

Industry newest factor in College Station's growth

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Special to the Battalion
Brazos County is bursting at the seams. Since 1970, it has grown by more than 45 percent, making it among the 20 fastest growing metropolitan areas in the nation. Until now, Texas A&M University has received most of the credit for this upward trend, but recently a new factor, industry, is beginning to appear and move growth into its second stages, leaving local planners in a bind.
By using a master plan, most cities can

lay out their goals and expectations 10-15 years into the future. But for College Station, CVITY Planner Al Mayo said it is unrealistic to look ahead more than five years. While Texas A&M has been the area's dominant growth factor in the past, Mayo pointed out the University's growth has "primed the pump" for industrial expansion outside the University.
"Industrial growth is just beginning to get its wheels on, adding a major growth factor to the area," he said.
Mayo predicted the newly acquired indus-

dustrial sector will be strong enough to bring about "drastic changes in the economy and the makeup of the people here."
Already there are signs of the coming industrial boom. The latest Annual Planning Information Report by the Texas Employment Commission lists sizeable industrial gains in the county since 1970. Employment in the oil and gas industry increased over 340 percent, and a better than 70 percent employment increase in transportation, communications and utilities is reported.

In another report, "Job Scene 1985," the TEC predicts some 13,750 jobs will be created from 1978 to 1985, with 74 percent of those jobs being in non-education-related fields.
Judy Rycklik, local chamber of commerce president, said this kind of growth is the result of a recent trend by business leaders to establish bases in mid-sized cities, rather than larger ones.
"At one time you would think of many of the big companies as going to Houston or Dallas or San Antonio," Rycklik said, "but

many of them now are looking at communities like Bryan-College Station, or Temple-Killeen, or Waco, or Sherman-Denison — this size area."
Much more than in the past, business leaders seriously consider the quality of life a community has to offer before choosing a place to establish, she said.
Good parks, schools, climate and location are strong magnets for industry, she added.
"I think we're particularly lucky here in this community, with the University, and

also being attractive to industry," she said. "That gives us diversified growth. They offset each other; they compliment each other; they help each other in terms of being beneficial to all people in the community."
But local planners aren't feeling so lucky. Bryan City Planning Director Hubert Nelson points outgrowth, the strain this tremendous growth is putting on the planning department.
"Growth is occurring faster than we can

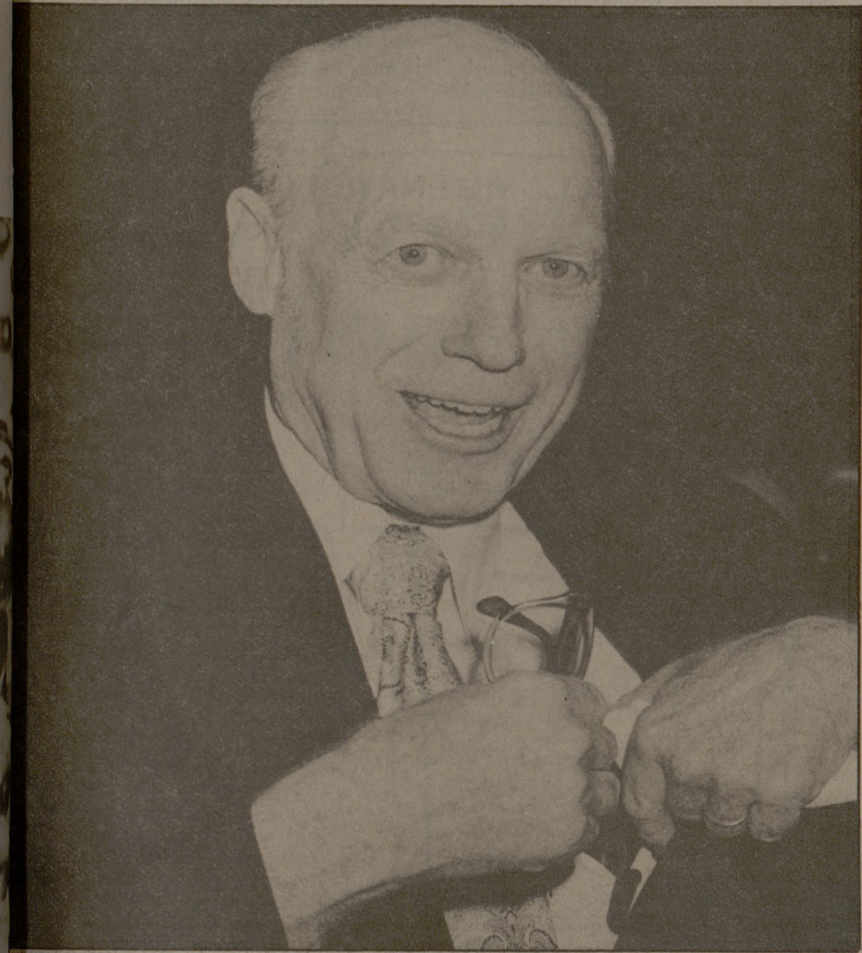
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Chancellor honored

Frank W.R. Hubert, enjoys himself at a reception Thursday night honoring his appointment as chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. The reception, on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center, followed a concert by several campus musical groups. President Jarvis Miller hosted both events.
Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

U.S. welcomes offer by PLO to mediate

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The State Department said Thursday any effort by the Palestine Liberation Organization to secure the release of American hostages in Tehran would be a "highly responsible action" welcomed by the United States.
A State Department spokesman made the statement in response to a high-ranking PLO official's comment that the PLO will only get involved in mediation if requested to do so by both Washington and Tehran.
"We are not certain of what the PLO has in mind, but if they are moving to help release the Americans it would be a highly responsible action in a situation where they have some influence," the spokesman said.

A top official of a PLO delegation traveling to Tehran said Thursday he would not mediate the release of Americans unless officially asked by Washington to do so.

"We cannot conduct such a mediation because the key condition for such a mediation is to be asked by both sides involved," Saad (Abu Al Waleed) Saiey said.

Despite the official U.S. policy of not having direct contact with the PLO, a State Department official noted Thursday there is a precedent for cooperation between the United States and PLO in humanitarian cases.

A State Department official told reporters Wednesday night the U.S. policy on not dealing directly with the PLO has not changed.

Texans surround Iranian consulate

United Press International
HOUSTON — Fifteen hundred angry Texans, chanting "Take the Oil and Shove It" and waving signs that said "Let My People Go," surrounded the Consulate General of Iran Thursday, burned two Iranian flags and jostled three Iranians trying to enter the building.
Iranian students — who had marched through downtown at lunch hour Wednesday only to be jeered, bumped and harassed by passersby including normally restrained businessmen — were nowhere in sight as the Texans protested seizure of 60 hostages in the American embassy in Tehran.
"I don't think it would have been too good a place to be. If my skin had been the darkest bit dark, I don't think I'd have wanted to be there," Sgt. James Jenkins said.
There were 400 to 500 active demonstrators and about 1,000 other sympathetic onlookers. It seemed sort of spontaneous.
The protesters, cheered by onlookers dressed in both business suits and overalls, chanted "Iranians Go Home!" and waved signs that read "Death to Khomeini," "Lame Jockeys Go Home" and "Fuck Khomeini." Motorists driving past honked their horns and yelled out their windows in support.
The protesters ceremoniously burned two Iranian flags and circulated petitions calling for release of the American hostages. Employees of the consulate, located on the

35th floor of Dresser Tower, stayed inside. No one was hurt, including the jostled Iranians who police hustled away. No one was arrested in the demonstration, which Jenkins described as "orderly" but one of the biggest such protests he had seen in 18 years on the police force.

"It was just voicing their displeasure with Iran and these Iranian students in Houston. It was 'We've been getting off the sidewalks for these people for five years. It's a little tiresome. Now it's our turn,'" Jenkins said.

"They just marched and they got petitions signed and were vocal and certainly voiced their displeasure with the holding of our hostages in Iran."

Jenkins said word of the planned demonstration had circulated widely and police bolstered their forces in the neighborhood in preparation for traffic problems and possible violence.

A sign was posted at the University of Houston Bates Law School and other places announcing the march and radio stations reported calls from an organization identified as Americans Against Iran. UPI received an anonymous telephone call threatening retaliation if the Tehran hostages were harmed.

"For every American they're holding over there that they hurt, we're going to take 10 of them," the caller said. "There won't be a place in this country they can hide."

Student senate hears bill suggesting monthly Taps

By **ROSEMARIE ROSE**
Battalion Reporter

The student senate heard a bill Wednesday night which would recommend that Silver Taps be held, if necessary, on the first Tuesday of every month during the academic year after a student dies.

If passed, the bill will be forwarded to Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, for approval. It would change the current policy, which calls for Silver Taps to be held as soon as is convenient following a student's death.

Tracy Cox, the junior College of Business senator, said he introduced the bill because of the change he has seen in students' attitudes toward the traditional memorial ceremony.

"The student population has increased so much that the probability of having Silver Taps is greater than in the past," Cox said. The ceremony has already been held four times within eight weeks this year, he

said, and the attendance gets smaller each time.

Cox said students either don't know when Silver Taps is, or they take the attitude of "Silver Taps again?"

Ronnie Kapavik, student body president, said that because of the unusual number of Silver Taps ceremonies held recently, the importance seems to have diminished. Kapavik said he feels the bill would increase attendance at the ceremonies and reinforce the importance of Silver Taps.

Terrell Pruett, commander of the Ross Volunteers, said the frequency of the memorial is detracting from the ceremony and decreasing the impact it has on the students.

"Students have to be mentally prepared for Silver Taps," Pruett said. "If people have to wind up or wind down for Silver Taps every other week, they stop going," he said.

"By tradition, Taps should be special for each person, and the change could tend to depersonalize it. But Taps are already multiple," Pruett said, referring to the fact that Silver Taps has been held for as many as four people at a time this semester.

The Ross Volunteer firing squad pays tribute to departed students at the ceremony.

Howard Perry, associate vice president for student services, said the idea of changing Silver Taps is an emotional issue because it is such a cherished tradition.

"I hate to see it become a standardized thing, but what happens to the meaning when you have it four weeks in a row?" he said.

Perry said action on the bill would be a tough decision for the student senate and he hopes it will not become a divisive element.

The most prevalent argument against changing Silver Taps is that holding the ceremony once a month would tend to de-

personalize the memorial, said Paul Betencourt, student vice president for rules and regulations.

"The vote in the senate will be a close call," he said.

Another idea against the change is the possibility of holding Silver Taps over three weeks after an Aggie has died, putting the family through an additional or prolonged period of grief, said Debbie May, Off-Campus Aggies president.

The bill has been referred to the Student Services Committee, which will hold a meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Room 203 of the Memorial Student Center.

Bruce Cummings, OCA publicity director, said that a majority of about 100 OCA members at a Monday meeting voted against changing Silver Taps.

"The members felt a change would take away from the sanctity of the event," he said. "It takes the memorial aspect out of it if Silver Taps is scheduled as just another activity."

A&M associate vice president

Monroe considered for NTSU post

The North Texas State University Board of Regents will meet today to review a list of possible candidates, including a Texas A&M University associate vice president, to fill the vacant president's post there.

NTSU Board of Regents chairman Win-free Brown declined to comment Thursday on whether Dr. Haskell Monroe was being

considered for the post, but had earlier confirmed to a reporter from the Dallas Times Herald that Monroe was on the list.

Monroe is vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of faculties at Texas A&M.

"There is a long list with quite a number of gentlemen on it which the regents will review Friday," Brown said.

Brown said it was important to realize the regents were meeting today to hear recommendations on their selection by the university's presidential search and screen committee. He said the regents would make a selection on a president later in November.

Monroe said he had no comment on the

matter.

"It would be premature to comment at this time," Monroe said.

NTSU President C.C. "Jitter" Nolen resigned earlier this year before a state legislative committee began an investigation into the school's private educational foundation.

A&M health center gets new ambulance

By **CHERYL CESSNA**
Battalion Reporter

Chances are you'll never have to use it, but it's good to know the A.P. Beutel Health Center has a new ambulance just in case.

Steve Borron, an emergency medical technician-paramedic and zoology senior at Texas A&M University, said the ambulance was purchased Monday.

"It cost around \$22,000, which came from donations and from health center funding," he said.

Borron said the ambulance will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except during official University holidays.

"For the last few years, we've had an increase in student population, and there's been an increase in the need for ambulance service on campus — for urgent medical care. We have a lot of things that don't require an ambulance per se, but that do require better transportation than somebody's private car."

He said the old ambulance couldn't provide comprehensive care.

"The station wagon that we had served pretty well for a lot of the injuries that we transported, but it had a lot of limitations as far as the ability to provide hands-on care," he said.

"Also, in the past," he said, "students would have to pay private services anywhere from \$40 to \$60 for an ambulance run, and that's a real burden on a student. But there won't be any charge to students for our service, except the health center fee that they pay."

Stephanie Simpson, an emergency medical technician and a junior in community health education, said it's important that students realize there is ambulance service on campus.

"We felt that a lot of people don't know ambulance service is available. We're trying to publicize who can use it, where to call and what to say when they call. It's to let the students see that what we have is of as high a quality as anywhere else they could go."

The new ambulance is fully equipped, she said.

"It has everything — oxygen, suction, backboards, splints — everything. But it's going to be important that people don't just call in and say, 'I need an ambulance at so-and-so,' and just hang up. We'll be able to do a better job if we have the information so we can get there faster."

Anyone needing an ambulance on campus should call 845-1111 and give his name, telephone number, nature of the accident, exact location of the accident, number of persons involved and the name of the injured person, she said. Someone should also meet the ambulance to guide the medical team to the patient, she said.

Simpson said there will be a change of personnel manning the health center's ambulance.

"It (the old ambulance) has been run by health center employees, but the new one will be operated during the day by members of the A&M Emergency Care Team," she said.

All the attendants will be qualified, she said.

"The only people who will be on call will be emergency care attendants (ECA) and emergency medical technicians (EMT)," she said. "We may have some standard first-aiders or some advanced first-aiders going along as a third person, but at all times there will be two people on call who will be at least an EMT or an ECA."

"We thought it would be a good opportunity for our members to get some experience, and we think we're capable of handling it. It's something we've worked for as an opportunity for us, and we feel we can serve the University as well."

Borron said the purpose of the Texas A&M Emergency Care Team is "to provide emergency care for campus and community activities. We're going to run the ambulance, but we also have standby people at sporting events and intramural activities. We have people at almost any event of any proportion that happens on campus. We have people at football games, concerts, any place that a large group of people gather or where there's a high-risk activity."



Members of the Texas A&M University Emergency Care Team try out equipment on Beutel Health Center's new ambulance. Mark Daugherty (on stretcher) is wearing an "anti-shock suit." Chris Bell, right, checks his "patient."
Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill