documentation purposes. Administrators can turn to faculty evaluations to justify decisions about promotions, firing and tenure, while an instructor can turn to those same evaluations to appeal administrative decisions.

Third, evaluations can be used for diagnostic purposes. An overall evaluation of the faculty in a department may lead to some special in-service training for faculty development.

And finally, evaluations can be used for instructional purposes. An instructor can look at his evaluations

for clues on how to improve his teaching.

Johnson listed a number of procedures available for faculty evaluations: checklists, surveys, personal interviews, self-reports, publications and observation systems, among others. But the panel immediately focused upon student questionnaires and never left that topic.

Dr. Kenneth E. Eble, former director of the Project to Improve College Teaching, was the first panel member to address student evaluations.

"Student evaluation has been

steadily gaining ground," Eble said. "I have to be pleased."

Twenty years ago, Eble said, faculty members, as a rule, were rather "entrenched" in their opposition to student evaluations. But today, he said, more than two thirds of all the colleges and universities use student evaluations of one form or another.

Eble warned, however, that student questionnaires should not be used indiscriminately.

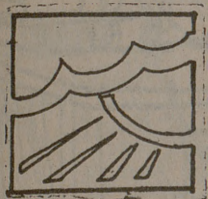
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## Correction

An error was printed Thursday in an article about the growth of the Permanent University Fund. The article stated that the value of the PUF had increased 27.6 percent since the end of the fiscal year 1981. The year 1981 was incorrect. The 27.6 percent increase in the value of the PUF was since the end of fiscal year 1982.

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## forecast

Partly cloudy skies with a 25 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms through Wednesday. Southeasterly winds of 10 to 15 mph. The high today and Wednesday near 91. The low tonight near 65.

## Bell increase not to affect this area

by Rusty Roberts

Battalion Reporter

Southwestern Bell's proposed rate increase of \$1.7 million will not affect General Telephone and Electric customers in the Bryan-College Station area, says a local GTE official.

John Wallace, public affairs manager for GTE's Bryan office, said Wednesday that only those customers serviced by Bell will be affected by the rate increase if it is passed by the Public Utilities Commission in October. The nearest major Bell service areas are Houston and Dallas.

"As for our local customers," Wallace said, "the only way their rates will be affected will be if we decide to file for another rate increase."

GTE received an increase of more than \$83 million in February. Wallace said there are no immediate plans for submitting further rate increase requests.

Wallace said the \$83 million rate increase made up for lost revenue caused by the deregulation of long distance services. Before deregulation, long distance rates were held artificially high, while local rates were held artificially low. However, after deregulation, rate requests were submitted and local rates rose, he said.

Wallace said the primary reason for Bell's requested rate increase is to compensate for lost revenues.

When Bell split from American Telephone and Telegraph earlier this year, he said, it lost most of its long distance servicing area. As a result, local subsidies from long distance revenues also were forfeited.

Gene Thacker, community relations manager for Bell, said that Bell's rate request, if approved, will regain those lost revenues and help balance Bell's income and expenditures.

"We are simply asking our customers to make up for the lost revenue by shouldering the new rate increase," Wallace said. "If we can get the proposal passed, local residents' new rates will cover for the long distance revenues lost to AT&T."



Target practice

photo by Paul Koska

Texas A&M Target Archers Liz Mullen, Elaine Christensen, Michael Beck and Scott Kubasta practice their shooting Saturday while John Mullen spots for the

group. The practice session, held at the field next to Zachry parking lot, resulted when archers from the University of Texas failed to show for a weekend meet.