

B-CS 21 percent cleaner now than 14 months ago

by Clara N. Hurter
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Clean. That's what Brazos Beautiful, Inc., hopes to make Bryan-College Station.

According to a recent survey, they're succeeding. The area is 21 percent cleaner than it was 14 months ago, exceeding Brazos Beautiful's goal by 1 percent.

Brazos Beautiful is trying to clean up the community by making people aware of the litter, she says.

"The Bryan-College Station area has a solid waste problem," Suzy Terral, executive coordinator of Brazos Beautiful, says.

"Getting the public to recognize that there is a litter problem and changing their attitudes about the way to handle it is our main goal," she says.

Those attitudes are changing mainly because of Brazos Beautiful's door-to-door publicity at local businesses and residences, Terral says.

"We go to businesses and industries and tell them about Brazos Beautiful," Terral says. "Usually they are glad to help."

Helping means various things from putting trash cans in the parking lot to mowing the small strip of bushy grass along the building, she says.

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Brazos Beautiful, the local chapter of the Clean Community System, is a division of Keep America Beautiful.

Keep America Beautiful supplies step by step instructions for a photometric index, which measures the amount of litter in a specified area, Terral says.

A map of the area is divided into sections, cut up, and put into an envelope, Terral says.

Then six areas are randomly picked from the envelope for each survey, she says.

Parking lots, vacant lots, loading docks, commercial garbage containers, street blocks and street right-of-ways in Bryan-College Station were surveyed June 30 and July 1, 1982, when the photographs were taken.

A team of six volunteers, three from College Station and three from Bryan, are sent to the

selected areas to take photographs, Terral says. Then the photographs are blown up and a count of the litter is made, she says.

Photographs taken in this past August indicate a decrease in the pieces of litter per photograph, Terral says.

Keep America Beautiful requires that its chapters take surveys every six months, Terral says.

BBQ to honor Bryan resident

by David Manning
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The third annual Bonfire Benefit Barbecue will be held Saturday at the Grove immediately following the Texas A&M University of Houston football game.

Arthur Collier, owner of Colono Electric Co. in Bryan, will be honored at the barbecue for his help in providing equipment and supplies for construction of the bonfire during past years.

Previous barbecues were dedicated to H.B. Zachry, former student and San Antonio contractor and Col. Tom Parsons, former Corps commandant and past director of security and traffic.

Stan Hausman, a senior in charge of bonfire finances, said the barbecue is one of the major fund-raising projects.

"We're hoping to make

\$2,000 off the barbecue," he said.

This year's budget for bonfire is expected to exceed \$10,000.

The University will provide \$5,500 for bonfire expenses, which will come from the Memorial Student Center bookstore project fund.

Kathy Seeberger, women's coordinator for bonfire, said women's residence halls will raise money for bonfire by selling back rubs and donuts and by sponsoring a dance.

Last year, the women's dorms raised about \$5,000.

The money raised for bonfire is used to buy fuel for the trucks and to purchase bailing wire, rope and other items for the bonfire, Hausman said.

Tickets for the barbecue are \$4.75 for students and \$7 for non-students and may be purchased today at the MSC or tomorrow at the gate.

Farmers to buy damaged grain

WASHINGTON — The Senate Thursday approved legislation requiring the government to sell 83 million bushels of damaged grain to drought-stricken farmers and ranchers who are slaughtering starving livestock.

The legislation pushed by Texas' two senators, and co-sponsored by several other senators from the drought-stricken region, is aimed at circumventing Agriculture Secretary John Block's refusal to release the grain.

Ranchers and farmers are being forced to slaughter their starving foundation herds and other livestock because the worst drought in decades has killed the animals' feed sources.

The bill was unanimously passed by the Senate as an amendment to the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, told his colleagues it has most taxpayers \$48 million annually to store the grain since the Russian grain embargo and is of poor quality to export for use in the Payment-in-Kind program.

"Livestock producers are in desperate need of feed," he said.

"What better use could this damaged grain be put to than to provide emergency feed assistance to livestock producers in drought areas?"

"Livestock producers are will-

ing to pay for this grain," he said.

"In addition, they will transport it themselves. Taxpayers will not have to pay any transportation charges and they will no longer have to pay storage charges on the grain that is sold."

Bentsen said range specialists in the 25 west Texas drought counties declared disaster areas say 60 to 70 percent of the cattle, sheep and goat herds have been liquidated because of the drought.

Bentsen said Block's announcement of lowered Farmers Home Administration emergency loan interest rates may help ranchers "but most tell me they already have too much debt."

"They need something a cow can eat, not another note at the bank," he said. "The irony of this tragic situation is that help is, literally, right around the corner."

Several million bushels of the damaged grain are stored in the middle of drought-parched West Texas.

Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, said the legislation was an "effective way to release urgently needed grain to West Texas ranchers who are in danger of losing even their foundational herds to the worst drought in almost 30 years."

"I am confident this provision will be passed in the House and this relief will be forthcoming to our ranchers," he said.



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