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by Scott McCullar

Food bank to benefit from show

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Reporter

A Texas A&M service club is helping to put a little magic in the lives of needy people in the Bryan-College Station community by sponsoring a magic show Friday.

"Faith in Action," an A&M service club, will sponsor the "Stars of Magic" stage show benefitting the Brazos Valley Food Bank at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Bryan Civic Auditorium. Admission will be \$5 a ticket, available at the door. Children under 12 will be admitted for half price.

The show, which will last about two hours, will feature top magicians from around the state, including Kent Cummins, Mike the Magician, and the Great Scott and Judy.

While the audience enjoys the magic and comedy, local needy families will be helped through contributions to the food bank.

Dan Warden, the coordinator of the Brazos Valley Food Bank, says the bank has been a dream of his since he first heard about food banks. Although the bank is relatively new, it has already assisted 12 families and received about a dozen additional requests for help.

The Brazos Valley Food Bank is a non-profit food distribution warehouse system capable of receiving, storing and redistributing large quantities of food to needy people in the community. It is part of a national food bank network designed to allow local citizens to take care of their own needs instead of relying on state and national funds, Warden says.

Another goal of the food bank is to eliminate waste of edible food in the community by encouraging the food industry to donate surplus products to help feed the poor and hungry of the community.

Highlights of the magic show will include fire-eating demonstrations, levitating a person and saving an audience member in half.



Easy living

Program designed to ease off-campus move

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The Off-Campus Center will be presenting a program next week designed to help make the transition from on-campus to off-campus living easier.

The programs will be given at three different times: Sunday at 7 p.m. in the A-1 Lounge, Monday at 7 p.m. in the Commons Piano Lounge, and Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the A-1 Lounge.

Stephanie Palubicki, Off-Campus Center coordinator, says the staff will discuss what students can expect when they move off campus. Students also will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Students need to know the specific things to look for in each lease, Palubicki says. Students are obligated by law to fulfill a lease. If the lease contains a joint liability clause, the remaining tenant will be responsible for the entire rent.

Palubicki says students are left in this situation more than most would like to think. This is one of the reasons the center has developed a roommate tenancy contract.

Palubicki says each resident should fill out the tenancy contract and each should receive a copy. This contract lists terms of the students' agreement, including the period of the agreement; dollar amount for each resident's rent, security deposit, and utilities; and the terms for moving out. But if this contract doesn't work, the center offers roommate mediation.

"It starts them off, talking about things they need to discuss," she says. "Who's going to make the decisions in the household? What if someone wants to bring someone over at two in the morning?"

If there's something that's difficult to understand about the lease, the center asks that students bring it by for clarification.

Students should look in their contracts for clauses about alteration guidelines, repairs and

maintenance, subleasing or re-leasing, regulations, entry, landlord's lien, rental escalation, joint liability utilities, security deposit, description of the premises, and term of agreement.

The Off-Campus Center staff also advises students to read their leases, because, no matter how many leases a student may have read, all leases are not the same.

Students who need to find place to rent can go by the center for a list of available houses, apartments, duplexes, condominiums, rooms in homes, mobile homes and subleases. The center also provides a roommate locator service.

Information about transportation also will be provided to students during these sessions. The cost of a shuttle bus pass during the 1984-85 school year was \$44.50 per semester. Motorcycle permits range from \$10 per semester to \$30 per year, and parking permits for cars range between \$10 and \$60.

The staff at these sessions also will be able to answer questions about Off-Campus Aggies, students' legal advisers, health services, mail, security, fee slips and banking or check cashing.

"It has been really helpful in the past for people who have never lived off campus in Bryan-College Station before," Palubicki says. "Students get a lot for spending about an hour and a half of their time."

Aggies to debate in national tourney

By JUNE PANG  
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The Texas A&M debate team will attend the 98th national debate tournament in Spokane, Wash., through Monday.

The debaters representing the University are Brent Brossmann, a graduating senior in speech communication and Julia Sullivan, a senior English major.

"The debaters have been spending 20 to 40 hours each week on preparing the debate since last summer when the topic was announced," said Wayne Kraemer, debate team leader. "And that was in addition to regular school work they have to do."

This year, the topic to debate is: "Resolved: That the federal government should significantly increase exploration and/or development of space beyond the mesosphere."

Kraemer, a lecturer in the English department, was a debater when he was in college. He has been helping the debaters practice and research their topic.

To participate in the debate, the students must

do a lot of research on space.

"It certainly teaches you how to use the library," Kraemer said.

In debate, the general topic is broken into sub-topics such as:

- probing space to search for life on other planets,
- land-sensing satellites,
- or negotiations between United States and Russia on anti-satellite systems and ballistic missile defense.

Each team has the same chance to be assigned affirmative or negative stands. The affirmative team decides the subtopic of every debate.

The stand of opinions is not the issue. It's how clearly the arguments are presented. A broad knowledge of the topic is important.

"It's like having to take another course," Kraemer said about debate research.

Other than that, good speaking skills, the ability to think clearly under pressure and good analyzing and reasoning skills are all necessary in a debate tournament, he said.

Not every university can enter the national debate tournament. Teams are chosen for the na-

tional tournament in two ways. The top five finishers in each of nine district tournaments automatically qualify. Other teams are chosen by the national debate committee based on the records of applicants in two at-large selection rounds.

A&M qualified as the fifth-place finisher in a district tournament in early March. The national debate tournament will include 62 teams, competing in eight preliminary rounds. The top 16 debate teams will go to finals.

The 16 finalists will then be divided into eight pairs. The losers in the competition will tie for fifth place. The eight winners will compete in the next round. The four losers of the second round will share fourth place, and so on.

Last year, the A&M team did not make it to the finals. This year, Kraemer said he is confident of going to finals but he is not optimistic about winning. "Too many universities have a long tradition of debate which enables them to accumulate experience that A&M does not have, he said. A&M has attended the national tournament only three times.

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