

Hazen questions safety

Motel chain gets rezoning

By RUSTY CAWLEY
Battalion City Editor

A 3.4-acre tract of land on the corner of Live Oak and Texas Avenue was rezoned by the College Station City Council Thursday night.

The rezoning requested by Richard Smith Co. of Bryan, allows La Quinta Motor Inns of San Antonio to prepare to build a motel on the land.

Hank Stanton, representing the

Richard Smith Co. asked the council to make the change. Until last night, the land had been divided into three different zones of commercial, commercial/industrial and single family residential.

The council made the entire property commercial.

Councilman Jim Dozier argued for changing the zoning to protect surrounding property.

"Zoned like it is now, they could put a slaughterhouse or something

else back there," Dozier said. "This property would give less aggravation to surrounding property if it were all commercial."

"We're not doing it for La Quinta motels, but for the surrounding property owners," he said.

City planner Al Mayo told the council the land was scheduled for commercial zoning in the city's comprehensive plan.

Only Councilman Anne Hazen opposed the rezoning.

Hazen questioned the safety of putting a motel in that area.

"You'll have cars turning right off of University Drive onto Texas Avenue, then across Texas, left onto Live Oak," Hazen said. "I don't see

how that can be safe."

Hazen said she and the Safety Committee want to ban left turns at that corner.

Stanton said it would not affect the motel's business.

The rezoning was approved 6-1, with Hazen voting against the motion.

In other action, the council approved plans for a new police station and a city warehouse. Construction bids will be taken next month.

The council also received \$67,488 from the Texas Office of Traffic Safety to fund nine full-time traffic officers. A similar grant, received last January, had funded three officers.

Cadets undergo special training

By ANDY PENNINGTON

Several members of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University have undergone training this past summer with the "Black Berets," the U.S. Army's answer to the commando.

The five cadets, all Army ROTC seniors, spent nine weeks this past summer at Fort Benning, Ga., and at Camp J. Earl Rudder in the Florida swamps, undergoing training in small unit leadership and tactics.

"We trained with elements of the 75th Infantry regiment," Cadet James Beal, a senior history major from Bryan, said.

"The 75th Infantry has been training in the Fort Bliss area over the past two years and they have been handling exactly what the West Germans did last week in Somalia when they rescued the 86 passengers from the German airliner that had been hijacked."

"We have battalions located at Forts Bragg, Stewart and Lewis," said Lt. Col. Edward Yaugo, commanding officer of the 75th Infantry. "If we had an Entebbe of our own and the Army didn't call on the Rangers, we would be pretty damn mad."

"Last year the Rangers conducted a series of full scale exercises to 'rescue' political hostages. We stormed a desert hideaway in west Texas and freed an American consul who was being held hostage by a group of aggressor troops from Fort Bliss," Yaugo said.

"When cadets are selected to train with the Rangers, they must meet very strict standards both mentally, physically and academically," Capt. Ray Armour, advisor to the Texas A&M Ranger Company, said.

"We only send our best people to Fort Benning. This is the reason that the Aggies have such a good reputation in the Army. Our guys are hard chargers and don't let down for a minute."

"Our cadets are given only a small

taste of the commando thing. They are mainly instructed in small unit leadership and tactics. The roughest thing they must do is go on a seven day patrol in the Florida swamps.

"The only things we did that were really hard were down in the Florida swamps," Beal said. "I was captured and beaten up by some of the instructors but it wasn't anything really bad."



Teams gathered to discuss strategy as several hundred students participated in Almost Anything Goes last night at the practice field. Battalion photo by Dick Wells

"Almost Anything Goes"

Sponges, eggs perilous entertainment

By CAROLYN BLOSSER

Raw egg yolks oozing down the face, mouthfuls of dirty water, wet sponge bombardments — these were only a few of the hazards in Texas A&M's second annual "Almost Anything Goes."

The event, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), was held last night on the practice field behind Kyle Field, and gave some 800 student participants an enjoyable, if somewhat perilous, evening of fun.

"Almost Anything Goes" is a spoof from the defunct television series of the same name. Teams comprised of five men and five women competed in a series of zany races and events.

About 79 teams competed in this year's "Almost Anything Goes," an excellent turnout compared to the 65 teams that competed last year. The teams were divided into nine groups which participated in three

preliminary events. The winner from each group then competed in the fourth and final event to determine the overall winner.

The craziest and most hazardous event of all was "Egg In The Face." Contestants had to catch an egg thrown from 10 feet away, crack it and drop the yolk into a glass held in the mouth of a teammate lying on the ground. Whichever team dropped the most eggs in the glass won.

Unfortunately, not everyone could aim that well. Team members holding the glass often had egg yolk dripping in their eyes, mouth and hair.

Cameras were kept busy clicking at the horrified expressions of the unfortunate victims.

The other two preliminary events were the "Golf Ball Gobble" where participants bobbed for golf balls in buckets of water, and the "Wicked Walk" in which contestants walked

backwards on a beam 12 feet long and 4 inches wide while dodging wet sponges being thrown from both sides.

The fourth and deciding event was the "Bucket Hustle," a relay race in which buckets of water were hung around the participants' necks. The team which managed to collect the most water in a trash can won.

Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves at "Almost Anything Goes," although there were a few drawbacks. With so many people competing, contestants had to wait about half an hour between each event, and the astroturf caused a few skin burns.

But on the whole the students said they enjoyed the chance to do something different for a change to get away from the pressures of school.

The top three teams each received a trophy of the rear end of a horse. Each member of the winning team will also receive a free dinner at a restaurant in the Bryan-College Station area.

Deaths increase; need accident 'missionaries'

CHICAGO — The National Safety Council reports 31,520 people died in traffic accidents in the first eight months of 1977, 2 percent more than the number killed in traffic accidents the first eight months of 1976.

About 1.1 million people suffered disabling injuries from motor vehicle accidents during the first eight months of the year, the safety council says. The council would like these persons to advise others about

the use of safety belts, defensive driving techniques and slower highway speeds.

"It would be a wonderful thing for the American public if these million-plus persons who survived so many terrible accidents could join with us in being missionaries for the cause of traffic safety," council President Vincent L. Tofany said.

"They could, perhaps, be more persuasive than we," Tofany said, "because they can speak from personal experience."

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