

# Drainage creates CS problem

## Federal grant could provide funding for cure

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Inadequate drainage which makes the streets as bad as "ponds" or "irrigation canals" was the major concern of the approximately 40 citizens attending the Lincoln-Tarrow Street neighborhood meeting Tuesday night.

The meeting at the College Hills Baptist Church was the last of four held by the city to determine the needs of low income areas for federal funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

College Station has been allotted \$71,000 for this year under the

program which consolidates all other existing development programs funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Poor drainage in the area could be helped by maintenance rather than the expense of road paving, the citizens agreed.

Residents on Pasler Street and Avenue "B" complained that they can't get in and out of their homes after a long or hard rain. "We pay as much taxes as other people do and I can't even park in my driveway," one area resident, Bernice Hill, said.

The backed-up water rises as high

as "two or three inches from my door," Barbara Boone of Avenue "B" and Lincoln Drive said.

The area residents questioned why the city had allowed the drainage problems and inadequate paving to go unattended for so long, Barney Stevenson, neighborhood spokesman, said. "The city has the tendency to give funds to the growing parts of town and let sleeping dogs lie until they growl. Well, it's time to growl."

Inadequate water pipelines was also considered an urgent problem by the citizens. "Three or four houses are feeding off one three-quarter inch pipe," neighborhood

resident Tommy Preston said. The water pressure at times "is nothing but a drip" Boone added.

Since the \$71,000 wouldn't be nearly enough to pave all the streets, the first year's grant should be used for visible, needed improvements, resident Vernon Thompson suggested. Being able to see results from the allocated money would encourage continued citizen participation, he said.

Other problems cited by area re-

sidents included inadequate electricity, street lighting and the need for speed limit and "children at play" signs.

At a public hearing Monday, the Citizens Advisory Committee (representatives from each neighborhood) will meet with the city Planning and Zoning Commission to determine the priorities of all four areas. The Council will decide later in the month how the federal money will be spent.

## Library discontinues overdue book fines

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## Pub problems debated

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were Davis. "Would Mr. Gohmert or Dr. Koldus like the idea of alcohol on special occasions?"

"Whether I say it would be all right to let it slide one time or not... It's still alcohol being condoned and served by the university," said Gohmert.

"I agree with Bill (Davis) on the societal aspects," said Koldus. "It's in our home. I have four children aged 10, 12, 14 and 16-years-old. They have tasted the various kinds of alcohol in our home... The difficulty is with alcohol in an educational environment — not with alcohol per se."

What about the problems with drunken students and vandalism because of intoxication?

"The idea of a pub is so far fetched that it hasn't really been discussed yet," said Davis. But he said profits from the pub can probably take care of damages. And the KK (campus

police) could escort those who were intoxicated. Beside that, Davis said students would be more cautious when they were on campus and would not be so rowdy or vociferous.

Would cadets be allowed to drink in uniform at the pub?

Gohmert said present rules do not prohibit drinking in uniform — only drinking in excess.

Would alcohol in the MSC affect its memorial status?

"There seems to be a laxity among the student body as to the memorial status of the MSC," answered Davis. "I personally have no hang ups about alcohol in the MSC. The memorial status could be defined differently to a certain extent so that the two would not be in conflict."

What about legalizing public drinking on campus?

"The administration's position is that one's room is his private residence and we don't intrude on that which is private," said Koldus. "But

there are dorms in the academic area and we might have problems with students hanging out the windows and slopping beer... freshmen who are unaware and immature..."

If there was a pub, what would be the site and capacity?

"The pub we had planned for the brown bag area would seat 75-100 maximum with a small dance floor," said Davis.

## Constitution creates Texas' big problem

Calling Texas government "a crisis in crisis" operation, Rep. Neil Caldwell of Alvin said Tuesday the state's ultimate problem is its constitution.

"I'm not very optimistic about another Constitutional Convention though," he commented in a Political Forum address at TAMU.

Topics ranged from high plains water to Galveston land subsidence. Caldwell also discussed students on college boards of directors, land use planning, utilities regulation, a state income tax and right to work.

He had an audience of more than

350 for his talk on "Priorities of the 64th Legislature."

"The Constitution is the fundamental impediment," stated the former House Appropriations Committee chairman. Caldwell was succeeded by TAMU alumnus Bill Presnal for the recently-begun legislative session.

"Another of our problems was so eloquently pointed out in the Rodriguez decision," Caldwell added. "The Texas tax structure is fundamentally wrong, along with other things such as service for mentally disturbed children. They all go back to the Constitution."

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