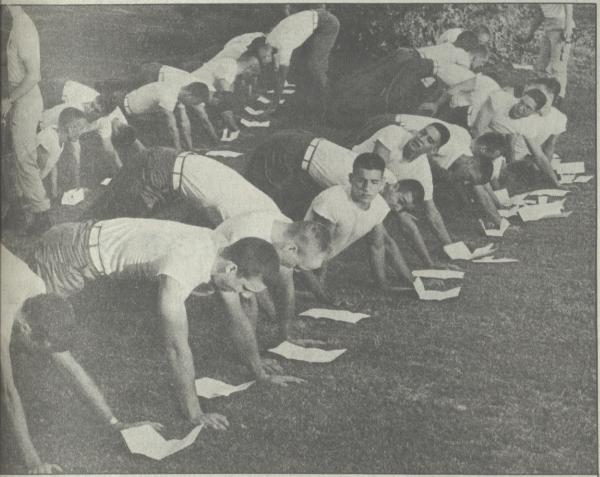
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Congratulations

Photo by MIKE SANCHEZ

Junior cadets, while in the leaning-rest position, read their letters of acceptance into the Ross Volunteers, an honor organization

within the Corps of Cadets. The RV's, the honor guard for the governor of Texas, are chosen by the senior cadets each year.

Taxes increase 1/8 of cent today

By ROBIN BLACK

Senior Staff Writer

Starting today, Texans are going to feel the first effects of the education reforms the State Legislature passed this July — today Texans are going to start paying for a better ed-

Consumers will be paying because a tax package created to support the reforms, as well as highway repairs, goes into effect.

What starts today is actually the second part of the comprehensive package. The first part — an increase in the state gasoline tax and li-

cense plate fees — started Aug. 1.

The second part of the package includes a 1/s-cent-per-dollar increase in the sales tax plus a loss of exemption for many services and products that were not taxed at all

Since the sales tax is increasing only a fraction of a cent, a local spokesman for the state tax office said stores may take the addition to the tax out of total earnings rather than from each individual sale.

The difference would be minimal, he said, so stores will probably just take the loss instead of passing it on

increase is up to the merchant in many cases, the spokesman said.

Movie tickets, for example, have lost their tax-exempt status. Most theaters, though, are not simply adding the straight sales tax to the price of a movie ticket.

Schulman and Plitt theaters in the

Bryan-College Station area are upping their ticket prices by a rough amount. Adult tickets are going to cost movie-goers \$4.50 starting today instead of \$4.

The tax office spokesman said the theaters are probably figuring in the extra bookkeeping costs the taxes will require along with a little extra

Although almost all products and services — with the exception of some repair services and plants and fertilizers used for agricultural purposes - will now be subject to the state sales tax, the products and services of non-profit organizations will

What this means locally is that al-though the sales tax will be applied to tickets for professional sporting events and other entertainment events, tickets to University events such as football games or MSC Town

Hall events will not have the tax

However, this does not mean that goods purchased in the University's bookstores will be tax-free. The University always has and always will add a sales tax in its stores.

Nightclubs will have to start adding a sales tax to their cover charges starting tonight.

Willie Bennett, booking agent for Dr. G's in Bryan, said he's undecided as to how he'll figure the new tax into the cover charge.

"I don't see increasing the cover," Bennett said. "At least not that much. I'll probably just take it out of the straight cover of \$5 or whatever the price happens to be that night."

The state comptroller's office has been running a series of ads in state newspapers — the series here appeared in the Bryan-College Station Eagle - to educate the public on some of the specific effects. One of the ads has the caption "Let it slide, Clyde," and tells readers that the admission to waterslide parks will also

MSC Council debates computers, concert

By KARI FLUEGEL

te committee to discuss MSC fincing, career development and MSC OPAS activities at the council's eeting Monday night.

Council members received a re-ort on the state of the MSC computer programmer for the MSC. he MSC presently uses four com- grams Study Committee submitted a

ween the director's office, the Stupuncil discussed the MSC com- accounting office and the Student cial meeting, accepting the date. ter system, the possibility of a Chi- Finance Center. The computer sysinclude 20 terminals.

"I see this as a key element in doing what the MSC has historically done," Jim Reynolds, MSC Council secretary-treasurer, said.

Council members also discussed uter systems from Phillip Shiffrin, the possible scheduling of a Chicago concert. The Entertainment Pro-

Nov. 13 as a possible date for a Chi-The Memorial Student Center dent Programs Office, the cago concert and then later, at a spe-

> Some council members were conwould not break even financially. After discussion, the council, by a 7-4 vote, accepted the report which allows negotiations for the concert to

> Negotiations with Chicago have not been completed. The council's approval does not insure that the program will be presented.

ministration Cory Courtney reported on the formation of a joint MSC/Student Senate committee to investigate student services funding.

by Courtney and Student Senate Vice President of Finance Mike Kelley, will research ways to make the student center a self-supporting organization. The 10-member committee will be selected, and the research will begin by the end of October, Courtney said.

The council also discussed career son. Such activities, to include a

development programs. In the past, career development sponsored the MBA/Law Day, a day when students to raise the cultural awareness of the interested in master of business administration and law programs re-

This year, career development programs will be expanded to include a resume workshop, a dress for success seminar and separate MBA and Law Days.

Tad Pruitt, chairman of MSC OPAS, reported on new OPAS activities to supplement the regular seaexposure experiences, are designed student body.

shows designed to provide original programming — such as symphonic band and choral groups scheduled for the regular OPAS series. Spontaneous exposure experiences are short programs in active campus areas between classes. These programs may include mimes and string quartets, Pruitt said.

Campus preacher fights apathy with Christianity

By ANN BRIMBERRY

Reporter Ron Tewson is fighting apathy. Tewson is the man seen regularly

almost every weekday around - preaching outside the Aca-As pastor of the Fellowship Com-

nunity Church and an off-campus dvisor for A&M Christian Fellowship, Tewson says that his biggest challenge in preaching at Texas A&M is dealing with the apathy of

'I would actually rather speak to a crowd that is jeering and throwing stuff because I know they are taking a stand on something," Tewson said. "Out here I think one of the biggest problems is that everyone thinks he is a Christian because he is a Texan and goes to the Baptist, Methodist or Catholic church.

Tewson says A&M is fortunate to

"One of the reasons I am at a colege campus is because this is supposed to be where thinking people

are," he said, "but you would be surprised how many unthinking people there are that have never even examined the thing that has molded the world.

Tewson said he has heard many misconceptions about Jesus Christ as a result of classroom lectures.

I can give you many examples from students who come to me saying things their professors have said," Tewson said. "In the classroom, frequently a one-sided approach is being presented and the people don't get the other side.

'As I became more and more aware of this, I thought we should have a forum out in the open where people can come and hear another side that they probably are not getting in the classroom.'

Tewson began the student forum about four years ago. He said at first

People might walk by 20 times on have the freedom to bring issues out 20 different occasions before they fin the open which never arise in the nally stopped to listen," Tewson

There is a courteous spirit at A&M, Tewson said.

where they throw things at you and it is a real discourtesy. But here, even when those who are violently opposed act obnoxious, their spirit is still one of general courtesy and that

of wanting to listen. Tewson said he doesn't take oppo-

sition personally. There is no animosity toward anybody," he said. "I just want them to know the truth, and the interesting thing about truth is that it has a way of working in a person's mind and conscience

'The God that I know loves people and motivates me to love people. So when you love people, you want the best for them and want to help

Tewson said his goal is to give students exposure to Christianity

"If Jesus Christ is truly the only then people need to know that," Tewson said. "If there were

many ways, then I wouldn't bother." Tewson said some students want to live the "fun life" — but they are living under a deception of what a

"Leaning over the toilet throwing up with a hangover isn't what anyone would call fun; or having your girlfriend tell you she's pregnant and you have to figure out what to do," he said. "There is so much deception about what is fun that people dive into it only to find out they

are getting hurt. Tewson said he's been a Christian

"It's been a lot more fun than the first 21," Tewson said. "I came to Christ because it was true. It was the most logical decision to make for any thinking person.'

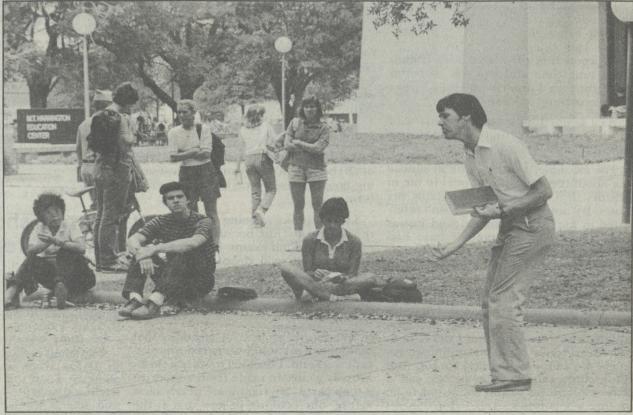


Photo by FRANK IRWIN

Ron Tewson, pastor of the A&M Christian Fellowship Community Church, speaks to students near the Academic Building about

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