

Weather

Partly cloudy and warm with northeasterly winds 7-12 m.p.h. High Wednesday 88°. Low tonight 69°. Continued partly cloudy Thursday with a high of 90°.

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Flood plain zoning, road construction top agenda at College Station P&Z

The Battalion is expanding its coverage into the College Station city political arena. This article is an attempt to acquaint the reader with the issues before the Planning and Zoning Commission. —Ed.

By GERALD OLIVIER
The issues of flood plain zoning, road construction priorities, and

Aggie fights for hair

A former TAMU Corps commander urges servicemen to band together to avoid harassment over hair length by the Army.

Lt. Matthew R. Carroll, a 1971 graduate, states in a press release that "after two months of harassment, intimidation, threats, a direct order . . . all having to do with my hair, the Army is going to try and kick me out."

"What they are going to try to do is slip me out as quickly and quietly as possible without due process of law," he continued. "They have left me no alternative except to fight them the only way I know how. I am taking the stand that the Army has absolutely no right to tell people how to wear their hair."

Carroll points out that although the Army claims that it is a military necessity to have a hair policy, other NATO nations have none. Carroll is circulating a petition to be presented to Congress protesting the treatment of himself and of Sgt. Dan Pruitt (Air Force), who was sentenced to four months of hard labor for refusing to cut his hair.

"I am a First Lieutenant and an Airborne Ranger. I was Atomic Demolition Platoon leader, Corps Commander at A&M in 1970 and was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in the United States in 1971. There is no way they can call me a radical," says Carroll.

"I feel that this is the only truly responsible position that an officer in the U. S. Army can take at this point in time, especially after the things I have witnessed during my three years experience in the United States Army," continued Carroll.

He further stated "the so-called leaders of the U. S. Army have turned their backs on the legitimate claims of the citizen soldier in the 1970s and it is time, long overdue, for us to secure those rights which are rightfully ours."

Carroll, stationed in Germany, is encouraging soldiers and the public to attend his upcoming trial.

the rezoning of a large tract of land on FM 60 South, faced the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night.

A zone change request for a 17.9 acre tract and one of 4.32 acres was approved. The commission stressed the need for long range zoning requests, informing potential property owners of the eventual distribution of commercial, residential, and apartment building in the neighborhood.

A representative of the Texas Highway Department Planning Office informed the commission

of a change in road construction priorities in Brazos County. The building of a road to a proposed county park has been moved into priority one classification. This classification qualifies all projects within it to be let for contract whenever money becomes available.

Presently included in priority one are: the extension of Fountain Street to intersect Hwy. 60 at the grade crossing, the extension of Briarcrest Drive to intersect Fountain, and the placement of a traffic light at the intersection of Jersey Street and FM

2154. These problems have been facing the city of College Station for years. The proposed Brazos County park is a relatively new issue. Commissioners expressed fear that the building of a road to the non-existent park would take precedence over current traffic problems in College Station. Final decision on which project will be funded rests with the District Engineer for the highway department.

The P&Z Commission recommended a draft of an ordinance governing building in the flood

hazard zone to the College Station City Council for review. They also recommended that the council delete that portion of the present city ordinances prohibiting building within the zone.

In further action the commission appointed Tom Chaney to be Commission Liason to the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on May 28.

All meetings of the commission are open to the public. P&Z meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. in the College Station City Hall. The next meeting will be on June 3.



(2) . . . THE LIBRARY which has also adjusted its hours as follows: May 20-25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 26, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; May 27-31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Next we take a look . . .

Suicide

Ad for professional help to end it all checked out

An advertisement in the Rice Thresher for Euthanasia Inc. prompted The Battalion to call the proprietor, listed as L. Mortez in the ad, and look for a possible story angle. Mortez seemed quite serious about his service so we assigned News Editor T. C. Gallucci to pose as a person contemplating suicide in hopes that Euthanasia Inc. would come up with a suicide plan. The resulting story follows.—Ed.

By T. C. GALLUCCI

Tired of pressures from finals and every day life? Want to end it all? L. Mortez, a student at Rice University, placed an advertisement in the Rice Thresher offering to help . . . for a small fee.

However, when I contacted Mortez, proprietor of Euthanasia Inc., by telephone, (under an alias) he was hesitant to discuss his professionally planned suicides. His consultant, unnamed — but later revealing his identity as Mark Linnenman, was more cooperative.

Linnenman explained the different plans, "We can supply anything from the standard rub-out to our more elaborate, luxury offers." Soon realizing, however, that I was dead serious about the ad, Linnenman's voice took a serious tone. "Well, before we go any further, wouldn't you like to tell me about yourself?" he asked.

"No," I replied.

Eventually Linnenman asked in

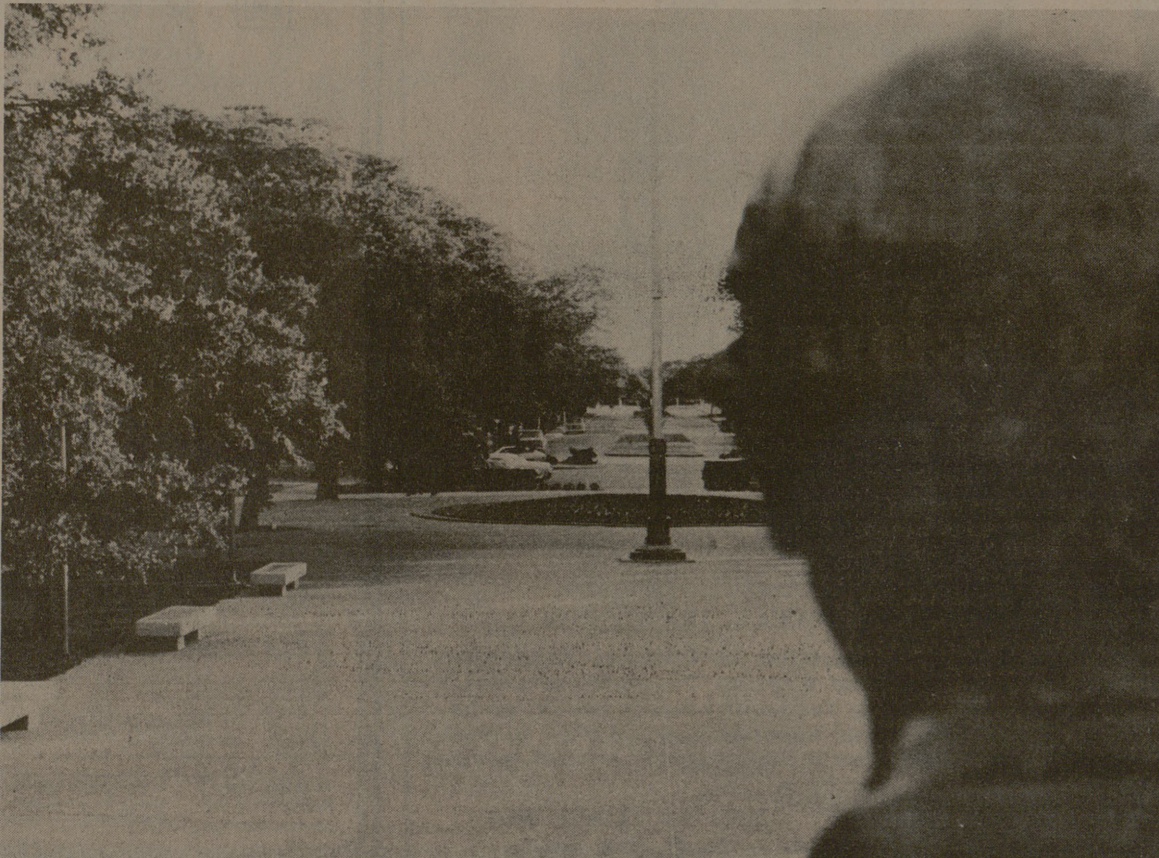
University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
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a broken voice, "Don't you think that you may be throwing away more than you realize?"

"No, I'm not," I replied.

After reaching what could be called a dead end, Linnenman set up a rendezvous on the seventh

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(3) . . . OVER SULLY'S SHOULDERS at the usually bustling Academic mall area, site of the women's carnival and two Free Tunes programs from the Basement Committee last semester. And for our last attraction we have . . .



(1) . . . BEGINNING A PICTORIAL TOUR of campus desolation is the Northgate area where merchants have adjusted

to shorter hours and some have even closed up for the between-session lull. The next stop is . . .

Pub board status quo backed

By KATHY YOUNG

Five faculty members out-voted three students on dress code and Student Publications Board issues before the Rules and Regulations Committee last Thursday.

The committee discussed proposed changes and additions to the university regulations as suggested by the Student Senate and Student Services.

Dean John Beckham chaired the committee in the absence of Dr. Haskell Monroe. Three students and five university staff members were present.

The three students, Randy Ross, Steve Eberhard, and John Nash voted in favor of changing the Student Publications Board from three students to five students and prohibiting the direc-

tor of student publications from being automatic chairman of the board. This measure however was defeated by four votes and one abstention from the remaining of the board.

Dean Beckham abstained saying that he did not feel that the committee had the power to rule on the Student Publications Board. Howard Perry, assistant vice president for Student Services; Roger Miller, assistant to the president; Mike Goeken, business affairs office, and Judge James Amis, system attorney, all voted against increased student representation in the policies and actions of the Student Publications Board.

The Student Senate proposed deleting the present dress code from the university regulations.

Dean Beckham opposed the deletion on the grounds that certain clothing is needed for the safety of the student in laboratories. The students then proposed a change in the wording of the dress code to require it only in the cases of safety in labs. This was defeated by a five to three vote.

The dress code will remain as it is presently stated with the addition of one sentence concerning tobacco. "The use of tobacco in instructional classrooms and laboratories is prohibited." This statement which governs both the professor and student was accepted unanimously.

The committee also clarified certain portions of the existing rules. In section 62, No. 2 was changed to "Students must secure permission from the area coordinator before making any substan-

tive changes to or within their rooms." This general statement replaced specifics such as mattress covers and furniture rearrangement.

Also in that same section, No. 3 it was stated that "students may paint their rooms under certain conditions. Students should consult with the area coordinator for information on painting." This wording change was proposed by Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services.

Under the next section concerning the resignation procedure it was stated that, "any student who resigns should vacate university housing within a reasonable period of time."

These recommendations will be submitted to the Academic Council for approval. However, President Williams has final approval in the councils actions.

TAMU applicants rise 84 per cent

By STEVE BALES

TAMU led all state and land-grant colleges in its percentage of increases for fall, 1974, appli-

cations, according to a recent survey by the National Association of State and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC).

Total applications at TAMU increased almost 84 per cent for this fall, according to the NASULGC survey.

TAMU's out-of-state applications increased more than 170 per cent and in-state applications increased about 80 per cent.

As of March 1 the national total of applications for next fall's freshman class showed an increase of 3½ per cent over applications received for fall, 1973. The estimated freshman enrollment, however, is predicted to drop slightly from 312,933 in fall, 1973, to 311,192 in 1974.

The primary reasons, according to the survey, for decreases in freshman enrollment were:

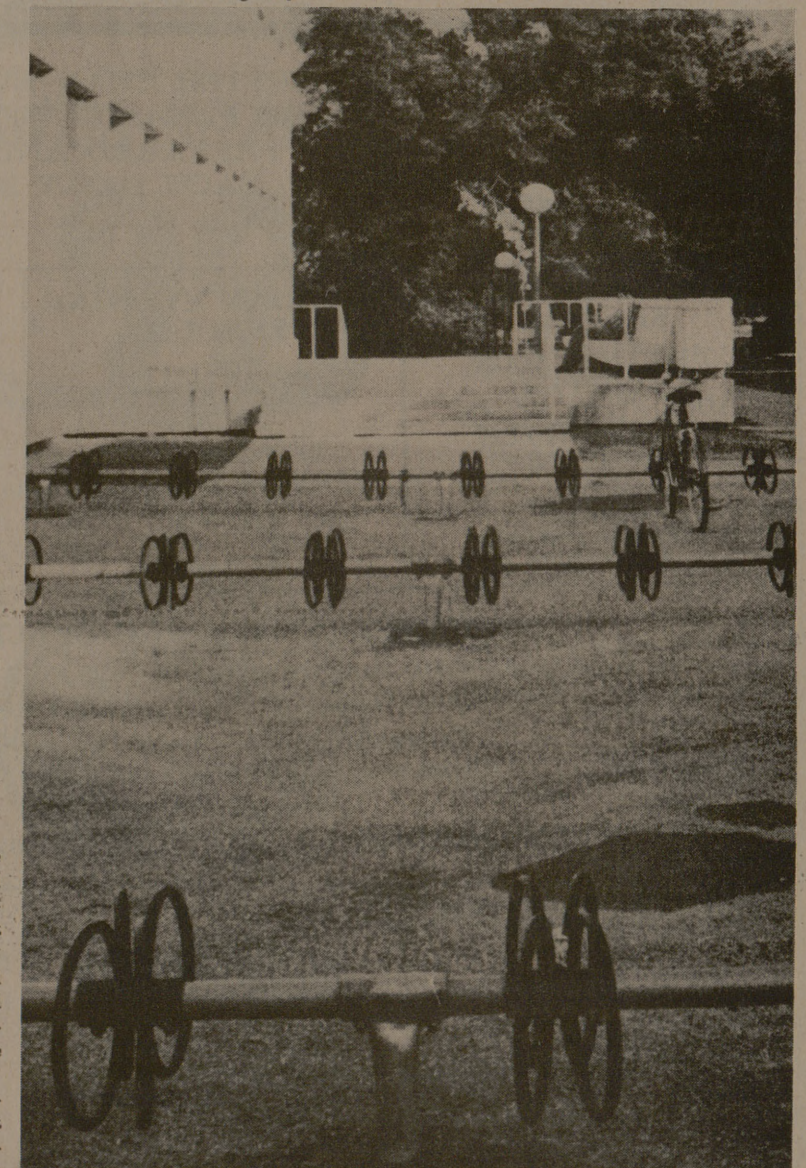
- A decreased interest in attending college and the elimination of the draft.

- A decrease in the size of the college-age population combined with limitations on freshman enrollment and increases in student charges.

A greater number of qualified freshman applicants are expected to be rejected by state and land-grant universities in 1974, the survey points out.

Twenty-seven institutions reported that they expect to reject a total of 36,943 qualified applicants. Twenty-three institutions listed the main reason for these

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(4) . . . ONCE CROWDED RACKS outside the Biological Sciences Building. (Photos by Kathy Young and Steve Bales)