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City considers ending free services offered to A&M

By REAGON CLAMON

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Several College Station City Council members expressed support at a council workshop Wednesday for a plan that would end the free fire and emergency service provided to Texas A&M University for the past 12 years by the city of College Station.

The city has provided the campus with free fire and emergency service since 1971, when the University shut down its own fire facility that had previously supported College Station residents as well as Texas A&M property.

Councilwoman Nancy Crouch told the members she felt the University should pay for at least the basic fire service the

Council plan calls for University to pay for fire, emergency protection

city provides, arguing that "3 percent of our budget is a subsidy to Texas A&M."

Councilman Hub Kennady said the University might argue that Texas A&M provides the community with so much, they deserve free fire service.

"That's an honorable argument but that's why there's no tax on their land," he said.

Council members also discussed the possibility of a new College Station fire facility to be built somewhere near Easterwood Airport to provide crash, fire and rescue services for the airport.

Council members discussed the issues in conjunction with a resolution to be voted on at the council meeting Thursday.

The resolution asks Texas A&M to present the city with a proposal outlining their intentions to fund or not to fund the construction of the new station and whether or not the University would agree to begin paying for the basic fire service the city provides now.

City Manager, Ron Ragland, said he discussed the possibility of University funding at a meeting with Robert Smith, A&M vice president for finance and administration. Ragland said Smith was planning to present the city council resolution to the Texas A&M Board of Regents and expected the regents to enter into an agreement with the city soon after.

The council discussed several alternate

plans to pay for the basic service the city provides the campus, as well as the possible new facility. The plans ranged from an all city-funded fire program, which mayor Larry Ringer called "pessimistic" to a plan that would have Texas A&M building and operating a new fire station that would provide the airport with crash, fire and rescue service and the campus with fire and emergency protection. This plan would cost the University \$2.3 million to build and \$2.2 million to operate, according to the city of College Station budget office.

Ringer called this plan "optimistic" for the city.

The new station would help Easter-

wood comply with new Federal Aviation Administration regulations, which require airports to have personnel trained and approved to handle crash, fire and rescue situations.

Chief William Kennedy of the College Station Fire Department told council members it wasn't clear, however, if the new regulations actually apply to Easterwood.

"The fact that it is owned by the University, a state funded entity, makes it kind of hazy," Kennedy said. "But if we don't (comply) the FAA might come down and close (Easterwood) down."

Kennedy said he felt it was best that the city comply with the regulations either way.

"If you can make it better, you ought to try."

Randall's donates \$500,000 for center

Funds set aside for new business library

By LISA ELLIOTT

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The Texas A&M Center for Retailing Studies received a \$500,000 check from Randall's food stores Wednesday for the new R.C. Barclay Reference and Retailing Resources Center.



Barclay

The center, which will be located on West campus, will be the centerpiece of the new business library and will enable students to access 7,000 other libraries around the world, said Leonard Berry, director for the Center of Retailing Studies.

A&M's College of Business Administration is now the fourth largest in the nation and by far the largest business school to have made a formal commitment to retailing education, he said.

Mary Lou Goodyear, acting director of the Sterling C. Evans Library, said the center is probably the only one of its kind in the country.

"Life has gotten more complex, and we need more information for our daily lives," she said. Berry said the new Barclay center will be totally electronic.

"It will represent a new generation of electronic reference cen-

ters," he said.

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The new business building will be home to a number of activities hosted by the Texas A&M College of Business. Among these activities are the retailing career fair and symposium, the Stanley Marcus Retailing Communications Competition, special topic symposiums and invited lecture series.

The Barclay center got its name from Randall C. Barclay, founder of Randall's food stores, who routinely donated to Texas A&M before his death, said Robert Onstead, chairman and co-founder of Randall's.

"The library was funded to keep his memory alive," Onstead said. "That was what R.C. would want."

Ron Barclay, executive vice president of Randall's and son of R.C. Barclay, said although his father was not an Aggie, he supported the school and took an active role in education, especially for retailing students.

"Although he wasn't a graduate, he was a true Aggie in spirit and heart," he said.

Ron Barclay is a 1968 graduate of Texas A&M and his son, Chris, is a junior marketing major at A&M.

After accepting the check for \$500,000, Onstead presented Ron Barclay an official Texas A&M football helmet worn in the Cotton Bowl this year.

Kick back and relax



BILLY MORAN/The Battalion

Four-year-old Addie Wales and her mother, Melinda, play guessing games by the side of Woffard Cain Pool Wednesday evening. They were waiting for Addie's sister to finish swimming lessons.

Endangered Species Act faces stiff competition

By JANET HOLDER

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The Endangered Species Act (ESA) reauthorization, which will be decided this year is causing dispute among environmentalist and some private property owners.

The ESA, passed by Congress in 1973, protects plants and animals from becoming extinct. Two competing reauthorization bills have been introduced in Congress. One is the Studds bill, which is supported by the Endangered Species Coalition. The Coalition is composed of 72 organizations with a combined total of over 5 million members.

The other reauthorization bill is the Tauzin bill, supported by some Texas farmers, ranchers, and other private property owners.

The conservation chair of the Houston Sierra Club, Mary Van Kerrebroek said the Studds bill extends the ESA by trying to save whole ecosystems, the natural system in which living and nonliving things interact, instead of just the endangered species.

"The Endangered Species Act tries to save (endangered species) too late into the game," Van Kerrebroek said. "It would save more time and money to try to save the ecosystems rather than trying to save an endangered species later."

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-Mary Van Kerrebroek, Houston Sierra Club chair

"The old economic argument guts the environment," she said. "The short-term economic costs to sustain the ecosystems would be nothing compared to the long-term economic costs of losing the clean air people breathe and wa-

ter people drink."

Some legislators, such as U.S. Rep. Jack Fields, R-Humble, support the Tauzin bill.

Though the Studds bill goes beyond the original intent of the ESA it is not "sensible" like the Tauzin bill because it ignores the "human need," he said.

The ESA, while protecting the endangered plants and animals, has endangered the rights of ordinary Texans, Fields said. The Tauzin bill would help give as much weight to human needs as are given to animals needs, he said.

For example, he said citizens would be required to be compensated for the loss of the economic value of their property if the government takes it to preserve an endangered species.

"When bureaucrats in Washington set out to determine whether or not a species is 'endangered,' they pour over exhaustive biological data, but they spend virtually no time considering how their decision might affect the private property rights of individuals, or the

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Iraqi parliament threatens retaliation if attacked again

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - Defiant lawmakers, meeting in a tense Iraqi capital, said Wednesday that Baghdad was not seeking another international confrontation but promised it would retaliate if attacked again.

In an emergency session, Parliament also said it would not bow to U.N. terms for long-term video monitoring of missile sites unless the international community offered something in return.

The session came hours before air raid sirens sounded in the capital, followed by an all-clear signal about 20 minutes later. State-run television said Iraqi air defense "suspected a hostile air raid."

The alert sent hundreds of residents, hardened by years of confrontation with the West, into the streets to see if there were any signs of attack. Many vehicles took cover.

Tension has been building in the city since the June 27 U.S. missile attack on Baghdad. On June 29, anti-aircraft guns in Baghdad fired at a target that apparently turned out to be an Iraqi military plane.

In Washington, Pentagon officials would not comment on the alert. Assembly Speaker Saadi Mehdi Saleh, addressing Parliament, said Iraq was not seeking another confrontation with the United Nations or the United States.

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- Wednesday's winning Texas lottery numbers: 7, 8, 15, 42, 46, 47

Health center offers two different AIDS tests

By JAMES BERNSEN

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Texas A&M students concerned about the risk of AIDS have two ways to get tested for the virus on campus.

In addition to the standard test at A.P. Beutel Health Center, which provides confidential testing, the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency (BVCAA) Special Health Services Division also conducts anonymous testing at the health center every week.

Confidential testing allows the students to keep the knowledge of the virus private, but the information does go in the student's med-

BVCAA conducts anonymous testing

ical records, whereas anonymous testing allows the patient to keep results completely private.

Daniel Fowler, HIV tester-counselor for the BVCAA, said most students who are tested do not have many sexual partners and therefore do not fall into high risk categories.

"The students who come in are more concerned people than high risk people," Fowler said.

Students are given numbers to protect anonymity, and must come back in person in about two weeks to review results.

The first test the BVCAA con-

ducts is the ELISA (Enzyme-linked Immuno Sorbent Assay) test and is a very sensitive screening process that indicates the presence of HIV-fighting antibodies.

Because there is a 6 percent chance the test can indicate HIV-positive when the patient is in fact not HIV-positive, a second test, identical to the first, is conducted.

If the second test is also positive, a third test called the Western Blot is conducted.

The test is very expensive but much more accurate, Fowler said.

All three tests must be positive for a confirmation of HIV-posi-

tive, Fowler said.

All of the BVCAA's tests are conducted free of charge.

The health center on campus, however, only draws the blood and sends it off for confidential testing, so results from the tests take longer to return.

The sequence of tests is the same, but the cost is \$14.

Dr. Kenneth Dirks, director of the health center said that not a single student has been found to be HIV-positive at the health center, but said a lack of reliable statistics for college students prevents making generalizations.

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