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## CS City Hall May Be Ready Friday

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College Station city officials may finally move into their new city hall Friday—two months behind schedule—provided the building's case of "chicken pox" can be cured in time.

Contractor W. H. Barsh of Waco told the City Council Monday night that the pox-like fungus that has spotted the plastic acoustical ceilings in some parts of the building should be removed by the end of the week, weather permitting.

Barsh and architect C. R. Watson of Bryan appeared at a council session called to determine causes for delays in the comple-

tion of the \$340,000 city hall and fire station, located across State Highway 6 from Texas A&M. The two-building complex was originally scheduled to be finished Nov. 24.

Councilman James H. Dozier stated the council's position this way: "We feel like we've been left in the dark."

Councilman O. M. Holt complained that he did not know about any reasons for the construction delays until the middle of December, when Watson sent a letter to the city attorney explaining some of them.

Mayor D. A. "Andy" Anderson added that there have been "days

and days when nothing has been done."

"I finally had to go in (to the city hall) at weekly intervals to find any progress you could see," he said.

Barsh said that there had been no construction delays due to negligence on the part of his company.

He placed most of the blame for delay on Brazos Concrete Products of Waco, a subcontractor responsible for casting the components of the pre-stressed concrete sections used to build both structures. Barsh said the firm was 35 days late in delivering the sections for the city hall and 55 days late, for the

fire station.

He added that work was delayed some 20 days because of rain.

Watson defended Barsh, saying that the man "has done everything he can" to get the job finished as soon as possible.

He said that he had tried to keep the city manager informed of possible delays as soon as Barsh notified him that they were likely to occur.

Watson said he had just received last week a letter from Barsh asking for a 55-day delay because of the panels. He added that delays of this nature at least in terms of number of days, were hard for Barsh to anticipate in advance.

As late as September, he said, he expected the city hall to be completed before Christmas.

Councilman Joe McGraw said that one reason the council became upset and called this special meeting was because Barsh's requests for payment "came in like clockwork, as if there was no delay at all."

"I think the council is going to have to take some here," Dozier said, "and invoke this penalty clause" to get some monetary settlement with the contractor for the delay.

A payment to the city voiced by some councilmen was \$5,500.

City Attorney Don Dillon said that the architect must determine which delays are unjustified and how many days they entail.

These days, Barsh, Watson and most councilmen agreed, should be determined in a joint meeting between Watson and the council. Once the number of days of unjustifiable delay are determined, if any, the council will decide what action it will take.

Anderson said he would call a meeting as soon as Watson had prepared a recommendation for the council.



FIGHTING THE ELEMENTS

Aggies scurried around the campus Monday, bundled up to keep out the cold, biting wind. Temperatures dropped yesterday, were expected to drop more Monday night. (Photos by David Middlebrooke)

## Ross Volunteers to March In New Orleans Saturday

Texas A&M's Ross Volunteers assemble in honor guard formation Saturday for the highlight parade of the week-long Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans.

Commander Marvin J. Hoelting of Nazareth will lead the 100-cadet elite honor military unit in a position directly in front of King Rex's float in the colorful parade.

The 83-year-old unit consists of three platoons, the staff and color guard.

The Rex honor guard appear-

ance will be the second of the year for A&M's oldest military organization. The white-clad Volunteers, who traditionally form the honor guard for inauguration of the Texas governor, flanked Apollo 11 astronauts Neal Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Mike Collins in a Houston parade last August.

At New Orleans, the company will quarter aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid, aircraft carrier to be berthed in the port of New Orleans. A social hosted by the New

Orleans A&M Club also is planned for the senior and junior cadets.

The cadets will leave A&M Saturday and return Feb. 11, according to Army Maj. Jarrell Gibbs, co-advisor with Air Force Maj. Ray Copus. Frank K. Nicolas, staff assistant in the Commandant's Office, also will accompany the unit.

The RVs also annually participate in San Antonio's "Battle of Flowers," Aggie Muster, Silver Taps and provide honor guards for visiting dignitaries.



NEW NAME, NEW LOOK

Assistant Chief Morris Maddox of the A&M University Police gets into one of the department's new-style cars to begin a tour around the campus. The organization was formerly called Campus Security. See story, page 3. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

## Area Businesses Comment On Proposed CS Ordinance

Representatives from Lone Star Gas Co. and General Telephone Co. of the Southwest submitted comments Monday night concerning the new College Station subdivision ordinance for consideration to the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission.

Perry Stone, of the Lone Star right-of-way department, told the commission he did not know how the company would be able to show the working pressure of all pipelines carrying inflammable liquid or gas as is called for in a section of the new subdivision

ordinance.

"I don't know how we'll be able to furnish this information because the pressures can change frequently," Stone said.

"I know the pressures change and usually the only time one runs into real high pressure lines is when the pipe was laid before the city was built," Codie Wells, commission chairman, said.

He said the section was added to the ordinance so that prospective buyers will know what they are buying so they can be warned of the lines.

Stone told the council a conservative estimate for a high pressure line would be 100 pounds plus.

Stone said he was submitting the comments for consideration and that Lone Star Gas was not opposed to the ordinance.

Tommy James, from the Bryan office of General Telephone, asked if the company must secure a permit from the city before it begins any construction.

"It does not mean you necessarily have to have a permit," Wells said. He said that the city likes to have the utilities laid before the streets are put in to prevent the cutting of streets.

In other business, the council denied a request for rezoning by V. H. Litchford of a tract of land approximately 100 feet wide and 700 feet long extending from State Highway 6 east along the south city limits of College Station.

## For Football 11-Game Season Approved By Administration Officials

Texas A&M's administration Monday approved recommendations of the athletic council that Athletic Director Gene Stallings be allowed to schedule an 11th football game on Sept. 12, 1970.

Stallings said he was negotiating for a home game on that date and hopes to make final arrangements in the near future.

A&M's athletic council, composed of five faculty members and headed by Dr. O. D. Butler, voted in favor of the 11-game proposition in a meeting Sunday in Dallas.

A&M's athletic council favored the proposition because:

1—The new academic calendar calls for classes to begin Aug. 31 and there would be no problem of having the first game before students arrive on campus.

2—The additional game would lead to only three more days of practice at the beginning of the season. With a Sept. 12 game, the players would start practice on Aug. 19. With a Sept. 19 game, the players would start practice on Aug. 22.

3—There would be no additional time away from campus in 1970 with a home game. The time away from campus would be very slight with a road game since the team ordinarily departs on Friday afternoon prior to a Saturday game.

4—An 11th game would provide A&M with an additional home game, at least every other year, thus providing additional enter-

tainment for students, faculty and fans.

5—The additional revenue from an 11th game would provide great assistance to the total athletic program.

6—The participating players strongly favor an additional game because they would be engaged in an intrasquad scrimmage on the Sept. 12 date if there was no game.

## Licht Killed In Monday Auto Mishap

Arthur W. Licht of El Paso, sophomore architecture major, was killed Monday morning when his car hit a bridge and plunged into a deep ditch on State Highway 21 west of Bryan.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said the accident occurred about 1 a.m. but was not discovered until about six hours later.

Licht, who was thrown from the vehicle, was traveling alone, the DPS spokesman said. The accident occurred eight miles west of Bryan.

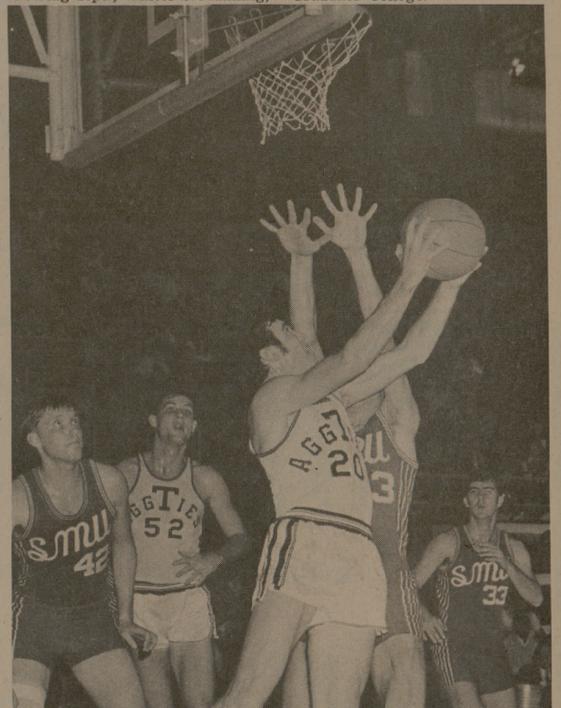
He was believed to have been returning to school from San Antonio, where his mother, Mrs. Richard H. Licht, is a graduate student at Our Lady of the Lake College.

The 21-year-old student resided at 2104 Cavit in Bryan.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."  
—Adv.

Committee members are, in addition to Dr. Butler, head of the animal science dept.: Dr. Charles H. Samson, head of civil engineering dept.; Walter S. Manning,

professor in accounting dept.; Dr. Lannes H. Hope, in counseling and testing dept.; and Harry L. Kidd, assistant to the dean in the Graduate College.



FOULED

Pat Kavanagh goes up for two during Saturday's A&M-Southern Methodist University game, and is fouled by the Mustangs' Gene Phillips, who was fouled out of the game on the play. Steve Niles (52) looks on. See story page 5. (Photo by Mike Wright)