

Data Processing Center cuts rates

by Gabriel Elliott

Battalion Reporter
Beginning Sept. 1, the Data Processing Center will reduce rates charged for use of the standard Central Processing Unit WYLBUR terminals and disk storage facility.

William C. Lafield, interim director of the DPC, announced the new rates in a memorandum

published earlier this month. Students and researchers, Lafield said, will benefit most from the new rates.

The DPC now charges 38 cents per hour for a first shift CPU usage, 20 cents per hour for second shift and 55 cents for zero priority.

The new rates according to shifts are:

- academic and research — 8

cents, 4 cents and 2 cents per hour.

- administrative — 16 cents, 8 cents and 4 cents per hour.
- non-Texas A&M — 18 cents, 9 cents and 45 cents per hour.
- commercial — unchanged at 45 cents regardless of shift.

According to the memorandum, the reduction was made possible by the University's decision to allocate funds in fiscal

year 1984 to pay a major part of DPC equipment costs and by the discontinuation of previous free services such as "bonus CPU time" and "happy hour."

"Bonus CPU time" is when a large number of users qualify for free time on the computers, and "happy hour" is a period between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily when anyone can run programs free on the DPC computers.

Lafield said the average cost of using a terminal to access the WYLBUR system — an interactive text editing system developed by Stanford University — will be down from about 50 cents per hour to 30 cents per hour.

Lafield said utilization of the DPC's two main computers is about 65 percent. At 85 percent utilization, service deteriorates.

Dinner theater comedy opens Wednesday night

by Gwyneth M. Vaughn

Battalion Reporter
The Memorial Student Center Summer Dinner Theater will present an adult comedy, "The Man with the Plastic Sandwich" by Roger Karshner, Aug. 3-6.

The play focuses on Walter Price, a conservative hot tub salesman, who wants to be a writer.

Price spends much of his time sitting on a park bench attempting to write. However, his routine life in the park is disrupted by three bizarre encounters that reshape his way of thinking.

Price will be played by Jim Burford. The personalities Wal-

ter meets in the park will be portrayed by Karen Miller Barnes, Ed Guthrie and Fran Tindall. Production and set direction are by Robert Wenck of the theater arts section of the English department. Other participants in the play are Randy Lemmon, Brenda Dolan, Shawn Brown, Donna Gough and Carla Proctor.

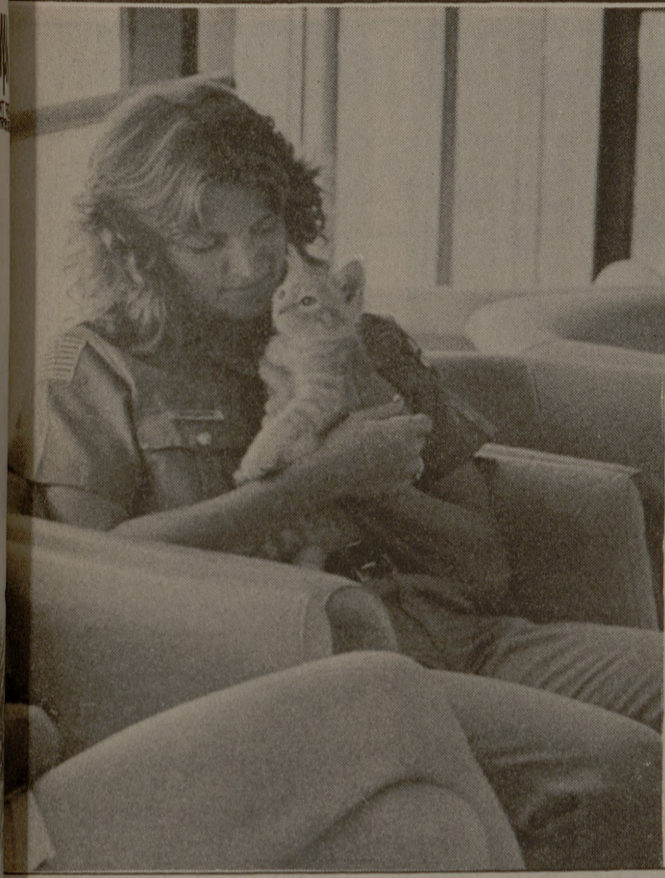
Dinner will be served at three of the performances, but refreshments only will be served during intermission at the Wednesday show.

Tickets for the Wednesday show are \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for the general public. Tickets for Thursday's show,

which includes a barbecue dinner, are \$6.50 and \$7.50. Tickets for Friday's dinner, which includes a chicken dinner, are \$7.50 and \$8.50. Saturday's show will feature a buffet with seafood creole and turkey tetrazzini. It will cost \$9.50 and \$10.50.

Tickets are on sale now at the MSC Box Office and must be purchased 24 hours in advance of the dinner shows. Tickets for Wednesday's show may be purchased at the door. Curtain time is 7:45 p.m. for all four performances.

The play will be presented in the MSC Ballroom.



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Time for shots

Donna Woodburn, part of the Texas A&M University Police Department's parking patrol, brings Tigger in for his vaccination at the Texas A&M Small Animal Clinic Wednesday afternoon.

CS workshop studies Northgate problems

by Gwyneth M. Vaughn

Battalion Reporter
The special committee on Northgate submitted its preliminary report at a College Station City Council workshop Wednesday afternoon. Chairman Dan McGilvray said, "There is not anything drastic in the U.S. that the committee has propounded."

McGilvray said the committee found the Northgate area brings the city a third of a million dollars in revenue, but slightly more than that is spent on the area by the police and fire departments. He said 15 percent of the police calls are made in the Northgate.

The committee made recommendations in five areas: parking, zoning, traffic, maintenance and capital improvements.

McGilvray said parking is the most severe and most visible problem. Northgate shoppers cannot find enough spaces, and Texas A&M students and faculty often use Northgate for a parking lot, he said. The committee had several recommendations including one to allow

parking on certain streets at certain times of the day.

Other recommendations included:

- Reducing parking requirements for those merchants who have mostly pedestrian customers.

- Working with Texas A&M on the problem. One suggestion was that students residing in northside dormitories who do not need their cars during the week be asked to park on the west side of the University.

- Acquiring some of the vacant land in Northgate for use as municipal parking lots. The committee suggested these be financed with parking meters or by charging the merchants.

Zoning recommendations included:

- Rezoning the commercial area to a new "planned commercial" zone.

- Rezoning some of the residential areas to insure adequate space for housing.

McGilvray said the committee also recommended that tax credits be given to promote development of the area, and that a special tax district be created for the area.

Recommendations to ease

traffic problems in the area included:

- Changing Patricia Street from one-way east to one-way west, or closing it to traffic altogether.

- Establishing a bicycle path system and improving sidewalks.

- Working with the University on making better use of the shuttle bus service.

Maintenance suggestions included:

- Enforcing trash laws, running the street sweeper during quiet hours and maintaining the streets better, especially Cherry and Cross Streets and Church Avenue.

- Studying drainage and street lighting improvements.

Capital improvement recommendations by the committee included:

- Making Patricia Street into a plaza or mini-mall.

- Removing the parking places in front of the clubs on University Drive to provide more standing room for customers and keep people from standing in University Drive.

- Improving parks, surface drainage and street standards.

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College graduate gets life in prison

United Press International
HOUSTON — A man with a college degree in criminal justice has been sentenced to life in prison for a robbery in which the owner of a Houston gold brokerage house was killed.

Jack Cutshall, 32, also was fined \$10,000 Tuesday by a jury that convicted him.

Thomas George Cohen, 25, was shot to death by two masked gunmen who accosted him outside his office in May, 1982. He

was robbed of about \$100,000 in gold or jewelry.

Prosecutor Rusty Hardin said Cutshall and Robert Braden, 28, jumped another employee, tied him up and then waited for Cohen. They used the employee's car to flee. Braden, the trigger man, pleaded guilty to murder and testified against Cutshall. Braden is awaiting sentencing.

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