

Dow leases more Brazos land for strip mining

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Dow Chemical Co. filed leases Wednesday morning in the county clerk's office for 677 acres of land for possible strip mining of lignite. The land is near Reliance, about five miles northeast of Bryan. Approximately 70 acres were leased from A. L. Garner and 607 acres

from Cled H. Warren.

The company has leased almost 2,500 acres in Brazos County since early August searching for veins of lignite, a source of fuel.

The process involves drilling core samples to determine the thickness of a lignite vein. If a sizeable amount is found, strip mining

techniques are used to remove the top soil from the underlying coal.

Al Prince, project manager for Dow, said drilling will begin within two months. He said the company is concentrating its search for lignite veins in the Reliance area but is not sure how much more land will be leased by Dow in the county for possible strip mining.

"We will know a lot more about the situation after we drill," he said.

According to Prince, strip mining of lignite cannot begin for at least five years because special equipment must be made and studies of land contours, surface restoration and shallow water areas must be conducted.

Dow has leased land in Brazos, Robertson,

Freestone and Limestone Counties to drill for lignite samples. Dow presently has no strip mining operations in any of these counties.

Prince said he feels these areas have potential lignite veins running underground.

"We believe we will find enough lignite in the areas we have leased to merit strip mining," he said.

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Weather

Continued fair and mild Friday and Saturday with southerly winds 8-10 mph. High today 78°; low tonight 63°; high Saturday 82°. Cold front expected late Saturday afternoon or evening.

Treatment reduces blood clot

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon is responding satisfactorily to treatments for the dime-size blood clot in his right lung, his doctor said Thursday.

Dr. John C. Lungren said Nixon was receiving the same oral and intravenous anticoagulants that the former chief executive has been getting since being hospitalized Monday.

Anticoagulants hopefully will dissolve the lung clot and prevent new clots from forming. The clot broke from a larger clot in his left leg, where it had been created by persistent phlebitis.

Memorial Hospital Medical Center officials said Nixon has received hundreds of get-well cards and bouquets.

But the hospital has also received crank telephone calls threatening Nixon's life and a bomb threat.

Lungren said Wednesday that the clot was a "potentially dangerous situation but not critical at this time . . . there is a very good chance of recovery."



DANCING, SINGING and other entertainment helped to raise funds for the hurricane-devastated nation of Honduras. Such native dances as the one done by Elva Flores were presented Thursday night. (Photo by Glen Johnson)

Liberal Arts dean censures Marat / Sade, questions nudity, sex

By RICHARD HENDERSON
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A simulated copulation scene and nudity were the two main reasons the TAMU performance of Marat/Sade was canceled by Dr. David Maxwell, dean of Liberal Arts.

Dr. John Joy, director of theater arts, which was to perform the play, was informed Wednesday by Dr. Maxwell that portions of the play would have to be deleted.

"I was asked to alter the play so much that it was not viable to continue the production," said Joy.

Concerning the nudity, Joy said he had not planned to include it in the play. He added that the copulation scene was to be done in a "more humorous than dirty" way.

"There is a difference between art and pornography," said Joy.

"Whatever is in a play serves to create a work of art, the whole picture. Marat/Sade is hardly a dirty play."

"I think if someone read the play objectively and with an open mind they would not find it objectionable."

When asked who made the decision to have the play edited, Dean Maxwell said, "Basically it was I. I asked if certain changes could be made. Dr. Joy did not think the changes could be made without ruining the play. Technically he made the decision not to produce it, but to be honest, you might say he made it under pressure."

"I have read reviews, but do not know a hell of a lot about the play," Maxwell said. He said his actions were initiated by the complaints of some of the students who were involved in the play.

"The students did not approve of the play and thought the community would find it offensive. This would lead people to think the administration would approve of a play that was considered offensive. It would draw inferences about A&M that we would not want drawn," he said.

"There is a high degree of morality in this community in relation to others. We do not want to draw the inference of helping lower morality. Would a significant element in the

community find it offensive? is the big question. This includes alumni, supporters and the public. We are a public institution and need their approval," said Maxwell.

Dr. Joy said that Marat/Sade is considered an exercise in "total theater" and was to be an extension of Theater Arts lab work. He added that a large number turned out for tryouts and it is a good sign when that many people are interested. "I

hope to pick something else that does not change that direction," he said.

Maxwell said, "I think Dr. Joy understands much better now the limitations under which we operate. I do not anticipate any more difficulties at all."

RA's role more than policeman

To many the resident advisor is a resident policeman, but this is not all they do.

William Faulkner, an area coordinator, said RA's are briefed in recognizing such things as suicidal tendencies, drug withdrawal symptoms, and diabetes.

One main duty is to know as many people as possible in the dorm and act as an information center. This is particularly important to beginning freshmen.

Student-RA acquaintance is encouraged, but not to become so friendly that the RA cannot enforce regulations properly, explained some RA's.



DR. JOHN JOY

Citizen asks for variance

First case for new board of adjustments

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City Planner William Koehler said he was contacted Thursday by a citizen interested in obtaining a variance from the zoning ordinance. This will mark the first case to be considered by the newly established College Station Zoning Board of Adjustments.

The board was appointed at Monday's council meeting. The city council has served as the adjustments board in the past.

Chairman of the new board is

Fredda Austin, an urban planner with South/West Planning Associates of Bryan. Austin said the board was needed and that she was looking forward to serving on it. Austin has been active in the League of Women Voters and was a member of the citizens committee which aided in forming the comprehensive development plan for the city.

As chairman, Austin will have the power to call meetings for the board, which can grant special exceptions to the zoning ordinances. Koehler said this does not give

them the power to change the zoning of a tract. The board may issue permits to allow nonconforming structures to be built. They may also allow the remodeling, reconstruction or expansion of pre-existing nonconforming structures.

The board may, on its own or by instigation, eliminate any nonconforming structure. Koehler said this power will probably not be used.

Examples of variances which may be granted include: the width and length of lots, the placement of signs, building setbacks and re-

quirements for off-street parking.

Dr. Wayne Etter, a TAMU professor, has been appointed for one year term on the board. Etter, who teaches real estate finance, said he was asked six months ago if he would serve on the board.

The other one year member will be Dr. Jim Teer, head of the Wildlife Science Department.

Serving for two years are Kathy Leabo and Glen Jones.

Leabo is the former president of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters and is currently serving as vice president of the state organization.

Jones is vice president of the Bank of A&M. He was unaware of his appointment when contacted Wednesday. He is a TAMU graduate and retired from the Air Force.

All members serve at the pleasure of the city council and can be removed for cause at any time.

Cops deal mainly in traffic tickets

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The University Police are here to protect the students, faculty, staff and the property of Texas A&M.

But mostly, they give tickets. "We are responsible for regulating traffic. As you know, that's one hell of a responsibility," said Chief O. L. Luther.

During the 1973-74 academic year, 16,212 violation notices were collected. Of these, 5,081 were excused.

"Nobody likes to write parking tickets," said Lt. W. O. Walker. "You try to handle it by the situation. I don't think any good officer would go strictly by the book and not make any allowances." Walker gave an example of this by saying he would not give a ticket to a crippled boy on crutches, who parked in a disabled student spot while it was raining.

Walker, who has been on the University Police force for almost 11 years, came into the police profession by accident. "I never thought that I'd be a policeman," he said. After taking a preference test in the Army, Walker was placed in the Military Police Corp. "I guess my superiors knew I was police material and I just didn't realize it," he said.

Patrolman Wayne Onstott knew he wanted to become a policeman. Onstott, who has been on the force for three years, said, "I applied at the University Police while working on university construction because of

the force's steady income. This is a good job to help people when help is needed. I like law enforcement because something different happens every day. It's not routine."

Walker says he does not intend to remain a policeman "indefinitely" because that would be saying the same thing as "indefinitely." He said he would like to go into his own taxidermy business later on. "And that's not driving a taxicab," he said.

Both agreed that there are high points and low points of being a police officer. Walker said, "People tend to expect more from one officer than they would from another per-

son. You're expected to 'take lip.' I don't think you should apologize for enforcing the law or doing your duty."

Onstott said that one vital requirement of an officer is to have "good common sense." He and Walker said that some of the university's officers had acquired the "Wyatt Earp Syndrome" and had to be dismissed.

Chief Luther had some additional requirements of a police officer. He said, "You've got to have a person who can get along with the students and the faculty staff and know what the students' needs are."

Although there are presently no women on the force, there are two vacancies available because last year's patrolwomen left for higher-paying jobs. Walker said, "The women officers are very helpful in handling females. Especially when it comes to searching. No male officer likes to do that."

All the men agreed that A&M is a peaceful campus and that traffic violations are the major problem. Walker attributed much of the university's calm atmosphere to the corps and its military discipline.

Luther, who is in his fourth year with the University Police, said, "My philosophy is that I'd rather see a thousand people get away with something, rather than point my finger at someone innocent. A young person who has committed a misdemeanor offense should be given another chance."



YOGA POSITIONS may seem difficult, but the people who practice it say yoga helps in aiding concentration. Free University is offering a class in yoga this semester. Paul Gaines demonstrates one position. (Photo by Jack Holm)

Judge won't free Calley

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal appeals court judge temporarily blocked Thursday the release of Army Lt. William L. Calley, who had been ordered freed by a lower court judge in reversing Calley's conviction for murder in the My Lai massacre.

Chief Judge John R. Brown of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans granted a stay of the lower court order until Monday to allow the Army time to present a written motion for a 15-day stay.

The Justice Department authorized the Army to seek the 15-day delay so government lawyers would have time to decide whether to appeal Wednesday's order by U.S. District Court Judge J. Robert Elliott of Columbus, Ga.

Elliott had ruled that Calley's constitutional rights to a fair trial were violated during the court-martial 3½ years ago that resulted in Calley's conviction and sentence of life imprisonment, later reduced to 10 years.

After Elliott denied an Army request that he stay his own order, Solicitor General Robert H. Berk authorized the Army to seek a delay from the Court of Appeals. Berk's

decision stopped short of authorizing a full-scale appeal of Elliott's order.

Earlier, Calley had been preparing to leave confinement.

One of Calley's three civilian attorneys criticized the Army for refusing to obey Elliott's order to release Calley.

"It's nothing more than Army arrogance," said Kenneth Henson of the Army's efforts to keep Calley behind bars. Within hours of Elliott's ruling, the Army announced it would seek a stay of the decision.

The Army also announced that Calley, ordered freed immediately by Elliott, "will not be released from confinement pending a decision on these recommendations."

Elliott's decision marked a significant legal victory for the boyish-looking former platoon leader, but it was still uncertain when he will gain release from the military prison where he is serving the remainder of a 10-year sentence.

Henson said Calley has been processed by Ft. Leavenworth authorities and is ready to depart. "He wants to return home and regain a private life," he said.