

# CSISD OKs resignation of personnel director

by Yvonne Cuzick  
Battalion Reporter  
The College Station School Board has accepted the resignation of Ned Burns, director of personnel for the College Station Independent School District.

Fort Worth and will start there on Aug. 15. The resignation was submitted about a month ago but did not become official until the board's meeting Thursday. In other business, the board met in closed session for approximately three hours with Gaines West, attorney for former A&M Consolidated High School Coach Howell Ferguson. After the meeting, a spokesman

for the board announced that no public action was taken on the matter. Ferguson was suspended by trustees last month for depositing district funds into an unauthorized bank account. After the suspension, however, it was discovered that the irregularity was not in violation of state laws. The board also approved other resignations and the hiring of some new employees.

# MHMRA begins program on alcohol use and abuse

by Gabriel Elliott  
Battalion Reporter  
The Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley has begun an alcohol education program designed to educate the public on the use and abuse of alcohol and the disease of alcoholism.

The program, funded by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, is available to any interested individuals or groups in the Brazos County area. Dave Dromnes, coordinator of out-patient and in-patient services at the MHMRA, says participants are welcome from as far as Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Robertson and Washington counties. J. Dixon McKenzie, MHMRA alcohol education specialist, said the program should help develop community awareness of the effects of alcohol abuse. "We are offering presentations on such topics as 'Effects of Alcoholism on Industry,' 'Young People and Alcohol,' 'Women and Alcohol,' and 'Family Disease of Alcoholism,'" McKenzie said.

liver and deterioration of the brain cells, Dromnes said. "If the public is made aware of the damage alcohol does to the body, they would realize the dangers associated with drinking," he said. Slides and movies highlighting the cause, effect and cure of alcoholism will be used, he said. Because alcohol problems usually are carried to the individual's place of employment, Dromnes said, businesses and industries with alcoholism contributing to a low employee performance will benefit most from the presentations. Dromnes said the program will be beneficial as a whole to the Bryan-College Station area, especially now that the county is cracking down on driving while intoxicated offenders.



They're off!

photo by Leslie P. Schueckler

Brad Schueckler takes a slight lead over his dog, Mocha, as they stretch for the cooling waters of Lake Ten Killer near Tulsa, Okla.

Oklahoma currently is experiencing a 100 degree-plus heat wave that is causing residents to flock to nearby lakes.

## Opposes Charter election

# Bryan School Board meets

by Anne M. Hedgcoxe

Battalion Reporter  
Bryan Homeowners Association, Inc. received a sharp blow Monday when the Bryan School Board adopted a resolution to oppose the August 13 Charter election.

The board claims this election would exempt a percentage of the market value of the residence homestead of a married or unmarried adult. This exemption would reduce taxes 40 percent for the years 1983 and 84, 30 percent for the years 85 through 1987, and 20 percent in 1988 and in subsequent years. This will also affect single student homesteads.

Board members say this election

would create a preferential class of property that would shift the tax burden to all other properties on the jurisdictional roll.

Therefore, the board opposes the proposed Charter amendment and urges its employees and all citizens of Bryan to vote against the proposal at the Charter election.

In other action Monday, the school board approved the 1983-1984 school year budget totaling \$25.8 million, a 9 percent increase over the 1982-1983 budget.

The new budget features a six percent increase in employee benefits, a nine percent increase in instructional materials, \$55,000 for expansion of the computer education program, a 35 percent increase in utility

costs, \$266,000 decrease in federal program funds and \$127,000 increase in Local Fund Assignment.

The school board also announced that the Bryan ISD Gifted and Talented Program has been awarded a competitive grant from the Texas Education Agency. The T.E.A. recently approved the \$71,400 grant, a \$3,000 increase from the previous funding year.

These funds will be used, along with local funding, to provide classroom teachers for gifted students, instructional supplies and staff development. It is estimated that the district will serve 703 students in the program this year in grades kindergarten through high school, approximately 55 students per grade.

The board also agreed not to increase meal prices for children's lunches and breakfasts.

The prices will remain at \$1.00 for lunches in grades kindergarten through sixth, \$1.10 for lunches in grades seven through 12, and breakfasts will remain at 50 cents for all grades.

Although adult lunches will remain at \$1.35, adult breakfasts will be increased from 75 cents to 80 cents to meet the adult meal pricing policy set by the T.E.A.

The 1983-1984 bus rider fees also remain unchanged due to lower insurance rates, parts prices leveling off, more in house repairs and the stabilization of fuel prices.

The rates range from one rider at \$15.00 per month to four or more riders at \$50.00 per month.

# Humane society hires sheriff to solve animal cruelty cases

by Yvonne Cuzick

Battalion Reporter  
Santos Alvarez, a Brazos County deputy sheriff who has been volunteering his time to help solve animal cruelty cases, has accepted an investigation job with the Humane Society of Brazos County.

Kris Carter, who has been involved with the Humane Society since its establishment in 1975, says the idea to hire an investigator was not new. "We've had this idea for a long time," Carter said. Alvarez

just seemed to be the right person for the job.

Alvarez mainly will handle cases that committee members could not solve, Humane Society vice-president Angela Leonard said.

Usually, when the society receives a complaint about someone abusing or neglecting an animal, the society will notify the person of the complaint. If the person fails to resolve the situation within a certain period of time, the society takes legal action.

Alvarez said that as a rule, people usually comply with the regulations set by the Humane Society. There are not many complaints where people are intentionally abusing their animals. People mostly are neglectful and don't realize they are breaking the law, he said.

Cruelty to animals is a class A misdemeanor and is punishable by up to a \$2,000 fine or up to

one year in jail, or both, Alvarez said.

A recent case the Humane Society handled with the help of Alvarez involved a man charged with cruelty to animals. He was convicted of intentionally and knowingly failing to provide adequate food, care and shelter for his dogs. Alvarez said it was the worst case he's seen as a Humane Society volunteer.

Crime Stoppers, along with the Bryan Police Department, needs any information on the persons who have stolen more than 20 truck tires and rims from BRYCO, located on Fountain Street in Bryan. They are large truck tires, 11 inches by 4.5 inches, and are valued at over \$3,200.

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