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# Project to 'beautify' west campus

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Texas A&M's west campus has been the homely step-sister to the main campus for several years, but a \$1 million dollar beautification project scheduled to be finished by summer 1986 could remedy that situation.

parking lot south of the Meat Science and Technology Building, bringing the total project budget to \$1.875 million.

Directors have divided the project into four priority groups. Parking lot construction has been given first priority, with renovation of the entrance and landscaping receiving second and third priorities. The fourth priority concerns facilities for a future building site.

The project provides money for construction of streets to connect west campus buildings — creating an "academic core," and renovation of the entrance to that campus. Drainage, lighting, pedestrian walkways and mall areas are also included as part of the project.

"Our first priority is the parking lot, because it is separately funded and can follow a faster schedule," said Joseph Williams, a facilities planning division architect. "Our second priority is the entrance. It will mirror the west entrance to the

A separate fund of \$875,000 will provide money for a new

main campus, and will help tie the west campus to the main campus. Number three priority is to devise landscaping to unify the buildings (on west campus). The fourth priority is just a reminder to the designers to allow for drainage and plumbing and such on a future building site."

Williams said the entrance to west campus is "80 percent complete," but three buildings must be removed to finish the project. The Wool and Mohair Lab, Pomology Lab and Anaplasmosis Lab (the old creamery) will be removed so the entrance can be completed, he said.

Eugene Ray, director of grounds maintenance, said the Texas A&M Board of Regents selected the Arlington-based firm of Schrickel, Rollins and Associates to design the beautification project. The regents selected the firm at their March meeting, but as of yet there are no definite designs, Ray said.

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"It (the project) will take another six to eight months to design, then construction may start as early as January next year, or maybe earlier," he said. "When we'll be finished depends on the weather. Other projects may be held up because of the parking lot project. The

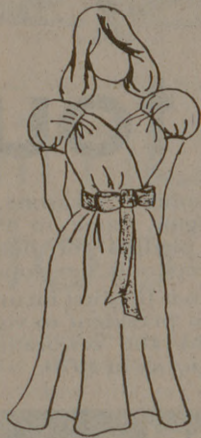
landscaping and parking at the mercy of the weather. Right now it's dry, but ground-breaking, there's a flood."

Even with a \$1.875 million budget, Ray said there may run out of funds for completion. Building streets connect six west campus buildings (Kleberg Animal and Science Center, Soil and Sciences-Entomology Lab, Medical Sciences Library, Medical Sciences Library, Science and Technology Building) will be a major expense, he said. Other expenses include sidewalks, drainage and lighting, Ray said.

"You've got a number of dollars and a number of cents. I don't think dollars work," he said. "I think cents work. I think it's lucky to get the entry opened and the street opened. The horticulture building

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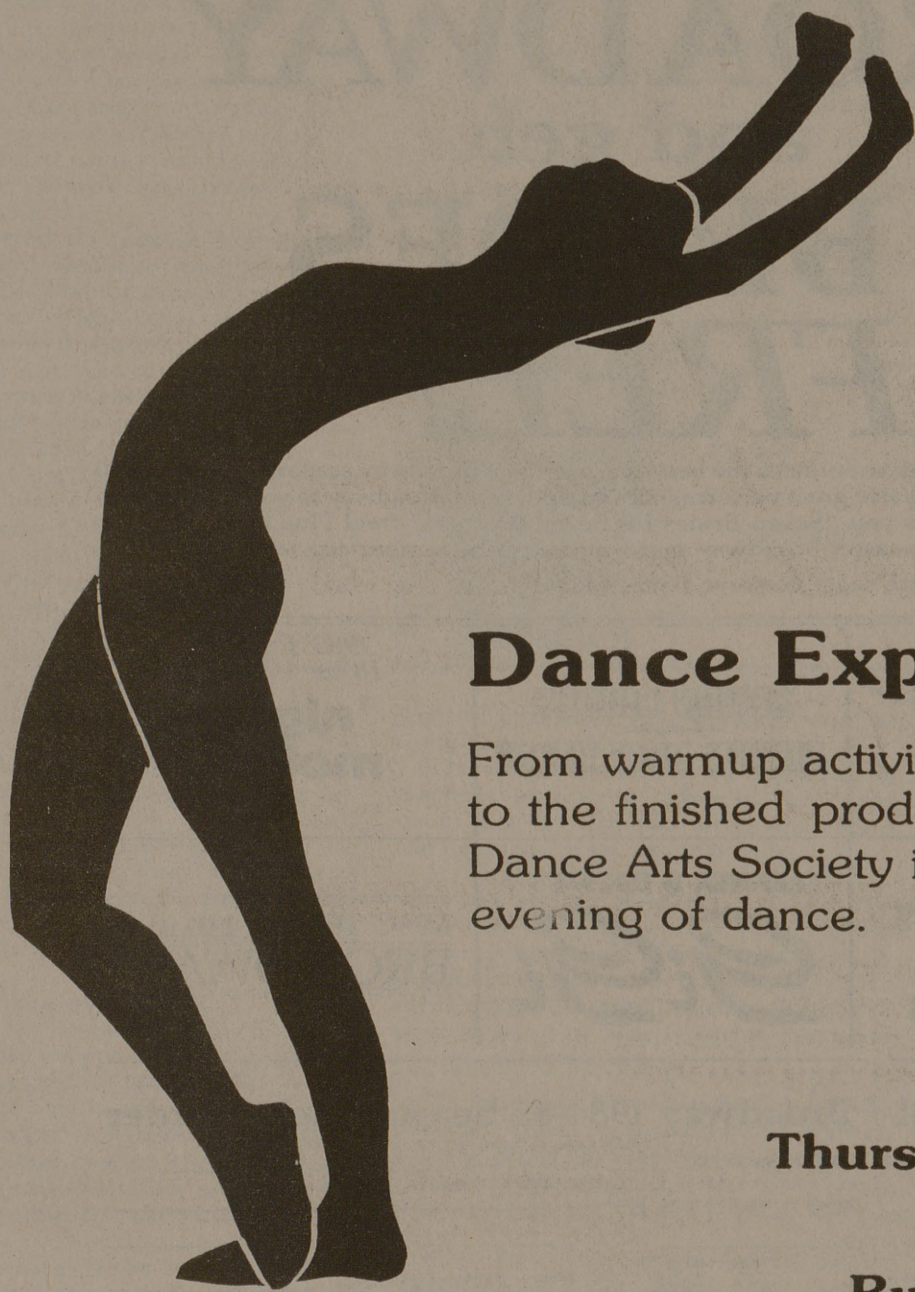
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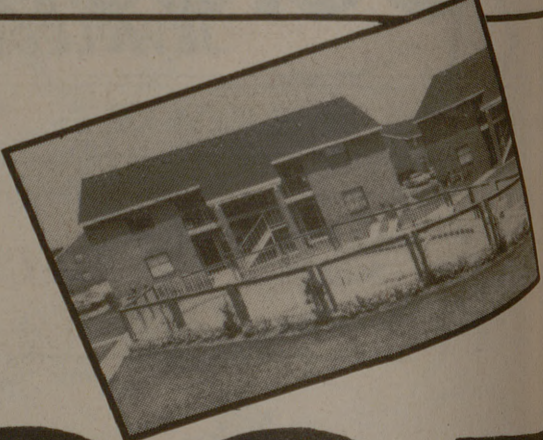
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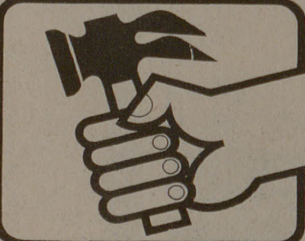
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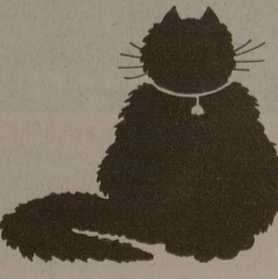
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## Bar patron would like to secede

NEW YORK — Seven percent of the homesick and urban cowboys who frequent a Greenwich Village bar that serves as the Lone Star Cafe's "embassy" want to secede from the city, the owner announced Wednesday.

Ballot results conducted at the Lone Star Cafe, 100 Avenue honky-tonk that specializes in live country and country-rock music, Texas-style cooking, and 10,033 people voted on the secession issue between March and April 10.

"That didn't count a bunch of letters we got from From Texas," said Mort Cooperman.

Of the votes cast, 72 percent favored secession, or 72 percent Cooperman said.

The question put to patrons was: "Should the Lone Star Cafe secede from New York City and apply for admission to the great state of Texas?"

Cooperman and Dick the Lone Star in February. Two years ago, Texas the Cafe its "official embassy" in New York.

The idea of secession planted by Texas Gov. White, who in February the bar to annex to his celebration of Texas' 150th anniversary.