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College Station to install 6 new traffic signals

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

It will soon take longer to travel down Southwest Parkway. The College Station City Council Thursday authorized the construction of six traffic signals — four to be on Southwest Parkway.

Director of Capital Improvements Elrey Ash said vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Southwest Parkway had increased, creating the need for the signals. The four signals will be placed at the intersections of Southwest Parkway and Anderson Street, Glade Street, Southwood Drive and Welsh Avenue. Construction will be completed in October.

Two other signals will be built at the intersections of Wellborn Road and Holleman Drive, and FM 2818 and Welsh Avenue.

Ash said the signals were part of a five-year capital improvement program begun in 1981. The city will pay \$251,000 to Houston-based Electric Power Specialists for the signals. The city will pay an additional \$82,253 to another company for the traffic signal controllers.

The council also authorized the Parks and Recreation Department to develop plans for Richard Carter Park. The park, a sesquicentennial project of the city, is located at the corner of East Bypass Frontage Road and Brazoswood Drive.

Part of the proposal for the park's development included a 60 foot tall flagpole to fly a 15 by 25 foot Texas flag.

That aspect of the plan drew criticism from council members who wondered if the flagpole's height would violate the city's proposed sign ordinance. The ordinance, if approved, would limit signs along Highway 21 to 50 feet. City Attorney Cathy Locke said, "It's a question of whether or not you want to live by the same ordinance you're imposing on the rest of the city." The program was approved unanimously, but Mayor Gary Halter asked the Parks Department to, "Give a little thought to the flag."

What's up

Friday

AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION: will hold Winter meeting Friday-Sunday. Registration is Friday morning at Francis Hall. Call 845-5368 for more information.

AICHE & ITE: will hold a "mixed bash" at 8 p.m. in the Wood Apartment's party room. All Chem. E.s and I.E.s invited.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will meet at 7 p.m. 108 Harrington.

CLASS OF '88: will hold a Valentine's Bash 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. at the Q-huts. Cost is \$2.

LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS: will meet at 7 p.m. at Dr. Mel's house for games and movies night.

LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT: will meet at 5 p.m. to go on regional retreat in University Lutheran Church. Call 260-1830 for more information.

MESQUITE HOMETOWN CLUB: will hold a Valentine's party beginning at 8 p.m. at the president's apt. Call 8066 for more information.

NAVIGATORS: will meet at 8 p.m. in Lounge B-Corpo. A film will be shown on Col. Bottomly, a Vietnam pilot.

STUDENT PEACE ACTION: will sponsor Bill Beas speaking on the "Realities of the Nicaraguan Revolution" at 8 p.m. in the College Station Community Center, 102. Call 846-1104 for more information.

TAMU CHESS CLUB: will meet 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Players of all strengths welcome. Please board if possible.

TEXAS A&M EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: will have pressure testing at the MSC Post Office for all who are interested.

VOICE OF PROPHECY: will meet at 7 p.m. to study the life and faith of Abraham. Call 846-9598 for more information.

Saturday

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE: will play on the main drill field 1 p.m.

Sunday

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMETOWN CLUB: will hold an afternoon BBQ at Hensel Park for all members. Call 5075 for more information.

TAMU ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 111 Heldenfels. John West will give on meteor observing.

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE: will play on the main drill field 11 a.m.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to the scheduled publication date.

Chinese New Year festivities to be held in MSC Saturday

By WAYNE L. GRABEIN
Reporter

While many people are accustomed to ringing in the new year only once, one group will toast the arrival of 1985 a second time.

The Chinese Student Association will celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year, which begins next Wednesday, Saturday night in 201 MSC.

Wen-Liang Kuo, the association's president, said that in addition to a banquet of traditional Chinese dishes the festivities include a raffle, a Chinese musical instrument demonstration, a choral performance and a "mini-show" of comical skits.

"One of the evening's highlights will be the colorful Lion Dance," Kuo said.

In this traditional dance, Kuo said, performers move two brightly decorated lions to the rhythm of accompanying drums. Each lion must be handled by two people.

Guests can spend the remainder of the evening dancing or playing casino games including Mahjong, Chinese dominoes and Oriental dice, Kuo said. Descriptions and rules for the games will be provided.

Using the Chinese Lunar Calendar, the Chinese New Year begins on the date of the second new moon after the winter solstice.

Twelve creatures, ranging from dragons to dogs, rotate each year as the symbolic names in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese Lunar Zodiac. For example, 1985 is the year of the ox.

According to ancient belief, people born during the year of the ox are described as calm, quiet, expressive and mentally alert. Also, they often can be stubborn and are inclined to be eccentric and foolhardy.

Kuo said the new year is a time of reunion for the Chinese. Tradition dictates that families spend the holiday evening together in their homes, dining on traditional dishes and presenting "Hong Bau" or red envelopes of money to the children, he said.

The doors to the home are sealed with red paper to prevent the entrance of evil spirits, Kuo said. On the paper are poems expressing good luck for the future.

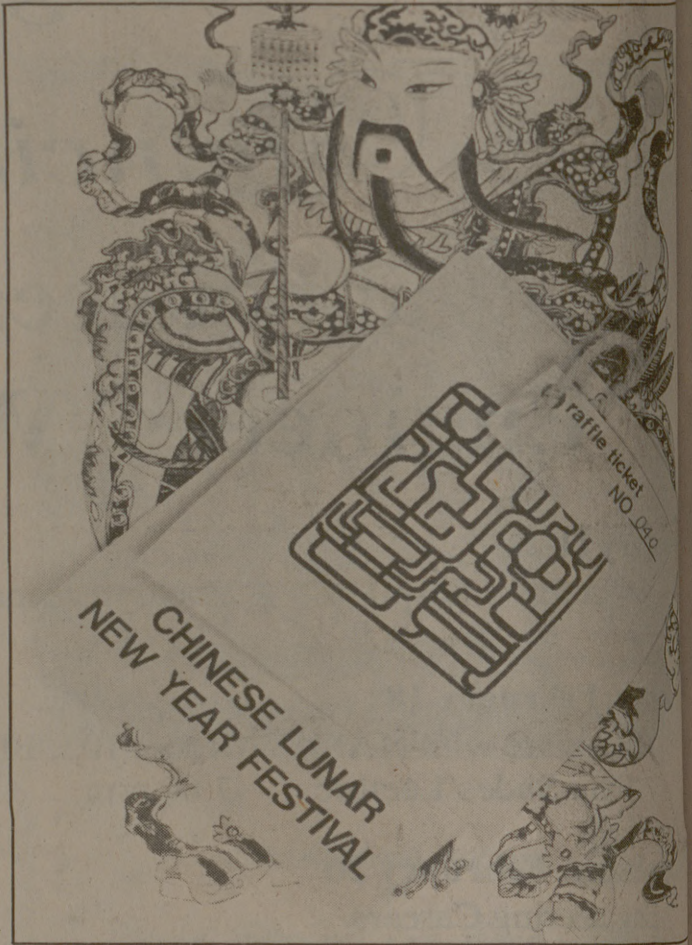


Photo by WAYNE L. GRABEIN

A sketch of a traditional Chinese door god provides a background for an invitation to the Chinese New Year banquet to be held Saturday.

The celebration at Texas A&M will be as traditional as possible despite its modern surroundings, Kuo said.

The Chinese Lunar New Year Festival is open to the public. For members of the Chinese Student Association are \$5 and for non-members are \$6. The festival begins at 6 p.m.

Parking

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handing out a lot of tickets to those who are parking in spaces reserved for the handicapped," he says. "As far as a real parking problem, we don't have one at SMU. At the police department we are trying to maintain good parking facilities, concentrating our efforts on the han-

capped parking and the girl's campus."

Ray James, head of parking traffic at the University of Arkansas, says the bus system there alleviates some of the parking problems, but students and faculty complain.

"People basically just don't walk very far," he says. "When you come to a big institution such as you should expect to have a little. But some people don't"