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news BRIEFS

Jung lecture series begins this weekend

Dr. Polly Young-Eisendrath, a clinical psychologist, Jungian psychoanalyst and feminist, will present four lectures March 29-31 at Texas A&M. The "Gender, Myth and Desire" lecture series seeks to further the ideas of Carl Jung and enhance scholarly activities related to analytical psychology. Tickets, which are \$4 for each lecture or \$12 for the series, can be purchased at the MSC Box Office.

Athletes accused of killing community cat

EAST BERNARD, TEXAS (AP) — Four high school athletes accused of smashing a stray cat popular among visitors to a community baseball park were arrested on animal cruelty charges Wednesday. Authorities say the members of East Bernard's baseball team admitted beating Tiger, the gray, striped tabby with bats and running over her with a truck. All four were released Wednesday on \$500 personal recognizance bonds, officials said. If convicted, the teens would face up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Schools under fire for overspending on buyouts

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials with Texas Southern University and the University of Houston are in Austin this week explaining to lawmakers why taxpayers funded the contract buyouts. Regents voted in 1995 to award almost \$812,000 to four former top-level administrators. Texas Southern University spent more than \$500,000 to buy out the contracts of two former presidents in a two-year period. Houston Community College representatives also testified Tuesday, defending that institution's 1995 payment of \$203,555 to buy out the contract of former Chancellor Charles A. Green.



Amy Browning, THE BATTALION

Members of the Theta sorority practice a dance that is part of a skit that they will perform for Derby Days.

Sororities come together to 'Derby'

Greek societies are holding various competitions to help raise charity funds.

By Heather Pace
 THE BATTALION

Texas A&M sororities and Sigma Chi fraternity will "Get Down and Derby" in the 20th annual Sigma Chi Derby Days that began Wednesday. Derby Days benefits the Children's Miracle Network, Brazos Valley Food Bank and other philanthropies. Besides helping the community, Derby Days is an event that brings all A&M sororities together. Carolyn McCrary, an Alpha Phi sorority member and freshman general studies major, said Derby Days allows Greeks to raise money for various charities while providing a bonding experience. "We're all having so much fun while raising money through the different fundraisers," McCrary said.

Brad Harmon, a Sigma Chi member and freshman industrial engineering major, said he is excited about interacting with the sororities. "It is a good way to meet people from all different backgrounds," Harmon said. Derby Days competitions include games, skits and canned-food drives. Sororities accumulate points, striving to be named Derby Days Champion. Each sorority has four Sigma Chi "coaches" who ensure sororities stay motivated to participate in activities such as softball games and a greased-pole climbing event at Saturday's Game Day. Skit Night, one of the week's highlights, allows each sorority to display creativity in unusual ways. McCrary said Alpha Phi won the skit contest two years ago.

"We had a 'Grease' theme and all of the queens pulled up in '50s cars," McCrary said. "We had the guys doing 50s dances in gangster outfits." Queens, representatives selected from each sorority, are interviewed at Thursday night's Queen's Entrance competition. Past queens have been known to make their ways to the competition in hot air balloons and portable restrooms. Lee Yarbrough, a freshman bioengineering major, said he enjoys Derby Days because it is a more exciting way to raise money than holding a typical fund-raiser. "I'm glad to be a pledge during Derby Days because I'm finding out that fund raising doesn't have to be boring," Yarbrough said. "I only wish other organizations could do something of this type to better the community."

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