Rezoning ordinance fails; area remains residential

by Patrice Koranek

An ordinance that would have rezoned a residential area on the corner of University Drive and Fed Mart Drive to include a commercial district failed at Thursday's College Station City Council

A motion to reject the ordinance was made but no second followed. Since no other motion was made, the ordinance failed.

The council approved bids on a demolition project for the old city maintenance yard and the final site plan for Villas of Chimney Hill.

The council authorized City Attorney Lowell Denton to handle legal claims of less than \$250 made against the

city. The authorization stemmed from a \$95 damages claim filed against the city when a policeman lost control of his vehicle and damaged a

A re-zoning ordinance for nine acres of land west of the intersection of Holleman Drive and Wellborn Road was deferred by the council until a later meeting.

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College Station City Plan-ner Al Mayo presented new proposals for Plan 2000, an outline of the city's growth and development. The plan's designers encourage the development of a limited mass transit system for the city, the establishment of a master drainage plan and the limiting of access points for major commercial developments, he

"Also, from the center of

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is because we do not have a sus- Texas to the west, the soils are

tained snow pack," he said. "In calcareous (composed of cal-

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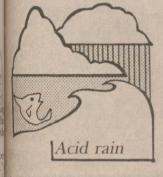
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Acid rain potential exists

by Brigette Crossland

Battalion Reporter Concern with acid rain has arisen in several parts of the United States, but it's not a significant problem in Texas — yet. The potential for a problem does exist in Texas and is in-

The burning of coal in power sulfur in the air, which is the major cause of acid rain. Also, the influx of people into Texas



from other parts of the country is creating an increase in the number of automobiles - a secondary cause of acid rain.

"While the potential for a problem is increasing, we don't

know if there is a problem," said not be as big a problem in Texas Thomas Porter, member of the Texas Air Control Board. "We know we have acid rain in some the northeastern areas, the acid cium carbonate, calcium or parts of the state, but there have not been any bad effects reported."

accumulates in the snow and melts in the spring, causing a high concentration of acid.

limestone) and have a high buffering capacity. It neutralizes acid precipitation."

The Texas Air Control Board set up a network in 1979 to plants increases the amount of monitor acid rainfall. Stations are located in Odessa, Tyler, Beaumont and Fort Worth. Rainfall at these stations has been detected to have a pH the measure of the acidity of a solution — as low as 4.2. The normal pH for rain is about 5.6. The lower the pH, the higher the acidity. These lower pH's were found in the east Texas

> "Although we know that there is acid rain in east Texas now, we don't know how long it has been there," Porter said. "It may be an increasing trend, and it may be the norm. Our research is so new that it is hard to

In the northeastern section of the United States, acid rain has caused some lakes to become so acidic that fish and wildlife are dying, but there have been no documented effects of acid rain

"One reason acid rain could

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