

# State and Local

## Helping international students adjust

By Carla Crawford  
Reporter

Leaving home to go to college is hard for anyone, but for the 1600 international students attending Texas A&M, the International Student Services Department makes things a little easier. Tina Watkins, international student adviser, says many support groups at A&M and in the community help students adjust. Students from more than 100 countries attend A&M and 47 clubs have formed to represent particular countries, Watkins says. She says the clubs offer a support system by helping new stu-

dents find housing and meet people from their own country. Amer Benali, a senior environmental design major from Libya, has been in America for four years, but says leaving home was difficult. "You wouldn't believe how much I cried when I was coming here," he says. "Every mile the plane took, I wondered if I'd ever go home." He says he still has occasional battles with homesickness, but feels that College Station is his second home. During the recent Libyan conflict, Benali, who is active in SCONA, says he received a lot of

support and concern from other members wanting to know how he was doing. But Benali says he sometimes has problems communicating with American students. One big communication gap for foreign students is American humor, he says. "I've tried reading the cartoons in the paper and I don't understand them so they're not funny," he says. "Things that are funny to us are not funny to Americans." The International Student Association is open to all international students and has a council made up of the presidents of each country's club, Watkins says.

Tau Kappa, a junior honor society, helps integrate foreign students into the University by helping students with their English before the students begin classes. The members also meet individually with students once a week to talk, Watkins says. "Not only does this help them learn English, but they learn about the school, how to do things American and slang expressions," she says. Friendship International, a group of interested students on campus, has also taken foreign students as English partners and does much the same thing as Tau Kappa, she says.

## Organizers urge Farm Aid II fans to form car pools

AUSTIN (AP) — Farm Aid II organizers are urging the thousands of music fans expected to attend the concert to form car pools to head off a traffic jam around the concert site. More than 28,000 tickets have been sold for the 18-hour concert, which will be held Friday at the Manor Downs race track east of Austin, said Sally Hinkle, a Farm Aid spokeswoman. Gates open at 6 a.m. for the concert, which begins at 7 a.m. Even at that early hour, however, fans are being encouraged to share cars to keep traffic down as much as possible, Hinkle said.

"When they see what is going to go on, they will have wished they had," she said. Farm Aid organizers also are advising motorists planning to travel from Austin to Houston to take alternate routes and avoid U.S. 290, which is expected to be packed with Farm Aid traffic. To help ease congestion, Austin's Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority was considering offering shuttle bus service to and from the concert, Farm Aid organizers said. Landowners in the Manor Downs area have donated use of their land for parking within walking distance of the concert site. Motorists will be allowed to park beginning at 6 a.m., Hinkle said. Farm Aid II originally was planned for Memorial Stadium on the University of Texas campus. In-

ability to obtain liability insurance forced organizers to announce that it would move to South Park Meadows, a 60-acre outdoor concert site six miles south of Austin. But insurance problems also developed, and the Manor Downs site finally was selected. The concert, headed up by singer Willie Nelson, is the second Farm Aid benefit held in less than a year. The first Farm Aid event was held last September at Champaign, Ill., and raised about \$9 million for America's family farmers, Nelson said. Farm Aid II will feature some 75 musical acts, including the Beach Boys, Alabama, Roseanne Cash, Judy Collins, Rita Coolidge, Mac Davis, Joe Ely, Arlo Guthrie, Emmylou Harris, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Julio Iglesias, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, Delbert McClinton, John Cougar Mellencamp, Gary P. Nunn, Bonnie Raitt, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jerry Jeff Walker, X and Neil Young. The strain on the Manor telephone system was eased this week with installation of a microwave tower system to transmit telephone signals to more sophisticated equipment at Pflugerville. Farm Aid II communications coordinator Mark Woodward said the microwave tower was needed to handle the increased volume and features needed by the press, television and production crews covering the concert.

## A&M student volunteers provide medical aid

By Cheryl Clements  
Reporter

The Texas A&M Emergency Care Team (TAMECT) is a group of 80 volunteer students who provide medical assistance for student organization activities and operate the University ambulance service. TAMECT Deputy Chief Ken Hutchenrider says that the care team provides emergency medical attention for A&M football games, bonfire, sorority and fraternity events and all University functions. The group also operates the two A&M ambulances. All students who have paid their health center fees are entitled to free ambulance service on campus and, if needed, free transportation to a local hospital, Hutchenrider adds. Nathan Schwade, chief of ambu-

lance operations, said that TAMECT has the quickest response time of any medical team in this area for the students. If a student was to dial the emergency 911 number, Schwade says, TAMECT would be the first ambulance to respond. The students in TAMECT are trained in medical care, but they don't have to be pre-med majors. "TAMECT is an extremely diverse group of students. Members range from business majors to pre-vet students. Most of the people become involved in TAMECT because they have an interest in community service. Very few of them have aspirations of being an ambulance driver for the rest of their life," Schwade says. To become a member of the team a student must be interviewed by

one of the organization's elected officials. Phillip Nessler, a care team captain, says the interview's main purpose is to give the interviewee an idea of what the care team is like and what is expected of its members. "TAMECT takes up a lot of a student's time, so when people are interviewed for the team, the elected officials try to let people know just how much time in the week TAMECT will consume," Nessler says. "Most of the people who interview for TAMECT are accepted," he says. "The people interviewed who are not accepted usually reach an agreement with TAMECT officials that they aren't right for the team. They may not have realized exactly what TAMECT was." Schwade says that students who

are accepted are considered probationary members of the team for their first semester. During this probationary semester, the students are trained in standard first aid and CPR, he says, and many of them continue their medical training and become certified by the Texas Department of Health. Dr. Claude Goswick has been TAMECT's faculty adviser during the team's ten-year existence. "TAMECT is a dedicated group of young adults," Goswick says. "They have accepted a great amount of responsibility, and I have at no time questioned the competence of the students. The organization has been an absolute success. The students are doing an excellent job. Absolutely unqualified!"

## What's up

Wednesday

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** applications for External Communications and Public Relations will be available through the summer months. Please come by 221 Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to pick up applications. For more information call 845-3051.

**A&M CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** will present "The Ultimate Cost of Freedom" at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Blocker.

**SAILING CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder. For more information call Tim, 696-8642.

Thursday

**BRAZOS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:** meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the College Station Community Center. Beginners are welcome.

Saturday

**SAILING CLUB:** will sponsor a weekend outing on Lake Somerville at Overlook Park all day Saturday until noon Sunday. For more information call Tim, 696-8642.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

## Hermann estate seeks \$3.8 million from former trustee

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for the Hermann Hospital Estate want a judge to issue a \$3.8 million judgment against former trustee John B. Coffee in connection with a stock sale that a jury found he benefited from personally. Attorneys for the state's largest

charitable foundation on Monday also asked State District Judge William N. Blanton to order Coffee's co-defendant, Neill Amsler Jr., a former estate executive vice president, to pay \$200,000. In May, a jury found that Coffee, 74, engaged in self-dealing while

serving as a trustee. The estate acquired \$2.8 million in unmarketable stocks under Coffee's direction, according to the jury findings. The jury also assessed \$1 million in exemplary damages against Coffee and \$200,000 against Amsler.

But Mike Caddell, Amsler's attorney, argued that his client should not be legally liable for any damages in the case because a two-year statute of limitation expired before the estate sued Amsler. The statute, therefore, would nullify the \$200,000 award, he said.

## Public TV problems

Stations in oil-producing states get ready for tighter budgets

(AP) — When the oil industry hurts, public television yells "ouch!" It's not so much the national programming that has suffered, however, but the stations in states where oil once was king. The rapid drop in world oil prices has cut into state revenues in Alaska, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, and many public TV stations will be living with tighter budgets in the new fiscal year which began Tuesday. Farm problems have hurt stations in Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. "We're in the oil and gas business and we just didn't know it," said Terrell L. Cass, president and general manager of KEDT in Corpus Christi, where more than half the

staff has been laid off since January. Donations to KUHT in Houston fell \$500,000 during the past fiscal year, or nearly 30 percent, and its budget is being cut 11 percent for the new year. General manager James L. Bauer said, "We are reflecting what is happening in the oil industry, and it looks like it is going to be trouble." In Dallas, however, KERA will spend \$12.5 million in the new fiscal year, compared with \$9.9 million last year. More than half the increase is for production of national programming, including the fall series "The West of the Imagination," and the new productions are fully underwritten by corporate and foundation grants, said Richard Meyer, the station's president.

Nationally, Mobil is continuing to support "Masterpiece Theater" and Chevron is not cutting its support for the National Geographic specials, but Exxon will phase out its support for "Great Performances." Exxon will contribute \$3.6 million for "Great Performances" again this fiscal year, but that will fall to \$1.2 million in the next year and nothing the year after. However, Exxon is committed to \$1.2 million per year for "Live from Lincoln Center" through the 1989-90 fiscal year, said communications manager Ken Kansas. Among the major producers, WNET in New York has cut its budget and staff for the new year, but WGBH in Boston, KERA in Dallas, WTTW in Chicago, WQED in Pitts-

burgh and KCET in Los Angeles will be spending more than last year. Henry Becton, WGBH president and general manager, said, "I don't think there is a general cutback in public broadcasting." It's a different story in the oil belt. Alaska's public broadcasters get up to 90 percent of their funds from the state, which in turn gets 85 percent of its money from North Slope oil revenues. Every \$1 drop in the price of a barrel of crude oil deprives the state of \$150 million a year. With oil prices down nearly 50 percent since December, Alaskan officials expect to cut more than \$1.1 billion from operating and capital budgets by the end of fiscal 1987.

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