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Arrow causes damage to blimp

By BRIAN PEARSON
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Apparently it's open blimp season someone in Brazos County. University Police reported that sometime between late Friday night and 6 a.m. Saturday, somebody shot three razor-tipped hunting arrows at the Goodyear blimp "America" while it was sitting on the ground at Easterwood Airport. The blimp was in College Station to cover the Texas A&M-Arkansas football game Satur-

day. Bob Wiatt, director of Security and Traffic at Texas A&M, said two of the arrows struck the ground near the blimp and the other struck one side of the giant helium balloon, went through and dropped down to the bottom.

"They had to go and cut some sections of the blimp out from underneath it to get that arrow out," Wiatt said.

He said the damage was discovered at 6 a.m. Saturday by a blimp crew member. The crew member discovered the two arrows on the ground, looked up and saw the hole caused by the third arrow.

"There was considerable damage done to the blimp," Wiatt said. There was some concern on the part of the Goodyear people that the blimp would not fly (in the rain) with the loss of helium.

The arrow that struck the blimp caused about \$5,000 damage, Wiatt said.

Wiatt said a suspect would be charged with third-degree felony. A third degree felony carries prison sentence of from two to 10 years.

He said there are no suspects in the case and he has no idea what direction the arrows came from. "Why people get pleasure out of this I do not know," Wiatt said. "Somebody thought it was good fun to try to stick an arrow into the blimp."

He said the Goodyear people were not shocked by the incident.

"They said that its not unusual," he said. "Wherever the blimp parks, people throw things at it, shoot BB guns at it and do other things."



Photo by JON P. KARP

Push!

With one week to go until Bonfire '86 burns, the push is on out at Duncan Field. During push, Texas A&M students work around the clock to build the stack.

Leaders hold private talks, fireside chat

Associated Press

GENEVA — President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, agreeing they "must achieve decisions together," met face-to-face for the first time Tuesday and plunged into a series of "business-like" discussions behind the curtain of a news blackout.

Arms control issues were on the agenda for the first day of the summit, but there was no public word on developments. The day ended with Reagan and Gorbachev sitting down for an unscheduled 50-minute fireside chat.

"I think we will have a good relationship," Swiss television quoted Gorbachev as saying of Reagan. It was one of the few breaks of the blackout, which the White House said underscored the "seriousness" of negotiations between the super-power leaders.

While posing for pictures at the beginning of a private dinner, the Soviet leader was asked why he had spent so much time alone with Reagan.

"We think it's useful to have face-to-face contact," he replied.

When Reagan was asked if the pair had made progress during the day, he said with a grin, "We're smiling."

The summit is scheduled to end

today, with the possibility of a "public reporting session" on Thursday morning, according to White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

On Tuesday, the leaders were scheduled to hold a 15-minute get-acquainted chat in the morning before joining six advisers from each side to begin the formal talks devoted to a two-hour review of U.S.-Soviet relations.

The first tete-a-tete stretched into an hour-long meeting in a small room of the lakeside villa adjacent to the formal meeting room.

And in what Speakes called a "clearly unexpected development," Reagan ended the afternoon session by inviting Gorbachev to join him for a walk through the garden down to the shore of Lake Geneva.

He said the two men took a five-minute stroll leading to a pool house, which they entered and sat down by a fire burning in the fireplace.

In describing the meetings, Speakes said, "The tone was good, the exchanges were good, the opportunity for both to talk with each other concerning these major issues was carried on in an atmosphere which the general secretary has described as 'businesslike,' which we agree is an appropriate description."

Texaco ordered to pay Pennzoil \$10.5 billion

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texaco Inc. deliberately interfered in a binding 1984 merger agreement between Pennzoil Co. and Getty Oil Co., a state district court jury unanimously ruled Tuesday in awarding Pennzoil \$10.53 billion in damages.

After hearing more than four months of testimony, jurors deliberated nine hours over three days before deciding that Texaco should pay \$7.5 billion in actual damages and \$3 billion in punitive damages.

Spectators who packed the small courtroom gasped as Judge Solomon Caseb of San Antonio announced the jury's award, believed by attorneys to be the largest ever.

"I think they've done Pennzoil and this nation a very big favor by reaffirming the standards by which American businesses conduct themselves," Pennzoil Chairman J. Hugh Liedtke said before leaving for an afternoon board meeting.

Texaco attorney Richard Miller said he was "flabbergasted" at the verdict.

"We felt and still strongly believe that we don't owe Pennzoil anything. We're sorry the jury didn't see it our way," he said.

Texaco Vice Chairman James Kinnear said the jury's verdict would be appealed.

"The jury's decision is unjustified and not supported by the evidence," Kinnear said. "I continue to have faith in the judicial process of this country and we will use all remedies available to us."

Asked about the financial impact of the verdict, Kinnear replied, "We haven't paid Pennzoil a penny yet."

Caseb set a Dec. 5 hearing to decide whether to enter a final judgment approving the award.

"In case they lose, we'll make sure we have the money," said Pennzoil attorney Joe Jamail.

Hensel Park exhibitionist suspect held

By BRIAN PEARSON
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A tradition of exhibitionism at Hensel Park may have ended Monday when University Police apprehended a suspect who they said has told them he has been exposing himself to people and eluding police for six years.

Bob Wiatt, director of Security and Traffic at Texas A&M, says the suspect — a 32-year-old, 5-foot-6, 130-pound black male — told police he has exposed himself to people, especially women, in Hensel Park from two to four times a month over the years.

The arrest was the result of a Monday afternoon stakeout in the South College Avenue park by two camouflaged University policemen, Wiatt says.

Wiatt would not release the name of the suspect.

"They (policemen) entered the park in the late afternoon, stayed there for awhile and then they saw a black male wandering through the treelines and acting in a furtive manner," Wiatt says.

He says the suspect was fully clothed at the time.

Wiatt says the policemen, Sgt. Bobby Williams and officer Rich Lewis, watched the suspect walk around in the brush until 5:45 p.m.

No women were in the park, Wiatt says, so the policemen called in officer Betty Lemay. Lemay arrived at the park wearing civilian clothes.

"As she got out of her car, this individual who was ducking in and out of bushes appeared to be removing his shirt," Wiatt says. "Unfortunately, he stepped behind a bush..."

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9th annual Smokeout seeking Butt-Dumpers

By TONY CORNETT
Reporter

Christmas has Santa Claus, Easter has the Easter Bunny. The Great American Smokeout has Butt-Dumpers.

Butt-Dumper is the official designation for the local participant in Thursday's 9th Annual Great American Smokeout, the day the sponsoring American Cancer Society hopes cigarette smokers will take a break from smoking and possibly crush out their last cigarette butt.

Brazos County GASO Chairman and KORA-FM Program Director Roy Gene Munse came up with the Butt-Dumper name and says the event is not set up to be a day to hassle smokers.

"You'll find some overzealous nonsmokers who'll irritate some smokers," Munse says, "but for the most part, the smokers humor us throughout the day. It's not meant to be a confrontation with them. We're trying to sym-

pathize with smokers because we understand how hard it is for them to quit smoking.

"GASO is a public education event that's designed to call attention to the health hazards of smoking. The tobacco companies have zillions of dollars to spend on advertising to get you to smoke and this is our yearly advertising campaign for non-smoking."

There are several ways to par-



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Free Speech Day

Students, organization representatives speak out at Rudder

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND
Staff Writer

Aggie notables — who are seeking action, understanding and support — delivered speeches Tuesday from Rudder Fountain.

Leaders from NOW, Students Against Apartheid, Gay Student Services, and spectators voiced their opinions in the Free Speech Day sponsored by MSC Great Issues.

Representatives from NOW spoke of the birth control issue at Texas A&M.

NOW member Rick Aronstein said women are only able get one type of birth control — the pill — from the A.P. Beutel Health Center. He said women want and need other types of birth control.

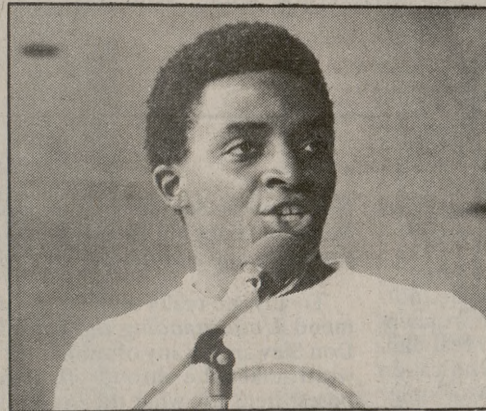
Besides only the pill being offered, Aronstein said there is no counseling on other types of birth control at the center. Women are not being made aware of all their options, he said.

Aronstein also said the hiring of a pediatrician is not a satisfactory answer to the problem of birth control.

"There is a lot of misdiagnosis at the health center," Aronstein said.

Aronstein also called for a Rape Crisis Center on campus and said campus police are mistaken if they believe there is no rape at Texas A&M.

Aronstein said he knows a woman who was raped last year and was turned away by the health-



Norman Muraya delivers a speech

center when she asked for treatment. Instead, he said, the woman went to a local hospital.

"Rape is bad bull, Ags," Aronstein said. "We need a Rape Crisis Center to help deal with the problem."

Marco Roberts, president of Gay Student Services, argued against the fairness of laws that prevent sexual relations between people of the same sex. Roberts said Statute 2106, Texas' sodomy law, is unfair.

He said the law allows certain sexual acts be-

tween heterosexuals, while preventing the same acts between homosexuals.

Roberts also called for an open debate on homosexuality, but said he doubted heterosexuals would be willing.

"Why do people not want an open debate on homosexuality?" Roberts asked. "Are they that unsure that their own beliefs are true? Given a clear choice are they that afraid that people might choose homosexuality?"

Roberts said homosexuals are not the only cause for the spread of AIDS. He placed the blame on America's lifestyle.

"Homosexuals aren't spreading AIDS, promiscuity is," Roberts said.

Roberts said homosexuals would win any debate because they are honest about their beliefs and he encouraged other homosexuals to quit hiding.

"Stop begging for acceptance," Roberts said. "Stop apologizing for who you are. Understand our real enemies are gays who have made it in life but won't help us."

Students Against Apartheid said its enemies are the South African government and those who support it.

Norman Muraya said Texas A&M should divest its \$2.95 million investments in companies that do business in South Africa.

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