



Only in Texas

staff photo by Ronnie Emerson

While parts of the country were under snow Sunday, Steve Anderson, a freshman from Conroe in general studies, decided to take advantage of the mild winter here. His

girlfriend Kelly Pritchett helps by rubbing tanning lotion on his back. Kelly is a freshman, also from Conroe, taking general studies.

Bryan Council to buy land to expand industrial park

by Patrice Koranek
Battalion Staff

The Bryan City Council on Monday approved the purchase of 606 acres of land — worth \$2.1 million — to expand the Brazos County Industrial Park. The Bryan Development Foundation, which was in charge of studying the project, unanimously recommended the purchase of the land during a Bryan City Council public hearing.

The acreage is within the Bryan city limits and between FM 2818 and Mumford Road with continuous access to the Southern Pacific Railroad. The

lot will be used to continue the development of the city's industrial areas and to increase the city's recreational space.

The cost of the land averages more than \$3,500 per acre, and will be paid for over a five-year period. The industrial development could use 495 acres of the land, but 110 acres are in a floodplain and probably will be used for parks owned by companies in the industrial park.

The council also approved a format to follow when oil or gas companies are given permission to put pipelines through property within the city.

The ordinance does not cer-

tify a specific company, but it sets guidelines for city officials to follow. A \$10,000 fee will be paid by any company which puts an oil or gas collection system within the city limits.

Also, the council extended the statute of limitations from two years to four years for property that is damaged when a company lays pipelines through a citizen's property.

In other action at the meeting, the council approved the designation of FM 158 as an east side access road and approved nine applications for oil and gas drilling sites within the city limits.

City park to benefit A&M

by Shellee Bratton
Battalion Reporter

The College Station Industrial Foundation is dedicated to satisfying the city's need for more industry and is trying to bring high technology industries to the area.

Several industrial parks already exist in the area — Caraba Park and the Brazos County Industrial Foundation on FM 2818. And Texas A&M University soon will build an industrial research park.

But Dennis Goehring, president of the College Station Industrial Foundation, said that the city's park will be different from the others.

"The new park is going to be a hybrid," Goehring said, "be-

cause our restrictions are going to be to those industries that are high-tech oriented."

He said Texas Instruments and Westinghouse are examples of the type of industries the foundation wants to attract for the new park.

The College Station Industrial Park will have more than 1,000 acres and will include areas for research, light commercial development and residential areas.

The park, which is located about two miles south of the city limits near Green Prairie Road, also will have a municipal golf course, a waste water treatment plant, a cemetery, a hotel and recreation areas.

Goehring said the park will

help Texas A&M and its students because it will generate consultant positions for faculty members and provide cooperative education programs for students.

He said the city's park will compliment the planned University park because industries will be able to choose between owning their own land — in the city's park — or renting it from the University park.

However, Goehring said the College Station Industrial Foundation has a much broader purpose than bringing industry to the community. He said the foundation will work with the city to develop a better economic base within the community.

"Look at the community as a

wagon-wheel hub with economic spokes that are needed to support the rim," Goehring said. "What we're attempting to do to get our wagon rolling a little better is to put more spokes on our economic wheel, so we can carry a bigger load in terms of services that the people are demanding."

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