

B-C-S construction, economy expands, officials say

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The number of building permits issued in both Bryan and College Station increased in 1992, signaling new growth in construction and a strengthening economy in the twin cities, local officials said.

Joe Brown, public information officer for the City of Bryan, said he was "very pleased" with the increase in building permits. He said the growth has occurred in part because of the good reputation Bryan has earned in recent years.

Twin cities report increase in issuance of building permits throughout 1992

The increase in building permits is especially good news for Bryan. The town was heavily dependent on oil during the '80s, and its economy struggled along with the oil industry as oil prices sunk.

College Station experienced little new construction as well during most of the '80s, but since then, construction has increased. "Those who lost their homes (in the oil bust) have had 10 years to recover and are getting back into the housing market," Kee said.

for the City of College Station, said commercial permits have increased because many establishments in Post Oak Mall are moving and remodeling. "We can't keep up with all the permits," she said. Cole said there has been a significant increase in the number of housing developments because "low interest rates have made it cheaper to buy a house than to rent."

months. Construction on apartments and duplexes in College Station remained stagnant for 1992, as there were no new permits for apartments and only four for duplexes. No permits for apartment construction were issued in Bryan as well. "Rental (rates) need to be higher to justify construction," Clark said. Still, he predicts new permits for apartment construction will be issued this year.

Clinic, A&M health center sponsor EMT training class

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Scott and White Clinic and the Texas A&M Health Science Center are sponsoring a training course for students interested in qualifying for state certification as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

The paramedics who teach the class follow EMT guidelines which focus on several skill levels: basic CPR, patient assessment and extrication of automobile accident victims.

EMT Program Director Leroy Varga said the program's content is weighted by the needs of a community. In smaller towns, skills in geriatrics and minor injury care are stressed rather than skills in trauma emergencies necessary in larger cities, he said.

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support emergency vehicles and are eligible for enrollment in paramedic level courses.

Full-time bus services will commence Wednesday

By GINA HOWARD
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Texas A&M Bus Operations will begin offering full-time service on Jan. 20. Prior to that day, Dial-a-Ride is available for students by calling 847-RIDE. Bus passes will be required

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Full-time off-campus shuttle service will run Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Night buses will run from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. on a reduced schedule.

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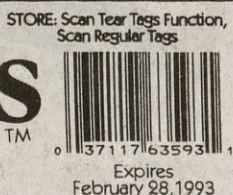
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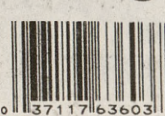
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