

Council passes firearms statute

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City Reporter

Children who fire toy or BB guns in the Bryan city limits may now be committing a crime.

The Bryan City Council passed an ordinance at Monday night's meeting prohibiting the firing of firearms within the city limits, with three exceptions: by police in their jobs, at a licensed shooting gallery or in protection of life or property.

The ordinance includes the firing of air guns, BB guns and toy guns. The city ordinance also prohibits shooting arrows from bows or crossbows.

The ordinance allows the firing of toy guns and BB guns only if the propelled object remains on the individual's property.

The council still doesn't have any specific figures for a revenue bond which Bryan residents will vote on at the April 5 general municipal election. Mayor Richard Smith said they hoped to have the amounts in 10 days. He said this will give voters six weeks to think it over.

The bond will be used for street and waterline repairs, parks and recreation, and Bryan Fire Station improvements.

City Manager Ernest Clark said the last bond issue for street repair was in 1970. He said the money from this bond ran out five years ago. If the bond isn't passed, Clark said, the city will just have to keep filling in the chug holes.

The bond money will also be used to repair leaking waterlines. Bryan is losing 22 millions gallons of water a month because of the leaks in the deteriorated lines.

In another action, the city council voted to provide increased insurance for the police and fire departments by March 1.

State laws requires the city to provide this insurance for the police and firemen but some are having to pay for their own insurance which costs about \$100.

The city is securing \$10,000 per person for bodily injury, \$20,000 per occurrence and \$5,000 property damage for fire and police department members.

Clark said the city will just have to find the money somewhere.

In a special meeting called earlier in the day the council voted to allow the fire chief to hire nine more firemen for the Bryan Fire Department.

Almanac

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 1980 with 309 to follow. The moon is moving toward its full phase. The morning star is Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter. Those born this day are under the sign of Pisces. American frontiersman William "Buffalo Bill" Cody was born Feb. 26, 1846. On this date in history: In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte and 1,200 men left the Isle of Elba to start his 100-day conquest of France. In 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon Park in Arizona. In 1935, Germany began operation of its Air Force — the Luftwaffe — under Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering. In 1972, a flash flood in West Virginia killed 118 people. A thought for the day: American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

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Former Ags donate \$40,000

By DEBBIE NELSON
Campus Staff

Raul B. Fernandez, president of the Association of Former Students, presented \$40,000 to Texas A&M University at the Academic Council meeting Friday.

The money was given to department heads at the University for unrestricted use. Fernandez, Class of 1959, praised the department heads as the "backbone of quality at Texas A&M." Last year, the association presented \$33,000 to the departments, marking a \$7,000 increase in funding this year.

Dean of Faculties Haskell Monroe said the former students view the escalated fund as an investment on their part, because they are happy with how the funds are being used.

The Council also revised guidelines for in absentia registration for graduate students, approved 12 new courses, and changed the curricula in physical and health education.

In absentia registration refers to graduate students who have completed their coursework except 691 (research) and are now away from campus. These students are now required to register each regular semester for four credit hours of 691 or 692 (professional study). Registration for the summer session is not required.

Starting with fall 1980, depart-

ments will be given a list of all students who should be registered in absentia. Departments will then check to see if these students are registered.

If they are not, future registrations will be blocked until the student receives the approval of a departmental review committee, the department head and the dean of the Graduate College.

The Academic Council approved recommendations by the Curriculum Committee for 12 new courses. These include three new courses for electrical engineering and four for veterinary physiology and pharmacology.

Minimum hours for physical education and health education curricula were increased from 130 to 134 hours, effective with the 1980-81 undergraduate catalog. This change was to accommodate an increase from six hours to nine hours in H.E. 450 and P.E. 450, and from two to three hours in H.E. 221.

In other action, the Council voted to allow graduate credit for several courses in the College of Medicine if students first receive approval of their advisory committee and department head and the head of the appropriate department of medicine. Twelve such hours will be allowed for credit on any master's degree program.

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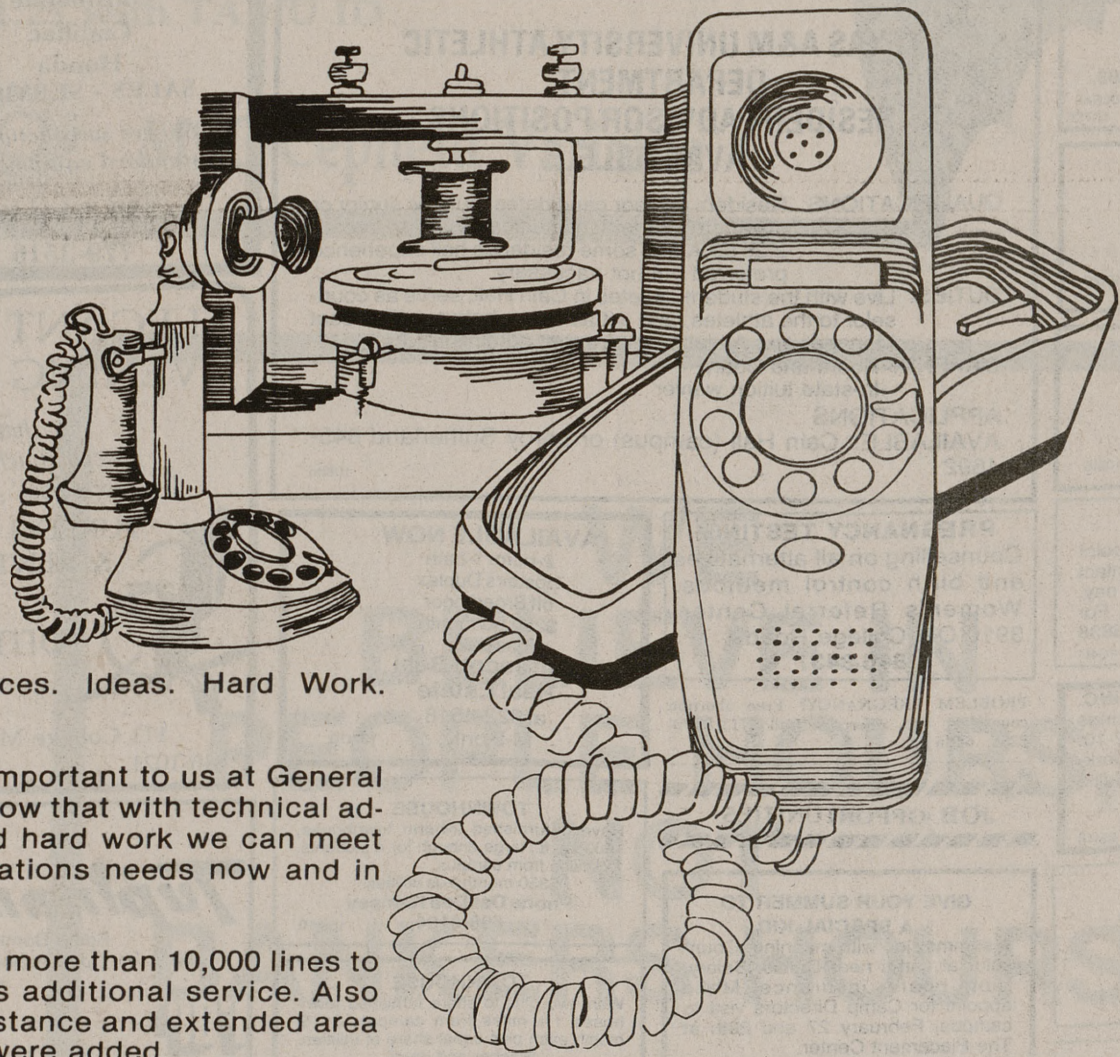
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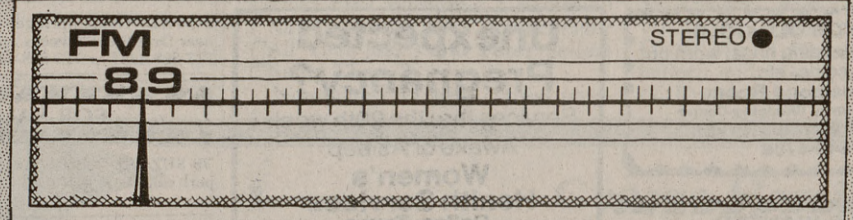
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