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## Park addition plans to stand

By FLAVIA KRONE  
Lemontree Subdivision residents un-

successfully petitioned the College Station  
City Council Thursday night to reconsider  
plans for the development of Anderson  
Ridge Park.

Plans call for the addition of a tempo-  
rary, lighted softball field and 38-car park-  
ing lot to the ten-acre park at the intersec-  
tion of Anderson Street and Lemontree.

The field will be used by girls' softball  
leagues in College Station that currently  
have no playing facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Department  
plan for the park also provides for removal  
of the light and parking lot when a perman-  
ent field site is developed.

John Howard, representing the Lemont-  
ree Subdivision residents who oppose the  
project, called the plan "haphazard."  
Howard expressed concern that parking  
would not be adequate to handle increased  
traffic and the lights would disrupt  
neighboring residents. He also said that  
the neighborhood park was too small to  
develop as intensely as the city has  
planned.

"With less intensive development we  
will have a true neighborhood park,"  
Howard said. "Some very serious close  
spacing needs to be done."

Howard also said he feared the lights  
and parking lot might not be removed in  
the future.

"If the city puts in light poles and  
facilities, I don't think they will be re-  
moved in the future," Howard said. "In  
two or three years from now we will get  
pressure from the leagues to leave it as it  
is."

Councilman Larry Ringer assured How-  
ard that "as soon as a permanent complex  
is available we will move it."  
A 30-acre tract of land near the intersec-  
tion of Krenek Road and the east-by-pass  
may be the future site or a permanent  
park. The land is being purchased by the

## Mosher resident struck by car;

### treated, released

A Texas A&M student riding a bicy-  
cle near Mosher Hall was struck by a  
car Thursday. She was taken to the  
Beutler Health Center, and released  
after cuts and scrapes were  
treated, said Dr. Claude Goswick,  
Health Center director.

The student, identified by Gos-  
wick as Deina K. Collins, a senior  
horticulture major, was riding her  
bicycle on Bizzell Street toward Jer-  
sey Street about 10:20 a.m. A car  
heading the same way made a right  
turn behind Mosher, according to  
Tom Parsons of University Police.

The bicycle struck the side of the  
car, knocking Collins down.  
University Police have not  
pressed any charges, but Parsons  
said "It is possible that charges will  
be made later. We are still investi-  
gating."

## Baker states opinions on the needs of Texas

By ANDREA VALLS  
Texas needs:  
a. A Republican for attorney general.  
b. Less Federal Government interfe-  
rence.  
c. A reformed criminal justice system.  
d. A checks and balances method for  
the two party system.  
e. All of the above.

"If you chose 'e', you are correct accord-  
ing to Jim Baker, Republican candidate for  
attorney general of Texas."

Baker spoke at a press conference at the  
Ramada Inn in College Station Thursday  
and expressed his plans for that office.

Baker said he wants to be the first Re-  
publican attorney general in Texas since  
Reconstruction. He said his campaign  
should be a success because Texas voters  
feel a law enforcement office should be  
run by someone who is independent of  
the political power structure of the state.  
"I can bring independence to the office.  
I'm not beholden to anyone in state gov-  
ernment," he said. Baker referred to Price  
Daniel, who was attorney general from  
1947 to 1953, and Mark White, his Demo-  
cratic opponent when he said, "I'm not  
sure that my opponents are more lawyer  
than politician."

Baker said each of his opponents have  
spent an equal amount of time engaging in  
law and in politics, and they could not be  
as independent of the political power

city with funds approved in the April 1  
bond election.

Girls' softball representative Lonnie  
Jones said the city has promised the girls'  
softball leagues a lighted field at Anderson  
Ridge Park for the past two years.

Jones said the girls' leagues must have  
the field by May 15 in order to play at all.  
"Little girls have no place to play and we  
cannot delay any longer," Jones said.

The council voted to accept the Parks  
and Recreation Department plan without  
change. Councilman Homer Adams voted  
against the plan saying "if we're going to  
build one (a field) then make it perman-  
ent."

## Run-off election tallies complete

J. C. Colton was elected vice president  
for academic affairs in the Thursday cam-  
pus run-off elections. About 1,200 stu-  
dents voted in the election.

Three senate elections were re-run be-  
cause of technical mistakes in the original  
election last week.

New senator include: Patty Johnson,  
Darrell Westbrook, Mike Dishberger,  
John Calhoun, Tony Scardino, Charles  
Stoviak, Melanie Zentgraf, and Edgar  
Tenorio.

Some races for class officers were also  
decided Thursday. They include: Class of  
1979 secretary — Krissie Bett, Class of  
1979 historian — Vicki Benton, Class of  
1980 president — Mark Murphy, Class of  
1980 vice president — Cathy Cox, Class of  
1981 president — Bill Jones, Class of 1981  
vice president — Jess Mason.

Students will vote to accept or reject a  
new student body constitution on Wed-  
nesday. Copies of the new and present  
constitution are available in the student  
government office in room 216 MSC.



### Steppin' out

Jennie Jensen and Ford Taylor get into the swing of things as they compete in Thursday's disco dancing contest sponsored by Town Hall. The contest was held in front of Rudder Fountain to promote Saturday's Ohio Players concert. Jensen is a freshman from El Paso and Taylor is a junior from Paris, Texas. Battalion photo by Louis Hejtmanek

## Expert explains UFO theories

*I was coming home from a PTA meeting  
and heading down a small country road,  
blacktop, and I was thinking of the  
blackboards the PTA had promised to give  
me for my school.*

*All of a sudden I noticed a glow coming  
from over the cliff and I thought, well, one  
of the old goony birds (C-147's) is off  
course, and she's going to land in this  
cornfield. And this is the first thing that  
hit my mind. Then this unbelievable object,  
shaped something like a World War I  
helmet came over the top of the cliff.*

*I slouched down at this point. I couldn't  
understand why an airplane would be on  
this glide path and this high object, over  
300 feet, I'd estimate, came over the cliff  
and stood still almost directly over me for  
a split second like any object changing di-  
rection and then took off toward the air-  
port. ... It was terrific bright light.*

*The top of the car seemed to have no  
effect in holding out light. It was a terrific  
bright light, unbelievable. I tell myself.  
When I looked at my hands, it looked like  
I was looking at X-ray photos.*

The above UFO report is one of the  
60,000 filed in a computer data bank at the  
Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill-  
inois, which is directed by Dr. J. Allen  
Hynek.

Great Issues and Cepheid Variable  
presented Hynek in Rudder Auditorium at  
8 p.m. Thursday night.

Hynek is widely recognized as the  
world's top ranking expert on the UFO  
phenomenon and has pioneered research  
and writing on the subject for the past 30  
years. Hynek is professor of astronomy at  
Northwestern University.

For more than 20 years Hynek served as  
astronomical consultant to the U.S. Air  
Force in a project which processed and  
studied UFO sightings reported to Air  
Force bases.

Hynek recently served as the technical  
adviser on the science fiction epic, "Close  
Encounters of the Third Kind."

Hynek did not try to persuade the  
Thursday audience that UFOs exist. He  
said that his role is that of a reporter, not  
that of a salesman.

"Three facts stand out," Hynek said.  
"UFO reports do exist; they have persisted  
and they are from all over the world; many  
of the reports are made by highly respon-  
sible persons."

Ninety percent of the reports are IFOs  
(identifiable objects when studied) and are  
not UFOs," Hynek said. Hynek said he is  
intrigued by the reports that cannot be ex-  
plained by scientists.

Hynek reviews several theories de-  
signed to explain what UFOs might be.

The nonsense theory is held by most of  
the Air Force and the government, Hynek  
said. It says that the whole UFO problem  
is nonsense. When Hynek asked the audi-  
ence to vote on which theory they sup-  
ported, the most popular was the theory  
that UFOs are the result of extraterrestrial  
visitors. Metaterrestrial visitors, or visitors  
from another reality or dimension (possi-  
bly demons or angels) was the third theory  
Hynek listed.

The next theory requires more imagina-  
tion. The possibility that UFOs are our fu-  
ture and that they are coming to earth to  
visit their past is called the Time Travel-  
ers theory.

Could the government be responsible  
for creating UFOs and keeping it a secret?  
Hynek said that he didn't believe that  
theory was very feasible.

The Secret Civilization theory holds  
that a civilization which has developed a  
higher technology than ours is coming to  
examine this planet or to help it advance,  
or to guide it to new discoveries. They  
might be coming from the sea, from the far  
Amazon or from a nearby space base,  
Hynek said.

A supporter of the Physic Phenomenon  
theory would believe that UFOs are  
created by the mind over matter. Some  
superbeing could create and control  
UFOs.

"I do not know the answers to the UFO

problem," Hynek said. "But the scientists  
at the Center for UFO studies are in-  
trigued by the problem and are trying to  
do something about it. The center's job is  
to separate fact from fiction."

"Cartoonists never portray the trouble  
we have with beings from outer space;  
they portray the trouble that they have  
with us," said Hynek. He showed the audi-  
ence a cartoon of two martians who are  
pointing a gun at a cow and saying, "Take  
us to your leader."

"Of course there is the presence of  
kooks and ding-a-lings who also send us  
reports. Someone will report that they  
went to Venus. Another will want to sell  
you hair from a dog on Saturn," Hynek  
said.

"But I can no longer call UFO reports  
nonsense because there are a large number  
of responsible people who report them. I  
honestly do feel that the UFO phenom-  
enon may point to a coming change in sci-  
ence," Hynek said.



### 'Rip Van Winkle' opens

Nicholas Vedder, played by Dave Rich, pours  
another for the town drunkard Rip Van Winkle,  
who is not pictured. Rip Van Winkle was played  
by Chuck McDaniel in the Aggie Players' version  
of the old story which was presented in the Rud-

der Forum Thursday night. Pictured from left to  
right are Melissa Campbell, Karen Miller, John  
Redman, Rich, and Steve King. The play will run  
April 14, 15, 19, 21 and 22.

Battalion photo by Susan Webb