

Local

Bonfire program Oct. 6

By BERNIE FETTE
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The 1980 bonfire coordinators and yell leaders will hold a traditions program for freshmen on the field behind Duncan Dining Hall at 7 p.m., Monday Oct. 6.

Civilian Bonfire Coordinator Sid Bouse said the program is open to anyone interested in learning more about Aggie traditions. "We're calling it a Freshman Traditions Orientation Program, since they're the ones who need it the most. But anyone is welcomed to come."

The program will feature many of the traditions of Texas A&M University with the Aggie bonfire taking top priority.

Most students, particularly freshmen in the Corps of Cadets, learn

about Aggie traditions early in their college careers, he said. However, there are many more freshmen and transfer students who may never hear about them.

"We've noticed that freshmen want to learn about A&M but some of them never had the chance to find out about many of the traditions," Bouse said.

The program is designed primarily "to answer the basic questions we hear time after time," he said.

Bouse and the other program planners said they hope to generate a lot of interest through the program. They believe that through doing this they can increase participation in university activities, especially bonfire.

Bouse encourages off-campus students to attend the program, to become interested and active in bonfire this year.

Since there are many students who don't participate in bonfire, because they don't know how to go about it, information will be given at the program on who to contact if they are interested in taking part.

The yell leaders will be there to help generate enthusiasm for the group.

The program will also touch on behavior at football games and yell practices. Bouse said they plan to explain the meaning of and background of Silver Taps and explain the importance of "howdy" and the friendly atmosphere on campus.

Island rabbits breeding like, well, like rabbits

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FALKNER ISLAND, Conn. — When the lighthouse on tiny Falkner Island was automated a few years ago, the lighthouse keeper headed for the mainland and left behind his two pet rabbits.

From that small beginning grew a bundle of bunnies that numbered at least 100. But all is not well with the multiplying rabbits of Falkner Island.

With no natural enemies to keep their numbers in check and a dwindling food supply, they face lingering deaths of starvation and disease. Help, however, is on the way.

A rabbit rescue team composed of 10 Humane Society officers planned to visit the island in Long Island Sound Thursday, courtesy of a Coast

Guard cutter, to try to capture the rabbits and bring them to the mainland.

Rabbits in good condition will be put up for adoption, while those found to be sick will be destroyed, Humane Society animal department director Frank Intino said.

He said Humane Society officers visited the island, about half a mile south of Guilford, earlier this week and brought back six rabbits for testing.

He said he was surprised because the rabbits were still "fairly domestic."

"We were able to capture six bare-handed," Intino said. "One was so debilitated we just walked over and picked him up. The others took a little chasing."



Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

Ge-e-et ready!

Randy Nelson, head drum major of the Aggie band, calls out to the remaining 302 members of the band during practice. The Aggie Band will perform again during halftime at this weekend's Texas A&M-Texas Tech football game.

Four to compete in bowl broadcast

By CATHY SAATHOFF
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Four students from Texas A&M University will participate in a nationally broadcast Mini-Week College Bowl series from Oct. 9-12. The competition, hosted by William Patterson College in Wayne, N. J., will be broadcast by the CBS Radio Network.

Ruvane Marvit, Camellia Pratt, Allen Schreiber and Danny Erlandson were selected from eight competitors Sunday night at a special College Bowl competition. Four members of last year's champion Texas A&M team and the four top-scoring individuals competed for a spot on the team.

Erlandson's twin brother, Charlie Erlandson, is the alternate. College Bowl is a question and answer format game where players have a limited amount of time to respond to questions. The questions can include numerous topics from medieval English literature to trivia.

Texas A&M's College Bowlers will compete against teams from Harvard, Davidson University, University of Chicago, State University of New York - Stony Brook, Virginia Commonwealth, University of Tennessee and Clemson.

Paul Fisher, chairman of MSC College Bowl, said the team will play up to three games or until they lose. Three games would be about one and a half hours of radio time.

"The winner will automatically go to the national tournament," Fisher said. If the team wins two games, it might be eligible to be selected for a wildcard spot at nationals.

The Rice University team, which was beaten by last year's Texas A&M team, went to nationals last year as a wildcard.

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