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David Pugh, 35, 1200 Timm Drive, assistant professor of urban planning at Texas A&M.

Are you in favor of the continued requirement of a conditional use permit for fraternities and sororities to build their own houses?

Yes. For the simple reason I wrote the conditional use permit system. Until I filed for office I was a consultant to the city of College Station. I wrote it because we don't have a situation here that supports a fraternity or sorority as such. I wish we had the kind of university support and economic environment that would permit us to have a sorority and fraternity row. But when you don't have an environment that supports a

fraternity row, what you get is the sporadic intermixture of fraternity and sorority houses in predominantly single-family residential areas. I think it's only reasonable to expect that families living in single-family housing have some degree of protection from what would be categorized as a multi-family kind of housing, namely a fraternity or sorority house.

The conditional use permit is sort of a guarantee that the people in that area will have some voice as to what is or is not placed in their neighborhood. I never drafted the conditional use plan with the idea of slapping the fraternities or sororities. Believe me, I support them whole-heartedly.

What role should the students of

Texas A&M play in city government?

They should play the role that is commensurate with their level of interest. That is, if they are really that interested in local issues, then they should play a very vital role. I don't see anything wrong with that. I'm not of the opinion that we should be scared to death of students at A&M taking over College Station. In fact, I think there is a certain degree of a healthy situation because we have a lack of interest in local issues on the part of many of the students. If we could channel some of the youthful vitality of students in the direction of city hall, things would go well for all of us.

Are you in favor of allowing the city to expand in an eastward direction even though that area lies in a flood plain?

No. I think we should do everything we can to discourage development in flood-prone areas. I think we need to concentrate on what we have. We have large areas within College Station proper which have yet to be developed.

It's an easy habit to get into thinking growth is always good. I think council members voted to annex the eastern section because they wanted control over it. I don't see anything wrong with that, but if we continue an annexation policy just for the sake of control, we could get ourselves in a situation where we have extended our physical limits to such a degree that servicing the areas could place a real financial burden on everybody.

Are you in favor of the ward system? If so, what merits does it have? If not, what merits does the at-large system have?

I don't think it matters on way or the other. College Station is not at the growth level yet where it really makes any difference whether we use an at-large system or a ward system. You limit candidacy with a ward system. The number of bright, energetic, creative people that could

be running for a position on City Council. If you open it up with the at-large system, anybody who wants to run can run regardless of where they live within the city. That is the only argument in favor of the at-large system.

I favor a neighborhood development system in College Station. We ought to place added emphasis on maintaining and improving the quality, and organizing our neighborhoods. If the ward system is equated with a neighborhood system, then I favor the ward system. The present system could not be called a neighborhood system. There has never been any attempt by the City Council to determine what the neighborhoods in College Station are.

Will you encourage further building of apartment complexes for students and how do you think this will affect the city in the next 5-10 years?

I would discourage the addition of more apartments until it could be shown that we are definitely going to continue on the upper growth level. This year A&M's growth level dropped. I don't want the city to end up with a great surplus of apartment houses that become partially empty. As a result of the high vacancy rate, maintenance begins to go down. We need to be very careful as to what we can support in the future. The crisis in housing we were facing a year or so ago is over.

Do you think College Station needs a property tax increase?

Probably not. Before we do any increasing of taxes, I think we need to look at what we are spending our money for and the types of policies we have in reference to our expenditures. If we do that, we can find, to some degree, we are wasting money that can be spent in more productive places.

Do you see any problems with the current zoning code? Would you consider new areas for construction?



Pugh

I think our big problem withing has been commercialization. Specifically, I think we need everything we can to discourage strip zoning on Texas Avenue. Avenue is going to be commercialized if we don't do something to stop it.

People are always complaining because it takes them so long to get to downtown Bryan. This is the result of the marginal interference down from all the shops on Avenue. If shops are put into planned shopping center, efficiency of the street system is created, a much better commercial scenario is created, everybody is a lot happier. We need to concentrate more on shopping center development in College Station and less on commercial zoning.

Would you consider construction of more recreational facilities?

I certainly favor park development and recreational facility development. We are in dire need of more of our park program. With the exception of Bee Creek Park really have no active facilities in College Station. And I think we need the money to spend on it.

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When Ann Gradwohl came to Texas A&M University two years ago she had never seen an armadillo.

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The sophomore marketing major from Lincoln, Neb., recently won a costume design contest sponsored by a local restaurant searching for an original Texas animal to represent them. She came up with the idea of using an armadillo.

Gradwohl heard about the contest through a history of costumes course she is currently taking as an elective at Texas A&M.

"When you're not from here, armadillos just represent Texas to you," she said. "Since I had only heard of armadillos, but never really seen one, I really had to research the critter to get my design right."

"The first time I saw an armadillo I didn't realize what it was and called it an aardvark," the brown-haired sophomore admitted. "But, I know one when I see one now."

In her layout, the creature she calls "Marshall Dillo" is dressed in a hat, vest and boots. But he doesn't pack a shooting iron.

"The reason there's no gun is the

restaurant wanted an animal wouldn't scare children," she said. "So, when I drew him I made his portfolio look like barroom art. When you open them up, he's grinning on his hind legs grinning at the camera."

Both Gradwohl and the armadillo are convinced the award won't frighten children. The tune, recently being constructed in New York, will use quilting for the animal's shell and other material for the rest of the body.

Besides being elated over winning the money, Ann had another son to be happy.

"This contest proved to me that academia can connect with the business world," she said. "It's the things I learned in class that actually get put to use in a real life situation."

And what did she do with the test money?

"The first thing I did was buy an armadillo ring," Gradwohl laughed. "The rest of it I'll use to continue studies at Texas A&M University."

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