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Building restriction set by CS City Council

The College Station City Council amended the city zoning ordinance Monday night to include restrictions on construction in flood hazard areas.

Structures to be built in a flood hazard zone must have a permit from the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission. Any proposed land fill or channelization will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission pending approval by the City Council.

The boundary of the flood hazard district will coincide with the boundary of the 100 year flood plain (areas which have a one percent per year chance of flooding or a chance of one flood in 100 years).

The new ordinance prohibits construction that will raise the 100 year flood plain level by more than one foot unless proper channelization is also constructed.

Army Corps of Engineers studies

Trash, bike path problems viewed

The College Station City Council made a few miscellaneous decisions toward the end of its marathon three and a half hour meeting Monday night.

The owner of the land adjacent to University Drive and Terrell St. will be given 10 days notice to clean

Property insurance authorized

The Federal Insurance Administrator has authorized the sale of flood insurance in College Station. Policies are available from any licensed property insurance agent or broker in the community.

"Until Sept. 16, coverage can be made available immediately upon application," said City Manager North Bardell. "After that date there is a 15 day waiting period between the date of application and the date that coverage takes effect."

Buildings within the special flood hazard area must be covered by flood insurance to be eligible for any form of mortgage loan from a federally insured or supervised bank or savings and loan association, or from any federal agency.

have been used to determine flood plain boundaries but several members of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission said the Corps studies were vague.

"We're going to work with HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) on this and they have plans for further delineation (of the flood plain area)," said City Manager North Bardell.

The previous ordinance dealing with flood hazard areas was written before the Corps study and prohibited all construction pending results of that study.

During the public hearing before the vote, Michael D. Murphy of 305 Pershing St. said the flood plain is a maintenance-free channel for runoff and questioned the desirability of allowing channelization and land fill.

"Why spend money to get the same thing we are now getting free?" asked Murphy. He said he

was concerned the city would be spending money unnecessarily.

Mayor O. M. Holt explained that developers would have to pay for channelization.

Murphy then asked that decisions on channelization and land fill be made by the City Council.

"I would like to see the decision made by the City Council who are elected rather than by the Planning and Zoning Commission who are not," said Murphy.

Councilman Jim Gardner later motioned for the change which passed.

Gardner said he felt the new ordinance would reduce protection of the flood plain area.

"These are likely to be our last

remnants of vegetation," said Gardner. "We have a three-pronged problem...to protect life and property...keep open space...and at the same time realize that these are private ownerships."

Christopher C. Mathewson, assistant professor of geology, submitted a letter asking for five changes. All were turned down by the council after lengthy discussion. One proposal asked that maintenance of downstream flood level be specified in the ordinance.

George Boyett, planning and zoning commissioner, said the downstream flood level maintenance was implied but not specified because it would raise questions on just how far downstream the commissioners

would have to look.

Boyett said "downstream" could mean Carters Creek, the Brazos River, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

"We'd confuse the issue to include downstream," said Mayor Holt.

Councilman Larry Bravanec moved that downstream be included in the ordinance but limited to city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction.

"We won't get down to the Gulf that way," he said. The motion was defeated.

In other action the Council: —Rezoned a 12.58 acre tract of land from single family residential to General Commercial to allow for a planned retail business on Highway 6, across from the Southwest Parkway.

—Rezoned a .202 tract to legalize the Plantation Oaks Penthouse, which was built before the zoning ordinance took effect.

Bravanec and Gardner voted "no." Bravanec said he felt a variance would be adequate.

—Refused a rezoning request by the A&M Consolidated School District. The district wanted the land rezoned from single family residential to Neighborhood Business to increase its value. They plan to sell the tract to raise revenue for a new vocational school.

—Declared improvements of Thomas Street an emergency and directed advertisement for bids.

—Approved a zoning variance which allowed David Anderson of 1201 Hawk Tree Drive to complete his swimming pool which extended four feet into a utilities easement.

—Approved two requests to keep horses within city limits.

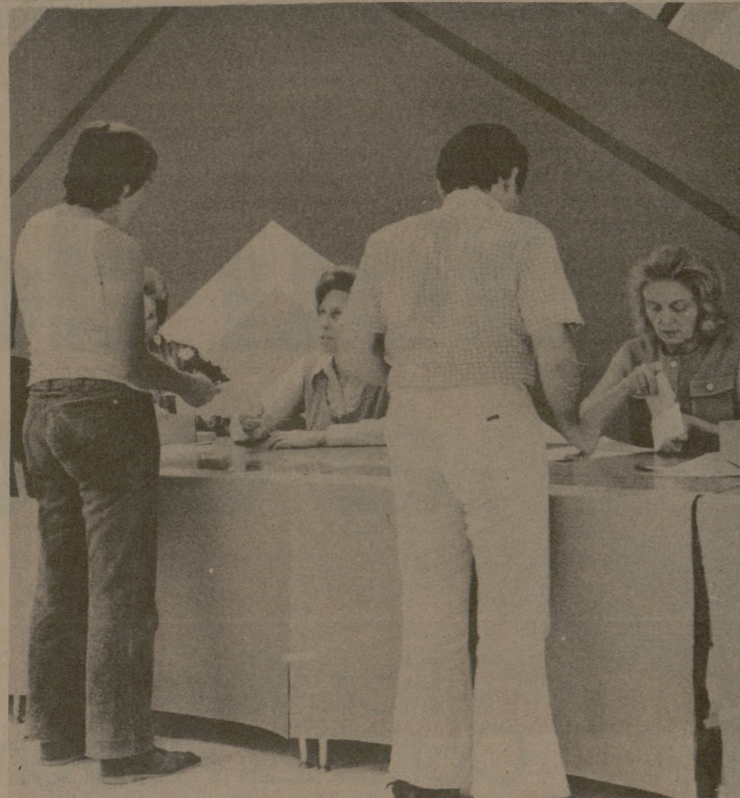
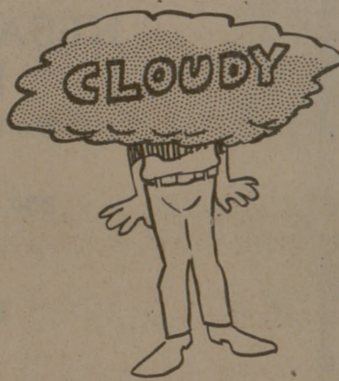
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Weather

Partly cloudy and hot Wednesday and Thursday. Both days in mid 90's. Southerly winds 8-13 m.p.h.



REGISTRATION TIME AGAIN. The last of the expected 21,000 students register this week for the fall semester. Thirty-six percent of the incoming freshman class will be women. (Photos by Kathy Young)



TAMU PRESS MARK—Tom Lea, noted artist and writer, designed this "press mark" for the new Texas A&M University Press at the request of Press Director Frank Wardlaw. The press mark is symbolic of the four basic elements—fire, air, earth and water.

Press mark arrives

Fire, air, earth, and water will be represented on each book published by the new TAMU Press.

Artist-writer Tom Lea of El Paso has designed a press mark which will incorporate all of these elements, said Frank H. Wardlaw, director of The Press.

"Fire is represented by the sun, the earth by growing things," he explained.

"This press mark is a particularly appropriate emblem for Texas A&M University because of the important work which it is doing in many fields concerned with energy, growth, water and other aspects of the envi-

ronment," Wardlaw said.

Lea designed a press mark 24 years ago for the then new University of Texas Press. It appeared on over 700 books published under Wardlaw's direction in Austin before he moved to his new assignment at College Station this month.

The first books to appear under the imprint of the new TAMU Press will be published in the fall of 1975.

"I am particularly happy that Tom Lea has contributed such a beautiful and appropriate device for the Press," Wardlaw said. "We hope that our books will prove worthy, both in beauty and in substance, to bear this symbol."

MSC leadership conference gives students head start

The officers of campus organizations, Corps staff members and other student leaders met August 23 through 25 to prepare for the approaching school year.

It was the 22nd annual leadership conference sponsored by the Memorial Student Center and was held at the Lakeview Methodist Assembly near Palestine. The meeting was coordinated by Cheryl Fricke.

The first part of the conference was dedicated to providing the students with information to improve campus organizations. Several speakers gave their philosophy of leadership.

John Paul Abbott, professor emeritus of English, spoke Friday and gave his philosophy of improving relationships within and communication between student groups.

Two sessions on parliamentary procedure were given the same day. The sessions were given by Madge

N. Wallace, professional Registered parliamentarian.

The special assistant to Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Reagan Brown, spoke Saturday on leadership principles. His principles and style of delivery drew a standing ovation from the students.

TAMU President Jack Williams arrived to speak to the students and answer a variety of questions. The students asked several questions about the wall that is going to be built by the university between the campus and North Gate.

The beauty of the wall was stressed by President Williams who also explained the wall would not hinder passage to or from North Gate.

Accompanying President Williams were Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services; J. Wayne Stark, MSC director; and Buck Weirus, executive director of the former students.

Other speakers that day included

Douglas B. Stone on motivation and Philip W. Ljungdahl on budgeting and good business practices.

Students were given time during the day to swim or play a variety of sports and that evening a panel discussion was given on the meaning of leadership. Members of the panel were Henry C. Cisneros, professor of urban economics at the University of Texas at San Antonio; Don B. McCrory, project manager of the Gerald D. Hines Interest in Houston and Jack M. Rains, vice president of the Diversified Design Disciplines of Houston.

Following the discussion, a barbeque was given by the Former Student Association and Ted Maffitt. The students then staggered back to a square dance.

The conference ended the next day after a panel discussion given by Tom D. Cherry, vice president for business affairs, Dr. Haskell Monroe, dean of faculties and Dr. Koldus.

Corps readies for women Cadets

Sixty women expected as 'day ducks' in outfit W-1

The leaders of the Corps are preparing for the first year they will have women in their ranks.

Corps Information Officer Don Roper has been appointed commander for the women's outfit, W-1.

"We expect to have about 60 girls the first year," he said. "Most will be freshmen and a few sophomores, but all will be treated as fish. The sophomores will be granted more privileges during the year."

Roper said he applied for the position and his first sergeant was junior Mark Machala.

"It is our responsibility to make these girls a part of the Corps and we will accept more sophomore and junior men this semester," he said.

"W-1 will be attached to Corps staff until they gain the size and organization to be given an independent command under another major unit," Roper said. "Since the girls live both off and on campus they will be a day duck outfit. They will check

into the guard room, whip out and wear uniforms to class."

Roper said the uniform will be the regulation Women's Army Corps issue. The uniforms have not arrived yet.

"W-1 will not initially be required to attend formations except for special reasons," he said. "When they are large enough and have their own officers, they will be housed on the military quadrant and function as any other Corps outfit."

"These girls will be a representative of TAMU wherever they go and this school has a reputation for turning out the finest officers in the world. I'm sure W-1 will meet our standards," said Roper.

The Marine women's physical program will be used by the outfit, he said.

"I'm sure they are feminine enough, however to remain ladies. They will become the type of officers TAMU is proud to claim," Roper said.

"Women play an important role in the armed forces," said Capt. Warren H. Switzer, professor of military science. "They are not used for long range reconnaissance but there are many needs for women capable of being officers."

"I am not sure what role women will play at TAMU. There are some traditions and organizations it would be difficult for them to participate in."

"Women are biologically superior in some ways," said Switzer, "and are capable of many things."

"The Greeks were among the first to use women on the battlefield. They were also the first to remove them from combat when they were found to be too vicious."

Bob Ingram, a senior on Corps staff, stressed the importance of involving the women in as many Corps activities as possible.

"That is one of the main goals of this staff," he said. "W-1 must func-

tion as any other outfit, including Class C intramurals and other activities. There is only one Corps and the girls have a place in it."

"We consider this move an advancement and not a compromise," said John Chappelle, Corps commander. "The plan was conceived and designed by the juniors on last year's Corps staff and submitted to the Dept. of Military Science."

"One of the purposes of the commanders conference we're having now is to formulate policy and prepare for the first year of women in the Corps. This move is just one representation of a new Corps attitude."

"This is the year of the reversal. We have been losing strength gradually for many years but I believe we have reached a point where we start coming back," Chappelle continued. "Extending an invitation for women to join the Corps is just one of the ways we are improving

our position on campus and relationships with the rest of the student body.

"The Corps is getting its largest fish class since the 1970-71 school year," said Chappelle. "I expect this to be the best Corps since it was made non-compulsory and W-1 will be a valuable asset."

"Some programs like the Fish Drill Team or the Ross Volunteers probably won't be open to women because of the nature of the activities. President Williams said he doesn't foresee ever having women marching in the Aggie Band."

Chappelle said women would be an important part of the Corps.

"The Corps will be improved by their presence and TAMU will produce the finest men and women officers in all four branches of the services."

Chappelle said he had met many of the women but would not release any names.

