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A&M reactor could switch to lower grade uranium fuel

University News Service

Officials at Texas A&M's Nuclear Science Center say a proposed federally mandated switch to a lower grade fuel for the University's reactor would provide an opportunity to upgrade the facility and double its power.

Donald Feltz, director of the center, says "If we are asked to make the switch to a new fuel, we would abide by that ruling."

"At the same time it would be advantageous to double our power, install state-of-the-art control systems and add new capabilities for handling new isotopes that could be produced with the increase in power," he says.

A&M's trigger reactor is a type that can be easily upgraded without any safety questions, Feltz says.

Located west of campus, the reactor is rated at 1 megawatt and is used for medical, industrial and academic research and teaching.

The facility has become a prime producer of irradiated materials such as gold pellets for prostate cancer treatment. It also is being used in biomedical research projects on brain cancer and repair of inflamed knee joints.

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A&M reactor administrators don't feel a switch to the new fuel is necessary, he says. The push for a lower grade fuel comes from people concerned that research reactors could be the target for terrorists wanting to use the uranium fuel to build a nuclear weapon.

"Our current fuel has a lower enrichment and complexity of fuel composition that will put us way down on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's list of priorities for conversion," he says. The University's fuel is enriched to 70 percent while some other highly enriched uranium reactors use fuel that is 90 to 93 percent enriched.

Making an atomic bomb, he says, requires uranium that is greater

than 93 percent enriched. It is a difficult process, he says, and terrorists would be likely to use fuel that's more highly enriched than A&M's.

Tuesday, the University's nuclear center to remove now depleted (unused), highly enriched fuel within four months, he says, the ruling will have on A&M because most of it has been irradiated and what has been used falls under the category that allows a reactor to use spare fuel element of each

"Our current supply would last 15 to 20 years," he says.

Feltz estimated it could be before the order for the fuel is given to A&M. A federal law must pay the \$750,000 for fuel and for shipping of fuel, he says. Improvements in the facility would be financed by state and federal monies.

A&M's reactor, operating the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, produces 1 million thermal energy.

CS Council tables church's request for building permit

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND
Staff Writer

The College Station City Council tabled Thursday a building permit request by a church seeking to build a new facility on Dominik Drive.

College Heights Assembly of God has requested a conditional users permit. The special permit would allow the church to build its facility in a residential neighborhood.

Glenhaven subdivision, the proposed site of the church, filled the council room to encourage the Council to refuse the permit.

Reverend Calvin Durham told the council that the church unsuccessfully had attempted to appease home owners.

The pastor read a list of compromises he said had been offered to the homeowners.

But George F. Bass, a resident of Glenhaven, said Durham had given misleading information to the press. Bass denied that residents were not willing to compromise.

After open discussion was closed,

Councilman James Bonds suggested the church's property be redrawn, allowing for houses along Dominik. Bonds said the houses would serve as a buffer between the church and Glenhaven homes.

Bass accepted the compromise for the Glenhaven residents.

Durham said he would have to ask the congregation's board of directors before he could accept the compromise.

Councilman Bob Runnels expressed concern that the church might not be meeting regulations for the special permit. Runnels then made a motion to deny the permit.

Mayor Gary Halter suggested Bond's compromise be tabled until developers and the church could discuss altering the building plans. The motion passed 6-1 with Runnels voting against.

"This is ridiculous," Bass told reporters. "This has been going on for months. The neighbors agree to a compromise and the church rejects it."

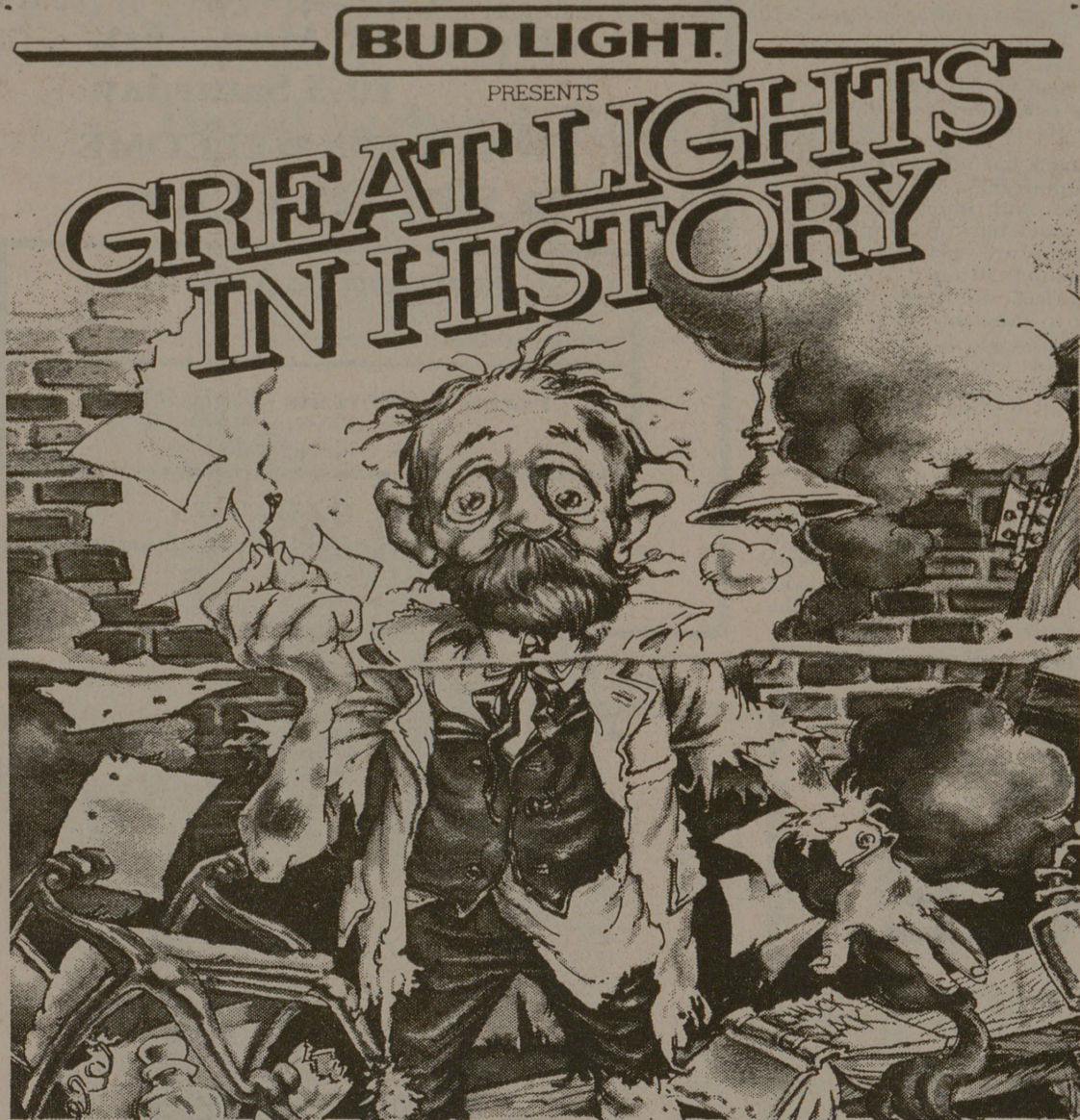
Consultant debunks Bell rate request

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A communications consultant says Southern Bell Telephone Co. not try to charge local users for technological and petitive changes in the telecommunications industry.

Dr. Francis Collins, a telecommunications expert, appeared Thursday for the first time in the office of the Public Counselor opposing Southwestern Bell's request for \$323 million in revenues. The OPC says revenues should be decreased \$133 million.

Southwestern Bell has argued that lower charges are given long distance companies such as AT&T, to encourage business users not to lease their own telephones.



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