

# State and Local

## Charlie's closes down; business sold to adjacent bookstore for expansion

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Trading Blue Bell for books, J.E. "Charlie" Robbins didn't move far when Charlie's Grocery closed Friday.

In fact, he moved only one door down, beginning work in the shipping and receiving department at the place that bought him out—the Texas Aggie Bookstore.

Robbins says the decision to sell the grocery, which he and his wife Mildred owned and ran for 24 years, was made in December on the spur of the moment. He said he and his wife felt they had worked hard for many years and deserved an early retirement.

"We got the notion we should do the things we wanted to do," he said.

John Raney, owner of the Texas Aggie Bookstore, said he wanted to expand the store because Texas A&M's enrollment is expected to increase by several thousand in the fall. The addition, now being remodeled, will open in August, Raney said.

The grocery, practically an A&M tradition, was opened by Charlie Opersteyn in 1933. The store, one of two at Northgate at the time, got most of its business from credit orders taken by phone.

After World War II, married students living in Walton Hall frequented the grocery, which moved to its last location in 1949.

At the time of its closing, Charlie's catered almost exclusively to students. Blue Bell ice



J.E. "Charlie" Robbins (left) supervises Paul Brinkley's remodeling efforts in the new section of the

Texas Aggie Bookstore, formerly known as Charlie's Grocery. Brinkley is a junior from Wiley.

cream was its most-popular—but not most-profitable—item.

Robbins was almost as popular with A&M students as the ice cream he served.

In 1984, Hobby Hall chose him as the dorm's beau. And Robbins says he liked doing business with Aggies and appreciated their loyalty.

"I'm not going to be that far away," he said. "I'll be seeing them all. We enjoyed our association with Aggieland. We're still Aggies at heart."

Photo by Tracy Staton

## CS Council plans return of almost \$200,000 in unused funds to federal housing authority

By Yvonne DeGraw  
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The College Station City Council volunteered Thursday to return \$198,340.19 in unused funds to the federal government.

The grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was intended to fund rehabilitation of rental units with low- or moderate-income tenants. Only \$10,000 was distributed by the city during the last year.

By returning the funds now, the city keeps the right to apply for more funds next year. The money would have been taken from the city in September in any case.

Council members asked Dan Fette, community development director, why the funds went unused.

Fette said another federal program—created

under Section 8—offers a 15-year guaranteed cash flow. The one-year guarantee provided by the HUD program compares poorly to this 15-year plan, especially when developers ask local banks for funding, he said. Three local projects fell through this year because of this.

Several other actions were taken by the Council and its members:

- Mayor Larry Ringer proclaimed Saturday "Just So No" to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Day.

- The mayors of Bryan and College Station will open a rally that day at 10 a.m. in College Station Central Park.

- The Council approved a payment of \$100,000 to Texas A&M University. The money will be used for capital improvements to Eastwood Airport.

- Two low bids for the construction of Cy Miller Park were approved. The park, on Texas

Avenue at the Old Police Pond, will cost about \$69,000. It will include a pond, two wooden piers and a pavilion.

- The Council approved a budget for distributing \$751,000 of community development funds. This is \$272,700 less than the amount distributed last year. Eight more programs than last year will be funded, so the money will be spread thinner in some areas.

- Members expressed concern over proposed budget increases by the Brazos County Central Appraisal District. College Station has frozen salaries and cut positions, but the appraisal district budget does the opposite.

- Councilman Dick Haddox said the successful Adopt-a-Highway program has been extended to streets inside city limits. Groups interested in adopting a street should contact Joyce DiBacco.

## New T-Camp offers transfer students unique opportunity to make friends, become acquainted with A&M traditions

By Alan Sembera  
Reporter

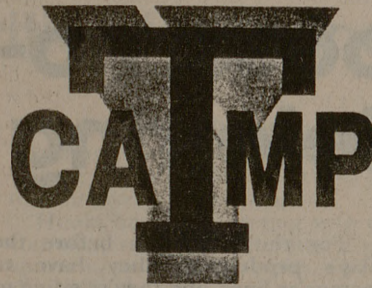
Before this year, students transferring to Texas A&M didn't have the benefit of Fish Camp to indoctrinate them to A&M's traditions and give them a helping hand in making new friends.

The Student Y Association's T-Camp, an orientation camp for transfer students, will take place Aug. 27-29.

T-Camp will be held at Camp Hoblitzelle, a Salvation Army camp about 180 miles from College Station.

David Mendoza, student director of the camp, said about 200 students will be accepted to the camp on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mendoza said that on the first day, students will be divided into four smaller camps which will dis-



living arrangements, also will be offered, he said.

On the second day, Mendoza said, there will be sports and recreational activities.

There is a need for this type of camp at A&M, he said, because many transfer students never learn about the traditions here or what the social life is like.

"For the longest time, there's been a need for an extra orientation event for transfer students," Mendoza said. "Freshmen had their freshman orientation conference, and they also had Fish Camp. Transfer students had a transfer orientation during the summer, but other than that, they had nothing."

Mendoza said a lot of transfer students who knew about Fish Camp always wondered why there wasn't a camp for transfer students.

discuss topics such as traditions; student involvement, adjustment to A&M life and alcohol and drugs.

There also will be smaller discussion groups formed so students can talk to a counselor on a one-to-one basis, Mendoza said. Optional programs designed to help the students with other aspects of student life, such as personal budgeting and

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