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# SG adopts changes in rules; passes five bills

**By NANCY FLOECK**  
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Changes in the Texas A&M University's Regulations and an updated Texas A&M student health insurance plan were approved by the Student Senate Wednesday night.

Most of the regulation changes corrected grammatical errors or clarified vague wording, but additional regulations also were approved. These changes are subject to the approval of University administrators.

One addition says no academically deficient student—one with a grade point ratio below 2.00—may participate in intercollegiate athletics or attend conventions at Texas A&M delegate.

The new rules also would require undergraduate student leaders to carry at least a nine-hour academic load, with the exception of graduating seniors, who would only be required to take the hours needed for graduation.

The updated insurance plan recommends minor medical expenses be covered up to \$1,000 instead of \$350, major medical expenses up to \$10,000 instead of \$5,000 and basic accident coverage increased to \$1,000 with a \$20 deductible.

Optional maternity benefits also would be offered under the new plan.

The estimated cost of this plan is \$150, Vice President for Student Services Chris Langford said. The maternity option would probably cost about \$100 more, he said.

The Senate also passed five bills:

**The Tenure Evaluation Bill** recommends that colleges form committees and outline what is expected of professors in order to be considered for tenure. It also recommends that student evaluations be considered when evaluating professors for tenure.

Kathy Bartholomew, vice president for academic affairs, said stu-

dent evaluations are not weighed heavily enough, if at all, when professors are considered for tenure.

Mark Vara, college of veterinary medicine senator, said the time faculty members spend as advisers also should be considered in tenure evaluations, since this occupies time that could be used for research or teaching.

An amended version of **The Voter's Rights Bill** was also passed and recommends establishing six voting locations for student elections: Zachry Engineering Center, Academic and Agency Building, Kleberg Building, Sterling C. Evans Library, the Memorial Student Center and Harrington Classroom Center.

The bill said voting booths are traditionally in on-campus living areas, such as the Commons and Sbsa, and off-campus students therefore don't have easy access to the polls.

Pat Pearson, ward II senator, said these areas were chosen be-

cause they represent the colleges of business, engineering and agriculture—the three colleges with the largest number of students.

**The A&A Pedestrian Traffic Bill** recommends that the sidewalk by the Academic and Agency Building be widened to accommodate pedestrians.

Mark Holubec, freshman-

senior-at-large, said Eugene Ray, director of grounds maintenance, agreed to try to get the sidewalks widened from 8 feet to 12 feet.

**The Highway 30 Safety Bill** recommends the Senate work with College Station Traffic Engineer John Black to lower Highway 30's speed limit to 30 mph.

Increases in residential growth and traffic warrant this change for safety reasons, the bill says.

"It might well be two years before the speed limit will be lowered," Chris Duncan, ward I senator, said. "I think it's important we pass this bill so Mr. Black will have the tools to take to the state."

**The Puryear Drive Parking Bill** recommends the Senate work with Black to make the west side of Puryear Drive available for parallel parking, because of a lack of legitimate parking.

Duncan said over a dozen cars are parked in fire lanes and along the side of the drive on weekends.

## Agent's death leads toward strict policies

**By DANIEL PUCKETT**  
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The murder of a College Station real estate agent Tuesday has caused local real estate agencies to enforce stricter security policies.

The body of Virginia Bradford Freeman, 1017 Guadalupe, was found about 8:20 Tuesday night in the back yard of a home off Greens Prairie Road, near Wellborn. The Brazos County Sheriff's Department sent Freeman's body to San Antonio for an autopsy.

Brazos County Sheriff Bobby Yeager said preliminary results from that autopsy show Freeman was stabbed 11 times in the neck and strangled.

The woman's employer, Bob Prall, owner of the Real Estate Mart in Bryan, said a man called the agency shortly before 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. The caller said he had recently sold his home in another town and had \$72,000 or \$73,000 to buy a home here.

Freeman left the office Tuesday afternoon, and when she did not come home, her husband Charles

and a colleague's husband went to look for her, Prall said.

They found her car parked on Greens Prairie Road and her body in a nearby back yard.

Freeman was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Carolyn Hensarling, who refused to comment on the cause of Freeman's death pending results of the autopsy.

The officer investigating the case for the sheriff's department could not be reached for comment.

In the aftermath of Freeman's death, Prall said, some security policies will be tightened. For example, clients will no longer be able to meet an agent for the first time at a house. Instead, clients will be asked to come to the agency.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that more than one agent will be able to identify new clients.

"This has always been our policy and the policy of other agencies," Prall said, "but there isn't tan-

agent in town who hasn't violated it."

Although violent incidents involving real estate agents aren't common, Prall said, some assaults have occurred. In Houston, a man called a real estate agent to come to a house, robbed him and locked him in a closet.

For several months, Prall said, an artist's illustration of the man sought in that case has been posted in his office. Prall said the drawing is meant as a warning to agents.

"There have been times before when an agent has felt unsure about a situation," Prall said, "but we've all occasionally failed to take precautions. Now, we're all shook—everyone knows it could have happened to him."

However, because of Freeman's death, local real estate agencies will be more careful, he said.

"It's going to be very hard to get an agent to meet you at your house unless he already knows you," Prall said.

## Commission to consider permit for building school

**By RANDY CLEMENTS**  
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The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission will consider granting a conditional use permit today for a new elementary school in the Southwood Valley subdivision.

The site for the new school, 11.2 acres at Deacon and Brothers streets, was selected by the school board because the district owns the property, and there are many children in the area, said Dr. Donald Ney, assistant superintendent for administrative services.

The request to the commission is routine, Ney said, and there should be no problem in granting the permit.

The district has owned that property for several years with the understanding a school would be built there, Ney said.

"In fact," he said, "the people who live in the area are anxious to get us to build it, since most of the children are being transported to College Hills Elementary School, several miles away."

Jim Callaway, assistant director of planning, said the school plan fits in with the city's comprehensive plan for that area.

The commission will also reconsider rezoning 22 acres on the south side of Southwest Parkway, 600 feet from the east Bypass, from single family residential district R-1 (maximum of 8 units an acre) to townhouse district R-1A (maximum of 12 units an acre), low density apartment district R-3 (maximum of 14 units an acre), medium density apartment district R-5 (maximum of 24 units an acre), administrative-professional district (A-P) and neighborhood commercial district (C-N).

The commission recommended approval Nov. 5 for the residential zones requested with the administrative-professional and neighborhood commercial to be considered at a later meeting under a separate request.

"This is the formal request, which includes the C-N and A-P," Callaway said. "The C-N was pretty well received by the commis-

sion in the past, but the A-P will probably get some discussion."

The impact of the A-P on the adjacent property will be looked at closely by the commission, he said.

"I don't expect any problems because the request has been reviewed so many times," Callaway said. "Most of the people interested in the rezoning have already given their likes and dislikes."

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