

campus & city

Zoning commission OKs College Station permits

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The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) has granted the Astrapes night club a permit to add additional parking to its facilities on Wellborn Drive.

The 90-minute meeting also included the granting of a conditional use permit to the First Baptist Church for the construction of two parking lots to be located at 305 and 309 College Main.

Reverend David R. Rowland, associate pastor of the church, cited a

need for more parking spaces due to the crowded curb parking situation around the church during church services.

The commission also unanimously granted two site plan permits for construction of residential projects locally.

The first, submitted by Spearman, Sears & Murphy, Inc., was passed unanimously by the council. The project will be constructed on Village Drive in Parkway Plaza.

The second application was submitted by John Mayfield, and was also passed unanimously by the

council. The complex will be located on the north side of Highway 30 and between Rhett Butler Drive, University Oaks Drive and Munson Avenue.

This application caused some problems, as it was submitted under the name of Timber Ridge Apartments. Commission member Anne Hazen pointed out that another apartment complex in College Station was under the same name, so the permit was passed under the agreement that Mayfield would make an appropriate name change if needed.

Consumerism hitting profession

Competency crisis faces vets

Veterinarians are starting to feel the crunch of consumerism, with more emphasis on proof of competency.

At the same time several studies suggest continued education in medicine has minimal effects, speakers at a national conference at Texas A&M University said Wednesday.

Dr. William Jackson, president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, told an audience that pressure for proof of competency may be backing the profession into a corner.

"Who is qualified to tell me I'm qualified?" asked Jackson, who said even existing systems of examinations and licensing boards dis-

criminate in some cases against veterinarians who would make perfectly competent hospital administrators.

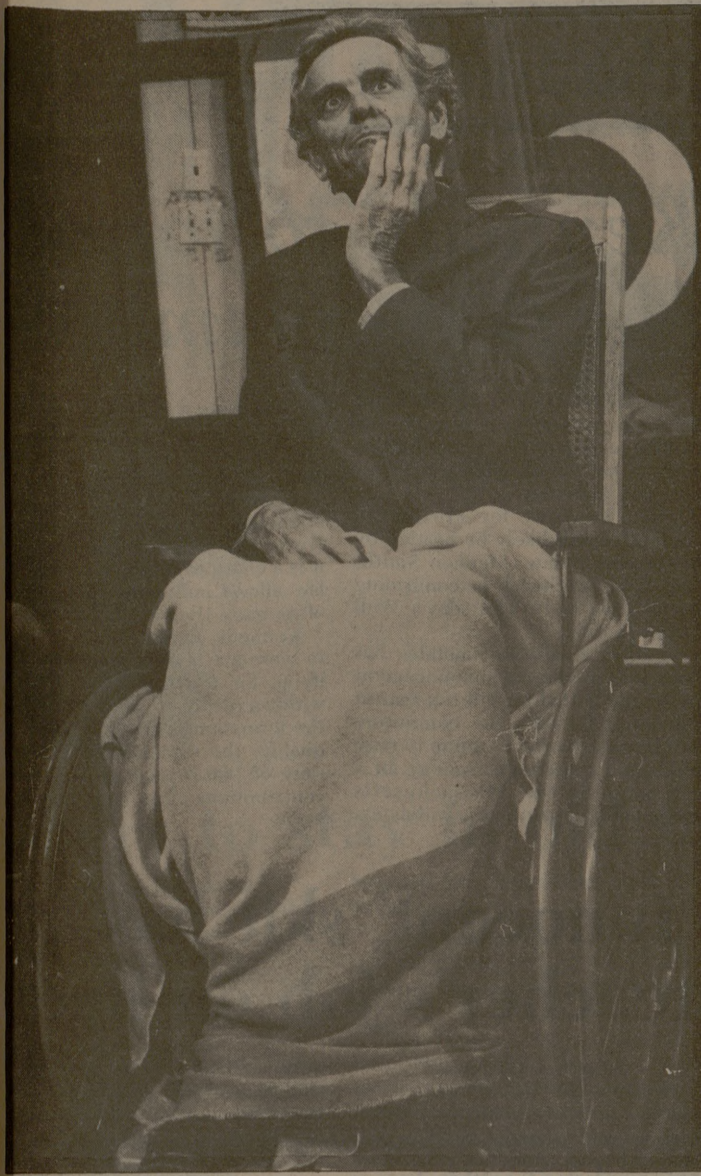
Meanwhile, said Connie Larson of the Minnesota Department of Health, the image the general public has of licensing boards as special interest lobby groups increases the pressure for them to be accountable to their clients.

Larson added that a third reason for increased consumer advocacy in veterinary health is getting the run-around from specialized groups that on the surface would seem to

have the same function. Jackson said evidence from studies in human medicine beginning to show that continuing education may be having only a minimal effect.

For example, he said, 94 percent of all errors in treatment come not from lack of knowledge, but from failure to apply what is known.

A study in problem-solving given to seniors at one medical school revealed that four years later, they had not improved on their skills despite attending continuing education conferences.



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Magnolia knight

Will Worley, Texas A&M University associate professor of electrical engineering, portrays Col. J.C. Kinkaid in StageCenter's production of "The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia." Performances will be today and Saturday at 8 p.m. at StageCenter, 204 W. Villa Maria Rd., Bryan.

Build a mousetrap, prof tells students

United Press International
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — In a variation of the age-old quest to build a better mousetrap, Dr. George Piotrowski asked his University of Florida mechanical engineering students to build a device powered by a mousetrap.

Piotrowski set the students' objective: the device would have to climb a plywood ramp covered with screen and set at a 50-degree angle. In addition to the mousetrap, the students could only use materials costing \$5 or less.

Although most of the entries failed to make it up the ramp, some of the contraptions made valiant efforts.

The "Flying Banana," owned by senior Frank Woodbery, climbed 34 inches up the 8-foot structure to win the contest.

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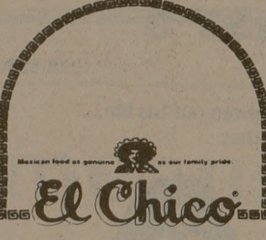
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