

Park plans taking shape

by Tom Dobrez
Battalion Reporter

Lighted soccer fields and some of "the best little league fields in the state" are part of a million-dollar renovation plan under way by the College Station Parks and Recreation Department.

The new Anderson Park also will have two basketball courts, a playground, restrooms and a parking lot. Complete renovation of the 8.94 acre park will cost \$230,000, Beachy said.

The cost is minor compared to the money set aside to completely reconstruct Southwood Park southeast of the city, he said. Located at the corner of Rio Grande and Rock Prairie roads, the park will include lighted fields for both soccer and baseball.

Bids for the park project, expected to cost more than \$1 million, will be accepted beginning Jan. 1.

The 44 acres will be remodeled to include six soccer fields, six baseball fields, eight tennis courts, and several basketball courts.

"We have visited parks in Waco, Houston and Austin looking for ideas, and in my opinion, what we have planned will constitute some of the best little league fields in the state," Beachy said.

Sewer smoke test nears completion

by Brian Boyer
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Smoke testing of College Station sewers should be finished late next week, Ed McDow, consulting engineer for the project, said.

Crews are currently running the tests as part of a project to assess and repair damage to the city's sewer system.

The smoke testing should cause no inconvenience for homes and businesses with adequate plumbing, according to a flier mailed to College Station residents before the testing began. The flier advised homeowners

who get smoke in their homes during the testing to have their plumbing repaired.

Smoke testing is the second phase of the sewer evaluation survey, McDow said.

The first phase involved placing flow monitors in the system to measure the amount of incoming moisture due to rain, McDow said. He said flow monitoring is used to determine which sections of the system need to be smoked.

In the third and final phase of the testing, television cameras will be used to further investi-

gate problems revealed by the smoke and flow monitor testing, Elrey B. Ash, director of capital improvements, said. That stage should be finished by the end of this month.

Ash said he could not project the cost of repairs to the sewers until the results of the survey are complete.

"I have no idea how major or how drastic some of these (repairs) might be," he said.

Ash said if the necessary repairs are costly enough, they will have to be approved by the voters before they can be started.

Plans approved for East Gate Square

by Pam Barnes

The Planning and Zoning Commission's final approval was given last night for East Gate Square, an approximately four-acre area to be located at the corner of Lincoln and Texas

ordinance of a planned commercial district.

venue. East Gate Square will consist mainly of entertainment and recreational type businesses," builder Bill Fitch said.

The commission also approved final parking plans for a Red Lobster restaurant to be located in East Gate Square. The building permit must now be obtained. Building may begin at the end of the month if the permit is obtained, said Fitch.

The commission denied the request for rezoning of a nine-acre tract, near the intersection of Holleman Drive and Wellman Road. A possible apartment project was planned for the location, had the request been approved. The tract is presently a heavy industrial district. Commission Chairman Jim Fitching opposed the denial and suggested that the request be further investigated and possibly changed from a heavy industrial area to a lesser industrial area.

The commission denied the rezoning request of an eight-acre tract on the south side of University Drive, near the intersection of Fedmart Drive and University Drive. The request was to change the tract from a residential district to a residential district including a commercial district.

The commission tabled the question of amending a zoning

Terminals take over, cards get phased out

by Brigette Crossland
Battalion Reporter

The Data Processing Center is phasing out the use of cards as a means of processing for its computer system.

Next September, the center will not be using keypunching as a means of input, but there will still be a card reader available for those who already have data on cards.

The center is phasing out the use of cards in favor of terminals because the number of card users has become so small.

"The use of cards has been outdated since the late 1960's, we've just kept it around to accommodate people still using cards, but our last big card user, the registration system here at A&M, is also phasing out cards," Dr. Dick B. Simmons, director of the Data Processing Center, said.

The use of cards is also much more time-consuming than terminals.

In the past, people using cards were required to go to the data processing center to

keypunch data into the computer, wait for the work to be done, then come back to the center later to pick it up.

A student who has rented a terminal can do the work in his room. A student also can use any of the terminals on campus without having to walk to the center to keypunch data in.

"Using cards is like riding a horse to work when everyone else is driving a car," Simmons said. "Anyone who is still using cards really needs to update their system."

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