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C.S. council OKs allotment of city improvement funds

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The College Station City Council Thursday night approved allocating \$357,000 provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for street paving, housing rehabilitation and other community improvements.

and Eleanor Streets at costs of \$35,000, \$42,000 and \$33,000 respectively. Another \$150,000 will be spent on construction and rehabilitation of housing in the city.

Park improvements, including the renovation of the Lincoln Center's game room and gymnasium, will use \$26,000 and \$20,000 will be used for demolition and clearance. The remaining \$51,000 will go to administration costs.

In other action, the council passed

an ordinance allowing oil and gas drilling in the city limits provided a permit is obtained. The council also raised the price of that permit from \$300 to \$500. The ordinance had been tabled in the last council meeting.

City Manager North Bardell said that assessing the drilling permit applications on an individual basis would be better than a blanket ordinance since applicants could be screened more closely.

The council amended an ordinance by taking the \$3 fee for health inspections of food-service establishments out of the ordinance and allowing the council to set the fee by resolution.

The council also amended an ordinance on requirements for park land dedication to remove the stilted language, making the ordinance more specific and easier to understand.

Approval was also given to the final plat for Post Oak Mall, which will be built at the intersection of Highway 30 and the East Bypass.

Rezoning of two tracts west of F. M. 158 was approved by the council to allow the owner to build an addition to his welding business on the site.

Consideration of an ordinance increasing wrecker service fees was postponed until the next regular city council meeting on Feb. 5 so wrecker service representatives could be present.



Staff photo by Brian...

Send in the crowds ...

With classes just beginning, Robb Kopp, (left) a junior engineering technology major, and Andy Feng, a graduate student in chemical

engineering, find the computer room in Zachry Engineering Center uncharacteristically empty.

Director works to preserve Cowboy Hall of Fame

United Press International
OKLAHOMA CITY — The director of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame handed city officials an eight-item list of demands he said must be met to prevent the tourist attraction from leaving the city.

The list of demands, issued Wednesday by Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center Director Dean Krakel, is the last in a recent series of threats designed to get the city to live up to promises to protect the scenic site atop Persimmon Hill.

But some city officials say privately Krakel is going too far in his demands.

Hall of Fame trustees from 17 Western states have agreed to meet in Denver Saturday to consider moving the \$40 million facility.

The dispute stems from a proposal to construct a federally subsidized

apartment complex within one mile of the Hall of Fame.

Krakel claimed the city promised in a 1969 development study to control commercial and residential encroachment around the center. He also has complained that crime, sewage odors and other problems in the area have contributed to an attendance drop.

Krakel's list of demands asks the city to reaffirm the 1969 development study, which also proposes construction of campsites, hiking trails, more museums and a monorail connecting the Hall of Fame with the nearby Oklahoma City Zoo.

Krakel also wants the city to erect more signs directing travelers to the center, beautify the area and close nearby sewage treatment plants, a women's detention center and an experimental rat farm.

Nobel winner warns of future food shortages

By DIANA SULTENFUSS
Battalion Reporter

Population growth will soon surpass the world's food supply, if measures aren't taken to increase crop production, a Nobel Peace Prize winner told a full house in Rudder Forum Thursday afternoon.

"The attitude seems to be that

there's no problem here — (that) food is produced right in the super-markets," Dr. Norman E. Borlaug said during his lecture on "World Food Problems."

But, the research scientist cited figures saying the population has been doubling faster than food production and Americans have got to realize that they both must keep pace with each other.

Borlaug last came to Texas A&M University about a year before winning the prestigious Nobel award in 1970. He returned Thursday to speak in connection with the Agriculture Convocation this week on the Texas A&M campus.

In 1975, 3.3 billion metric tons of food were produced for the population of 4 billion.

"We must double this production in 60 years in order to keep up with the current population growth," Borlaug said.

"If the population continued at the same growth that prevailed in 1975, our population would be 8 billion by the year 2015."

The problem of food scarcity was much easier to resolve 12,000 years ago, he said. If the crops were ruined by disease, drought or locusts, the people just cleared more land.

But, he said, because there is no more land to be cleared today, the yield per acre must be increased.

"The first step is to develop or breed a variety (of grain) that has the built-in genetic potential to increase the yield...per acre," he said.

He also suggested the proper use of fertilizer and moisture, weed control and teaching new technology as other necessary activities to increase productivity.

Borlaug said he is frustrated by those who propose using the ocean after land is no longer useful.

"Don't be misled. This won't be enough," he said.

Borlaug said he is also frustrated by the promotion of gasohol and sees it as a threat to the food supply.

"If we took all the corn produced



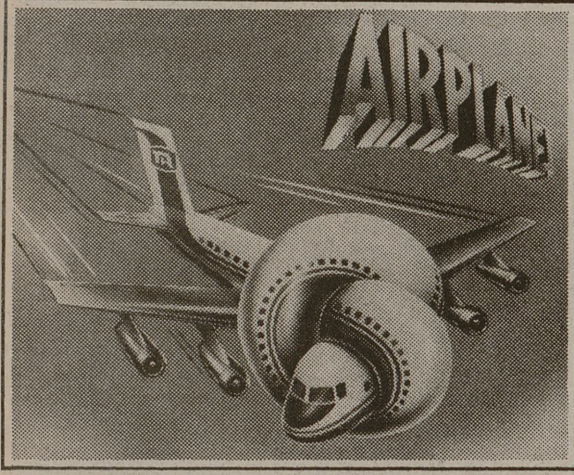
Dr. Norman E. Borlaug

in the United States for gasohol would only produce 18 percent of the amount required by the American public. It's not worth it," he said.

A third frustration for Borlaug is politicians who oversimplify the problem. Until people have food, clothes, jobs, education and access to medicine, the right to disseminate doesn't mean much, he said.

Borlaug, a native of Iowa, received his Nobel Prize for developing disease-resistant, high-yield wheat. He received his doctorate in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota and is a member of the National Academy of Science.

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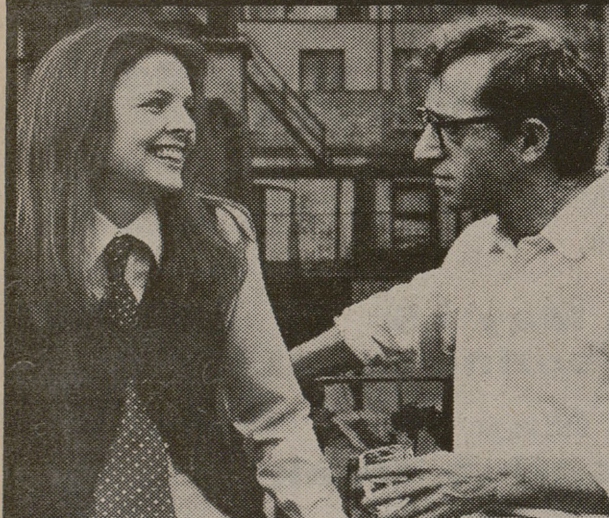
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