

Sailing Team gets five \$4,000 boats

By KEVIN S. INDA
Reporter

The Texas A&M Sailing Team will receive five new sailboats Tuesday that will enable the team to be more competitive in their district and allow the team to host sailing races, says Jonathan Roach, sailing team captain.

The new boats are Vanguard 420's and are used in most intercollegiate races, Roach said.

A Vanguard 420 is a two-man sloop that has a length of 420 centimeters and a mast height of 20 feet. "The boat is very responsive and at \$4,000 it is also relatively inexpensive," Roach said.

The money used to purchase the boats was donated primarily by former students with an interest in sailing, he said.

"The team has spent the last two years collecting donations through the Lakewood Yacht Club, Houston Yacht Club and some sailing enthusiasts in Dallas," Roach said. "Our efforts have finally paid off."

Now the sailing team can host regattas (sailing races) without the help of other teams in their district.

"We previously had to borrow other teams' boats and facilities to host regattas," Roach said. "You must host at least two regattas an-

nually to stay in the district, and now we can meet this requirement with much more ease."

The new boats also will benefit the sailing team in preparing for regattas. "The team would previously train in used boats and now we can practice in the same type of boat we will be competing in," Roach said.

The University of Texas and Tulane University are usually the top two teams in the district, Roach said. "We battle for third with SMU, but with the new boats we could possibly be elevated to national standings."

The sailing team currently has a proposal up for review with the Bryan City Council that would enable them to store their boats at the Bryan Utilities Lake Park, Roach said.

"Texas A&M has donated a steel prefabricated building to the sailing team, and we just need a place to put it," he said.

Storing the boats at the lake would cut down on damage to the boats while they are being trailered from storage to the lake.

"All we would have to do is go out, put the sails up and push the boat in the water," Roach said.

Rep. Lewis addresses Ag Economics Club

By KIM TREESE
Reporter

"Bryan-College Station is a bumper sticker town," Texas State Rep. Neeley C. Lewis, of Bryan, told the Agricultural Economics Club Thursday night. "But there's one bumper sticker in particular that always has turned me on, and that is Texas Aggies — Leaders in Agriculture."

Lewis said his family has farmed this area for the past three generations. "I grew up in an agricultural background," he said.

After recently touring Texas with the state agricultural committee, Lewis said he has concluded that agriculture is going through its toughest time since the Depression.

"If I could talk to the man upstairs and get some rain, all of our agricultural problems would be taken care of," he said.

Lewis also said last year's freeze in the Valley and high interest rates are leading problems in Texas agriculture.

"But we have to do more than pray for rain and hope to avoid any more disasters," he said. "We have to get out and get with the program because there is no doubt agriculture is still the pillar of the state of Texas."

The Texas State Agricultural and

Livestock Committee is currently working on several programs to improve agriculture.

A farmers' market is being created in which the Department of Agriculture will work with the farmers in trying to eliminate the middleman.

"We're still the leaders in agriculture," Lewis said. "What we've got to do is increase productivity and use available resources to market effective products."

A new marketing technique will be introduced entitled "A Taste of Texas." Products will be promoted across the country carrying a logo which will clearly identify them as Texas products.

"We want people to recognize Texas products and try to get the stores to promote them," Lewis said. "It's a positive type of program to market our products."

Texas products also will be marketed internationally. "We're hiring people who are familiar with what Texas is and who can sell Texas products," he said.

"There is no question we're just at the beginning of this whole marketing area," Lewis said. "We have got to use the best information we have available to make sure we stay on the forefront of the market."

Around town

Aggie Cowboys sponsor charity bash

The Aggie Cowboys are sponsoring their Annual Charity Bourbon Street Bash tonight at the Brazos County Pavilion from 7:30 to midnight. This year's bash features entertainment by the Busboys and the Dealers. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 from any Aggie Cowboy or for \$11 at the gate.

Filing for freshman elections ends today

Any freshmen interested in running for Student Senator or Class of '88 Officer must file for office in 214 Pavilion before 5 p.m. today. Eight freshman Senators will be elected at large, along with a class president, vice president, secretary, social secretary and treasurer.

Who's Who applications available now

Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are available at boxes located in the Commandant's Office, MSC, Student Activities Office, Zachry Engineering Center, Sterling C. Evans Library, Kleberg Center, the office of the dean of Veterinary Medicine and the office of the vice president for Student Services. Completed applications must be returned by 5 p.m. Sept. 28.

Students must meet requirements for grade points and completed credit hours. From the qualified applicants, 55 students will be selected to Who's Who by a committee composed of faculty, staff and students appointed by the vice president of Student Services and the student body president. Any questions should be directed to Chris Carter in 110 YMCA.

R.A. and H.R. positions available

The Department of Student Affairs is interviewing students — graduates and undergraduates — for staff positions in the residence halls for the Spring semester. Information and applications are available from the area housing offices and from Nyla Pomey, 845-9804.

Two inmates confined for Death Row attack

United Press International

HUNTSVILLE — Prison officials covered a window and continued reviewing procedures for the movement of inmates on Death Row Thursday following an attack in which one inmate was burned by two others.

Calvin Williams was in good condition at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, said Phil Guthrie, Texas Department of Corrections spokesman. Guthrie said Williams was burned on both legs and suffered a broken foot in Wednesday morning's attack in his cell on Death Row at the Ellis I Unit outside Huntsville.

Being held in solitary confinement for questioning in the attack are James Michael Briddle and Warren Eugene Bridge. Guards took two knives from the suspects and recov-

ered a pipe bomb made from aerosol cans in Williams' cell after the attack.


The two allegedly doused some kind of flammable fluid on Williams and set him on fire as they passed his cell on the way to an outside recreation period.

"The warden told me they had put a screen over a window that looks out on the yard where the general population gathers for recreation," Guthrie said. "We're also looking at a hallway that connects to the wing where the Row is where the weapons and materials could have been passed."

Guthrie said though there is an occasional stabbing on Death Row, the occurrence of violence is not nearly as prominent as it is in the general prison system, where 278 inmates have been stabbed this year.

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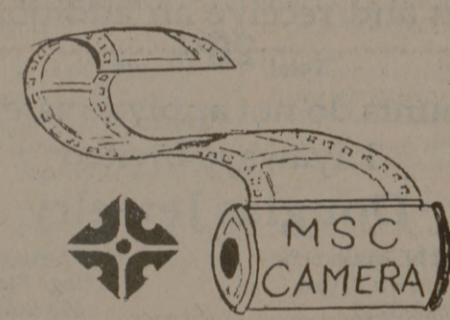
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