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Airplane rental makes course costs sky high

B-CS offers many roads to pilot's license

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For persons who have dreamed of flying and having a pilot's license, the Bryan-College Station area offers many possibilities that can make that dream come true. Ground school, in which a potential pilot learns the fundamentals of flight, is the first step in obtaining a private pilot's license. The Federal Aviation Administration, which licenses pilots, requires a student to take

ground school and pass a written exam before receiving in-flight instruction.

After passing the FAA exam, which can be taken through Dr. Howard Chamberlain, a management professor at Texas A&M University, a student must have 40 hours of flying time — 20 hours with a certified flight instructor and 20 hours solo — before taking a final flight examination and receiving his license. A flight student has two years in which to

complete his in-flight training.

The largest costs in obtaining a private pilot's license are airplane rental and instructor fees which can total between \$1,200 and \$2,000. Ground school classes cost between \$12 and \$100 — not including books — depending on where the course is offered.

Texas A&M's Department of Industrial Education offers a ground school course, Aviation Education 475. Instructor Mike Menez said Texas A&M's course is better than most ground school courses.

"Most ground schools are self-taught with little structure," he said. "Only a minority of people who get their private pilot's license go to a structured ground school."

Menez, who is teaching the course for the first time this fall, said the course is taught in both the fall and spring semesters. Approximately 70 students take it each semester. He said a majority of the students taking the course this semester plan to get their private pilot's licenses. The course is not required for any major but is worth three elective credit hours.

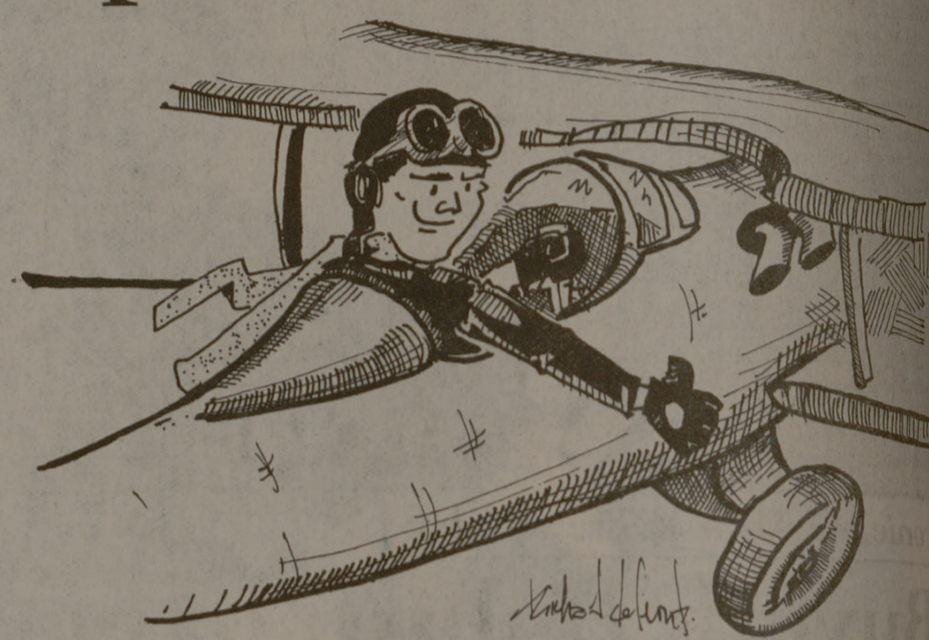
"Some technical aptitude is needed to take the course, but interest is the primary factor," Menez said.

Community Education also is offering a ground school course this fall that will meet in the evening at the A&M Consolidated High School. The course, which lasts 12 weeks and costs \$31.80, is being taught by Jim Noel, an instructor for the Texas A&M Flying Club.

The flying club offers the complete flight training program including ground school, plane rental, instructor fees, medical examination, flight check ride, and club membership for about \$1,600. Dolan said about 30 students take flight training through the club each year.

The club, which limits itself to 100 members, sells membership shares for \$190 for flying students and students who already have a pilot's license. Each club member owns approximately 1 percent of the club's airplanes. The flying club owns three airplanes and leases three others which are kept at Easterwood Airport. If a student decides to leave the club, he receives \$140 refund for his membership share.

The flying club rents a Cessna 150 airplane for \$23.25 per hour. The same type of airplane rents for \$31 per hour at Brazos Aviation at Easterwood and for \$25 at Bryan Aero at Coulter Field.



Bryan Aero offers the complete flight training for \$1,200, not including a medical examination, check ride or ground school. They offer a home study ground school kit for \$31.95.

said Roy Tribbey of Bryan Aero. "You just have to study a little harder."

Brazos Aviation offers the Cessna Pilot Center Private Pilot Course for a total cost of \$1,700 to \$2,000. Bill Crockford, an instructor at Brazos Aviation, said the

course is FAA approved and means it includes more ground and flight tests and is more structured than most flight training programs. The course, which includes ground school, requires only of 35 hours of flight training.

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Gunshot wounds have been ruled out in the death of what is believed to be a rare pygmy sperm whale found on a Corpus Christi

beach a few weeks ago, although the animal may have died from a number of natural causes, says a Texas A&M University veterinary

expert.

The 260-pound animal was found on the beach in Corpus Christi. The whale's death was mysterious because it had no obvious wounds. Dr. Raymond Tarpley, a veterinary pathologist at Texas A&M, conducted an autopsy on the whale. He said the whale's death was not caused by gunshot wounds. The whale's death was mysterious because it had no obvious wounds. Dr. Raymond Tarpley, a veterinary pathologist at Texas A&M, conducted an autopsy on the whale. He said the whale's death was not caused by gunshot wounds.

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