

# After-school moving expensive, time-consuming

By JILL GOLDEN  
Reporter

Around this time every year students have one thing on their minds — getting out of College Station.

For some it may be as easy as loading their cars or stuffing a friend's pick-up truck. But those with more to move have several options — if they're willing to pay the price.

For graduates moving out of

the state, Nixon Transfer and Storage Co. in Bryan offers a new way to move. It's the "We Drive" service and it's a cross between do-it-yourself truck rentals and full service moving companies, says Nixon moving consultant Jill Davenport.

The person moving packs and loads a Nixon truck while an experienced driver supervises the loading to make sure it's done correctly. The average

load for students is about 2,000 pounds, Davenport says.

Then a Nixon driver drives the truck to the mover's destination. Once there, the person moving unloads and unpacks.

Davenport says this as an alternative for students who try to do it themselves and take the risk of possibly damaging their belongings. It also is cheaper.

For example, a student who had to move a 2,000-pound

load to New York would pay Nixon about \$991 for the "We Drive," but moving the same load full service would cost about \$1,250.

Students staying within the state can choose from many full service moving companies in the area. In addition to loading, driving and unloading, all of the area moving companies offer a packing service. The cost of packing depends on the

amount to be packed.

The average packing cost is about \$200, says Pat Holman, a bookkeeper at Beard Transfer and Storage Co. in Bryan. Most students usually pack for themselves to save money, but many graduates let a moving company do it if their employers are footing the bill, Holman said.

Moving costs are similar among area companies because price competition is regulated

by the Texas Railroad Commission, says Davenport.

For example, a student who wanted to move a 2,000-pound load to Dallas using Beard would pay about \$362. That same student who used Conlee Brothers Moving and Storage would pay about \$359.

For those students trying to save as much money as possible, truck rental may be the answer. Because about 50 percent of

the moves students make back to their homes, renting a truck is the cheapest and easiest way to move, says Val Crisostomo, a manager at Ryder Truck Rental in Bryan.

Truck rental prices also are comparable. A student who wanted to move three rooms of furniture to Dallas would pay \$205 for a Ryder truck. The same student would pay \$175 for a Jartran truck.

## Classes won't be dismissed on Good Friday, officials say

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Reporter

Classes at Texas A&M will not be dismissed on April 20 in observance of Good Friday even though the state legislature granted a half day holiday last year, a spokesman for the University President's office said.

Good Friday is a Christian commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Last year the 68th Legislature was in session the week before the Easter holiday. In a joint decision between the

houses and with the signature of Gov. Mark White, a proclamation was announced in an attempt to allow state employees time for religious observance of Good Friday.

Students were surprised by the late announcement of the proclamation by the Texas Legislature and White's declaration making half of Good Friday a holiday. The announcement, which did not reach University officials until 11 a.m. on Good Friday, resulted in chaos and misunderstanding. Some students said they thought the an-

ouncement was part of April Fools' Day joke. Good Friday fell on April 1 last year.

Though there was confusion regarding the dismissal, students were still able to take advantage of the time off. Mary's Catholic Church of the College Station celebrates a traditional Mass at 3 p.m. on Good Friday to commemorate a symbolic time of Christ's death. Ann Norwood, a secretary at St. Mary's, said there was a noticeable increase in student attendance for last year's service after school was dismissed.

## MADD

### Drunk drivers kill women's two sons she says she's 'shaking in her boots'

United Press International

ARLINGTON — Mary Anna Downing, who lost two sons in less than a year in traffic accidents police said were caused by drunken drivers, said Thursday she is not strong enough to endure another tragedy.

"I don't have the strength to take any more. I'm shaking in my boots. I can't do it. I can't take one more phone call saying there's been another emergency," said Downing, who joined Mothers Against Drunk Drivers after the first death last summer.

A cafeteria worker at a junior high school in Arlington, a Dallas suburb, Downing has another son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

"It could be my grandson next," she said Thursday in a telephone interview. "I'm going on to be 60. I'm deeply hurt, very deeply hurt. I'm a healthy person but I'm not a strong person. I can't take any more."

Downing joined MADD after her 17-year-old son, Edward, was killed last July in Arlington. Police said his motorcycle was hit from behind by a car traveling at 95 to 100 mph. The teenager died of head injuries.

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the highway patrol in Anaheim, Calif., her older son James, 25, was killed when his pickup truck was struck by a car driven by Harold C. Robinson, an off-duty firefighter-paramedic.

A passenger in Downing's vehicle, David Vaillette, was critically injured. The highway patrol said Robinson was charged with drunken driving and felony manslaughter.

Mrs. Downing said James' death has strengthened her resolve to fight drunken driving through MADD.

"This has got to come to a halt. I've got two other kids and grandkids and I don't want them hurt," she said.

Downing had visited James,

an air-conditioner repairman who had been planning to go to college, only last month. She said her son was engaged.

"I was so glad I did go and go," she said. "He was a beautiful stage in his life. I was beginning to take some responsibility. He knew I wanted something, he knew I worked hard enough to pay for it."

She said it was doubly painful that the driver was a paramedic firefighter.

"He should have known better, don't you think?" she sobbed. "He knows what it's about. He certainly knows about how people suffer. It has been there several times."

Downing has other domestic problems to overcome.

"I'm just a peon. I'm not to fight these things," she said. "I haven't even buried Jim and I have to go to the trial. Eddie's case. What do you expect me to do?"

Trial for David L. Walker, the Arlington man charged with involuntary manslaughter in Edward's death, has been postponed to May because of the death of Downing's second son.

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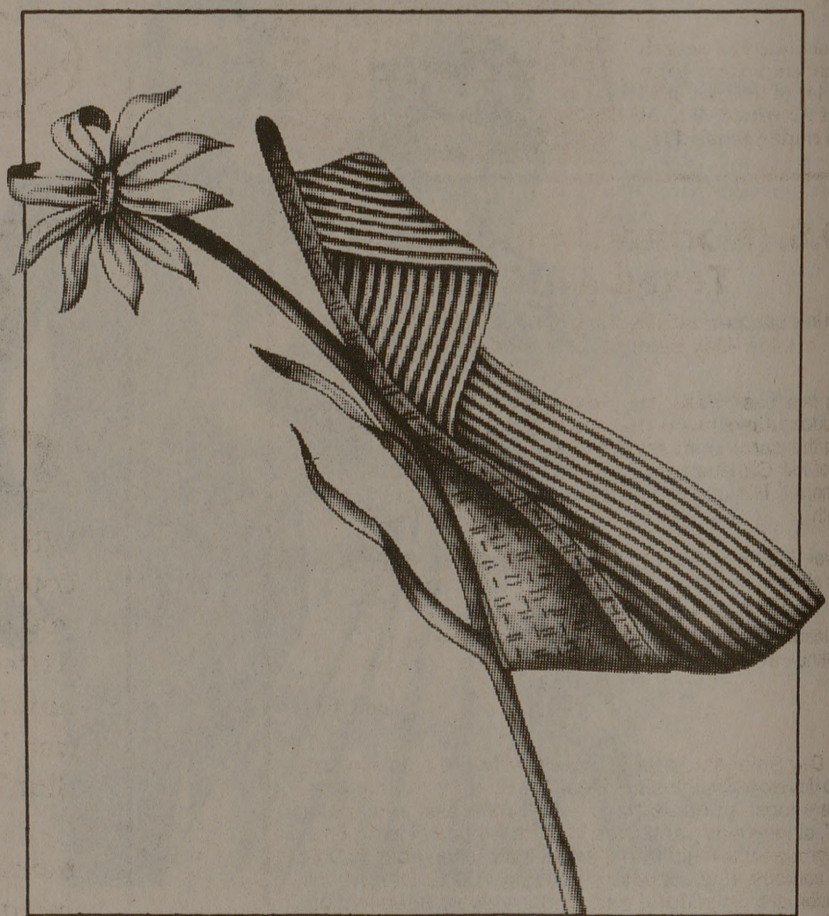
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