

## City council approves land lease for Amtrak service, parking area

By Kelley Wondrash  
Reporter

The College Station City Council Thursday approved a land lease which will be used to provide a location and parking area for Amtrak railway services which begin Nov. 15.

The council approved the site, located off Marion Pugh Street where the Marion Pugh Lumber Co. once was, by a 6-1 vote. The council decided on the location because it would give Amtrak immediate access to the railway.

Councilman Dick Birdwell said many citizens were interested in the restoration and use of the old College Station depot as a possible site for Amtrak. Birdwell said if the Amtrak service failed, the site still could be used as a park and historic area.

Mayor Larry Ringer said the College Station depot area was not as accessible

as the Marion Pugh location for Amtrak. Despite the approval of the Marion Pugh location, Ringer said people enthusiastic about restoring the station and that the idea would be considered.

In other action, the council unanimously approved a motion to continue the War on Drugs committee in both Bryan and College Station.

"Bryan has also shown a desire to continue the program," Ringer said.

He said some people feel the school districts should also become involved in the committee because the War on Drugs is a problem for the community as well as the city. He said the idea would be explained to school districts.

"Obviously drugs are a big problem in the community, so the committee is a good idea," Birdwell said.

The council also:  
• Witnessed former Mayor Gary Hal-

ter's signing a proclamation recognizing the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of College Station.

• Unanimously approved a donation to the College Station Library for energy related material.

• Unanimously supported Proposition 1, the Good Roads Amendment on the Nov. 8 ballot.

• Unanimously approved an agreement between the city and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation to contribute funds for the purchase of right-of-way to construct the Southwest Parkway interchange. The city agreed to pay 10 percent of the estimated \$500,000 cost of the interchange. If the cost of the interchange is more than the estimated amount, College Station will be responsible for the additional cost.

## Berlin school head speaks on learning

By Lesa Y. Smith  
Reporter

The specialization of information reduces the amount of knowledge students can obtain, Free University of Berlin president Dr. Eberhard Laemmert said Thursday.

Laemmert spoke on "How to Cope with the Ever Growing Body of Human Knowledge," sponsored by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Every 40 minutes enough data is supplied to fill a world-wide encyclopedia, Laemmert said.

People don't know what to do with this increase in specialized information.

"We at the university behave just like the Ford Motor Co.," Laemmert said. "Even professors are only responsible for one bolt on the front left wheel. When you consider the product of today's students and their performance, they need to know more than the front wheel."

Students specialize their studies too much, he said. So much that they know a lot about very little. They need to increase information so they can increase their knowledge.

It is important for the student to go beyond what he knows to obtain more

knowledge, he said. The student needs to ask: What must I know and what must I do with that knowledge?

Graduate students are no exception to this rule.

They need to perform more basic research than specialized research, he said. More and more graduate students dwell on the specifics and miss the importance of general information.

Educational systems, elementary to college, filter information to students, he said. Flooding information to students instead of filtering information creates better students.

The explosion of knowledge outside the human mind is technology's achievement to replace manual labor, he said. Tools for mental activity have been created right before our eyes.

Computers, calculators, and copier machines have replaced the need to think, he said. Today, one computer will spit out data and tomorrow another will come along and determine what information is necessary. Acceleration of information doesn't necessarily accelerate knowledge, he said.

The Free University of Berlin was founded after World War II because many students and professors objected to pressure from the communist.

## A&M to participate in World Food Day

By Alan Sembera  
Senior Staff Writer

Texas A&M will take part in World Food Day Monday via live teleconference linking universities and communities throughout the United States and Canada with an international panel of experts to discuss Africa's food problems and solutions.

A&M also will begin a community food drive for the Brazos Valley Monday to coincide with World Food Day.

During Monday's teleconference, the panel will discuss African and American perspectives in areas such as food production and distribution, agricultural trade, international aid, African debt and the causes and effects of famine.

It also will discuss national and international levels of responsibility for human rights and social justice.

The teleconference will be broadcast from Washington D.C. from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m. It will be shown in 601 Rudder by MSC Great Issues.

The first hour of the program will feature the panel discussion, and the second hour will include a local speaker, Dr. Harriet Kunkel, Dean of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture, who will talk about higher education in agriculture.

The last hour will be a question-and-answer session with the Washington panel via satellite.

The A&M food drive is being sponsored by Great Issues, the International Development Forum and Students Against Apartheid.

Organizations participating in the drive include Greek organizations, the Corps of Cadets and the Residence Hall Association. Any organization can join the food drive, which lasts until Oct. 21.

World Food Day is observed by more than 140 countries. Its purpose is to get the people of the world more directly involved in eliminating hunger and creating a secure food supply for the world.

## In Advance

### Medical facility to be named in ceremony

A ceremony to formally name the Texas A&M medical sciences facility in honor of Joe H. Reynolds, longtime University medical school sup-

porter and vice chairman of the Board of Regents, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Room 141 of the Medical Sciences Building.

### Actor will speak on racism in theater

New York actor, director and producer Woody King will present a speech on racism in American theater Friday, October 14 in the Rudder Forum at 3 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The topic of King's presentation will be "The Institutionalized Racism in the American Theater."

King recently directed the Broadway production of "Checkmates," starring Ruby Dee, Denzel Washington and Paul Winfield.

However, Theater Arts Program Director Roger Schultz said King's greatest claim to fame is for his direction of the original Broadway version of "The Great White Hope."

### Chappell Hill to hold Scarecrow Festival

By Chuck Lovejoy  
Staff Writer

Scarecrow mania will grip the small town of Chappell Hill Saturday and Sunday during the town's annual Scarecrow Festival.

Among the highlights of the festival are scarecrows lining the city's streets, bluegrass music, cloggers and arts and crafts.

The main attractions — more than 100 scarecrows — were made by Chappell Hill residents. The townspeople begin organizing scarecrow making classes in early October to prepare for the event.

Melani Bayless, director of the Convention and Visitor Bureau of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, said the scarecrows are made in a variety of forms.

"There are some scarecrows which are very funny, and there are some which are historical and portray important Texas figures and scenes," she said.

Past highlights of the scarecrow display have included a stuffed farmer sitting on a toilet, a straw woman beating her straw husband with a rolling pin, and scarecrows resembling Mickey Mouse and Big Bird. Even some animated figures have been built.

This year's festival is supposed to be the biggest ever, with plenty of entertainment and activities.

Among those scheduled to perform are: bluegrass singer LouLou Barber, the Houston International Folk Dancers, several groups of cloggers, a choir of German singers and Scottish dancers wearing kilts.

Visitors will be able to tour Chappell Hill on hayrides, stopping at some of the town's historical landmarks.

While on the rides, tourists can review the regiments of scarecrows and the town's many antique homes.

Other activities planned include pumpkin carving contests for children, raffles for scarecrow dolls and a pumpkin bake-off competition.

Arts and crafts also will be displayed throughout the town, including handmade quilts, crocheted items and other hand-crafted goods. Home-grown canned foods and baked goods also will be sold.

The Scarecrow Festival began about 20 years ago when the town's residents decided to celebrate the fall harvest.

"Several themes were suggested, but the townspeople couldn't decide between them," Bayless said. "Finally, someone stood up and said, 'How about scarecrows?' Everyone loved the idea."

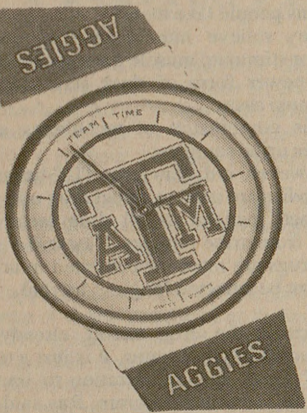
Chappell Hill is located southeast of College Station at the intersection of FM 1155 and Hwy. 290. The festival will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

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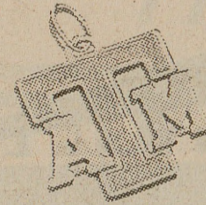


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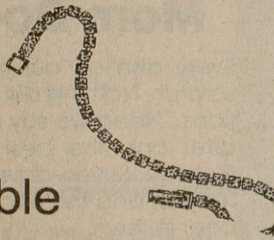


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