



Around town

Photographers on campus this week

The photographers from **Yearbook Associates** will be in Room 137 MSC all this week to take pictures for the **1983 Aggieland**. All juniors, seniors, graduate, medical and vet school students have until Dec. 17 to have their picture taken. There will be absolutely no makeups after this date. Room 137 is downstairs to the left from the check-cashing desk at the hotel main desk. The Yearbook Associates photographers will be there from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. everyday this week.

Aggie Ladies to travel this weekend

Come out and support women's varsity sports. The **Texas A&M women's basketball team** will play Kansas State tonight at 7:30 in the Bryan High School Gym tonight. This weekend the Ladies will travel to Huntington, West Virginia to play in the Marshall Memorial Tournament.

Variety show applications available

Applications for the **1983 MSC Variety Show** are now available. They may be picked up at the secretaries island in the Student Programs Office in Room 216 MSC. This year's show is scheduled for Parents Weekend on April 15. Applications for the show are due Feb. 4. Auditions for various positions in the show begin Feb. 23. For more information call the Students Programs Office at 845-1515.

'82 Aggielands being distributed

The **1982 Aggieland** is now available to be picked up in Room 216 Reed McDonald instead of the Commons. If you ordered a yearbook last year, all you need is a student ID card to pick it up. If you did not order a yearbook, but want to purchase one now, there are also a few for sale for \$21 each. You can pick up your student directories at the same window with your fee slip.

Aggie parents nominations begin

If you think your parents have gone above and beyond the call of duty, applications are now available to nominate the Aggie "Parent of The Year." Applications will be available in the Students Program Office in Room 216 MSC until Dec. 17. The last day that applications will be accepted is Jan. 25. This year's winners will be announced at **Parents Weekend** on April 15.

SG to sponsor book exchange

If you have used textbooks to sell, the **Texas A&M Student Government** is now accepting textbooks for a **Student Book Exchange**. In order to sell a book, you must make sure the book is being used in the spring semester. Student Government has a list to check. You can set your own selling price. When you bring your books in, fill out an index card for each book to be sold. The book is then filed by subject and course number. Sellers will have a master card in which a record of all his or her books are kept and sales are recorded. The cost to have a book in the exchange is 25 cents. Things to remember:
—Books are to be deposited Dec. 13-17.
—The exchange is in 216 MSC.
—The exchange lasts from Jan. 12-21.
—Pick up money or unsold books Jan. 24-26.
—All money and books should be claimed in 216 MSC.
—All unclaimed books and money will go to Student Services.
If you have any questions call the Student Government Office or Theresa at 260-0893.

Senior rings ready for pick-up

Senior rings that were ordered at the end of the summer semester have arrived and are available for pick-up from the ring clerk in Heaton Hall. You will need your receipt showing proof of purchase and your Texas A&M student ID card. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
If you have an announcement or interesting item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2611.

Now you know

United Press International BURLINGTON, Vt. — Newspapers, except for color pages, make good organic mulch for gardens, says an article in a recent issue of the news-magazine of a Burlington-based national membership organization for gardeners. The feature by Ron Sissons says black and white newspaper, which is 75 percent ground wood pulp and 25 percent purified fiber or cellulose, contains all the nutrients and trace elements found in the trees from which the paper was made. In addition, the carbon black in the ink helps activate microorganisms in the soil, and the cellulose has a high carbon content.

A&M United Way exceeds \$90,000

by **Maureen Carmody**
Battalion Reporter
The campus goal of \$100,000 for the United Way was not met this semester, but a record-breaking \$90,000 was donated, said Malon Southerland, United Way campaign leader at Texas A&M University.
"The previous high at A&M was \$55,000," he said. "We're really very pleased with the outstanding support of the faculty, staff and students to increase the donations by \$35,000."

The original campus goal was \$70,000, but it was increased to \$100,000 in late September. "We knew \$100,000 was a very optimistic goal," Southerland said. "We think it was the correct thing to do, and \$90,000 is very close. I think we will look back on this year and see it as a major stride. We really believe we should be generating around the \$200,000 figure. This year's effort was a signal that we can make this."
He said next year's goal will be more than \$100,000 and he is confident it can be met. Southerland said he wasn't sure how Texas A&M compared to other universities in per capi-

ta donations this year because he didn't have any monetary figures for the others, but he did say he was sure the University has moved up in the ranks. "Last year we were sixth in the Southwest Conference," he said. "With the substantial gain this year, I wouldn't be surprised if we jumped to third or fourth."
Brazos County, however, rated poorly in the state, Southerland said. Although it exceeded its \$325,000 goal by about \$20,000, he said Churchill Jones, chairman of the board of Republic Bank A&M and a community leader in the campaign, said he feels \$750,000 to \$1 million would be more appropriate. "To do this the University would have to be generating over \$200,000," Southerland said. "I think we should be about a third of the support."
Southerland said all the donations received by the county in excess of the \$325,000 goal will go to immediate human services such as people needing food and shelter.
The Brazos County United Way supports 17 human service agencies which serve more than

40,000 citizens in the county. Southerland said 95 percent of the donations stay in Brazos County.
"The University administration and many businesses have endorsed and assisted the United Way because of the concept that it does package these 17 agencies as one concentration in one campaign," Southerland said. "We appreciate the opportunity to give one gift to benefit 17 agencies instead of being asked 17 times."
Plans have begun for next year's drive, he said. Division leaders will sum up this year's drive efforts and make recommendations for next year. However, full range planning probably won't begin until early August of 1983.
Southerland commended the Residence Hall Association and Brent McCaleb, president of Student Y Association for their help in the drive. "Residence Hall raised in excess of \$25,000," he said. "And Brent McCaleb deserves a real tip of the hat for getting the students enthusiastic. It was super to see the students really get involved."

Drunks target of campaign

by **Tracey Taylor**
Battalion Staff
Responsible party hosting is the main goal of the Brazos Valley Development Council in this year's Holidays Ahead campaign.
They are sponsoring a community awareness plan to prevent accidents, injuries and deaths due to drunk driving during the holidays.

Holidays Ahead is a statewide alcohol/traffic safety campaign sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism in cooperation with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The program's efforts focus on responsible hosting, which includes not allowing guests to drive drunk.
While the local program, headed by Dr. Wayne Wylie, is new to the Bryan-College Station area, there are 35 similar programs in other parts of Texas.

Ann Thomas, director of regional alcohol services, said at least half of all fatal traffic accidents are caused by drivers who drink too much, particularly during weekends and holidays.

The number of drunk drivers rises during the holidays for two reasons Thomas said.

The first reason she gave is that the number of parties increases during the Christmas season and people who don't drink much during the year tend to overindulge.

The second reason, Thomas said, is that some people become despondent or depressed at the end of the year because of loneliness, events of the year before and bleak prospects for the year ahead. Many try to hide their sorrows in alcohol.

Holidays Ahead's literature stresses that an important part of alcohol awareness is the party host. Tips for the partygiver include not making alcohol the focus of the party, providing plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks, closing the bar at least an hour before the party ends and hiring a bartender to supervise the amount of alcohol put into drinks.

She said that in an effort to teach people to be responsible partygoers, Holidays Ahead wants to place cards which state the legal limits of alcohol in local restaurants and bars. The legal limit is determined from a person's weight and how much they had to drink in the last two hours. Thomas said the group is waiting for permission from local establishments. The cards have been successful in other parts of the state, she said.
The theme of this year's campaign is "No Thanks, I'm Driving." The brochure emphasizes that not only you responsible for yourself, but also the people around you. They are urging the community to be aware of the friends' conditions and make sure they are driven home.
Thomas said more than 100 leaders from local school districts, law enforcement agencies and Texas A&M University were present at the organizational meeting. The leaders formed five subcommittees to divide the responsibilities.

One of the subcommittees — the media committee — planning a media blitz during the last two weeks of December. They plan to air radio and television commercials by local celebrities, Thomas said.
Another committee is the speaker's bureau. The group will supply speakers and programs for civic clubs or student organizations.

There is also a literature distribution committee, a law enforcement committee and a school programs committee. Thomas said the response has been excellent.
"I'm really pleased with the cooperation of the community," she said. "I think it's the first time the community has pulled together."

Thomas said people must understand their goals some times. "We're not trying to say 'don't drink,'" she said. "We want you to drink, do it responsibly."



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