

campus & city

Council sets ambulance rules

By DEBBIE NELSON
Battalion Staff
College Station's City Council approved an ordinance regulating ambulances at its meeting Thursday night.

A spokesman for the Emergency Medical Service Division of the College Station Fire Department said the ambulance ordinance will "clear up gray areas" in the operation, regulation, and inspection of ambulance services in the city.

The ordinance defines emergency situations, requires the licensing of ambulances, and sets ambulance

speed limits for different city areas.

The council also discussed converting a school to a civic center and voted to clear out brush in the Southwood Valley creek to alleviate drainage problems.

The group considered trading two pieces of park land on Welch Street for 2 acres of land containing College Station's old school building, which would be used as a city civic center.

Councilman Tony Jones quoted renovation estimates for the school of \$300,000. The school was appraised at \$290,000. The building would be used for meetings, wedding recep-

tions, and other functions. Jones said the proposed center is "something we could and would be proud of."

The council will consider the property exchange at the next council meeting.

Also approved was the brush-clearing of the drainage creek in the Southwood Valley area between Longmire Drive and Texas Avenue. City Manager North Bardell said the \$7,000-\$8,000 project will relieve drainage problems in the area.

By cutting out the woody brush and trees in the creek, the velocity of the water in the creek should in-

crease and reduce the present problem of silting. Silt builds up in the creek and causes drainage problems in the area.

Bardell said most other creeks in the city have stabilized, and with some work, the Southwood Valley creek may do the same, solving present erosion and flood problems.

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Grad registration required

By LAURA CORTEZ
Battalion Reporter
In an article concerning in absentia registration for graduate students which appeared in the Wednesday's issue of the Battalion, certain statements were made which are incorrect.

The article stated that graduate students who have finished their course work and are working on their thesis but fail to properly register with the University each semester, will be dropped from enrollment. It also said they would not be re-admitted unless they have a GPR of at least 3.0 and pay a reinstatement fee of \$50.

However, Harry L. Kidd Jr., assistant dean of the Graduate College, said that although these statements appeared in the original re-

port which was conducted by a committee of the Graduate Council, they were not included in the guidelines which were sent to and approved by the Academic Council Dec. 11.

The approved guidelines, which will become effective Sept. 1, 1980, state that students who have completed all course work on their degree program, but are still engaged in research for their dissertations, theses or records of study must register for a minimum of four hours of 691 (Research) or 692 (Professional Study) credit each semester or 12-week summer session until all requirements for the degree have been completed.

Students who do not comply with these requirements will have their

future registrations blocked. They will be allowed to register only after receiving a favorable recommendation from the departmental review committee, (not the student's advisory committee), the endorsement of the department head and the approval of the dean of the Graduate college.

The guidelines also state that under unusual circumstances, a student may petition for a leave of absence. If it is granted, the registration requirement will be set aside during the period of the leave. Furthermore, leaves will be granted only under conditions that require the suspension of all activities associated with the thesis, dissertation or record of study.

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