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## CS Council names city manager

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND  
Staff Writer

William King Cole, city manager of Bellaire, was named the new city manager of College Station Wednesday at the weekly City Council workshop.

Cole will replace North Bardell, present city manager, who is resigning for health reasons. Cole will assume his duties on Nov. 25.

Cole said he had no idea why the city council chose him for the position over other candidates, but said he is pleased to be coming to College Station.

Councilman James Bond said that Cole simply had all the qualifications the city was looking for.

"He just appeared to us to be a premiere individual," Bond said. "E-



William King Cole

verything you could check out just came up very strong in favor of him.

"The last four candidates we looked at were very, very strong," Bond added. "But he just seemed to us to be the best choice."

In 1978 Cole was hired as assistant

city manager in Denton, Texas. He worked in that post until 1981 when he left to take the city manager's job in Bellaire, a suburb of Houston. While in Bellaire, Cole began to make contact with Texas A&M.

When Gov. Mark White began his project 2000, which was designed to encourage small rural communities to upgrade city facilities, Cole was asked to serve as Dean of Basic City Management at Texas A&M University. His duties included serving as a liaison between city governments and the A&M Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

Cole said his position in Denton gave him the best experience for College Station because the two cities are similar.

Bond agreed, saying that Denton and College Station both own and

operate their own electrical utility systems.

Bond said it takes a great deal of planning and know-how to run such a complicated system.

Also, there is a large student population in Denton. And much the same as College Station, Denton has seen a great deal of growth in the past five years because of its close proximity to Dallas.

Cole sees issues related to planning and zoning as his greatest challenge because of College Station's rapid growth and expanding population.

Cole is a Garland native and graduated from Garland High School. He continued his education at North Texas State University in Denton, receiving bachelor's and master's degrees.

## Area experts say drug abuse growing

By Tammy Kirk  
Staff Writer

Three local representatives, speaking on a panel for the drug abuse teleconference, said Wednesday that drug abuse in the community is definitely a serious problem.

Bill Turner, district attorney for Brazos County; Dr. John Kinross-Wright, psychiatrist and president of the medical staff at Greenleaf Psychiatric Hospital; and Dr. Malon Southerland, vice president of student services at Texas A&M, brought the national problem of drug abuse "closer to home" for the viewers of the teleconference.

The teleconference on drug abuse in the workplace was telecast live via satellite from the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, located in Rancho Mirage, Calif., and was viewed by faculty, staff and students of Texas A&M in the Memorial Student Center.

In the teleconference, a nationally prominent faculty participated in a

discussion of topics ranging from specific drugs, such as cocaine, to the overall addiction process. And after the five-hour assessment of the issues via the telecast, the locals gave their overviews from legal, medical and University standpoints.

Turner, speaking on the legal aspects, said the Brazos County drug picture has never looked worse than in the last year.

"Even in the last three to four months, there's been a dramatic increase," Turner said.

Turner said he was referring to the recent drug bust on October 16 in which 38 people were arrested for involvement in drug delivery cases.

"That's 38 offenders in your county," Turner said.

As reported earlier, out of 56 cases stemming from the four-month investigation, 25 were for delivery of cocaine, 16 for delivery of methamphetamines and 15 for delivery of marijuana.

Turner said drug addiction begins in junior high school and even as early as the fifth and sixth grades.

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"This is where the training needs to begin," Turner said, "not in high school where the kids are already facing the peer pressure. They need to be able to say 'no' by the time they reach high school and know why."

Southerland, speaking from the University standpoint, said that the drug issue is certainly not new. He said each of the 35,000 students arrive with their own opinions about drugs.

"Sometimes we tend to assume these things don't happen here (A&M)," Southerland says.

"Believe me, if there's any hope to pick, it's with the embassy in Mexico City," the younger Dixon said. "They have been the least cooperative group of people I've ever worked with, especially following an emergency like this where you think they could at least cater to U.S. citizens in a foreign country."

Kinross-Wright agreed and said sometimes the community tends to bury its head in the sand because "Agies just don't use drugs."

"But some Aggies do use drugs," Kinross-Wright said. He added that the University is the one "worshiper" he is the most concerned about.

Southerland also is the chairman of the A&M Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee. He said the program is only six months old. The committee is made up of 25 members who discuss the campus drug problem and try to come up with solutions and programs for those who are dependent on drugs, whether alcohol or marijuana.

"We're starting... we're starting to become aware," Southerland said.

## Student Senate hears bill against bikes

By FRANK SMITH  
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M Student Senate Wednesday night heard the first reading of a bill recommending that students refrain from riding bicycles on sidewalks through the middle of campus.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Billy McCaskill, Chris Dowdy and Rudy Rodriguez, calls for the placement of "No Bicycles" signs at specific locations on the perimeter of the designated site. Included in the bill are the main academic buildings on

campus. McCaskill quoted information obtained from the A.P. Beutel Health Center, saying that on an average day the number of bike-related accidents on campus ranges from five to 15.

He also said University Police are not willing to enforce regulations concerning bicycles on sidewalks because of the resulting drain on manpower.

Rodriguez told the Senate he had contacted other universities in Texas to find out what kind of bicycle regulations they have.

He said students at the University of Texas cannot ride bicycles on campus sidewalks and that bikes aren't allowed on campus at North Texas State University. At Texas Tech University, a campus police officer on a moped tickets bicyclists riding in restricted areas.

Rodriguez also cited universities which have no such regulations, such as Southern Methodist University, Baylor University, Texas Christian University and the University of Houston.

Carol Ellison, A&M vice president of student services, reminded the

senators the bill was a recommendation rather than a regulation.

### Farm credit topic of panel talk tonight

By SHERI A. STEBBEN  
Reporter

The farm credit crisis and how future government policies will affect the farmer will be covered in a panel discussion at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center.

Dr. John Penson, professor of agricultural economics, will moderate the panel discussion.

Dr. Danny Klinefelter, an extension economist-managerial specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Jim Jamison of the Texas Agricultural Credit Corporation and Tom Engleke of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas will be the panel members.

"We hope to look into the different dimensions of the farm credit crisis and see what the outlook might be for the future," Penson said.

After providing some background and current conditions, each panel member will have 10 to 15 minutes to present his views.

## Union membership debated

By CHRISTOPHER EMIG  
Reporter

"How would you like someone to tell you that you can't earn a living unless you're a member of the Baptist Church?" William Brown, a Texas A&M building construction professor asked a standing-room-only crowd Wednesday night.

Brown and Richard Maher, a former union contractor, debated the effects of open- and closed-shop construction on the individual and community in a program sponsored by the Building Construction Department. The debate was held in the Harrington Classroom Building.

Brown — who worked 34 years with Brown and Root Construction, which has an open shop policy — spoke against compulsory union

membership that would prevent the hiring of non-union workers by a company operating under a closed-shop policy.

Maher cited three advantages of a closed shop: higher profits, better control over labor and a stabilizing of competition.

Brown cited runaway wage increases, rigid work rules and a lack of freedom of choice when speaking of closed-shop construction.

"There was a 40-percent cost increase when working with unions," Brown said, recalling a recent study on closed-shop construction.

On the subject of training, Maher said that unions provide the finest craftworkers and stressed the need for additional professionally union-trained workers in the future.

Brown said, "We are in an eco-

nomie slump. No new industrial plants have been constructed. New workers aren't needed. Company employment levels are down 25 to 50 percent."

Maher said that union violence is a result of a worker's attempt to protect his job.

"Workers must defend their way of making a living," Maher said. "The violence is bad, but their motives are honest."

"Besides, there was violence before unions. The Haymarket, Harvester Strike and Pullman were before union organization," he added.

Brown stressed the freedom of choice that the open shop provides. He said that the open shop is cost effective because wage rates are generally lower.

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