

# Hurricanes affect B-CS

**by Shellee Bratton**  
Battalion Reporter

Although Bryan-College Station is more than 150 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, area residents still can expect to feel the effects of a hurricane if one strikes the upper Texas coast.

And, C.L. Benton, Texas A&M University weather station manager, said that although this year's hurricane season has been light, there is no guarantee that the season is over.

"As far as what we'd expect here, if we had a hurricane of moderate intensity strike the upper Texas coast and move over the Bryan-College Station area, there would probably be some gusts of 50-60 mph, torrential rains, and local flooding," Benton said.

But, a 50-60 miles per hour wind is not as serious as it might sound, he said. Such winds are only destructive to unanchored mobile homes or loose shingles.

"I'd be more concerned with flooding," Benton said, particularly in the low areas.

Another effect that a hurricane would have on Bryan-College Station is the large influx of evacuees from the coast that occurred during Hurricane Allen two years ago.

Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, said that during Hurricane Allen, more than 1000 people came to the Bryan-College Station area for shelter.

"Highway 6 was so full, it took hours to go from here to Navasota," Sasse said.

Sasse said some of the people stayed in hotels and motels, and few stayed with families who opened their homes to the evacuees. Many of them stayed in the north side residence halls on the Texas A&M campus.

"We had put out news bulletins that the residence halls were available to the evacuees, since they were empty for summer,"

Sasse said. "Some people stayed one night, some, two. When the hurricane was over, everyone just went home."

Jake Canglose, Brazos County civil defense director, said that the civil defense department is working now to arrange accommodations for evacuees in the event of another tropical storm.

"What we are doing now is working with the Red Cross and surveying all the public schools and public buildings in Bryan-College Station for possible facilities," Canglose said. "What we'd do if there were a large scale evacuation is set up a civil defense control center which would have key persons and the Red Cross there to handle the evacuees."

Canglose said that the operation would require the joint cooperation of the two cities, the county, the University, and the Red Cross.

Benton said that even though hurricane season, which runs from June through October, is nearly over, there is still the possibility that a tropical storm or a hurricane will strike the Texas coast.

"There is no way to predict when or where these systems will develop," he said. "They typically develop in the tropics from pre-existing minor disturbances and even if we see a suspicious area on the satellite, or from ship reports, it will take days and days for anything to develop — if at all."

"In October and November, we begin getting moderate cold fronts that are reaching the Gulf and the southern portions of the western Atlantic. These fronts provide the mechanism for a transfer of heat from the tropic, and so chances of a major hurricane will decrease with the passage of time."

# Hypnotist entrances Rudder audience

**by Kathleen Hart**  
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Hypnotist Ruth Carroll delighted an audience Wednesday night in Rudder Theater with her exhibitions of control over people: writhing with imaginary ants attacking them, visibly sweating and shivering, unable

to move an arm or a leg, laughing or crying almost uncontrollably — all because of her suggestions.

Carroll, sponsored by MSC Great Issues and MSC Basement, replaced Edwin Baron who had had a heart attack.

Carroll, known as "the blond hypno-miss," began her show with a request for volunteers and dozens responded. She then found those who were most easily hypnotized by having them relax, close their eyes and listen to her suggestion that their fingers were so tightly laced

together above their heads that they could not separate them.

After "awakening," more than half the volunteers could not get their hands apart, and some in the audience had to be led to the stage for her assistance in order to put their hands again

at their sides.

Those whose hands were most tightly stuck together were chosen for the remainder of Carroll's demonstrations, which included convincing the volunteers that they were in a 110-degree room — which made the people sweat.

# Planning, zoning studies office park

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 7 tonight to discuss proposed rezoning for Courtyard Apartments and a proposed office park in Southwood Valley.

The Courtyard Apartments rezoning concerns a 79,790-square-foot tract of land at the corner of Highway 30 and Stall

ings Drive.

The commission will consider a final plat for The Villas of Chimney Hill, a 3.6 acre townhome tract at the corner of Chimney Hill Drive and Arguello Drive.

The commission also will consider parking lot plans for Ira's Auto-Horse, Inc., Pilger Tire Company and Sunset Gardens.

# Now you know

United Press International LINTHICUM, Md. (UPI) — majority of the nation's motorcycle riders say automobile drivers need lessons in sharing the road with motorcycles, and the instructions should be virtually compulsory.

In a poll by the Riders' Council of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, 91.8 percent of the respondents said road behavior

should be taught through driver ed classes and/or as part of regular driver licensing procedure.

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