



Flame construction started

Pam Barnes
Battalion Reporter
 Construction on the Class of '83's gift to Texas A&M — an eternal flame atop a fountain — began last Wednesday.
 The flame will be dedicated at the first football game in the fall, Class of '83 adviser Charlie Walter said.
 The continuously burning flame — symbolizing Aggies' undying spirit for A&M — is being constructed in north Kyle

Field near the Reveille gravesites.
 The 12 point cement base, symbolizing the Twelfth Man, has been poured. Gas, water and electric lines will be put in next. Once the cement has set, the frame for the black granite pyramid will be built, Walter said.
 On the top of the granite pyramid will rest a brass bowl containing the flame. An electronic ignition system will be used to keep the gas flame lit at all times.

The flame will be used to light ceremonial candles for Mustangs and to light torches for midnight yell practice and Bonfire.
 At the base of the monument will be a plaque stating its purpose, symbolism and dedication to the class, Walter said.
 The four-point fountain will be lined with maroon tile. The granite pyramid is expected to be here by the end of this week.
 The contractors, R.B. Butler Inc., are doing the construction. After having so much trouble

in the past with other dates, it is really great with these contractors, dell, Class of '83 said. He said they were cooperative.
 The dedication was 3 at the Texas A&M game. The flame will yell leaders' torches and yell practice, but the will be given at halftime the Aggie Band performed dell said.

The Class of '83's eternal flame is located at the north end of Kyle

Field. The flame is still under construction.

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Hotel guest 'didn't want to get involved' to help rape victim

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — Saying he "didn't want to get involved," a Missouri man told jurors he ignored the pleading of a woman allegedly gang-raped by five Southern University football players.
 Jackie Stanley was one of the last witnesses called by prosecutors before they rested their case on Monday.
 "I didn't know if it was a fami-

ly matter," said Stanley, who described confronting the woman and the players in the hallway. "I guess I just didn't want to get involved."
 Stanley said the woman was weeping and asking for help, but he did not realize her pleas were directed at him or his friend from Arkansas, Kevin Allen.

Allen said he decided against trying to help because one of the players assured him everything would be all right. The woman reached for him, but he pulled away because something strange seemed to be going on, he said.
 "I don't think she was going on her own free will," said Allen.
 The New Iberia woman testified for three and a half hours Sunday of being forced from a hotel elevator by one football player and then being taken by

him and two other players into a hotel room.
 The woman told jurors she was slapped, threatened and thrown against the wall.
 Attorneys for the players have contended the woman gave her consent to sexual activity.
 If the football players are convicted, Judge Dennis said only an act of God or a higher court would prevent their release from prison.

Scientists: Earth becoming rounder

United Press International
AUSTIN — Like a rubber ball that has been squeezed, the shape of Earth is slowly becoming rounder as more of the planet's mass moves toward the poles, University of Texas aerospace engineers say.
 Dr. Bob Schutz of the UT Center for Space Research said the subtle change in shape might be compared to the slow return of a rubber ball that is regaining its shape after being squeezed.
 During the past five years, scientists at UT and the California Institute of Technology have used the Lageos satellite, which was launched in 1976, to study the Earth's orbit.
 Their findings, supported by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, were

published in Science News and Nature magazine.
 "Those gravity changes are a reflection of changes in Earth's shape and are thought to be due to the rebound of the planet's crust — a long-term and previously undetectable response to the removal of the last ice sheets, which melted thousands of years ago," said Schutz.
 The studies were based on measurements taken from several global tracking stations, including UT's McDonald Observatory in West Texas.
 Schutz said the data would be of interest to meteorologists and oceanographers studying long-term climate variations and could be useful in understanding and measuring earthquakes.

'Dallas' stars move because of threats

United Press International
DALLAS — Larry Hagman and Linda Gray, stars of the long-running "Dallas" television series, had to change living quarters several times during location shooting in Dallas because of ardent admirers or threats of crime.
 Hagman, who plays the role of villainous "J.R." in the series, said he was shadowed by a young admirer during last year's shooting and moved to a secluded north Dallas neighborhood, according to Dallas Times Herald columnist Nancy Smith.
 But, the Times Herald reported, he was unhappy there and moved to the home of millionaire oilman Henry Kyle, a member of the board of the Four Star production company, a Hollywood studio founded by William Powell and David Niven.

Late last month, police reported Kyle had been shot in Los Angeles and his killer was still on the loose. Hagman disconnected his phone and moved again to a luxury apartment complex, where security was provided by the television production company.
 "It wasn't great," said Carolyn Shamis, Hagman's real estate agent, referring to the move. "The less I say the better. His moving was very abrupt. The house didn't have anything to do with the murder."
 Gray, who plays J.R.'s wife, also was shadowed by fans and was forced to move from a Dallas condominium, the columnist reported. But shortly after moving to a luxury apartment, the place was ransacked.
 "Linda has really had her problems," a source told the columnist. "I've told her she really needs a bodyguard."

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