

## Study Abroad widens students' experience

by Shellee Bratton

**Battalion Reporter**  
The Study Abroad Program provides students with the chance to study in a foreign country while receiving University-accepted credits for courses.

Coordinator of the Study Abroad program, Mona Rizk-Finne, said the program tries to provide students with an international experience by aiding and promoting individual programs through the different colleges.

"The college or department comes up with the academic background for a particular study-abroad program, while our office is responsible for the logistical support, such as travel arrangements, landing times, and such," Rizk-Finne said.

The Department of Modern Languages and the colleges of Liberal Arts, Education, Business Administration and Engineering have all sponsored study-abroad programs with the aid of the Study Abroad Programs office, Rizk-Finne said. Texas A&M faculty accompany each group and are responsible for assigning grades, Rizk-Finne said.

She said the colleges of Business and Education offer courses at Stirling University in Scotland. The colleges of Liberal Arts and Architecture sponsor courses in Italy, and the Department of Modern Languages

sponsor programs in Germany, France, and Spain.

The College of Engineering sponsors a study tour to Germany, and is the only college to offer a study tour rather than courses for credit.

Although the programs offered by the colleges of Liberal Arts and Architecture are available to any student, Rizk-Finne said, the programs offered by the other colleges are designed primarily for students in those majors. She also said the cost for a student to participate in a study-abroad program is reasonable.

"Students pay more or less what they would pay here for tuition, in addition to airfare, room and board, travel expenses, and personal expenses," she said.

Rizk-Finne said she is fairly certain they will have at least the same programs as those offered last year.

In addition to promoting the Study Abroad Program, the office has a reference library on universities abroad and distributes scholarship information.

The office also issues international I.D. cards, offers personal counseling to students who wish to study abroad, and provides opportunities for students to work overseas. The office has programs called Overseas Day and Careers Abroad Day. Seminars and workshops teach the

students about the different currencies, rates of exchange and overseas transit systems. The Study Abroad office is in 100 Harrington.



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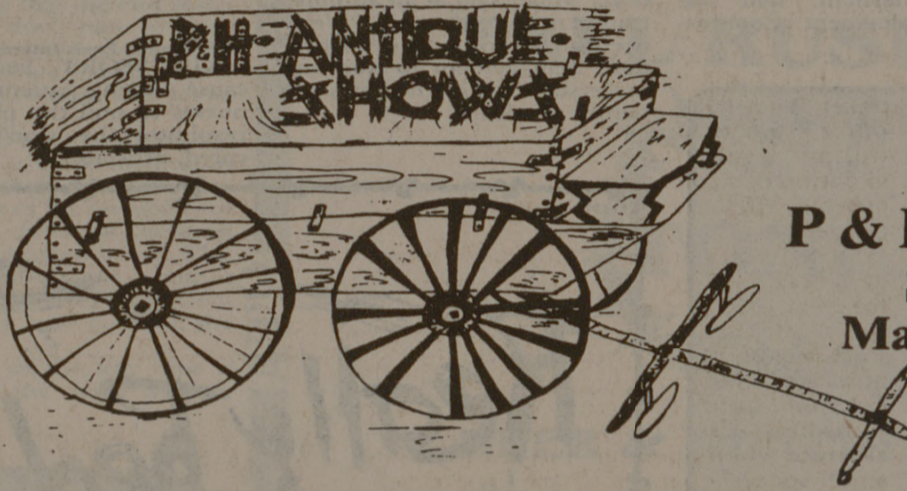
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## CS City Council acts on zoning

by Patti Schwierzke

**Battalion Reporter**  
A controversial zoning change, budget revisions and authorization for settlement of a damage claim against the city were among the items handled at Thursday night's meeting of the College Station City Council.

The Council approved a request to rezone an 8.5-acre tract of land located north of the intersection of Texas Avenue and the Highway 6 Bypass to A-P (administrative professional) from C-1 (general commercial) and A-P (administrative professional).

The tract was rezoned after a lengthy discussion. Many residents of Bernadine Estates subdivision favored the change to keep commercial enterprises from being built behind their homes.

The owner of the land opposed the rezoning, saying he had suffered "tremendous costs." He claimed that rezoning the land to administrative professional would lower the value of the land, causing "an economic disaster" for him.

An unexpected budget surplus resulted in a decision to increase the general fund and the

general contingency fund. The tax revenue for fiscal year 1982-83 was underestimated, resulting in an unanticipated surplus of funds.

So far, the extra money has enabled the fire department to fill three positions. The Council decided how to dispose of the balance of the money: part for debt-retirement and the rest for increasing the general fund and the general contingency fund.

And the Council considered Alberta Jerkin's damage claim against the city. Jerkin claimed the city took 1,135 square feet of her land without compensation because of street improvements. She said the city owes her \$1,983.

The council decided to authorize City Attorney Lowell Denton to settle Jerkin's claim.

In other business, a bid from Acklam Construction Co. of College Station for the Bee Creek Park Development was approved. The project includes construction of a restroom and storage building at the ball park, permanent picnic units, water fountains, lighting for shelters, new signs and improvements at the park entrance. Acklam's bid was \$53,627.

## Jaycees to sponsor car rally Saturday

by Shellee J. Bratton

**Battalion Reporter**  
The Bryan-College Station Jaycees are sponsoring a car rally at Olsen Field on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m.

Jaycee member Ricky Higgins said the purpose of the rally is to raise funds for the organization and encourage student involvement in community activities. He said the group is hoping for at least 300 participants.

Higgins said each team, consisting of a driver and navigator, will be given a set of route instructions and rally rules and will then be required to follow the route and answer questions about various parts of the route. The team which makes it to the finish line and answers the most questions correctly will win.

All age groups are invited to participate in the rally, which will have both novice and expert divisions. Higgins said the Jaycees encourage competition between dorms, fraternities, sororities, friends and others. Entry fee is \$12 per car. Prizes will be awarded for first through sixth places. Both the navigator and driver of the winning team will receive first place trophies.

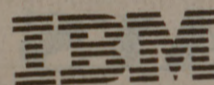
After the rally, there will be a party for all the participants at Mama's Pizza.

For more information, or to pre-register for the rally, contact Brad DuPlantis at R. Rush and Co., Culpepper Plaza, 696-7874, or Mark Bayliss at First City National Bank, 301 S. Texas Ave.



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For those of you who are considering a career in the information processing industry, I would suggest a visit with our Employment Information Team when they visit A&M on September 16th. This group of Technical and Marketing Managers, from locations throughout the U.S., will be happy to answer your questions concerning employment opportunities.

Bring your resume (and a friend) to the MSC-Room 212. We'll be there from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on September 16th. Come casual, refreshments will be served.

In addition, you will have the option of scheduling a formal interview with the locations of your choice at that time. This is a new concept and I hope you take advantage of it. Formal interviews will be conducted at the same location on September 30th.

If you can't make it on the 16th, our schedules will be available, until filled, in the Placement Office, 10th floor, Rudder.

I look forward to visiting with you.

Very truly yours,

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