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Cramp In His Style

Senior civil engineering major Alan Vaughn makes a fancy dive at Wolford Cain Pool. Vaughn

was a gymnast but turned to diving because gymnastics was too hard on his ankles.

Some A&M housing will be demolished

By Rosaline Aguirre
Reporter

The phrase, "Something old, something new, something borrowed . . ." signifies a beginning for many married couples. But for the married students at Texas A&M who live in the Southside Apartments, "something old," signifies the reason their homes must be torn down.

As for "something new," well, that's still in the developmental stage and is undecided.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved a University proposal June 14 to demolish the 59 units of married student housing on the south side of campus.

The apartments, which were built in 1936, have become difficult to maintain in recent years. The high maintenance costs have caused a negative cash flow, said Gen. Wesley Peel, vice chancellor of facilities planning and construction.

Although University officials have no definite plans for the location after demolition, the apartments will be vacated by next summer. Those students who still seek housing will be offered housing north of campus.

The University offers married student housing north of the main campus with monthly rates from \$165 to \$260, but Southside Apartment rates are only \$166 and sport larger floor plans. All bills are paid with the exception of air-conditioning in the summer, which makes living expenses very economical for married students.

Although the lowest rent for



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A park located in the Southside apartment complex.

housing north of campus is \$1 cheaper than south side rates, the north campus apartments are smaller and there is no guarantee that at that rate it will be available for those seeking housing next summer.

John Sodolak, manager of all University-owned apartments, said he cannot adjust rates to meet the financial needs of some south side tenants.

"That (rate adjustment) is up to the Board of Regents," Sodolak said. "I have no control."

Clay Hanks, a two-year resident, described how the move will affect his neighbor's financial situation.

"If they had to pay a penny, or

\$10 more a month, they couldn't go to school or even a movie," Hanks said. "They really depend on this place. It will be a real financial burden on them."

Lisa Morris, a new tenant, said she doesn't understand the need to demolish the apartments when there presently is a need for more married student housing.

"I think that it is crazy to be tearing these down — there is a real need," Morris said. "We signed up a year ago and have been on a waiting list."

Some tenants were surprised to

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Lawmaker seeking investigation of Clements' involvement at SMU

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker said Tuesday he would file a bill calling for a special House committee to investigate Gov. Bill Clements' involvement in improper payments to Southern Methodist University football players.

Also Tuesday, Attorney General Jim Mattox said he would try to determine if Clements or others involved with SMU violated any civil or criminal laws. Mattox said his review was requested by four lawmakers and several SMU alumni.

"It has been expressed to me that something clearly has been done wrong, either morally wrong or legally wrong," Mattox said, although adding he has not seen enough evidence to decide whether there were violations of state law.

The Republican governor said Mattox, a Democrat, and Democratic lawmakers are politically motivated in calling for investigations.

The request for a legislative investigation came from

Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston, who said he wants to know if Clements committed any impeachable offense.

"We can't ignore the fact that it exists," Edwards said of Clements' involvement in the improper payment of SMU football players. "We can't just put it under the rug. The press is not letting it go under the rug, and the general public is not letting it go under the rug."

Edwards said the bill, co-sponsored by several other Democratic lawmakers, could be filed by week's end. He met Tuesday with Speaker Gib Lewis, who said a Clements investigation could unnecessarily cloud lawmakers' efforts to solve the state fiscal crisis.

"I hope we don't have to deal with it," Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said.

A 48-page report issued last week by a bishops' committee described how Clements, then chairman of the SMU Board of Governors, helped continue improper payments to SMU football players while the school was on probation for similar activities.

AMA calls for mandatory testing of AIDS for immigrants, prisoners

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association on Tuesday called for mandatory AIDS-virus tests of immigrants and prison inmates and endorsed lessons about the deadly disease for elementary-school pupils.

Policymakers for the 271,000-member organization debated less

Most of the recommendations concern testing for presence of the AIDS infection, which the trustees said should be required for prison inmates and would-be immigrants but not for everyone seeking a marriage license or entering a hospital.

Blood and organ donors already are tested for the AIDS virus in this country, as well as members of the military.

for public service announcements about AIDS.

• More federal funding for AIDS-virus testing, counseling of those found to be infected and research to determine the most effective counseling methods. The trustees said the \$1 billion expected to be appropriated by Congress for 1988 will not be enough.

With the delegates' approval, the recommendations become the basis for AMA education and lobbying efforts on acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which has struck more than 35,000 people in this country and killed more than 20,000.

The delegates also approved recommendations calling for:

• Routine testing of patients at sexually transmitted-disease clinics and drug-abuse clinics, unless subjects raise specific objections.

• Greater educational efforts aimed at doctors and the public, including voluntary media guidelines

than half an hour before adopting, virtually unchanged, 17 recommendations from an AMA board of trustees' report released Saturday. "We hope this is the framework for a national policy," Dr. Robert E. McAfee, an AMA trustee, said after the 406-member House of Delegates voted Tuesday. "But we wish to be sure national policy is not just federal policy," he said. "The recommendations demand substantial private-sector involvement."

Connally, Cisneros support tax increase for education

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Gov. John Connally and San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros went to the Capitol Tuesday to tell lawmakers to increase taxes to improve education.

"What we need to do is screw up our courage to pass a tax bill," Connally said at a news conference.

Cisneros, a Democrat, said the appeal by himself and Connally, a Republican, is a "bi-partisan, multi-generational concern." The mayor called on Texans to play an active role in the state's budget dilemma.

"This is not a political game," Cisneros said. "This is not an interesting budgetary fight. This is not a standoff of personalities. It is far more important than that. What we are facing is nothing less than the future of Texas."

Connally and Cisneros are among Texans who fear that education spending — both for higher education and public education — could suffer as a result of budget cutting.

"Right now in 1987, we are planting the seeds of unemployment for

the year 2005 and 2010 in the schools across this state if we cannot provide the highest education possible," Cisneros said.

Connally said lawmakers will find that there can be political life after a tax bill.

"I think what we're trying to say to those who serve in the House and Senate here is that they shouldn't be afraid to pass a tax bill to meet the essential needs of this state," Connally said. "People of Texas fully understand what education means."

"I don't think a single member of the House or the Senate was ever defeated for voting for a tax bill. The people of Texas will understand, will appreciate and will applaud those who have the courage to stand up to their duties and their responsibilities and pass a tax bill, if indeed they understand why they are doing it."

He said a tax increase of about \$3.6 billion, in addition to the \$2.9 billion that could be raised by continuing the temporary sales and fuels levies now in effect.

A&M professor calls research using animals a necessary evil

By Sandra Voelkel
Reporter

Animals play an instrumental role in the development of medicine and science.

But that role often demands their sacrifice for the benefit of mankind, as is reflected in the an-

Using animals in research Part one of a two-part series

nual death toll of approximately 100 million research animals.

Dr. William McCulloch, a Texas A&M professor of veterinary public health, says biomedical research and education have relied on animals as subjects for tests, evaluations and demonstrations.

Limitations on research using human subjects have also increased the necessity to use animals in research.

McCulloch says animal research now provides benefits to both humans and animals.

"However," he says, "I have used animals for both teaching and researching, and I wish scientists could get answers without using animals."

Some present benefits to humans that required animal research in their development are immunization against diphtheria, the mumps, measles and smallpox; radiation therapy and chemotherapy for cancer patients;

procedures for open-heart surgery; insulin for the management of diabetes; and medications that control epileptic seizures.

Nevertheless, humans aren't the sole beneficiaries of animal research. Biomedical research also has produced major breakthroughs in veterinary medicine, such as treatment for parasites, control of heartworm infections in dogs and a vaccination against rabies.

And A&M has been a major contributor to many medical research procedures and developments.

Researchers in A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine have done credit extension work in embryo transfer that has been applied to both animal and human medicine, says Noberto Espitia, A&M's Small Animal Clinic supervisor. And embryo transfers have proved successful in the cattle industry.

McCulloch says many of the procedures that are available in cardiac surgery and transplants were pioneered through the use of chimpanzees.

Cancer research also is being done through a cooperative effort between A&M's veterinary college and M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, he said.

The veterinary college, he said, actually performs a function to

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J.R., a golden retriever, is one of the research animals used at the Texas A&M Small Animal Clinic.