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Pick up your tickets now

Distribution of the 1984 student football and all-sports coupon books for the fall semester began Monday at the ticket booth in Kyle Field.

The ticket booth is located at Gate 1 in the north end of Kyle Field. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all week and the first week of school.

Students need fee receipts and current I.D.'s to pick up their coupon books.

If the classification is incorrect on the fee slip, it must be corrected before picking up a coupon book. This can be done with a school I.D. or through verification of hours by Heaton Hall.

Students in each classification will pick up home game tickets in the same manner as scheduled last year: graduates and seniors on Monday prior to the game, juniors on Tuesday, sophomores on Wednesday, and freshmen on Thursday.

Students will be seated on the east side of Kyle Field. The first game is Sept. 1.

Health center working on thwarting meningitis

By DAINAH BULLARD
Staff Writer

More than 350 students who may have been exposed to meningococcal meningitis at Fish Camp A received medical treatment at A.P. Beutel Health Center Tuesday morning, said Dr. Claude Goswick, health center director.

Efforts currently are underway to contact about 350 remaining participants of Fish Camp A, which met Aug. 11-14 at Lakeview Methodist Assembly near Palestine. Participants of later Fish Camps, including Fish Camp B, Aug. 15-18, were not exposed to the disease, Goswick said.

Information provided by the media has made many students aware of the danger, he said.

"If we had 350 students on the doorstep of the medical center this morning, I believe that's a good response," Goswick said.

Students who report to the center are treated with Rifampin, an antibiotic which will prevent the infection, Goswick said. Students will receive 600 milligrams of Rifampin every day for four days, he said.

Students and counselors may have been exposed to meningitis by an incoming freshman who attended the camp. Stephen Hodsden, an 18-year-old from Diboll, was diagnosed late Monday as having meningococcal meningitis.

Hodsden, who attended Fish Camp from Aug. 11-14, Friday was admitted to Memorial Hospital in Lufkin. He later lapsed into a coma and was listed in poor condition in intensive care.

Goswick said he was contacted Monday evening by Hodsden's father, after the meningitis was confirmed.

Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of Student Activities, said she is primarily concerned with contacting the 12 to 15 students who shared a cabin with Hodsden and the 12 to 15 students who participated in Hodsden's discussion group. About half of those students have been contacted, she said. Letters are being mailed to all camp A participants, she said.

The highly contagious meningitis

may be contracted by direct exposure (contact with someone who has meningitis) or indirect exposure (contact with someone who has had contact with an infected person), Goswick said. In rare cases, meningitis may be contracted from a carrier who shows no symptoms of the disease, he said. The incubation period of the disease is four to five days.

Goswick said symptoms of meningitis are nonspecific, but include sore throat, stiff neck, malaise, nausea, skin rash and headache. The disease may be spread through sneezing or other respiratory exchanges, he said.

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Ford ridicules Democrats in speech

United Press International

DALLAS — Gerald Ford, whose heart-breaking loss to Jimmy Carter was avenged by Ronald Reagan in 1980, lashed the Democrats Tuesday as the party that would give the future to "the wasters, the wanters, the whiners and the weak."

Scoring Democratic candidate Walter Mondale for "four years of roaring inflation, skyrocketing interest rates and so-called malaise" during the Carter administration, Ford summoned delegates to the Republican National Convention to work for Reagan's re-election "to keep our land brave and free, to make our country stronger, better and happier."

Ford, who has appeared countless times on podiums of Republican

conventions over the past three decades, delivered his speech in television prime time on the eve of the renomination of Reagan and Vice President George Bush — "a tried and tested president, a tried and tested backup partner, both of whom have proved their fitness for four more years."

The longtime Michigan congressman, who served as president for less than 18 months after Richard Nixon's resignation in disgrace 10 years ago, ridiculed Mondale as too liberal and stressed his connection with Carter.

He chided Mondale's "new realism," declaring, "There's only one kind of realism. You don't get it by crossing Jimmy Carter's innocence

with George McGovern's pie in the sky."

In an appeal to disaffected Democrats, Ford scoffed at the Democrats for too many promises and Mondale's call to make the fall election a "referendum on the future."

"I can't blame him for wanting to forget the past," Ford said. "The Democrats in San Francisco talked a lot about the future."

"Their theme seemed to be that America's future belongs to the wishers, the wasters, the wanters, the whiners and the weak."

Ford opened his remarks with an expression of thanks, saying he and his wife, Betty, "are everlastingly grateful to the American people and to this party for all the honors any two people could ever imagine."

Ford, 71, had given up his primary political ambition — winning the post of House speaker — and decided to seek a final two-year term in 1974 when political lightning struck: The resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew in October 1973.

Nixon nominated Ford to fill the vice presidency, the first use of the 25th Amendment, and when Watergate disclosures drove Nixon from office Aug. 9, 1974, Ford became the 38th president and first chief executive not elected by the people.

Reagan challenged Ford for the party's 1976 nomination and Ford considered seeking the party's bid in 1980, but decided against it. He since has settled into a low-profile role as a Republican elder statesman.



Good Bull

Photo by Peter Rocha

Freshman Corps of Cadets members learn the story of Sullivan Ross, and what being a good Aggie is all about.

Ferraro releases more financial information

United Press International

NEW YORK — Geraldine Ferraro acknowledged Tuesday that some of her and her husband's financial dealings are "sloppy" but said she has divulged more than any other candidate in U.S. history and it shows she did nothing wrong.

The Democratic vice presidential nominee also revealed at a lengthy news conference that she has decided to give up her position as an officer in her husband John Zaccaro's real estate company — a point of intense controversy since she claimed she had no knowledge of her husband's finances.

She acknowledged mistakes in her handling of the financial controversy that has snowballed since her triumphant nomination last month, but she said the reams of financial documents she released Monday proved she has nothing to hide. She also defended her decision to keep her husband's income secret while she was in Congress.

"It's sloppy, I grant you that," Ferraro said, adding, "At no time did I

violate any trust placed in me by my constituents."

Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale said, "I believe the Ferraro performance is a demonstration of strength, not weakness. A demonstration of a ticket that believes in candor and openness."

Ferraro and her husband, who are in the 40 percent tax bracket, made public tax returns back to 1978 and a net worth statement showed them to be multimillionaires — worth \$3.78 million as compared with \$2.1 million for Vice President George Bush.

She defended her claim that she had neither knowledge nor benefit from F. Zaccaro Co., even if she was an officer with a share worth one-third of the business.

Ferraro said she only became involved in the business after her husband's brother and father died of cancer and the couple began to worry about what would happen in the event of Zaccaro's death.

Battalion Editor in critical condition

Three Aggies involved in one-car accident

By Melissa Adair
Staff Writer

One of three Texas A&M students involved in a one-car roll over on Monday night was still in critical condition Tuesday night at 10 p.m.

Bill Robinson, a senior journalism major and editor of The Battalion, is listed in very critical condition at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan.

Today would have been Robinson's first day as Fall 1984 editor of The Battalion.

Dr. Carl Schmidt, a neurosurgeon at the hospital, said Robinson still is in the intensive care unit with severe head and brain injuries. Robinson has been in a deep coma since the accident occurred at about 10:40 p.m. on Monday.

"If he's going to live or not — we're still not sure," Schmidt said.

Apparently, the car rolled on top of Robinson's chest and he stopped breathing for "quite a long while," Schmidt said.

Robinson was pinned under a 1969 Fiat sports car convertible when it flipped on Dowling Road, near Hopes Creek Road. Dowling Road is near the intersection of FM 2818 and Wellborn Road in southwest College Station.

The driver, Daniel Alan Rogers, 21, a civil engineering major from Austin, was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital immediately after the accident but was released at 3 a.m. Tuesday, a hospital spokesman said.

The other student, Billy Lynn



Drum, 21, a computer science major from Caddo Mills and Robinson's roommate, refused treatment, the spokesman said.

Drum said the car, when rounding a corner, hit gravel and Rogers lost control of the vehicle.

"The car flipped and all three of us got trapped under it," Drum said. "Dan kicked his door open and got

out. Then he went to a house and called for help. Then he pulled me out and we both tried to get Bill out. He wasn't breathing. I tried to give him CPR — what I could remember of it — and then the ambulance arrived."

Rogers had a large cut over his left eye but otherwise he had only minor cuts and bruises, Drum said.

Robert Martinez, a trooper with

the Texas Department of Public Safety, said there is no evidence that Rogers was speeding when the accident occurred.

Robinson served as editorial page editor for The Battalion this summer. He was the assistant sports editor in the spring and was a sports reporter for the newspaper in the spring and fall of 1982. He also worked at KAMU-TV as a reporter.

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