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Waterfall built for Lubbock plains

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LUBBOCK — Byron Sampson is an unlikely task: building a scenic, yet functional, waterfall on the flat plains of Lubbock. Sampson, 21, of San Antonio, took two summers ago as a city planner. This year he was put in charge of building a 120-foot-long waterfall — with a 38-foot vertical drop — from scratch. The waterfall is expected to begin dumping white water into Canyon Lake Number 6 Nov. 1.

Sampson, a Texas Tech landscape architecture major, studied the uses of sandstone boulders that will form a conduit for about 1,000 gallons of water expected to ricochet off the rocks and toward the lake every minute. "I could talk about this for years," Sampson said, smiling broadly. "I have this little nook all planned out," and he scrambled atop a flat rock that imagines a natural seat behind an imaginary waterfall. The \$42,000 project — funded through federal community development funds — has practical as well as aesthetic value, Sampson said. By exposing the water to air and rushing it over and on to rocks, the water will be recharged with the oxygen it loses after flowing several

miles through a chain of linear lakes. "But the whole idea is to get the maximum aesthetic view when you drive down Quirt Avenue," Sampson said. The monolithic, salmon-colored boulders — the largest of which weighs 37 tons and required a special trucking permit — were hauled more than 200 miles from Stephenville, southwest of Fort Worth. The entire waterfall actually will have four levels and provide recreation for youngsters and natural beauty for fishermen who line the lake on clear days. A hidden pump will force the water up the elevation to the pro-

montory about 40 feet above the lake. The project is a larger version of another waterfall farther upstream, one which Sampson used as inspiration in designing his own. Sampson, who expects to graduate in December 1980, attributes much of his knowledge of water, however, to landscape architect Lawrence Halprin — designer of Fort Worth's water gardens and author of "Notebooks: 1959-71." "Besides God and Mother Nature," Sampson said, Halprin "is probably the only one who understands what they would recommend to the regents at the meeting in Dal-

las. "No, I'm not going to release a recommendation prior to the board of regents meeting, prior to the board seeing it," Walker told a student reporter. UT officials have revised upwards their estimates of the cost of replacing the 569 existing apartment units and the rent increases that would be necessary to cover construction costs. Constructing 500 one-story units would cost \$21.3 million and require monthly rents of \$336 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$504 for a two-bedroom apartment, officials said. Current rents range from \$85 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$175 for a four-bedroom apartment. UT officials have expressed concerns about fire hazards and complained the frame barracks are expensive to maintain and energy inefficient.

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UT apartments may be destroyed

Students fight to keep barracks

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AUSTIN — Married students love the World War II barracks they live near the University of Texas. They prize the time-worn frame structures, which housed veterans returning to campus in 1946 and which UT officials want demolished, provide a "supporting community" and are easy on student budgets. A delegation of students will appear before the university's Board of Regents in Dallas today to oppose the plan for tearing down the rows of barracks located in a picturesque area along Lake Austin Boulevard. "We feel that if they could get the information that we've got, they would vote for us," said Erica Luckstead, of the Brackenridge Neighborhood Council organized to oppose demolition of the apartments.

UT regents ordered an investigation of the condition of the Brackenridge and Deep Eddy apartments earlier this year and UT officials recommended demolishing the structures. Student opposition prompted the regents to vote in July to delay any action until October and to order a new study of the prospects for renovating or replacing the apartments. "This is a very supporting community, people watch each other's children so we can attend school,"

said Kelly Saenz, a leader of the neighborhood council. "The university and the board of regents do not understand that we love this place." Apartment residents complained that UT-Austin President Peter Flawn and UT System Chancellor E. Don Walker refused to say in advance what they would recommend to the regents at the meeting in Dallas. "No, I'm not going to release a recommendation prior to the board of regents meeting, prior to the board seeing it," Walker told a student reporter. UT officials have revised upwards their estimates of the cost of replac-

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Sons upheld by court in estate fraud case

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AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court Wednesday rejected the appeal of an Irving woman facing a \$900,000 lawsuit from two stepsons who contend she defrauded them in administration of their father's estate. The court upheld a ruling by the 14th Court of Civil Appeals in Dallas that Sally Jo Dallas Mallow Kelly Dorsett cannot rely on the statute of limitations to bar the suit by her former husband's heirs. "The statute of limitations for causes of action based on fraud does not commence running until the fraud is discovered or until the plaintiff acquires such knowledge as would lead to the discovery of fraud if reasonable diligence was exercised," the Dallas appeals court ruled in the case. James Byron Kelly of Plano died March 27, 1969, leaving half his estate to his wife and the other half to three sons. Two of the sons filed suit in 1977 after one of the men's wives re-

searched the family tree and noticed one of the persons who purchased property from the estate was the stepmother's daughter. The suit contends the stepmother lent money to her daughter and son-in-law, Jo Katherine Pate and Edwin Bruce Pate of San Antonio, to buy an apartment complex from the estate and after the estate was divided filed title to the property in her own name.

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