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Photo by Becky Swanson

Brian Replogle waves to the crowd in a parade called March For America. Replogle has solicited some 3,000 signatures to protest NBC's decision to take the Walt Disney show off the air.

Petition signed to save Mickey

By CAROLYN BARNES
Battalion Reporter

Sometimes when you "Mickey Mouse around" you can really be doing something — Brian Replogle has over 3,000 signatures on his petition against the cancellation of "The Wonderful World of Disney."

Replogle dressed as Mickey Mouse Wednesday through Friday and spent a total of 13 hours in front of the Memorial Student Center urging everyone who walked by to add their name to his petition.

"Some people don't even realize it's going off the air," Replogle said. NBC has decided to cancel the series after this year, which Replogle said would be "un-American" because so many Americans have grown up with it.

Replogle participated in the "March for America" parade down Texas Avenue on Saturday to get more publicity. He was again dressed like Mickey Mouse and rode in a car which proclaimed that "Disney Lives On."

Replogle said that the parade was "fantastic — I got waves from everyone — they agreed with me."

Replogle said people's reactions to what he is doing has been an inspiration. "People care, that's why I was out there acting like a nut."

Replogle said he decided to go straight to the public because "the people who are taking it off the air don't know what the real people want."

Replogle said, "I think A&M is the greatest place to start it at." He said he plans "to challenge the rest of the Southwest Conference schools and see what they can do."

Replogle first decided to "do something" at the beginning of this semester after talking to a friend about the cancellation. He said he had been reading the book "See You at the Top" by Zig Ziglar which "inspires you to come up to full potential for yourself by doing something for yourself, others and society."

Replogle began by giving a speech on Feb. 10 to the Texas A&M University chapter of the Texas Student Educators Association. He said he was able to get 23 of the 40 members to help him.

Replogle said the reason he went to TSEA for help was because "they're concerned about children's films and programs."

Lynn Landrum, president of TSEA, "put in a lot of time and effort -- kind of like our little manager," Replogle said. He said this was the TSEA's first campus-wide project.

Replogle plans to go to San Antonio on March 13-15 to speak to the TSEA there.

Replogle said "The Wonderful World of Disney" is having to compete with "60 Minutes" and should be re-scheduled.

"I think PBS would be much better for it since they're into educational broadcasting," Replogle said.

Students advised to rest, drink fluids

Flu reaches epidemic level on campus

By PHYLLIS HENDERSON
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The annual flu epidemic has arrived at Texas A&M University, said Dr. C.B. Goswick, director of the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

"It's definitely an epidemic," Goswick said. The center has been averaging 350 to 425 patients a day, he said, and the majority of these cases have been flu or respiratory illnesses.

However, the epidemic was not unexpected. Every year the center sees the beginnings of an epidemic like this the first week of the semester, he said, and it usually doesn't taper off until spring break.

Most students will get well when they leave for spring break, Goswick said, and when they come back the epidemic will probably end.

The Bangkok flu is the prevalent influenza the center has found among students, Goswick said. Fever, headaches, backaches, muscle aches, coughing and a sore throat are symptoms of this strain, he said. "However, not every student has all these symptoms," he said.

"Bangkok flu has a relatively short duration — a matter of two or three days, on the average," Goswick said. However, he added, some cases have lasted as long as a week and others have been over within a day.

There are few precautions students can take to avoid the flu, Goswick said. "This is an airborne thing," he said. It's passed by coughing and sneezing and it's impossible to avoid these in crowded dorms and lecture rooms.

The changing weather conditions can also be blamed in part for the epidemic, Goswick said. "It has something to do with it, in terms of resistance," he said, "but the weather is not as important as the crowded conditions."

The only treatment for the flu, Goswick said, is relief of the symptoms. "Bed rest is probably the single best treatment there is," he said. The student should also drink more fluids in order to avoid dehydration.

The health center has been hit hardest by the epidemic in the waiting room, Goswick said.

Because of the epidemic, Goswick said, the center has too few personnel. Many of the doctors and nurses have caught the flu. At one time the center had only three of its seven doctors on duty.

He said there are several heavy sign-in times: all day Monday, early mornings, lunch and late afternoons.

During these peak times, a student may have to wait as long as two hours, Goswick said. "You hear a lot of exaggerated times — three and four hours," he said, "but no one waits that long."

Students come in the morning, sign in, wait for a while, leave and return in the afternoon, Goswick said. These students are credited with the time they spent waiting in the morning, and this causes a backlog of cases when they return in the afternoon.

However, he said, students are not credited if they don't wait for a while.

Students also think they will get in and out easier if they come to the center near 5 p.m., Goswick said, and this also causes a backlog in the late afternoon.

In order to lighten the burden on the doctors and cut down on waiting time, the nurses in the cold clinic screen patients and refer only the more serious cases to the doctors. Others are given medication to relieve their symptoms and told if they become worse to come back, he said.

Goswick said the center discourages anyone from coming in with only minor symptoms that can be treated at home. "But we would encourage any student to come in who felt he had a serious problem," he said.

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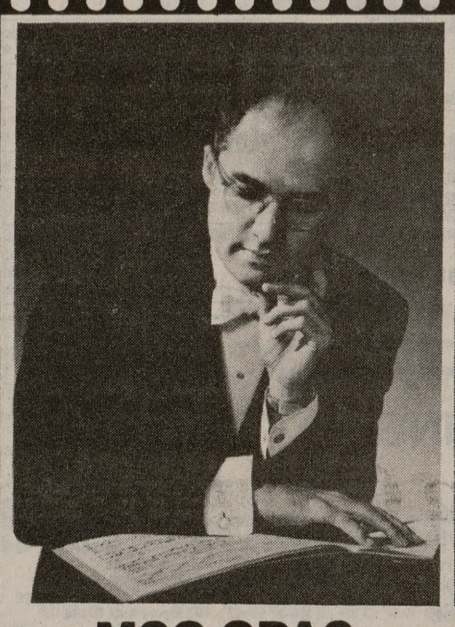

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