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3.1 mile fun run starts Saturday

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Battalion Staff
Students and faculty members will be off and running Saturday in the annual Intramural Funrun, a 3.1 mile trek starting on Beef Cattle Road near the Texas A&M Veterinary Medicine Complex.

Called the Cross-Country Race in the past, the funrun is a special event sponsored by the Intramural Office. However, it will not count toward dormitory points in campus-wide intramural competition.

All students are eligible to enter, as well as faculty and staff members. Intramural t-shirts will be awarded to the fastest men and women students, fastest faculty/staff members and fastest spouses.

Runners may also enter a team competition for men, women and combined, co-recreational groups.

Tom Weis, assistant director of intramurals, said the teams can have three — but no more than five — people per team. The co-rec team will be composed of three men and three women. The winning team will be decided by the fastest combination of times of its members.

The Intramural Office will be accepting entries all week, up until the time of the race. The cost is \$1. Students need their IDs to register and faculty/staff members should bring their recreation IDs. Weis said about 60 people have registered so far; last year about 100 runners participated.

If it rains on Saturday, Weis said, they will still try to have the race. "Only severe weather will cause the event to be cancelled," he said. If the race is cancelled, it will be rescheduled.

Eggs no sweat for cooled hens, says A&M prof

Keeping a cool head in times of stress is as important to chickens as to quarterbacks, bomber pilots and presidents, particularly since chickens don't sweat.

Dr. Richard Cain, a Texas A&M poultry scientist, has found that egg production can be increased by cooling only the heads of hens, so he developed a money-saving system that cools only the tops of chicken cages.

"By cooling laying houses, producers can increase egg production 10 to 15 percent, depending on the age of the chicken," said Cain. "But we have found that if you just cool their heads you can increase egg production and save energy."

Heat stress during the summer can cause an 8 to 15 percent drop in production in Southern states,

resulting in an estimated \$20 million loss to poultry producers each year. Cain explained that while humans reduce body heat through perspiration, chickens, like dogs, can only pant.

"They don't have sweat glands," he said, "and per body weight, they lose as much moisture through their mouth as a man does through sweat glands."

Today, farmers are looking for ways to keep their animals healthy, content and highly productive, Cain said.

"Animal welfare is important to producers because stress reduces reproduction, resistance to disease, growth rates and life spans," he said. "Keeping animals content translates into lower prices at grocery stores."



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Cadet Sid Walker (L) and Yell Leader John Nisbet (R) force feed Pat Garrett Hall Thursday night. Garrett seems to enjoy the antics.



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No mistrial in Daniel murder trial

United Press International
LIBERTY — A judge Thursday denied a mistrial in the Daniel murder trial. Defense lawyers had argued a key witness' mention of a lie detector would prevent a fair trial.

Mrs. Daniel is charged with shooting death of her husband, former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel Jr. She has admitted the shooting, but said it was accidental.

The mistrial motion was made after Mrs. Daniel's 13-year-old daughter, Kimberly Moore, said she changed her testimony after taking a polygraph test. Her statement came during questioning Wednesday by defense lawyer Jack Zimmermann.

Zimmermann said Moore's five statements, had never mentioned seeing or hearing anything more than a fight between Daniel and her husband. Wednesday she said she heard her mother threaten Daniel with a rifle minutes before he was found dead at his home.

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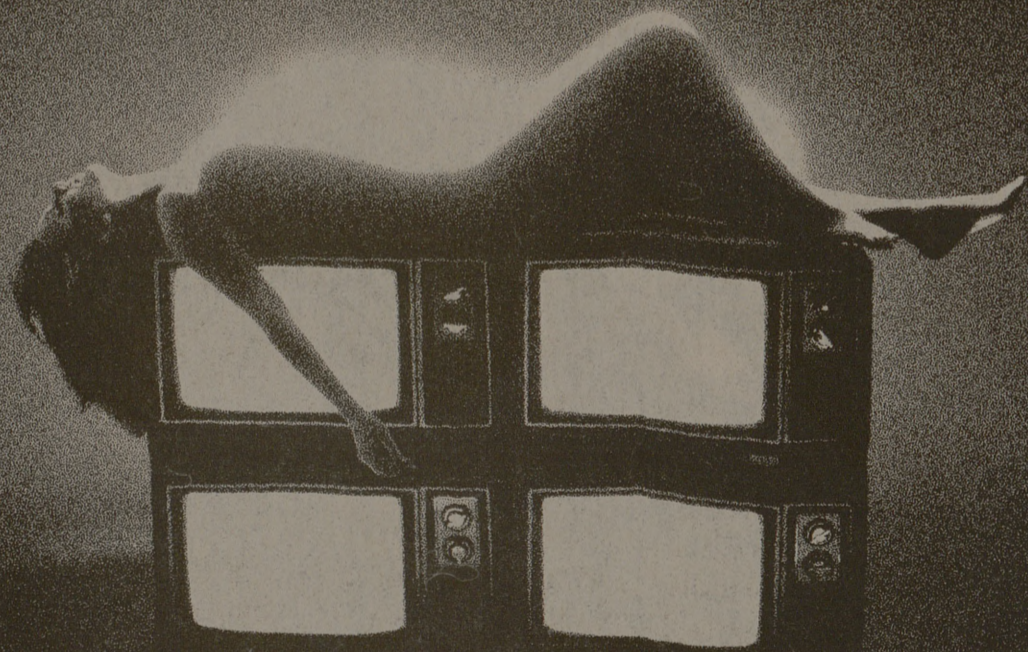
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