

Final bell tower plan submitted this week

By Ed Cassavoy
Reporter

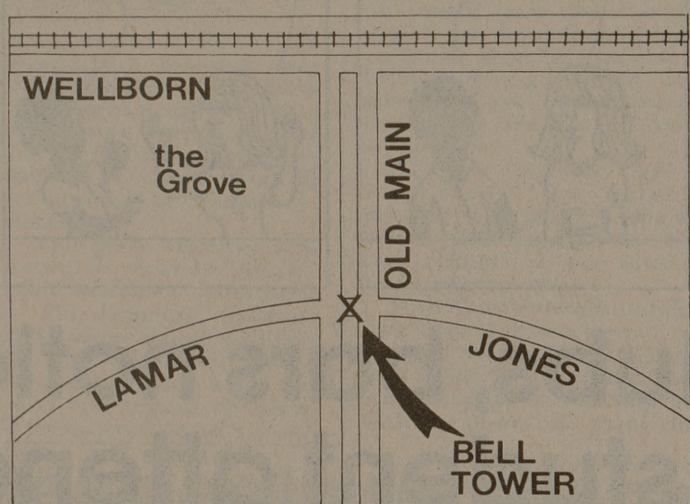
Final plans for the \$1 million bell tower to be built near the west entrance of campus will be presented to University officials this week.

The tower, a gift from former regent and former student Ford D. Albritton, will house a 47-bell carillon. It will stand on what is now the intersection of Old Main Drive, Jones and Lamar Streets near the Grove. All three streets will have to be closed during the construction, which is expected to begin next September.

Gerald Koi, a project architect with the firm of Morris-Aubry of Houston, said the final drawings will go to officials of the Physical Plant and the Facilities Planning and Construction Department.

Joe Estill, director of the physical plant, said traffic will be re-routed around the construction site. The tower is to be placed in the middle of a 70-foot landscaped circle, he said.

Morris Maddox, assistant director of administration for the University Police, said he has no



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information on the re-routing of traffic. Maddox did say that a permanent two-way circular drive will surround the landscaped circle.

University officials will look at the final drawings of the tower to check design features.

One special feature of the carillon will be a three-bell victory peal, to be sounded after

each Texas A&M sporting event victory. Koi said that Albritton wants to see the tower completed for the 1984 football season.

The tower will be constructed of brick and Texas limestone with two-foot arches at the base. The 26-foot square base of the tower will gradually taper to 20 feet at the top.

Candidates Lewis, Smith discuss drinking laws

By KARLA K. MARTIN
Reporter

The passage of an open container law and the raising of the drinking age to 21 were two of the issues that members of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers hoped their guests would support at their meeting Tuesday night, but while House of Representative candidates Neeley Lewis and Richard Smith agreed with each other, they were reluctant to officially commit themselves on such delicate issues.

Democratic candidate Lewis and Republican candidate Smith, who are both seeking the District 14 House of Representatives seat, informally discussed these issues at the MADD meeting held at the Texas A&M Methodist Church.

Lewis, a former College Station city attorney, believes that the three major steps in resolving the DWI problem are better education, a change in the public willingness to accept drunk driving, and a strong dedication in getting the laws passed.

"We have to do a better job of education and to tell people, if they're going to drink, what we're going to tolerate," Lewis said.

He compared driving a car while drinking to flying an airplane while drinking.

"There's not anybody to suggest that it's okay for an airplane pilot ... to pop-the-top and fly," Lewis said.

Concerning the issue of an open container law, Lewis said he would support this issue as long as it is properly drafted.

"Because a law can potentially be abused is not justification to do without it," Lewis said.

Although Lewis said he may support a properly drafted open container law, he is hesitant to agree with raising the drinking age to 21.

He said that he was in favor of raising the drinking age from 18 to 19 but raising it to 21 would be much more difficult.

"I think students generally wouldn't approve of raising the drinking age," Lewis said. "I

have a lot more reservations to that than the open container law."

Republican candidate Smith, who was mayor of Bryan for five years, agreed with Lewis on most of the issues involved.

"The critical thing as far as my role in this decision is what could be done in Austin to carry out the program," Smith said.

"If we had the same attention given this problem as we had to the regulation of nuclear power plants, this problem would be behind us."

Smith said he believed that the solution to the problem is not stronger laws, but enforcing the current ones.

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Ethics talk to cover new technology

By KARL PALLMEYER
Reporter

Dr. Don Self, an Associate Professor in the Department of Humanities in Medicine at the Texas A&M College of Medicine, will address the subject of new technology and its effect on the role of humanities in medicine at 10 a.m. Thursday in 402 Rudder Tower.

The talk on "Medical Ethics" is one in a series of seminars on "Futures Focus — Prospects, Promises and Problems of the Future" sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Possible topics for Self's talk includes the morality of the development of long-term birth-control devices, the patient's right to be informed of his medical condition and his options concerning treatment, and the morality of genetic intervention in the development of unborn babies.

Self, who has done six years of cancer research for Duke University Medical School, has taught courses and published several articles on medical ethics.

The Futures Focus series began on Dec. 6, 1983, when Dr. Arthur Hansen, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, was the keynote speaker for "Education," the first topic in the series. Hansen spoke on

"the Future of Education and the Land-Grant University."

The lectures, which are open to the public, will continue throughout the year. Other lectures in the series will deal with the effects environment and economics will have on the future.

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