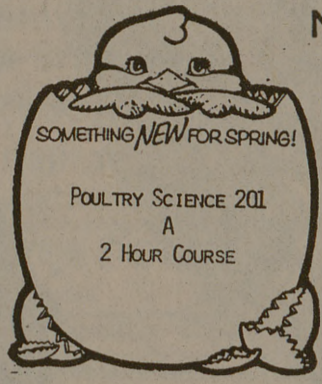


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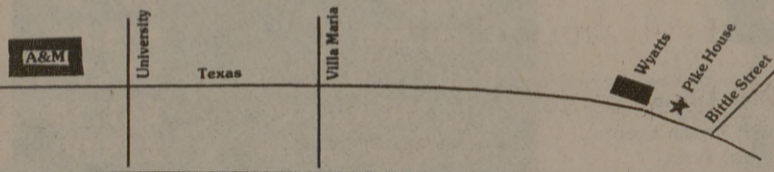
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Disaster declaration sought by state for Harris County

United Press International
AUSTIN — The state requested Wednesday that Harris County be added to a federal disaster declaration already approved for residents of flood-damaged San Patricio County.

Robert Lansford, state coordinator for the Division of Emergency Management, said the request would cover severe flooding and tornadoes

that struck Harris County during late October.

The San Patricio declaration was approved Oct. 30 for flooding that occurred in South Texas Oct. 19-20.

"If the federal government approves the request we'll have saved several steps in the request process, and Harris County will receive aid sooner than if he had requested a separate declaration," said Lansford.

Culture diffusion topic of seminar

By KEN DORSEY
Reporter

A seminar entitled "The Transfer and Transformation of Ideas and Material Culture" is being sponsored by the College of Geosciences and the College of Liberal Arts and will last for three days.

The conference, which has taken 18 months to organize, will examine different aspects of diffusion and will begin at 2 p.m. today in 501 Rudder Tower.

"There's been an argument over whether culture traits, ideas and actual technologies are diffused or whether they are invented time and time again," said Peter Huggill, who will speak Friday on technology diffusion in the world automobile industry.

Diffusion has always been a major theme in cultural geography and to a lesser extent in anthropology, Huggill, A&M associate professor of geology, said.

"Historians have discovered diffusion for the first time," he said.

Through this increase in the social science geologists have influenced the educational people, sociologists into believing diffusion can be predicted, Huggill said.

"If you know what causes diffusion, you should be able to predict it," he said. "Therefore, if you want to introduce a particular innovation by studying the causes of diffusion you can know how to introduce innovation the right way and make more successful."

Other speakers include Wagner who wrote a book on the course that cultural geographers have taken during the past 20 years.

Wagner is interested in teaching this course, Huggill said. Well-known historian William H. Hall will lecture on the history of diffusion.

The seminar is divided into four parts: Diffusion and Prehistory, Diffusion and History, Diffusion and Theory, and Diffusion and Methods and Models. Diffusion will be discussed Saturday.

Last cut this weekend

By TRENT LEOPOLD
Staff Writer

The second and last cut for this year's bonfire will be this weekend at the cutting site in Carlos.

Scott Strom, head redpot, said Wednesday night the ground is now dry enough to get equipment into the site and move the wood to Duncan Field.

"The weather has really set us back this year, but if we can get a lot of people out to the site this weekend we can get caught up and get the wood out of Carlos," Strom said.

He said most of the effort this weekend will be directed toward moving about 35 loads of wood from Carlos to Texas A&M.

"A lot of wood is on the ground right now," Strom said. "We need to direct most of our effort toward moving rather than cutting."

This weekend's cut is mandatory for Corps members, and Strom said he expects a crowd at the site.

"We expect quite a few people this weekend," Strom said. "Although the cut is mandatory for Corps members we also expect quite a few civilians to show up."

He said the cut will begin about 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and the cut should last until about 3 p.m. both days.

"The next big event will be the starting Nov. 18," Strom said. "The push begins, the actual bonfire officially gets started and the fire begins to take shape."

Strom said workers are needed to make the 75th-anniversary bonfire successful.

"The record rains in October really set us back and we need people to help us get back on schedule especially this weekend," he said. "Although the stack doesn't officially get started until Nov. 18, whenever anyone wants to work they can come out, and we will get them started on the stack."

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