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City council rejects frat zoning request

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The College Station City Council Thursday night rejected a request for a zone change which would have permitted the construction of a fraternity house in the Northgate area.

The request by A.P. Boyett, Jr. would have rezoned the property at 502 Boyett St. from duplex zoning to medium density apartments. That request was denied by the planning and zoning commission 4-0 earlier this month.

Before rejecting the change, the council listened to area resident Brian Johnson who said the location of the property in a residential neighborhood made it unacceptable for a fraternity house. Johnson said the lot was too small to provide adequate parking and the additional traffic would worsen an already severe parking problem in the area.

After saying that Northgate was "a unique part of College Station," Johnson said that the building of a fraternity house would lower property values and set a trend for rezoning other parcels of land in Northgate.

Those charges were disputed by the brother of the applicant, George Boyett, who said the area was largely apartments and the fraternity interested in using the property had already purchased another tract of land. Boyett argued that parking regulations in the area were not enforced and that some on-site parking would be available on the property.

But Mayor Gary Halter said the zoning in the area was already poorly planned, highly congested and granting the request would compound the problems. The council voted 5-1 to reject the request. Councilman James B. Bond cast the only dissenting vote.

In other council business, the mayor received a petition signed by Southwood Valley residents asking the city to consider regulating satellite dishes in neighborhoods. John Hogg presented the council with the petition.

"If I were looking for a residence and I went down a street and saw a satellite dish in a front yard," Hogg said, "I'd turn around and head the other way."

SWAMP group passes mock resolutions

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Students claiming to have overthrown the Texas A&M Board of Regents and the Student Government passed several mock resolutions with the help of a crowd of students Thursday afternoon.

Hugh Stearns, a member of Students Working Against Morons in Power, said the point of the mock takeover was to convince students that they need to question authority so they can have an impact on the decisions of the University administration.

The group, which met at Rudder Fountain, passed out fliers calling themselves "students working against morons in power."

"Students should demand more power in deciding what goes on at A&M," Stearns said.

"The point is that you (students) do have power," he said. "If anything, you have power in numbers."

Stearns said involvement in Student Government is not a way to influence the administration.

"Student Government is an extension of the administration," Stearns said. "Student Government is a farce. They are a bunch of resume paddlers who appease the administration."

He also criticized the administration and the regents for not allowing students to have input into decisions affecting the University.

"Students are not consulted on

things that affect the University," Stearns said. "We live here. This is our home. We should have a say-so as to what goes on at the University."

Stearns proposed several resolutions to about 50 people at Rudder Fountain, which Stearns claimed to rename Freedom Fountain.

The regents should allow one person from the Faculty Senate and one person from the Student Senate to have a voting position on the board, he said.

He also said the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate acting as a joint group should be able to veto the decisions of the regents.

The University should establish coed dormitories on campus, Stearns said.

"Students should not be treated as adolescents," he said. "We don't need protection from the opposite sex."

Stearns called for a student-elected editor of The Battalion, which he referred to as "the lapdog of the administration."

"The Battalion should be the students', not the administration's paper," he said.

Stearns accused The Battalion of withholding news from the student body.

The Battalion has not been running stories on South African apartheid because the administration doesn't want students to know about it, Stearns said.

U.S. businesses and universities should remove their investments



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John Schroeder, Hope Johnston, Jennifer Berry and Hugh Stearns (l to r) met at Rudder

Fountain Thursday and passed several mock resolutions concerning Texas A&M.

from South Africa, he said. "We should not support a fascist and racist government," he said.

Stearns called for the establishment of a women's center that would provide gynecological services and counseling for rape victims.

A.P. Beutel Health Center should provide birth control counseling, he said.

The University should provide

on-campus day care for students with children, Stearns said.

"We have a large need for child care," he said. "A lot of single parents go to school here."

The University should provide an area on campus where beer can be sold to students, Stearns said.

"The University of Texas funds their whole student union from the

money they get from their bar," he said.

Stearns also called for a more equitable way of distributing the money donated to the University.

People should not be allowed to donate money to one department or college, Stearns said. A&M cannot become a world university if it depends on one department to attract students, he said.

Senators debate on regulating shrimp fishing

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A bill to regulate shrimp and oyster fishing boiled over in the Senate on Thursday with coastal senators threatening a filibuster that eventually called a halt to the day's proceedings.

Apparently the filibuster was only delayed, however, as the Senate will resume debate on the regulation measure when it convenes Monday at 9 a.m.

Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso,

said his bill would put shrimp and oyster fishing under regulation of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said, "You're trying to put the gulf shrimpers, who are behind your bill, above the bay shrimpers."

The bill, said Truan, "injects the Legislature into a hotly competitive and long-standing battle in the marketplace, and at the point of harvest, between two fiercely competitive segments of the shrimp industry, be-

tween bay shrimpers, who are the little guys, and the gulf shrimpers, who are the big guys."

Truan and Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, offered several amendments that were defeated and held the floor for two hours before Santiesteban agreed at 12:30 p.m. to recess until Monday.

Told he had a reprieve, Truan smiled broadly.

"I don't know how many shrimp you have in El Paso County but I

dare say they are all in restaurants," Truan said.

Santiesteban responded, "This bill would put the control under the same enforcement agency that enforces our (game and fish) laws now. I believe that my bill will not hurt anybody."

Gulf shrimpers, according to a bill analysis, support the proposal, saying the Parks and Wildlife Department could develop a plan for managing shrimp resources that would account for market fluctuations and

weather conditions. Bay shrimpers, the analysis says, claim the department's priority is to maximize the gulf harvest at the expense of bay shrimpers.

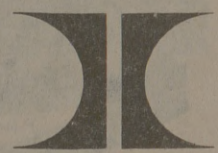
"Wouldn't it be better to survey the situation and then come back with recommendations," asked Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena.

"This has been studied over and over," replied Santiesteban.

Parker said, "I know best what affects shrimpers of the coast, and you're doing them a disservice."

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