

# Muster

## Students leaving for Easter urged to attend hometown musters

By LORRAINE CHRISTIAN  
Reporter

Students going home for the weekend are urged to attend their hometown musters. Garner III, field director of the Association of Former Students, said Wednesday. The muster is the annual gathering of Aggies throughout the world to honor the students and former students who have died in the past year.

To encourage students to attend muster in their hometown area, a map of Texas and a book listing the location of 400 hometown musters are placed by the main entrance of the Memorial Student Center.

Garner said students may find hometown musters to be more of a social gathering than the Texas A&M Muster. "Hometown musters reflect the attitude of the town," Garner said.

Garner explained that a muster in Laredo will most likely be held at a ranch and be informal while a muster in Houston will

be a coat and tie affair with a speaker. Some towns serve alcohol, he said, while other towns don't.

"The common factor in all musters is at one point there will be a solemn ceremony," Nancy York, chairman of the Texas A&M Muster Committee, agreed that musters held away from the University are

more festive.

The Texas A&M Muster, honoring 13 students, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum so that students can attend Muster and still go home for Easter, York said.

# Two Aggies to bike from here to Canada

By KAYE PAHMEIER  
Reporter

Imagine peddling your 10-horsepower bicycle 2,000 miles across Canada, from College Station to Toronto.

Two Aggies are planning to do that and have added an incentive in making their journey productive for some. Riley, a senior mechanical engineering major and John Allen, a sophomore BANA member, are riding their bikes across the country to support research in heart disease by raising money for the American Heart Association.

The idea for the journey began as a fun, senior trip for Riley. He then planned the trip something that he said would be productively beneficial.

Riley said that since his family has a history of heart disease

and many of the members have died from heart attacks, he decided to ride his bike to Canada for the Heart Association.

"My mom was a little worried about John and I traveling across country on our bikes," Riley said, "so she bought me a six-foot flag with a light on the top. I told her I might as well put playing cards in my wheels to make noise to."

The trip will take about 50 days, Riley said.

"That's traveling about 60 miles per day at 12 miles per hour," he said, "give or take a few miles and hours."

The agenda for the tour begins in College Station and takes them into Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, around the Ohio River Basin, around the Great Lakes and ending in Ontario, Canada.

Riley and Allen researched their route from maps and information sent to them from

the various states and decided it was best to avoid mountain regions and the lingering cold weather in some states. That's why they chose an eastern route.

Allen said they also wanted to spend a few days sight-seeing throughout the countryside and camping in national parks along the way.

"There's a lot to see right here in the States," Allen said.

Riley and Allen are traveling with as little as possible, carrying only the bare necessities—a pup tent, personals and food in packs connected to the sides of their bikes.

"We have to keep the total bike weight down to about 27 pounds," Allen said, "not including us, of course."

And of course, plenty of money is needed to take the trip—about \$2,000 of their own money.

Riley said they began training

last November by riding two hours daily and taking weekend bike trips. They don't lift weights or run 10 miles every day; they just ride their bikes everywhere, he said.

"About the only thing that really gets sore is our backs," Allen said, "and sometimes our seats."

Neither bike rider has experience traveling cross-country, though, Riley said, he rode his bike in high school and has been on one tour to Kansas which began in Frogsville, Texas and ended in Coffeerville, Kansas.

"Some towns have wild names," Riley said.

To avoid hassles with the police, Riley and Allen said they'll wear identical clothing to look like a team.

"That way, if we do get into trouble, someone might be more willing to help us out," Allen said.

# Wadley Blood Drive collects 1,797 units

By SUZY FISK  
Reporter

At 7 p.m. Thursday, the Wadley Blood Drive had collected 1,797 units of blood and 150 quarts of plasma. The drive also collected 9,792 chocolate cookies, 160 packages of cracker crackers and 48 boxes of cracker crackers. Thursday was the last day of the blood drive.

The donor had not eaten before giving blood, then he was

asked to eat crackers and peanut butter, said Holly Armor, Wadley's head nurse. This was to prevent vomiting while giving blood. The donor was also asked to eat a cookie and drink orange juice afterward to put glucose, a sugar, and fluid back into his system.

Armor said quite a few smelling salts were used to keep people from fainting. However, only about six people fainted during the blood drive. She says

it was not a big problem this year.

About 200 people were rejected from giving blood for four reasons:

- If a person has been tattooed within the last six months, then he or she cannot give blood because of the chances of being a carrier of hepatitis. The possibility of being a carrier of hepatitis depends on the cleanliness of the needles used, Armor said.
- If a person's ears have been pierced within the last six months.
- If a person is on medication at the time of donating.
- No one under 110 pounds can give blood because the standard amount, one pint, can cause the lightweight donor to become sick, Armor says.

The nurses enjoy their work even though they put in a nine-hour day, she said. Their busiest times were in between classes.

# Austin man found hanged after arrest for intoxication

United Press International

AUSTIN — A 31-year-old man arrested for public intoxication was found hanged Thursday in his city jail cell, police said.

Officer Michael Bice was pronounced dead inside the city jail.

Police said Bice was arrested after bar of an Austin motel at 11 p.m. They said he was combative when he was arrested and was placed in a cell himself.

He was checked at 1:30 a.m. and was okay," said Lt. Robinson. "When they checked


him a short time later they found him hanging."

Homicide Lt. Jim Baker said Bice tied a shirt around his neck and attached it to the bars on the window of his cell. There was no indication why Brice hanged himself.

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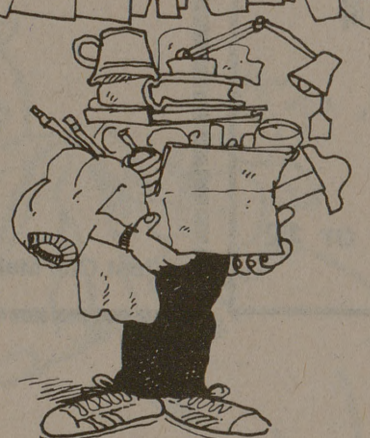
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