

# The Battalion

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## College Station City Station rezones for density options

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The College Station City Council last established two new zoning categories which would allow for more options in densities in residential areas.

The old zoning districts were single-family (up to 6 dwelling units per acre), duplex (up to 10 dwelling units per acre) and apartment (up to 43 dwelling units per acre).

The new districts are low density apartments (up to 16 dwelling units per acre) and medium density apartments (up to 30 dwelling units per acre).

Councilmen also discussed the proposed referendum on the city charter amendment. The council returned the proposal to Charter Revision Committee to work out a method of presentation on the ballot.

Councilmen and the mayor are presently at-large. The referendum will decide if the citizens of College Station (the present system or would rather go to a system where councilmen are elected in wards within the city (ward election).

A third alternative is a combination at-large system where half the councilmen are elected at-large and the other half are chosen by citizens within a district.

Other action, the council rezoned a tract in Southwood Valley from a single-family tract to single-family residential district. It adopted an ordinance which the city council will have final plat approval of subdivisions. Previously, the Planning and Zoning Commission had that



*The Pause That Reflects*

College Station Councilmen (from left) Gary Halter, Homer Adams, and Lorence Bravence at last night's council meeting. Photo by Douglas Winship

## Form rivalries goal of RHA

By GALE KAUFFMAN  
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Getting involved with the dorms and getting the dorms involved with each other was the main subject of last night's meeting of Residence Hall Association.

RHA president George Lippe said that he wants the RHA to go back into the dorms and get the students involved in interdorm rivalries.

"People are getting isolated," Lippe said. "We should give students an opportunity to compete in and a chance to choose from our activities." Spade and domino tournaments and push-ball and tug-of-war were some of the proposed activities.

Lippe also announced that work on the inset hut, a university-purchased party area, should begin next week and will be completed in approximately six weeks.

Executive plans for the Texas Residence Association Convention to be held in Houston were also discussed.

## Athletic Department to increase ticket fee

An overload in the Student Legal Advisor's Office, a \$72,000 deficit in the athletic budget, and a doubling in services offered by the Intramural Department were discussed in the Student Services Fees Allocation hearing last night.

"The bulk, about 35 per cent of my case load is in tenant-landlord cases. Sometimes I spend 15 hours working in one day and I haven't gotten around to much educational programming," said Ken Robison, student legal advisor.

He requested \$47,735, \$19,273 over last year's request of \$28,462. The reason behind the 68 per cent increase is Robison plan to hire another attorney and secretary.

Intramurals asked for a 90 per cent increase with a request of \$227,489.

"There's been a 40 per cent increase in all team participation sports," said Dennis Corrington, intramural director.

"This all means more salaries for students," Corrington said. The more games means the more officials needed to call events. These are student workers. The

more hours the recreational facilities are open the more hours of supervision needed. These are also students.

Corrington also intends to hire two new graduate assistants and another clerk-typist for the staff.

"We've got over \$100,000 going back into the students' pockets," said Corrington.

The Athletic Department came in with a \$72,000 deficit budget, but requested no more than last year, \$120,000.

"We plan to charge students \$18 for a season football ticket booklet. We also plan to sell a \$36 season guest booklet to help solve date ticket seating distribution problem," said Wally Groff, athletic business manager.

"The student has first priority in buying tickets, but we've got to know how many students to anticipate because we start sending out faculty, staff and former student requests forms in March. We plan to sell about 18,000 student season tickets," said Groff.

## 11 football members tied to drug probe

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No charges had been filed as of Thursday night concerning a marijuana case in which some members of the Texas A&M varsity football team were involved.

College Station Police late Tuesday night confiscated 10 to 11 pounds of a substance believed to be marijuana from a unit in the Monaco II Apartments during a party following the A&M-University of Houston basketball game. Laboratory tests have not been completed.

Brazos County and city law enforcement officials were reluctant to discuss the case which involved at least 11 members of the A&M football team, two members of the basketball squad and dozens of other persons, a source told The Battalion.

County Attorney Roland Searcy Jr. said that the matter "is still under investigation at this time and I am not at liberty to divulge any information about it. There is a possibility that some misdemeanor cases could result from it."

Searcy said it could take several days to complete the investigation before charges are filed.

Possession of more than four ounces of marijuana is considered a felony in Texas, carrying a two-to-ten year sentence and a \$5,000 fine or both.

College Station Police Chief Marvin Byrd had told The Battalion Wednesday that it was very likely that the case would be brought before the grand jury which met Thursday.

He also said that it was likely the felony charges would be filed against a "stud football player and a girl." No names will be released until charges are filed, Byrd said.

No grand jury indictments were returned against any football players in Thursday's session.

District Attorney Tom McDonald said yesterday he was unaware of any such cases being sent to his office.

Search warrants were obtained from Justice of the Peace Michael Callihan before the raids took place.

"We're trying to low-key this thing so that if there are no arrests or charges the players won't be damaged," Callihan said. "It would be different if there were charges."

Det. Bobby Yeager, who headed the investigation, said that "less than a lid" was found in the apartment where the party was being held, but that police confiscated "about 10 to 11 pounds" in another unit in the southside apartment complex rented to a woman student.

Yeager said the smell of marijuana smoke was "very heavy" in the apartment where the party was being held, but that he saw no one smoking marijuana. He said officers were admitted inside without incident.

Byrd said Wednesday that three persons were held for questioning following the raids. Another source said two of the three persons were starting Aggie defensive

players. All were released on personal recognizance bonds until completion of the investigation, according to Callihan.

Byrd said one of the football players has been under investigation by his department for some time. A police source said investigators had been waiting to arrest the subject until after he moved out of the Wofford Cain Athletic Dormitory, following football season.

## Educational funds cut by Ford budget

By RAY DANIELS  
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President Ford, in his state of the union address Monday, asked Congress for changes in educational fundings lowering the total amount available by 19 per cent.

Ford's requests include a 48.9 per cent increase in Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG) for the fiscal year 1977 (school year 77-78). Even with this increase, there will be an overall drop in educational funding by major cuts in other programs.

Ford's proposal includes the elimination of the Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) program, which Congress appropriated \$240 million for 76-77 school year.

Other cuts included 36 per cent of the College Work Study program, and 11.5 per cent in Guaranteed Student Loans.

The State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG) program was the only program not cut in Ford's recommendations. He asked for a figure close to the \$44 million currently budgeted.

The BEOG program is one of the primary sources for financial aid at A&M, according to Dr. Robert C. Johnson, of the Student Financial Aid office.

For 74-75 school year, 538 students received grants totaling \$288,612. Johnson expects the figures for this year to run close to \$900,000 with 1100 to 1200 students receiving grants.

In this program, A&M would profit from the President's recommendations. However there would be losses in several other programs. The elimination of the SEOG program would affect students who are currently receiving \$29,299 from that program. The work study program, in which 80 per cent of the student worker's wage is paid by the Federal government would also suffer losses.

"Less than 10 per cent of our financial aid

comes from the work study program," he said. Although many students are employed on campus, most departments cover the cost of this without federal aid.

National Direct Loans, although slashed 96 per cent have little effect on A&M.

When this program was begun, two options were available. The first, to accept yearly allotments for loans; the second, to get lump sums for a few years until enough money was built up from the repayment of the loans.

A&M chose the second option and is currently operating the national direct loan program without receiving allocations. It will suffer no losses in this area.

Possible effects of cuts in the guaranteed student loan program were unavailable since the student financial aid office does not process such loans.

SSIGs were not recommended for a decrease, a favorable sign to Aggies who will receive \$59,844 in 75-76.

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THE FORECAST for Friday is partly cloudy and warmer. The expected high will be in the upper 70's. Low tonight should be 50 degrees.

## Enrollment to begin

## Medical program opens

For the first time this fall, students may be able to enroll in the first phases of a medical education program at Texas A&M.

Yesterday, the University was issued the essential document, a "letter of reasonable assurance," by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. The committee is an accrediting body representing the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. Jack K. Williams, University Systems president, made the announcement yesterday and said the program will be conducted in cooperation with Baylor College of Medicine, Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic and Veterans Administration hospitals in Temple, Marlin and Waco.

Since the University has received its letter of reasonable assurance, it will now receive a \$17 million grant from the Veterans Administration. The administration announced plans in 1974 to grant \$9.6 million to Texas A&M and recently increased the award to \$17,071,609, provided it received its letter of reasonable assurance.

The grants are part of an overall project stemming from the Teague-Cranston Bill (the Veterans Administration Medical School Assistance and Health Manpower Training Act of 1972).

The act provides for a program to use the VA medical system in training medical manpower, both physicians and other health personnel, to help relieve the general shortage, and particularly the VA system shortage.

A&M's dean of medicine, Dr. James A. Knight, said the letter of reasonable assurance allows the University to move forward with its programs and is essential in gaining the next step, called "provisional accreditation," which includes permission to admit students. The final step, full accreditation, is expected shortly before the first students graduate.

## Fee increase considered for room, board, laundry

The Texas A&M Board of Regents will consider increases in room, board and laundry fees for the fall 1976 semester at next week's meeting.

The proposed increases will be the second in the past year, since last spring. The board fee will be set at \$423.15 for seven-day plan, while the five-day plan will be increased to \$378. That represents an increase of \$15.75 and \$13.65, respectively.

The planned laundry fee increase amounts to \$10 for both men and women students opting the service. The present dry service costs men \$35 and women \$40 per semester.

All air-conditioned dormitories and the university-owned married-student housing affected by the room-rent increase. Air-conditioned housing rents will not be raised.

The dormitory rent will increase an average of 6.75 per cent if the Regents approve the proposal. The married-student housing increase will average approximately 8 per cent.

In addition to the fee increases, the member panel is expected to award contracts on two projects. The board has asked to let a \$44,084 contract for a placement elevator in the System Administration Building to the Otis Elevator Co. of Houston. Another contract should be awarded to the Dallas-based Carpet Ser-

VICES, Inc. for carpeting of the 8th and 9th floors of the Budder Tower. They submitted the low bid of \$16,790.

Action may be taken on bids received for Phase II of the Sbis Dining Hall renovation, said Charles Brunt, construction manager for the Texas A&M-campus. The low bid received on Wednesday for the project was from Sentry Construction, Bryan, with a bid of \$1,988,000. Brunt couldn't say which of the seven bids received for the project would be recommended to the Regents.

An additional \$93,000 appropriation will be asked for by the administration for designing of the new baseball field on the west side of Wellborn Road. That supplements the \$5,000 approved by the panel for preliminary design.

The meeting agenda also listed appropriations for a West Campus electrical study, detailed design of horse barns and an arena to be studied by the board.

Tenure recommendations for 79 A&M faculty members will be reviewed by the Regents during the Tuesday meeting. The board is expected to confirm 86 local faculty promotions and eight appointments.

Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. John Calhoun has recommended to the board a change of the Department of Journalism to the Department of Communications. The name change would also divide the department into print and broadcasting options.

Another recommendation to be received by the Regents will be a request for two additional Ph.D. and five Doctor of Education options in the College of Education. That would then have to be approved by the State Coordinating Board before the degree options could be offered.

The board plans to accept gifts and awards totaling \$389,822.88 from various groups and individuals.

The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Regents Wing of the Memorial Student Center.

	HOUSING INCREASES	OLD	NEW
Non-Air			
Non-Phone			
Largent	\$ 135.00		No increase
Hotard			
Milner			
Non-Air			
Phone	\$155.00		No increase
Hart			
Law			
Purveyor			
Walton			
Corps Type	\$235.00		\$250.00
Suite Type	\$250.00		\$275.00
Commons Area	\$375.00		\$390.00
Married Student Apartments			
Old College View	\$60.00		\$65.00
(unfurnished)			
Old College View	\$72.00		\$78.00
(furnished)			
Southside	\$80.00		\$87.00
Southside	\$114.00		\$125.00
(3-bedroom)			
Hensel	\$97.00		\$105.00
New College View	\$143.00		\$155.00
College Avenue	\$143.00		\$155.00
College Avenue			
(1-bedroom)			
College Avenue	\$154.00		\$177.00
(2-bedroom)			



ANM DMZ

Photo courtesy of Steve Goble, Aggeland Staff

Awakened at 7 a.m. by the pounding of jackhammers outside their windows, some Hart Hall residents struck back with a comment about the system. The destruction of the sidewalks and street surrounding the dormitory

continues to create a mudpit in the area, however, one note of hope: a fence which had blocked a major campus thoroughfare to the MSC is gone, having been trampled to death by the students.