

UT land in West Texas possible nuclear waste site

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AUSTIN — The state will drill for soil samples this week on University of Texas System-owned land in West Texas that is being considered as a site for a low-level nuclear waste disposal facility, officials said Tuesday.

The site is a 640-acre tract in Hudspeth County, about 20 miles north of Sierra Blanca and 17 miles south of Bell City.

The Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority is considering several other sites in the state and is expected to select a final site in December, said Bob Avant, assistant general manager.

But Avant said a final decision will not be made until public hearings are conducted in the affected county.

The authority is reviewing elements such as geology, hydrology, mineral resources,

population and flooding potential in its study of potential sites.

The 300-acre facility, which will cost between \$10 million and \$12 million, will store low-level radioactive waste produced at Texas hospitals, universities, laboratories and some industries.

While the waste is high in volume, it is low in specific radioactivity, said Avant.

The waste consist mainly of dry compactible solids such as bedding, gowns, bandages, biological specimens and some vials containing small quantities of low-level radioactive materials.

Billy Carr, surface lands manager for the UT System, said the disposal facility "could produce new job opportunities and also have an important economic impact on the West Texas area."

About 30,000 cubic feet of low-level nuclear waste was produced in Texas in 1982, and

more than 80 percent came from hospitals, universities and medical research facilities.

The authority said the proposed facility will be designed to handle 139,000 cubic feet of waste expected to be generated annually in Texas from 1990 until 2020.



Aggie Band loading crew

staff photo by Mike Davis

Mark Allen, a junior landscape architecture major from Wharton, unloads Aggie Band instruments before the Texas A&M vs. Baylor football game Saturday. Allen is a member of A Company of the Corps of Cadets and the 1982-83 Aggie Band loading crew.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Tuesday:

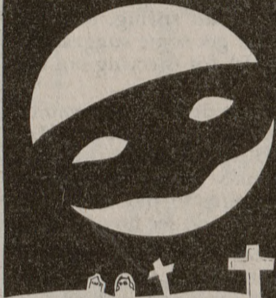
- THEFTS:**
- A wallet from Dorm 2. The wallet contained \$50 in cash.
 - A wallet from DeWare Field House. The wallet contained a Texas driver's license, Texas A&M I.D. card, and several credit cards.
 - A motorcycle helmet from the reserved staff lot west of G. Rollie White Coliseum.
 - An overhead projector from 208 or 209 Hydromechanics Lab.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

- A person has agreed to pay \$670 for damaging a car that was parked in the student lot north of Schuhmacher Hall. The property damage was reported to University Police on Sunday.

ARREST:

- Two students were arrested for smoking marijuana in Aston Hall. They were taken to the University Police Department.



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Off-Campus Aggies to discuss bonfire

by Bonnie Langford
Battalion Staff

Plans for bonfire cutting this weekend and ideas for fund raising will be discussed at the Off-Campus Aggies meeting at 8:30 tonight in 601 Rudder Tower.

"This weekend will be for non-reg cutting," OCA President Kevin Goodwin said. "We've had a good turnout this year, with about 35 to 50 people coming out to help for each cutting."

OCA is having a good turnout for the Bonfire Buddy program also, he said. The program allows off-campus students to participate in a program similar to the one on-campus.

"This is for the off-campus guys to get to know some of the

guys off-campus by exchanging gifts for bonfire," Goodwin said. "We've had a lot of people who are interested in participating in this program."

The group has been selling doughnuts in the Academic and Agency Building to raise funds, which he said has been fun for the members, as well as raising money for the group.

Goodwin said OCA is looking for other suggestions on how to raise money for United Way. OCA is planning a street dance for Nov. 5 as one money raiser, he said, but the group would like other ways to help United Way with funds.

OCA also is looking for party suggestions, Goodwin said. Even though the Fish Contact Parties are over for this semes-

ter, he said, there is now an apartment council to plan more parties and other events for off-campus students.

Todd Ousley, the graduate assistant for OCA, said that students who were interested in helping their apartment complex get organized, ran for council positions.

"Not every complex has a representative, because it was only people who were interested in being a representative that ran," he said. "In some complexes no one was interested."

Goodwin said he hopes that since the apartment council will be working closely with the people who live in the complexes, they will be able to plan events for the students.

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Legislator's expenses reviewed

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AUSTIN — The House Ethics Committee ordered a formal review Tuesday of allegations that Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, improperly billed the state for thousands of dollars in phony travel expenses and personal telephone calls.

Committee members voted unanimously to conduct an "initial review" to determine whether Wilson acted unlawfully or unethically when he collected \$16,820 in daily legislative expenses and overspent a committee budget by \$6,718 in 1981 and 1982.

Wilson was not immediately available for comment.

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