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Man-made lake controls flooding, provides fishing

By Mark Figart
Reporter

At a lakeside marina, boats trickle in as the sun slips behind the trees. Fish tales echo across a calm lake as fishermen exchange the day's events. Some have had a better day than others, but they'll all tell you that Lake Somerville usually means good fishing.

What they probably won't mention, though, is that Lake Somerville does more than provide recreation to thousands of tourists and locals annually. Some of them, in fact, don't know why the lake came into existence.

"Flood control and water supply are the primary reasons the Somerville project was ever undertaken," says Martin Gustafson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoir manager. "The recreation aspect is merely a byproduct."

Back at the marina, an old man stood on the corner of the dock with a cane pole held patiently over the surface of the water.

"I just come here to catch my supper," he says. "Couldn't care less about flood control."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, maintains 21 other similar projects in Texas that were responsible for about \$216 million in flood damage prevention in 1986, and almost \$2 billion since their construction.

Corps of Engineers economists determine the dollar value of flood damage prevention by observing high water flow on a given stream and estimating the value of property which would have been damaged had the project not been in place.

"The planning, design, and implementation of a project is a complex process," Gustafson says. Generally, he says, the project is initiated by local residents who perceive that a problem exists.

Through government channels an initial study is funded which, upon congressional authorization, may lead to construction.

Somerville Dam was built by the Corps of Engineers between 1962 and 1967. It provides flood protection or assistance in reducing flood damages for almost 900,000 acres of land along the Brazos River and Yegua Creek, a principal tributary of the Brazos.

Since its construction, it has prevented over \$31 million in flood damages, \$717,500 in 1986 alone. It also serves as a water supply for Brenham.

"I had no idea that Somerville was a flood control project," Peter Siegel, a junior math major, says. "It's something you never really think about when you're out there on the lake. I'm just glad it's there."

Dallas County employees to pay for '976' phone use

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County employees who call "976" numbers at \$2 each during working hours will have to pay for the calls, say county auditors who are tallying up the damage to government phone bills.

In December, county employees calling from more than 100 extensions made more than 300 calls to the seven-digit numbers that connect them with a pre-recorded message on anything from soap operas to Bible readings, officials say.

County Auditor Joe Jack Mills said county workers will have to

come up with the cash to pay for the calls, in accordance with a policy issued in mid-November.

But Mills doesn't expect to be paid for all the calls.

"A lot of people were duped into making the calls," said Mills, explaining that pranksters in some offices may have tricked unsuspecting co-workers by leaving phony messages to call the 976 numbers.

The number dialed most often by county employees is that of the "Love Doctor," who offers X-rated advice over the phone, officials said.

Week devoted to raising Muster awareness

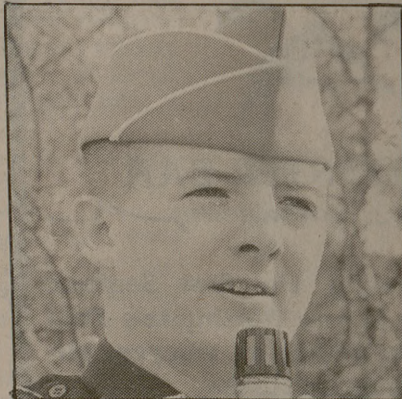
By Doug Driskell
Reporter

Although Aggie Muster occurs all over the world, many students graduate without knowing anything about the tradition, a Muster committee member told the crowd at Sully's Symposium Wednesday afternoon.

Committee member Thomas Hanes, appearing as part of a campaign to increase student awareness about Muster, said, "We want to get the students involved now so throughout their lives they will participate in and carry on this tradition."

Committee member Russell Pulliam said there is a table in the MSC hallway to inform students and answer any questions they may have about Muster.

Aggie Muster was first held in 1883 when former students got to-



Russell Pulliam

gather to relive their victories and defeats both on the drill field and in the classroom. Banquets and parties were held during the commencement activities, Pulliam said.

An incident in 1903 made Muster what it is today, he said.

Restaurant Report

By Curtis L. Culberson
Staff Writer

The College Station restaurants listed below were inspected Jan. 20 through Jan. 27 by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment reports.

SCORED BETWEEN 95 AND 100:

Domino's Pizza at 1504 Holleman Drive was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 96. Two points were subtracted from the report because pizza toppings were not covered. An additional two points were deducted in the report for minor violations.

Mario & Son's Pizzeria at 405 W. University Drive was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 96. A two-point violation was cited on the report because a salad bar needed a breath shield. Two additional points were subtracted on the report for minor violations.

SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND 95:

Wingjoint at 315 W. University Drive was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 95. Two points were subtracted in the report because restrooms needed soap and self-closing doors. An additional two-point violation was cited in the report because the wash-rinse-sanitize dishwashing process was not used. One point was deducted from the report for a minor violation.

Michael's Restaurant at 2406C S. Texas Ave. was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 95. A five-point violation was cited in the report because some sauerkraut was spoiled.

SCORED BETWEEN 80 AND 85:

Chinese Fast Food at 8816 Wellborn Rd. was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 82. Two five-point violations were cited in the report because some chicken was not cooled in a refrigerator and an employee was smoking in a kitchen area. There also were three two-point violations cited in the report because some equipment was dirty, garbage cans needed cleaning and food was uncovered and stored on the floor. An additional two points were deducted from the report for minor violations.

SCORED BETWEEN 70 AND 75:

David Jefferson, a registered sanitarian at the department, says restaurants with scores of 95 or above generally have excellent operations and facilities. Jefferson says restaurants with scores in the 70s or low 80s usually have serious violations in the health report.

Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says because restaurants can get the same score by having several minor violations or a few major violations. He says the major violations can be corrected during the inspection. Point deductions, or violations, in the report range from one point (minor violation) to five points (major violation).

Jefferson says the department might close a restaurant if the score is below 60, the personnel has infectious diseases, the restaurant has adequate refrigeration, there is a sewage backup in the building, the restaurant has a complete lack of sanitization for the food equipment.

The department inspects each restaurant every six months. Jefferson says a follow-up inspection is sometimes required if a restaurant has a four- or five-point violation that cannot be corrected during the inspection, or if there are numerous small violations.

Inspectors at the department are registered sanitarians.

Former Texas A&M president Davis F. Houston scheduled classes on what was traditionally a track and field day held to commemorate San Jacinto Day. The Corps of Cadets stormed the president's house insisting upon some observance of the battle that won Texas its independence. It was agreed that April 21 would be a time to honor Aggies who had died in the past year.

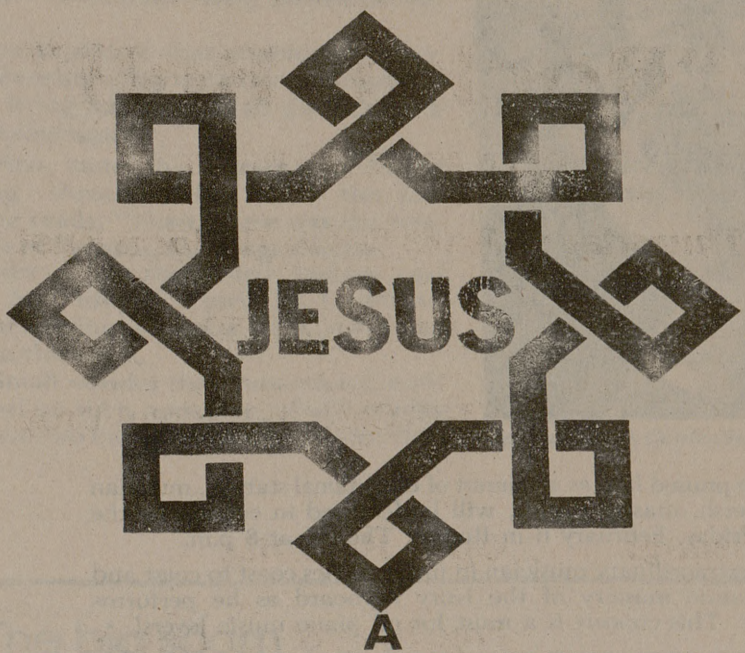
Aggie Muster achieved international recognition in 1942, when 25 Aggies under the command of General George Moore, Class of '08, held Muster while under Japanese fire on Corregidor Island in the Philippines. Subsequently, each of them was captured by the Japanese or killed, Pulliam said.

Although Muster ceremonies around the world are like reunions, Pulliam said, the A&M ceremony is solemn. A speech is given and then a roll call is taken for all of the de-

ceased Aggies who lived in Brazos County or who have been reported to be in the campus Muster. At that time a candle is lighted to signify that they are still with us in heaven. The committee invites the families of the deceased to hold the candle. The speaker for this year's Muster has not been determined and will be announced later, Pulliam said.

More than 8,000 people attended Muster at G. Rollie White Center in 1986. The committee hopes people will come as a result of Muster Awareness Week, Pulliam said.

Muster will be held on April 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Center. Hanes said. In April, a map of Texas will be posted in the MSC Plaza showing where musters will be held in Texas. Any information regarding musters held around the world is attainable at the Association of Muster Students Office.



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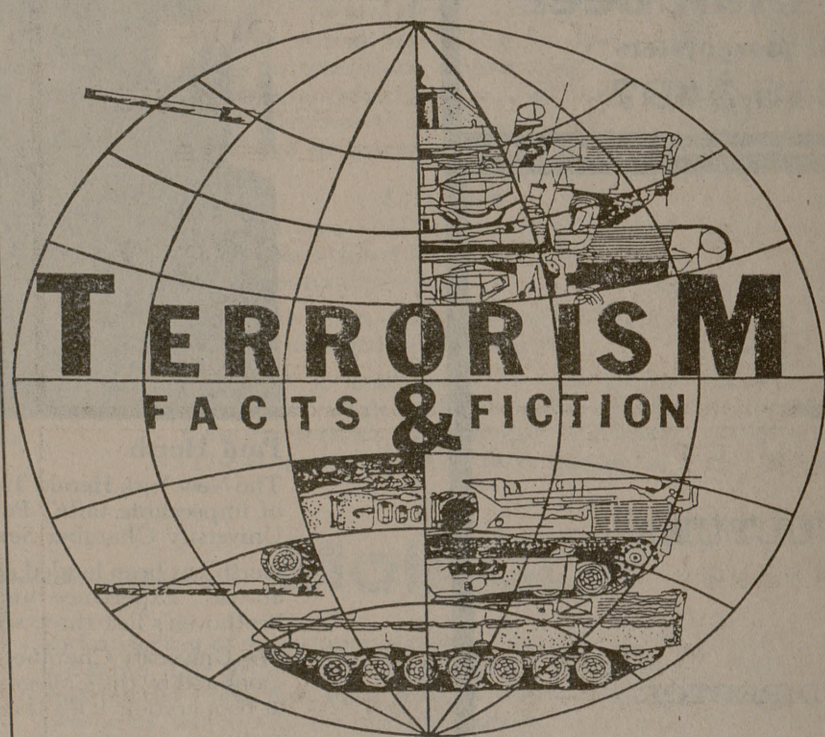
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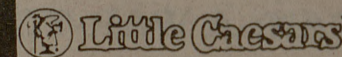
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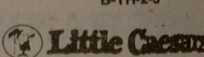
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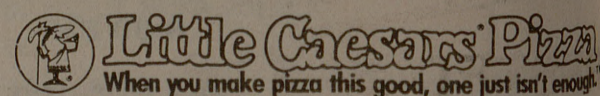
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