

# Preparations made for Wappenschaw

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The College of Liberal Arts, in cooperation with the Office of Continuing Education, will sponsor the third annual summer program, Aggie Wappenschaw, on June 10 through June 14, 1984.

Aggie Wappenschaw is named for the Scottish militiamen who were called together for a wappenschaw, or muster.

"The purpose of the program is to bring former students and friends back to campus," said Annie Ruth Taylor, coordinator of continuing education.

"Some haven't been back since they've graduated."

The four-day program offers a variety of speakers and entertainment, Taylor said.

During the daytime, the program provides an assortment of speakers on all sorts of topics, she said. In the evenings, the entertainment ranges from antique presentations to dramatic readings to receptions, Taylor said.

Topics that are scheduled to be addressed at the conferences include the Texas A&M cyclotron, Project 2000 and personal computers.

"I try to get people from around campus to speak because the people who come back are former students and they want to know what's going on," she said.

Aggie Wappenschaw began in 1982 and the attendance has not been as expected, Taylor said. Each year only eight individuals have attended the Wappenschaw programs.

"If we could get 30 to 50 people it would be adequate," Taylor said. If the upcoming program is not successful it might be the last one.

"I don't see any other reason for the program not to be doing well, except for the people don't know about it," Taylor said.

In addition to Wappenschaw, the 1984 program will also be known as Summer University in an effort to make people more familiar with it, Taylor said.

This may attract their attention more than Wappenschaw does, she said.

Persons interested in registering for Summer University may call or write the College of Liberal Arts or the Office of Continuing Education.

# A&M blood drive top of college donors' list

by Kellie Dworaczyk  
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The most productive on-campus blood drive in the nation is at Texas A&M. This week 2,421 pints of blood were donated to the Aggie blood drive by the students, faculty and staff of Texas A&M.

Blood drives began here in 1959, and are now held in the fall semester, the spring semester and in the summer. Student Government, Alpha Phi Omega and Omega Phi Alpha, sponsor the drives.

James Fairfield, APO blood drive chairman, said that each semester more blood is donated than the previous semester.

For every pint of blood donated from Texas A&M, the Aggie Blood Club is given a credit by the Wadley Central Blood Bank. This means that any present or former Texas A&M student, whether he gave blood or not, can use blood from the Wadley blood bank. Blood credits are good for a year. For the 2,421 pints of blood collected this week, the blood club has 2,421 credits good until October of 1985.

The blood does not have to be used by Texas A&M students and alumni only. They can request that a friend use

the credits. The blood can be sent, at different costs, anywhere in the United States. The cost is for handling, not a charge for the blood.

Fairfield, a senior marketing major from Rosharon, said the largest requests for blood are made by alumni, because there are more alumni than students.

The blood is used for research as well as for people who need it, assistant supervisor for nursing services with the Wadley blood bank Betty Mullet said.

Fairfield said APO sponsors the blood drive because it is a large project that needs a lot of manpower.

The blood drive always needs new donors, Fairfield said. With each blood drive, there is a keg contest for group donations of blood.

For Heidi Freeborn, a senior statistics major from La Marque, Wednesday was her sixth time to give blood.

"It is a little part of me that I can give to help anybody who needs me," she said.

Robert Pepper, a second year medical student from Beaumont, gave blood for his tenth time Wednesday.

"It helps a lot of people, and it doesn't hurt that much," he said.



Trina Page, a finance sophomore from California, gets her blood pressure checked free by EMT Mike Elliot, in front of the Memorial Student Center fountain.

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# Citizens oppose user fee hike

by Steve Thomas  
Battalion Staff

Despite protests by local citizens, the College Station City Council voted Thursday to

approve a Parks and Recreation Board proposition to increase user fees.

The new fee structure will include a \$5 per person activity

fee for organizations that use city park facilities, such as adult and youth sports teams.

Most of the citizens who commented were concerned about three particular groups — girls softball, youth soccer and little league baseball.

Bob Sielken of the College Station Soccer Club said his group takes care of its own expenses. All the city does is provide the land, he said, adding he thinks the fees are unfair.

Ron Treat, a trustee on the College Station Little League Association, said his group is controlled by a national organization that allows a maximum \$15 per person fee. Also, he said, little league requires that

the children be allowed whether they can pay or not.

David Reed, president of the girls' softball organization, said his group also takes care of their own expenses. Last year the girls bought hats because it would cost the girls \$3 extra each, so \$5 also is not a fair fee.

Dr. John Crompton, a member of the parks board, gave three reasons for the defense of the fee proposal. The majority of non-users of park facilities should bear a more equitable financial burden, he said. Non-users of the park should pay the support of the park. Even with fees, non-users still will pay 75 percent of the program.

Children who swim in public pools or participate in Aggie Swimmers programs already are charged user fees. Because this agency children who cannot pay should not be a burden.

Council member Paul Brown said it had been suggested earlier that the little league concession stand at the Southwood Athletic Center in the city, and the concession venue replace the concession stand at the little league, girls and youth soccer programs.

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