

Booths, balloons begin all night centennial bash

Don't be alarmed if you see students floating through the air in a hot air balloon on Friday afternoon. The balloon rides will begin a weekend of activities sponsored by the MSC Directorate. The rides will start at 2 p.m. and will cost 50 cents. The All-Night Centennial Fair will begin at 7 Saturday night and will continue through 7 Sunday morning. Bowling lanes and food services will stay open all night along with booths and other activities. Each organization setting up a booth at the fair will dress in costumes depicting different eras between 1876 and 1976. Various organizations on campus will be providing booths and activities. The Student Y will sponsor a dunking booth. It will feature student leaders and administrators, including Jeff Dunn, student body president, and John Koldus, vice-president of student services. A jail will be sponsored by OPA where students can have their

friends arrested. To be freed, the arrested student will have to perform a trick assigned to him. There will also be a pancake-eating contest with prizes for the winner. The Camera Committee will be taking pictures of students for \$1.00. This fee is to pay for developing expenses; no profit will be made. A dance contest will be sponsored by the Recreation Committee but anyone may dance without entering the contest. Prizes will be awarded for dances such as the polka, fox trot, and the hustle. A caricaturist will draw sketches at the fair for 50 cents. The Basement Coffee House will feature country-western singer Pat Ireland. The Scuba Club will perform underwater skits in a transparent storage tank. Other activities and booths include musical computers, a pin the tail on the donkey contest, a balloon-shaving contest and a penny-pitch contest. Prizes will be

Mutilated volumes cost \$10,000 to fix

Library users are frequently disgusted when they discover pages missing from reference materials. "Book and magazine mutilation is becoming an increasing problem at A&M," Dr. Henry Alsmeyer Jr., associate director of the library said. The library spent approximately \$10,000 last year replacing missing pages and rebinding mutilated books and magazines. Some books had to be replaced. Librarians say that books on various subjects are mutilated more often than others. The magazines most mutilated are "Time," "Newsweek," and "Scientific American." The books most often mutilated include those in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science and Technology sections of the library. Arts and crafts books, materials in the visual arts, and books on auto repair are also favorites among the mutilators. Even the theses and dissertations suffer mutilation. A check showed 59 theses and dissertations have had to be rebound within less than five years. Alsmeyer said reasons for book and magazine mutilation included increasing pressures for academic achievement among the students and many problems with the copy machines.

"We are asking students and library users to help us with this problem. It is a matter of individual responsibility," Alsmeyer said. But in spite of the increasing problem Alsmeyer said A&M does not have as many problems with it as some universities across the nation. — Debbie Killough

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Yell leaders in accident

Five Texas A&M students, including four yell leaders, were involved in a one-car accident Tuesday night. The accident occurred at about 11:20 p.m., south of Wellborn near the intersection of FM 2154 and Straub Road, as the students were returning from the A&M-University of Houston basketball game in Houston. Two of the yell leaders, Chuck Hinton, 21, and Robby Tucker, 20, were taken to the A&M Beutel Health Center with cuts and bruises. Two other yell leaders, Jim Bob Mickler, 21, and Joe D. Mickler, 20, and the driver of the car, Jim Kotch, were treated for minor injuries. Hinton was released yesterday and

Tucker is expected to be released today. The accident occurred when the students' car struck a tree after swerving to avoid an oncoming car. Officer George Garrett of the Department of Public Safety said the car was demolished. A private car took Hinton and Tucker to the Health Center. All the yell leaders are expected to be at tonight's basketball game here against TCU. — Elaine Merrifield

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