

A&M senior women's honor society joins national organization, installs members

The Texas A&M University Chapter of Cap and Gown became a chapter of Mortar Board, a national senior honorary society, in installation and initiation ceremonies Sun-

day. Mortar Board was the first organization honoring senior college women. The group was founded in 1915, with membership based on

scholarship, leadership and service to the university community. The national group initiated its first female members in 1975 as a result of Title IX legislation.

Cap and Gown was the first Texas A&M organization to honor senior women. The group was founded in late 1972, with the intention of eventually becoming affiliated with the National Mortar Board Inc.

Charter members of the new Mortar Board chapter, the 183rd of the national organization, included 31 members of the 1978-79 Cap and Gown Chapter, 34 1979-80 Cap and Gown members and a selected group of honorary members and interested Texas A&M Cap and Gown alumni.

Grand jury wants more funds for sheriff's, attorney's offices

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The Brazos Valley Commissioners' Court Monday heard recommendations calling for additional funding for both the sheriff's department and the district attorney's office.

The recommendations were made by the Brazos Valley grand jury. The Court also heard a report on flood insurance by a representative of the Texas Water Development Board.

The grand jury report called for funding for additional staff and equipment for the two offices. It also recommended that the new district court under consideration by Gov. Bill Clements be set up as soon as possible.

Judge Dick Holmgreen explained that the appropriations bill passed by the Legislature and awaiting Gov. Clements' signature will only cover the judge's salary for the next six months. The county will have to provide office space, help and equipment. After the first six months the judge's salary will be covered by the judicial appropriations.

Holmgreen estimated it will cost the county between \$100,000 and \$125,000. However, the commissioners said the new court would go into operation almost immediately.

Since the grand jury recommended additional funding the report also called for a re-evaluation of property taxes based on the current market value of the property.

In a related item, Holmgreen said the county jail will soon meet

requirements allowing it to hold juveniles in custody. Currently, juveniles may be held in the county jail. The county needs to hire an additional guard before it can be certified to hold juveniles.

Ray Sedwick, representing the Texas Water Development Board, appeared before the commissioners to answer questions concerning the federal flood insurance program.

Both Bryan and College Station participate in the program now but the county does not.

Sedwick explained that because of this, anybody wishing to build the flood plain outside the two cities, but still in the county, cannot receive a federal loan, such as a veterans loan. Private banks and savings and loan companies generally will not give a loan for the purpose, either.

In order for the county to participate, it would have to apply in the program, require a permit from everybody building in the flood plain and agree to comply with the program's requirements. After meeting these requirements, anybody in the county could apply for flood insurance.

But some commissioners questioned the need for the program. "I think we are trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist," Commissioner Bill Cooley said, and added, "I haven't had one person come about flood insurance."

Holmgreen said no action would be taken on the matter at present.

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