

STATE AND LOCAL

What's up

Friday
CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: is meeting at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower for charismatic worship, prayer and fellowship.

Saturday
MSC COUNCIL: is meeting at 2 p.m. in the council room in the Student Programs Office. A luncheon for council members begins at noon.

Monday
ART FILM SOCIETY: is meeting at 7 p.m. in the MSC lounge.
Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

Highway panel kills state wildflower plates

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Wilting under pressure from legislators who said the motto lacks macho, state highway commissioners Thursday defoliated the 1987 license plates of the proposed "Wildflower State" slogan.
 The wildflower plates, OK'd by commissioners in April, also would have carried a faint outline of the state flower, bluebonnets, across the bottom.
 But the floral motif was deemed too sissy by critics, among them 57 lawmakers who urged the three-man commission to abandon its earlier decision.
 "I'm so tired of hearing things on license plates I'm going to spit up," commission Chairman Robert Lanier of Houston joked before the quick, 3-0 vote.
 The decision means the 1987 plates will carry only one word:

"Texas."
 That word and the little state map outline that separates the numerals from the letters will be red. The numerals and letters will be blue.
 The vote was taken in a highway commission room decorated with colorful pictures of the wildflowers that adorn roadsides during some parts of the year.
 "Let's face it, as the chairman said earlier, we are going to be coming back in 1987 for another session of the Legislature," said aide Bob Neely. "We don't want to alienate too many people at one time."
 Critics claimed the wildflower plate was too sissy a slogan for tough Texans, Neely said.
 "I centered around the lack of the macho image in Texas; something to the effect that it dealt a blow to the Texas mystique, which we must treasure," he said.

Cable advisory group elicited by CS council

By SALLY TAYLOR
 Reporter

At their regular meeting Thursday night, the College Station City Council recommended the formation of a franchise advisory committee to act as liaison between local cable operations and citizens and to keep city officials up to date on cable regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Runnels said that the duties of the proposed committee have not yet been specifically outlined, but he emphasized that the committee only would be an advisory group.

The committee would have no authority, Runnels said.

Also at the meeting, the East Bypass Study Committee, comprised of three members of the Planning and Zoning Commission appointed to study the East Bypass area, presented their recommendations for land use and zoning for the undeveloped tracts.

The committee recommended that a portion of the area north of University Drive remain industrial.

It suggested that the area south of University Drive also be zoned industrial up to the existing commercial zoning at the intersection of Highway 30 and the East Bypass.

This proposed industrial area includes an area currently zoned by the city as office-commercial.

Low density residential uses also were recommended for the tracts of land between the Windwood and Raintree subdivisions.

Because of the absence of two of the council members, however, the consideration of the approval of these recommendations was tabled until the next meeting.

A public hearing also was held at the meeting to consider an appeal of a Planning and Zoning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit for an office and meeting place for St. Francis Episcopal Church.

The area the church wanted to use is located on Walton Street, which is zoned residential.

The city council unanimously sustained the Planning and Zoning Commission's denial.

Other city council actions included:

- Discussing progress in the selection of a new city manager in a closed session.
- Awarding a depository contract to University National Bank.
- Approving a preliminary re-subdivision plat of a subdivision located at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Morgans Lane and Highway 6.

GTE planning new area service center

By TRENT LEOPOLD
 Senior Staff Writer

General Telephone Co. is planning to open a new customer service center in the Village Shopping Center on the Southeast corner of University Drive and West Tarrow Street to better serve local telephone users.

B.D. Drennan, general manager for General Telephone's South Central Division Operations, says interior construction on the new center will begin in September and the facility will be opening in November.

John Wallace, public affairs manager for GTE, says Aggies still will have to go to the Aggeland Inn to get their phones connected at the beginning of the fall semester.

"It's more convenient for students to go to the Aggeland because we are better able to serve them there," he says. "This fall we plan to be located at the Aggeland or another location close to campus so we won't put too much demand on the student's time."

Otherwise students will be able to go to the new center for their phone

B.D. Drennan, general manager for General Telephone's South Central Division Operations, says construction will begin in September and the facility, to be located at the Southeast corner of University Drive and West Tarrow Street, will open in November.

needs, Wallace says. And if students need to get their phones connected in January they will have to go to the new center.

"There isn't as much demand in January for new phone connections because most students leave their phones connected during the Christmas vacation," Wallace says. "If students need service they can come to the new center."

The new facility will have several advantages over the two existing Phone Marts at Ardan's Crossing and Culpepper Plaza, Drennan says.

"Most noticeably, the new center will have 6,500-square-feet of floor space, more than our existing Phone Marts combined," he says.

When the new center is opened the two existing Phone Marts will be

closed, however the company expects to continue its operating arrangement with Parker-Astin in downtown Bryan, where customers can make their telephone payments, Drennan says.

As customers enter the new center they will be greeted by a receptionist and be assisted in determining their service needs, he says. Those needing to get phone service or make a change in existing service will be taken by a customer service representative to one of 12 private offices where their request can be taken care of.

Customers needing only to make payments or have repairs done on telephone equipment bought or rented from GTE will be able to go directly to those areas.

Direct-line access also will be given to appropriate GTE departments for customers who need help with a billing inquiry or a repair call, Drennan says.

Another feature of the new center, Drennan says, will be a telephone directory library.

Customers will be able to use the directories from cities throughout the Southwestern United States to find telephone numbers.

In addition to telephones and services for residential customers, the center also will have conference rooms and displays designed for the small business customer.

Location of the center in the Village Shopping Center was decided after an extensive study of available sites in the Bryan-College Station area, Drennan says.

"Growth patterns indicate the location selected will best serve expected future development for both cities," he says. "The center is readily accessible by University Drive, the East Loop and 29th Street."

Staff trying to expand program

Home provides haven for women

By HADDON JOHNSTON
 Reporter

Although Phoebe's Home provides only temporary shelter for battered women and their children, the people who stay there say it works because "it's like going home."

Phoebe's Home, once located above the Twin-City Mission in downtown Bryan, now is located in a comfortable, residential-area home in Bryan-College Station.

It has all the amenities of a well-cared-for abode: a television, washer and dryer, dining area, several bedrooms and bathrooms. Because battered women and their children can go there and take on a "normal" lifestyle, the real problems of physical abuse can be dealt with more effectively.

Sherry Blatherwick, the new administrator of Phoebe's Home, knows the atmosphere at the home is a positive force in redirecting the lives of many women who feel totally lost.

"It's good here for women and

their kids because it can be their home for a while," Blatherwick says. "But the warmth and security are only half the story."

Because the abused women know they are safe, Phoebe's Home staff and outside professional counselors are better able to counsel the women.

One woman who has been in Phoebe's Home with her three children for a week, says the exchange between client and staff is essential to overcome the effects of abuse.

"The great thing is that they (the staff) treat us with such dignity... like maybe I've missed out on so far," she says. "I've told Sherry and the staff my problem over and over, and you know, that's the only way to work it out."

Blatherwick graduated from Texas A&M in 1981 with a psychology degree. For the past four years she has worked with the handicapped at the Brenham State School. Her job history indicates her strong desire to help the unfortunate.

"I know I can do this job and

really help people," she says. "It's frustrating sometimes but I always remember the good that I can do here."

Since she accepted the administrative job at Phoebe's Home in May, Blatherwick and her staff have begun to concentrate on reaching more people and becoming more visible in the community.

The home serves seven counties — Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington though seemingly few cases are received at Phoebe's Home.

"I know there's a lot more abuse than what we see," she says. "I want everyone to know there is a place to come... and that no one coming from abuse situations will be turned away."

Publicity is only one item on Blatherwick's agenda. She will implement a volunteer program next week.

The staff also is trying to develop an interim program to help women trying to leave Phoebe's Home and break out on their own — a process

that sometimes takes months.

"I think a big gap can be filled even after women leave here," she says. "I want them to be able to return for help on a day-to-day basis."

The shelter relies heavily on donations. Church and community aid have always been generous, but there is always a need for children's toys, clothing and food, Blatherwick says.

Phoebe's Home works with other agencies in the area such as Brazos Valley Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority, the Job Training Partnership Act program and the Housing and Urban Development program.

"We just got a \$20,000 grant from HUD to apply towards our new home," Blatherwick says. "This one's great but our new home will have twice the room and will sleep about 50 people."

"We'll always give the women and children seeking shelter and love, just that," Blatherwick says. "We help them realize they don't have to be stuck in a bad situation."

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