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Kyle Field picked as site of All-University Night

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The first yell practice of the year will be held during All-University Night in Kyle Field at 7:30 tonight. Head yell leader Thomas Buford said that G. Rollie White Coliseum, used for previous years' All-U Night, will not be used this year because the floor of the building is being refinished. Buford said that although the location has changed, the format is the same as in previous years. Buford said All-U Night will familiarize students with University leaders and yells. "The main purpose is to welcome

back returning students and transfer students, but mostly to welcome the class of '89 to Texas A&M," Buford said. "It's a chance for the University to unite."
Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver, Vice President of Student Services John Koldus and Student Body President Sean Royall will greet the students.
For the first time, A&M Volleyball Coach Terry Condon will introduce the women's volleyball team. "We wanted to give the volleyball team some recognition, too," Buford said.
Following Condon, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Jackie

Sherrill will speak and introduce members of the football team. Aggie mascot Reveille will make her first public appearance of the year. The yell practice will conclude the program.
Buford said All-U Night will continue even in the unlikely event of rain. "I guess it could present a problem if it rains," he said. "But we've had yell practice in the rain before."
Buford said that although sections will be reserved to seat the football team and Aggie Band, plenty of seats are available. The gates will open at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday traffic death toll may hit 45 in Texas

Associated Press

A flurry of one-vehicle accidents pushed the holiday traffic death toll in Texas to 31 Sunday, the Department of Public Safety said.
The DPS predicts that 45 people will die by midnight Monday, the end of the 78-hour holiday count that began at 6 p.m. Friday. Many of the accident victims were not wearing seat belts, despite a new law requiring those in the front seat to wear the restraints, said a DPS spokesman.
The seat belt law, passed by the Legislature this spring, went into effect Sunday. The law includes a 90-day grace period before fines can be levied.
The latest fatalities reported by the DPS include:
Cruz Mireles, 27, Nuevas Zacatecas, Mexico, was killed crossing a street in San Antonio. Police said the accident was a hit-and-run.
Mary Lucille Taylor, 53, of Houston, was killed as a passenger in a two-car crash in Leon County about five miles west of Centerville. Another woman in the car, Valerie Gibbs, 50, of Los Alamos, N.M. was critically injured.
Jeffery Lynn Cunningham, 24, of Fairfield, was killed Sunday just west of Fairfield when his car ran off a farm road. The DPS said he was not wearing a seatbelt.

Texas' crime rates rise 2.1 percent from 1983

Associated Press

A resident of Texas had about a one in 17 chance of being a victim of a crime in 1984, up 2.1 percent over 1983, according to the FBI report "Crime in the United States."
But a Texan's chances of being the victim of a violent crime dropped 0.2 percent to about one in 200, the statistics indicated.
Out of every 100,000 residents of the state, 6,030 were victims of crimes in 1984, 505 of them violent, according to the FBI report.
According to the FBI's compilation of 1984 statistics, a Lubbock area resident had the highest chance of being a crime victim, about one in 11, compared with a one in 29 chance in Brazoria, the lowest-rated Texas metropolitan area.
Brazoria reported 3,425 crimes per 100,000 residents in 1984, 295 of them violent. It had the lowest rate per 100,000 residents for robbery, burglary and theft.
Lubbock's statistics showed that 9,121 residents out of 100,000 were victims of crimes, 805 of them violent crimes. The city had the highest rates in the state in the aggravated assault and theft categories.
"I would not accept anyone branding us the crime and sin capital of the world," responded Lubbock police spokesman Bill Morgan.
"I would not take those as absolute gospel because of the possibilities of errors in reporting," Morgan said. "And you can have beneficial rises in the crime rate that reflect better police work and citizen involvement."
"I think at times we take a beating because we don't try to slough any-

thing off," he said.
Houston had the highest murder rate, reporting 609 murders in 1984 for 19 per 100,000 residents.
El Paso had the second-highest statistic of violent crime per 100,000 residents — 736 — though its overall rate of crime per 100,000 — 6,046 — was not among the highest in the state.
The Killeen-Temple area was second lowest in crime rate, with 3,989 crimes per 100,000 residents, and was lowest in violent crimes, reporting 239 violent crimes per 100,000 residents.
Abilene police investigations Capt. Ray Portalatin said his city was the victim of skewed statistics because it erroneously reported such crimes as child molesting in the forcible rape category. Abilene showed the highest rape rate, with 75 per 100,000 residents.
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission was the lowest rated in the rape category, with seven per 100,000 residents.
San Antonio was second-highest in the rape statistics behind Abilene, reporting 70 rapes per 100,000 residents.
Abilene had the lowest murder rate with six for the year, about five per 100,000 residents.
Houston had the highest car theft and robbery rates.
Car theft rates were also generally high along the Texas-Mexico border.
Dallas was second behind Houston in murders, reporting 382 in 1984 for about 18 per 100,000 residents; robberies, with 263 per 100,000 residents; and theft, with 4,830 per 100,000 residents.

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