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Aggie mascot stays dry
Reveille dons Corps rain gear during the downpour at the Texas A&M-Texas Tech game Saturday.

4-H young people learning by doing; developing skills

By VIVIAN SMITH
Reporter

Almost 200,000 Texas youths will be involved in National 4-H Week this week.

"4-H — Building on Experience," is the theme for the week, which began Oct. 7.

Conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service in each state and supported by each state's land-grant university and the United States Department of Agriculture, the 4-H program has stressed a "learning by doing" philosophy for more than 75 years, Gayle Hall, extension 4-H specialist, said.

What began as a "corn club" for boys and a "tomato club" for girls to teach rural children about agriculture, has now grown into the nation's largest youth organization outside school, Hall said.

Young people between the ages of 9 and 19, regardless of where they live, have projects in approximately 50 different areas.

Through their involvement with these projects the students acquire knowledge, develop skills and form attitudes that will prepare them for the future, Hall said.

Also, Texas 4-H is unique because it has an extremely strong scholarship program for its members, Hall said. At the State 4-H Round-Up held at Texas A&M in June, the state 4-H gave away almost \$500,000 in scholarships to Texas 4-H members, Hall said.

"Texas 4-H is a family affair," she said. "Many of our activities take place after school or on the weekends so we try to offer something for everyone in the family."

4-H also is a leader-based program, Hall added.

"The 17,000 Texas volunteer-leaders are actively recruited and trained by the county extension agents," she said. "In turn these leaders train the students."

"We estimate that a 4-H volunteer puts in approximately 220 hours and drives more than 300 to 400 miles annually in their own vehicles."

One major project planned for National 4-H Week is to raise money for a \$1 million addition to the State 4-H Center in Brownwood. Using the slogan, "Quarters for Kids Under Construction," 4-H members will go door-to-door during the week to collect donations for the project, Hall said.

A&M has a collegiate 4-H Chapter that's main purpose is to help make adult leaders from former 4-H members, Sharon Dohmann, collegiate 4-H president, said.

"It also helps students who want to get involved with the extension service because it's a good way to meet people," she said.

Members of the Collegiate 4-H help the Brazos County 4-H as judges at contests and as counselors for summer 4-H camps.

The Collegiate 4-H will have a booth in the Memorial Student Center this week.

Soldiers arrested for sale of Army explosives

United Press International

MIAMI — Two Green Beret sergeants were jailed on charges of selling a truckload of stolen Army explosives and ammunition to undercover agents posing as South American cocaine smugglers, federal agents said Sunday.

The arrests ended a two-month investigation into the illegal distribu-

tion of TNT, dynamite, mines and other explosives stolen from Fort Bragg, N.C., said Bill Alfree, special agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Miami.

Both men were members of the U.S. Army 7th Special Forces group, a Green Beret unit stationed at Fort Bragg.

Master Sgt. Keith Anderson, 32,

of Fayetteville, N.C. was arrested Saturday in Vero Beach while selling about \$49,000 worth of stolen military ammunition and explosives to ATF agents, Alfree said.

"These items were contained in a 12-foot truck that Anderson had driven to Vero Beach from Fort Bragg which he had hoped to exchange for cocaine and currency," he said.

Anderson was in the Palm Beach County jail Sunday, ordered held without bond.

In Fayetteville, ATF agents arrested Sgt. 1st Class Byron K. Carlisle, 43, an intelligence specialist who allegedly was Anderson's partner, Alfree said.

Fort Bragg investigators refused comment on the arrests Sunday.



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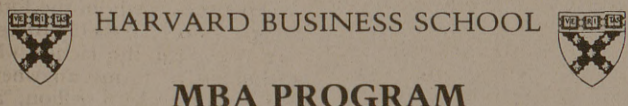
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