

Cancer takes David Barrett

David Alan Barrett, 23, a May '82 graduate in accounting, has died of cancer.

Barrett, of 2704 Pinehurst Circle in Bryan, played on the Aggie basketball team from 1977 to 1979.

Services for Barrett will be held today at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bryan.

Memorial contributions should be made to the Texas A&M University Development Fund or the American Cancer Society.



David Alan Barrett

CS shaves two cents from 82-83 tax hike

by Hope E. Paasch
Battalion Staff

College Station school board trustees voted Monday night to raise the 1982-83 tax rate to 90 cents per \$100, instead of the proposed 92 cents per \$100.

The board's budget committee met Monday afternoon to re-examine the 1982-83 budget to see if it could be cut to make a lower tax rate possible.

Committee member John C. Reagor said: "After a lot of looking and a considerable amount of time, we found that there's not a lot of fat in the budget."

The committee decided \$150,000 could be cut from the restricted reserve building fund, which would lower the tax rate by

two cents. Without the \$150,000, the fund will have \$600,000 available for unbudgeted expenses for building repairs or remodeling.

"The school district will spend to need, not to budget, this year," Reagor said. "That way, there should be enough savings at the end of the year to put some money in the fund."

The 1982-83 tax rate is lower than last year's \$1.17 cents per \$100, but the reevaluation of property that was done this year will mean a tax increase for most taxpayers. The tax rate originally proposed was 77 cents per \$100.

Monday night the board also approved an A&M Consolidated High School band trip to Orlando, Fla. Band members must raise the estimated \$36,000 for the trip, which would include a trip to Walt Disney World and Sea World.

In other action, the board voted to accept a bid for a new plating machine for printing trades classes. The equipment in use now is outdated.

The board approved the purchase of a Southwood Valley lot for building trades classes to construct a house.

Hydrogen research funded by Center

by Michael Larkin
Battalion Reporter

The Texas A&M University research team credited with the hydrogen fuel breakthrough received part of its financial support from the Center for Energy and Mineral Resources.

The center provided partial support for Dr. John O'Mara Bockris, who headed the hydrogen research team, Center Director Spencer R. Baen said.

Bockris is one of many research scientists receiving financial support from the center, which is involved in 104 energy-related projects.

The center's staff is small in order to keep costs low, Baen said, and thus leave more money for research. The center has only one full-time employee and seven part-time workers.

The center has three purposes: —To help start researchers in

energy-related projects. Bockris received \$27,000 for the hydrogen project this year from the center. Baen said average projects receive \$12,000.

—To help sponsor energy-related courses at the University.

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There are nine such courses.

—To help provide a public service to low-income families on energy-related matters. The center has released 10 fact sheets to tell families how to conserve energy. The center also publishes and distributes a circular called "Texas

Energy and Mineral Resources."

The center's \$1.3 million budget for research is provided by the Texas Legislature. Another \$100,000 is provided from the governor's office for publication and distribution of the fact sheets and circulars.

Projects funded by the center range from the study of energy conservation in meat processing to the economic implications of alternative energy sources.

To receive funding, a researcher must send a proposal to the center stating the purpose of the research and its projected cost. The proposal is then sent to experts in that particular field of research for review. Once the proposal is approved, the committee recommends a budget for the project.

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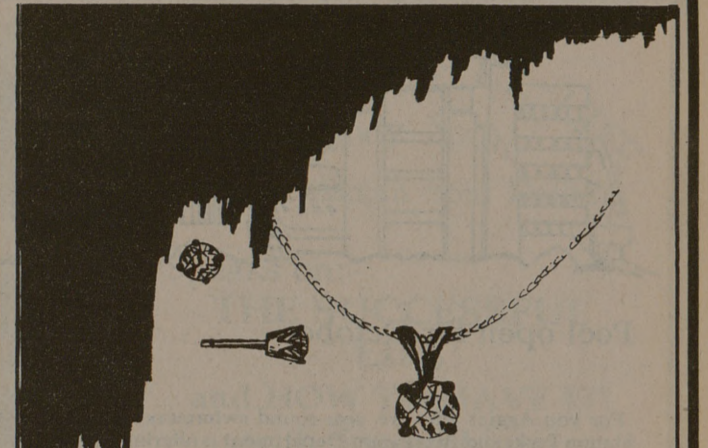
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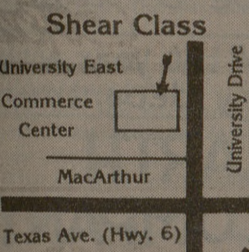
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