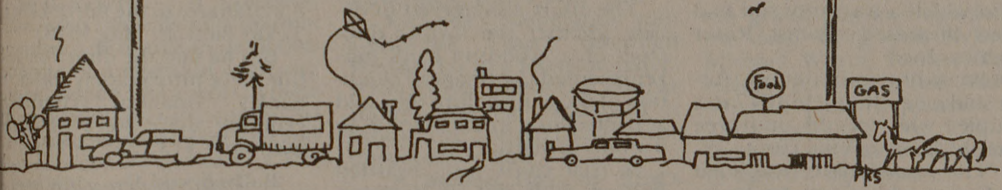


## Brazos business



### Mall marks birthday

It's Post Oak Mall's first birthday, and the party is for you. Yes, it has been one year since Post Oak Mall opened its doors, and it's been a good year for the mall.

"We've exceeded most of our own expectations," Maria Poiteh, director of marketing for Post Oak Mall, said. "We started with 87 stores, and we now have 100. Five more will be open within three to four months."

Many special guests and exhibits are planned for the birthday celebration, which begins Saturday and continues through Feb. 19.

The International Children's Showcase from the People's Republic of China has been on display since Feb. 1 and will remain until Feb. 25. The

exhibit consists of 100 specially selected paintings by children between the ages of three and thirteen from the People's Republic of China.

**FUBAR D. Robot** was at the grand opening celebration of Post Oak Mall last year, and he's coming back for the birthday party. FUBAR will be at the mall from Feb. 16 to 19.

The Bryan-College Station New Car Dealers' Association, The Bryan-College Station Eagle and Post Oak Mall are co-sponsoring a **New Car Showcase** from Feb. 8 - 12.

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department and Post Oak Mall will co-sponsor a 10 kilometer run to benefit the American Heart Association on

Feb. 19. The run begins at 8 a.m. on the parking lot of Post Oak Mall.

Several volunteers from Texas A&M will be selling kisses on Saturday for 50 cents each. The proceeds from the **kissing booth** will go to the American Heart Association.

Other events scheduled for the birthday celebration are:

- **The World's Fastest Artist.** Norman Zinkan, who paints landscapes with a four-inch paint brush in a matter of minutes will be at the mall from Feb. 14 to 18.

- **A Valentines Day Concert** will be presented by the students of the Suzuki violin method from Brazos Talent Education Feb. 14.

— Dawson Clark

### Airport to receive funds

by Larry Couvillon  
Battalion Reporter

The Brazos Valley Development Council approved a \$702,450 proposal Thursday that would maintain operation of Easterwood Airport. The proposal will improve an existing runway, provide a new taxiway and enhance the overall safety of the airport.

Don Robinson, the assistant manager of aviation services at Easterwood, said the changes are in the infant stages.

"You're not going to see bulldozers out here tomorrow," he said. The repairs are general maintenance to keep the airport functioning.

Almost half of the money will be used for runway upkeep. A new 550-foot taxiway also will be constructed. About a third of the \$702,450 will buy new fire-fighting equipment. The rest of the money is for taxiway lighting and directional signs.

The development council, which covers seven counties, also agreed to donate \$2,000 to the Texas A&M Department of Urban and Regional Planning. The money will be used for research on demography, land use, transportation and housing. Bryan and College Station will donate \$2,000 each for the information service.

The committee also decided to support three proposed bills in the Texas Senate. All three bills are designed to curb DWI offenses.

The first bill offers the following changes: mandatory jail terms for second offenders, raising minimum fines, mandatory educational courses on all offenses and raising drivers license suspension.

The second bill would prohibit drinking while driving and would make any driver with an open alcohol container in his vehicle subject to arrest. The third bill would generate funds for new rehabilitation centers for alcoholics by raising liquor permit and license fees.

### Medical team to hold blood pressure check

by Michelle Powe  
Battalion Reporter

On Valentines Day, hearts are a familiar symbol of love. But to the Texas A&M emergency care team, the condition of the heart can be a matter of life or death.

To protect the condition of the heart, the care team will conduct a blood pressure screening Feb. 14 - 15 in the Memorial Student Center.

The screening takes a few minutes and is free of charge, said Louis Gonzales, an emergency medical technician at A.P. Leutel Health Center. The

screening will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gonzales said the emergency care team likes to have the screening on Valentine's Day because it seems more appropriate with all the hearts everywhere. He said the team hopes people will care enough to tell their friends about the importance of the screening.

People tend to think they don't need to worry about high blood pressure when they're young, he said. But it's important to catch the condition, which rarely causes noticeable

symptoms, at an early stage.

It's important for people over 40 years old to have their blood pressure checked twice a year and for younger people to have their pressure checked at least once a year, he said.

The emergency medical technicians at the health center are trained to check blood pressure and are available to do so between 7:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. at no cost.

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