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## MADD requests ordinance

by Eric Evan Lee  
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The Bryan City Council Monday voted to consider a request by the Brazos County Mothers Against Drunk Drivers to prohibit open alcoholic beverage containers in cars.

The proposed law would prohibit transporting, carrying or possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage. It also would prohibit open alcoholic beverage containers in motor vehicles on highways, roads, streets, alleys or sidewalks within the city, except when alcoholic beverages are in the original unopened container.

Kirk Brown, president of Brazos County MADD and a professor of soil and crop sciences, presented a petition at the meeting, which he said contained 5,000 signatures of residents in favor of the ordinance. The council did not specify when the proposal would be placed on its agenda.

In other action the council discussed changing an existing city ordinance that requires mobile homes to be located at least 10 feet from the street. A study conducted by the city showed that currently, many mobile homes are not in compliance with the ordinance. The council suggested changing the requirement from 10 to 20 feet so most mobile home parks would comply with the ordinance. The council will decide the matter at a later meeting.

In its regular meeting Monday night, the council approved funding a street maintenance system. The city will purchase a machine to repair potholes and seal cracks in the streets.

The council also approved a funding request for improvements at Butler Field. The improvements include construction of runway lights, additional parking space and the building of two entrance signs for the airport. Also approved was a bid for construction of a 10,000 gallon oil storage tank at the airport.

## Airport renovation approved by board

by Beverly Hamilton  
Battalion Staff

Texas A&M won approval from the Coordinating Board Friday to repair and resurface runways at Easterwood Airport at a cost of \$231,930.

The Federal Aviation Administration will provide 90 percent of the funds for construction and the other 10 percent will be from local plant funds and the balance from a federal grant.

Improvements will include joint sealing, pavement markings and repaving of the runway.

The board also approved the University's request to purchase two separate areas of land near the campus.

One area of three acres will be purchased for \$18,000. The land is located northwest of campus and surrounds University Water Well No. 3. The purchase will be funded through power plant revenue bond proceeds and will be used for further operation of the water well.

The second land purchase, which will cost \$275,000, is a .43 acre area of land adjacent to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The purchase, to be funded through University funds, includes a single story office and laboratory building with about 4,137 square feet of space already located on the land. The new area will be used for west campus expansion.



staff photo by Mike Davis

### Happy Birthday

Shelly Greenberg, a senior elementary education major from Austin, carries balloons Friday given to her by friends while Claudia Alexander, a junior Spanish major from Mount Pleasant, accompanies her to class. Greenberg's 21st birthday was Saturday.

## Students named to advisory board

by Kelley Smith  
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Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver Friday approved the selection of 13 students to serve on the Chancellor's System Student Advisory Board, Sheran Riley, assistant to the president, said.

"The objective of the student advisory panel is to establish a direct means by which students at Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M at Galveston can present their views and positions on system issues...and special instance University problems to the chancellor," stated the proposition outlining the committee.

System issues on which the panel will focus include tuition and comprehensive funding, Riley said.

The student committee will coordinate its efforts with those of the administration to offer a focal point of student opinions, Riley said.

The students were chosen by a panel composed of two students, a

representative from the administration and a representative from the faculty.

The panel members will be notified of their selection by mail this week.

The panel is composed of student representatives from each university within the System — 5 from the main campus, 3 from Prairie View A&M, 3 from Tarleton State and 2 from Texas A&M at Galveston.

The student body presidents or comparable student representative from each university automatically are selected to the committee.

A chairman for the committee will be selected by the group at its first meeting. Each university may cast one vote for chairman. Student body presidents are not eligible for the chairmanship.

Also working with the committee will be an administrative adviser. The adviser does not have voting status.

The adviser must be from the same university as the chairman and will be chosen by that university's president.

The chairman's responsibilities include presenting the views of the committee directly to the chancellor and serving as a direct link between the students and the chancellor, Riley said.

Members of the committee must have at least 27 credit hours, have spent at least one semester at the university that they represent and have an overall grade point ratio of at least 2.25.

The chairman for the committee must have at least 60 credit hours.

Candidates for the committee were interviewed in the spring semester and will serve one year terms beginning in the summer. The panel will meet every two months including the summer and whenever deemed necessary by the chairman.

The advisory committee was proposed by the Legislative Study Group, an executive committee of Student Government that represents the student body in the state Legislature. The proposal was approved by Chancellor Arthur Hansen in April.

## Committee: Improve, don't move airport

by Angel Stokes  
Battalion Staff

The Executive Committee of the Texas A&M Board of Regents approved a report Monday by the Airport Relocation Committee that recommended improvements be made to Easterwood Airport, instead of moving the airport to the old Bryan Air Force Base.

Relocating the airport would cost an estimated \$8 million.

Regent William McKenzie said to continue with improvements and try to obtain Federal Aviation Administration funding.

The first improvement will be to seal coat the airport's main runway. The estimated cost of the project is \$167,000. Ninety percent of the cost will be funded by the FAA and the other 10 percent through local funds.

The committee also has been investigating the cost of commercial airlines flying out of Easterwood. So far, no decisions have been made, but the committee will continue to work on the feasibility study.

Future plans for improvement include extending one runway to 7,000 feet to help attract commercial 727s to the airport.

The Executive Committee of the board also approved recommendations for the University's Development Foundation. Although the board has no control over the Development Foundation — which

raises money for Texas A&M — the Foundation will report annually to the board.

Regent Joe Reynolds made two motions during the meeting related to an agenda item submitted by Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen to change the policy regarding naming buildings on System campuses. The current policy was adopted in 1967 and states that buildings shall be named after deceased men and women.

Hansen requested that this be changed to allow buildings, parts of buildings, rooms and other areas to be named after living people.

Reynolds preferred to change the policy so that a looser structure be followed in the naming of buildings.

The committee approved Reynolds' change and his two motions. Reynolds' first motion was to rename the Academic and Agency Building after John R. Blocker. Blocker previously has served as a Texas A&M regent. The second motion was to rename the Texas A&M University Press Building to the John H. Lindsey Building.

A new ad hoc committee — the Athletic Committee — was established by Chairman of the Board H.R. "Bum" Bright. The committee will serve as a liaison between the Athletic Department and the board. Bright appointed Reynolds as chairman of the committee. Other board members appointed to the committee were

David G. Eller and McKenzie.

The Executive Committee also approved adoption of a state-wide desegregation plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The desegregation plan — federally mandated — was drawn up by a committee formed by former Gov. William Clements.

All 63 state college and university governing boards are required by the Department of Education to formally adopt the plan.

The plan calls for an increase of 1,200 black and Hispanic students at Texas A&M over the next five years. Approximately 2,000 blacks and Hispanics attended Texas A&M last year.

Six new academic programs must be established at Prairie View A&M by 1988 according to the plan. The purpose of the plan is to increase the non-black enrollment at Prairie View.

At Sunday's meeting the Planning and Building Committee of the board approved plans to relocate the Southern Pacific Railroad team tracks, which are currently located across from the Old Main entrance to campus.

The Planning and Building Committee also approved a proposal for a new 400-meter track to be built west of Olsen Field. The new track will be built from private donations.

Final approval for all items will be made today by the board as a whole.



staff photo by Mike Davis

### Practice makes perfect

Firefighters practice fighting fires Monday at the Fireman's Training School. More than 2,500 people from Texas are

attending classes and field training here this week to sharpen their firefighting knowledge. See related story page 3.

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### forecast

Mostly clear skies and hot today with a high of 95. Southerly winds near 10 mph. The low tonight near 74. Mostly sunny and warm Wednesday with a high of 94.

## Texas accelerator

A&M professor uses 'bold initiative' to try to bring Texatron to area

by Rusty Roberts  
Battalion Reporter

"Bold initiative" is the key to bringing the most powerful particle accelerator in the world to Texas, a University physics professor says.

Dr. Peter McIntyre, an associate professor of physics, recently visited the Department of Energy officials in Washington with a proposal to build the accelerator — a machine that propels streams of highly charged protons on a collision course in order to observe the debris after the two

beams collide.

Last week a special energy panel denied further accelerator expansion projects for both the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y., and for the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Ill.

"That was a very bold decision by the panel," McIntyre said. "Now, with the expansion plans cancelled, the construction of the new accelerator hopefully can begin here in Texas."

McIntyre and others working on the program said they are so hopeful

it will be built in Texas that they already are acting as if the program is a reality.

McIntyre said Texas A&M has begun recruiting scientists from the United States and overseas to help design the particle accelerator. Dr. Donald Swenson, now working in Los Alamos, N.M., will come to Texas A&M on a one-year leave of absence from the Los Alamos laboratory in order to help with the design.

"This kind of bold initiative will convince the people in Washington

that A&M is serious about bringing the national accelerator to Texas," McIntyre said.

Other steps also are being taken to accommodate construction of the accelerator in Texas, McIntyre said. Several meetings with Texas A&M administrators are scheduled this week to discuss methods for choosing the best site. McIntyre said the results from the meetings will be presented to the state for further discussion and planning.

"We have two or three sites in

mind," he said. "We want to establish a kind of 'friendly competition' in order to choose the community that will be the most cooperative."

Construction of the accelerator will cause some temporary inconvenience for residents whose land will be used, McIntyre said, but the majority of the work will be underground boring the circular tunnel. The accelerator tunnel will be 10 feet wide, will sit 30 feet below the surface and cover a 35-mile radius.

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