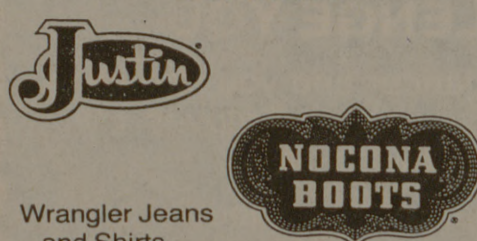


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Lesbians give blood for gay men

Associated Press

DALLAS — A group of lesbians, calling themselves "Blood Sisters," has opened an account with a local blood bank to donate blood for their gay male friends who cannot.

Lesbians, because they rarely have sexual contact with men, are among the groups least likely to carry the virus linked with AIDS, said Dr. Peter Drotman, chief epidemiologist for the AIDS program at the Center For Disease Control in Atlanta.

Most of the Dallas group of lesbians are members of the predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Church.

"When the AIDS thing came along, we said, 'Here's something we can do,'" said church secretary Sue Schraeder.

Homosexual and bisexual men represent nearly three-fourths of the more than 14,000 victims of AIDS in the nation.

Researchers believe acquired immune deficiency syndrome is transmitted through the exchange of body fluid in intimate sexual contact and through blood products or tainted intravenous needles.

The women's group has opened a separate account at the Wadley Blood Bank, but has kept a low profile about their project.

The women pass along a number that designates the blood they give to an account for the 540-member church. The number allows the women to give blood without revealing their affiliation.

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Local food bank, churches will trick-or-treat for charity

By LAURIE MATUSEK
Reporter

The Brazos Food Bank and United Campus Ministry are sponsoring a food drive Wednesday night in College Station and south Bryan.

Mike Stecher, vice president of the Brazos Food Bank, said about 200 students involved with United Campus Ministry and other local religious organizations will be trick-or-treating for canned goods to be given to the food bank.

The Episcopalians will cover the area between Texas Avenue and Dexter Drive, and between Jersey and Holleman streets, Stecher said. The Latter Day Saints will trick-or-treat between Jersey Street and Holleman Drive and between Dexter Drive and Wellborn Road.

The United Campus Ministry will cover Southwood Valley, and the Catholics will collect on University

Drive between College Main and Old College.

"If each student collects 10 cans, the project will be a success," Stecher said. "Many mouths can be fed with 2,000 cans of food."

"Two-thirds of the food collected immediately goes to the food bank, and the other third of the food will be taken to the Memorial Student Center lounge.

"The food in the MSC will be stacked into a pyramid to duplicate the image of the bonfire. Students are asked to contribute canned goods to the pyramid until Thanksgiving."

Mike Miller, director of United Campus Ministry, said he hopes many students will participate in the pyramid project.

"We want to challenge all campus organizations, including dorms, fraternities and sororities, to build the

highest possible pyramid by Thanksgiving," Miller said.

Stecher said the food from the pyramid will then be collected by the food bank and taken to its warehouse where members of the bank will inspect all cans to make sure cans are properly sealed.

The cans will then be given to Twin City Mission and other pantries for direct distribution to needy of Bryan-College Station Stecher said.

Stacy Ikard, a Presbyterian ministry intern for Mike Miller, said great that so many students are participating in Wednesday night food drive.

"I think it's an important project on the part of the students," he said. "There are a lot of hungry people in Brazos County and it is essential for the students to give their support to the food bank since it is only one of its kind in this area."

A&M seeks Cotton Bowl representative

By JEAN MANSAVAGE
Reporter

The Department of Student Activities will begin seeking for a few good women interested in representing Texas A&M at the 1986 Cotton Bowl Friday.

Women who apply to become A&M's 1986 Cotton Bowl representative should have broad knowledge of the University and be able to represent the University in a positive manner, says student activities adviser Jan Paterson.

"Other Southwest Conference schools use their homecoming queen selection process to generate the woman who is that school's representative," Paterson says. "A&M, by not having a homecoming queen,

must have an alternate selection process."

Applications can be picked up in 208 Pavilion. The deadline for application is Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

Paterson says the applications give the selection committee an idea of the woman's written communication skills.

Candidates must interview for the position. Although the committee has yet to choose a date, which the interviews will be conducted on, it has narrowed the prospective days to Nov. 18-21.

"The selection committee is made up of three faculty/staff members and two students," Paterson says.

"The committee will be evaluating the women on their knowledge of Texas A&M, interest in representing

the University, leadership ability, personal appearance, poise, written expression and oral expression," she says.

Last year three girls were interviewed together in one 15 minute interview, Paterson says. It gave the committee a chance to see how the women react in a more intense situation, she says.

Donna Banfield, a senior chemical engineering major, who was an applicant last year, says she believes that type of interview helped the committee to find the woman who is quickest on her toes.

The selection committee will post its decision by Nov. 22.

The woman chosen to represent the University will attend numerous receptions, luncheons and dinners

in the four days before the Cotton Bowl. She also will attend a football game prior to the game.

On New Year's Day, the representative will ride on a float in the Cotton Bowl parade along with other Southwest Conference representatives and attend the football game.

The Cotton Bowl Association handles most of the expenses and provides tickets for the representative and her escort.

Banfield says the experience gives the woman an opportunity to represent a school she believes in.

"The Cotton Princess has a lot at heart that she is not representing herself, but the whole University," Banfield says. "She reflects the tire school."

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