

## In Advance

### Corps to raise money in Brazos march

The Corps of Cadets will raise funds for the Brazos Valley March of Dimes during its annual March to the Brazos on Saturday. Corps Cmdr. Patrick Thomason said the cadets solicit donations from local business, faculty members, former students and parents. In the last 11 years the Corps has raised about \$250,000 for the March of Dimes.

The 14-mile march, seven miles out and seven miles back, originated in 1908 on April Fool's Day, he said.

"The cadets were rowdy, so the school administration organized an activity to get them out of town and out of trouble," he said.

The march was stopped in 1915 because a student drown, but it was started again 60 years later as a means of helping the March of Dimes, he said.

Current company commanders will announce leadership positions for next year during the march, he said.

"This day is a big step in a Corps career," he said. "Sophomores will gain most of the recognition, because they are stepping into junior positions."

Jay Kregel, Corps administrative sergeant and sub-chairman for March of the Brazos committee, said, "The seniors will march out and then will ride back, the juniors will lead the Corps back and the juniors, sophomores and freshman will all be wearing their new rank and insignias."

The cadets will compete in a tug-of-war competition, stretcher races and foot races.

The Confederate Air Force will put on an air show and military reserve organizations will simulate ground assaults, he said. A Bradley fighting vehicle, a tank and an Apache helicopter will be on display.

The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders will be there to sign autographs and T-shirts, he said.

# Anniversary ball marks 50 years of incorporation

By Mary-Lynne Rice  
Staff Writer

More than 200 people will help celebrate College Station's 50th anniversary of incorporation at a golden anniversary ball tonight.

The sold-out formal dinner and dance, sponsored by the City of College Station and the College Station Community Center, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the center. Decorations will include depictions of each of the five decades of the city's history.

Proceeds from the ball will support a lecture series and historical video, said Gracie Calbert, supervisor of the center and ball coordinator.

"We're looking for people who lived here in 1938," she said. "We'd like to hear the memories of these people, who were perhaps born on campus, who went to school during the military days, who grew up in that lifetime."

Television and radio monitors will record each lecture, which will be used for a multi-media slide presentation, Calbert said.

"That way, we can also include music and pictures from history and from the archives while the speaker speaks," she said.

The ball is one of several commemorations of College Station's incorporation, she said, which include a calendar of homes and a pictorial history book — College Station, Texas: 1938-1988 — by Deborah Lynn Balliew. Balliew's book traces College Station history from the establishment of A&M through each of its administrations to the present.

Since 1876, when 106 students arrived at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station has grown steadily — now with almost 53,000 residents and a University student body of nearly 40,000.

With the completion of Highway 6 in 1936, the small college town that began as a railroad depot opened a future of population growth and community expansion.

As the college grew so did residential and business areas. By the 1930s, residents saw the need to create a municipality to offer government services. Balliew writes that in March of 1938, a group representing different community and campus interests presented an incorporation proposal to the A&M Board of Directors. If approved, they said, the government would focus on the community and not interfere with the college's administration.

The benefits offered by the creation of a municipality included the improvement of public health and sanitation standards, regulation of

traffic, provision of police and fire protection and establishment of a school district.

After more than 60 years of existence, an October 1938 vote of 217-39 approved the incorporation of College Station. The city's first mayor, John H. Binney, and five aldermen were elected, all of them A&M faculty members. In 1939, Balliew writes, they drew up College Station's first budget — allotting \$4,320 for city expenses.

Although A&M has remained College Station's focus in following decades, it has become more independent and has taken a less prominent role in municipal affairs, said Gary Halter, mayor from 1980-1986 and chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee.

College Station has gone from a community where the University was a central focal point for life, social activity and recreational activity to now playing a much smaller role," he said.

"A&M is still a very important part of the community, but now it is becoming an independent entity," he said. "And College Station is becoming an independent city with its own identity."

### Museum owner in North Texas dies at 101

McKINNEY (AP) — Bessie Heard, who endowed her hometown with a wildlife sanctuary and natural science museum, has died at the age of 101, a museum spokesman said Wednesday.

"She will be missed," said Steve R. Rannels, the Heard Museum's director of development. A funeral was scheduled 30 miles north of Dallas today for Heard, who died Tuesday night at her home.

In 1964, she endowed the museum that sits on a 266-acre wildlife sanctuary, including more than five miles of nature trails.

Volunteer guides take groups ranging from Cub Scouts to senior citizens on one of six different trails showing native North Texas vegetation, wildlife, geology and ecology, Rannels said. More than 40,000 visitors tour each year.

### A&M to see Mexican-American impact

By Anita Rodriguez  
Reporter

A two-day conference on the "Mexican-American Impact on Politics," featuring former Governor of New Mexico Toney Anaya speaking on the future of politics, will take place at Texas A&M Monday and Tuesday.

The conference is sponsored by CAMAC and will cover in-depth views concerning Mexican-Americans by a variety of local and state politicians, as well as key figures in Mexican-American organizations.

The conference, which is free to the public, will include the following programs:

- Ernesto Cortez, A&M Class of '63 and the founder of Citizens Organized for Public Service, will speak on "Local Politics" Monday at 3 p.m. in MSC 206.

- Sen. Hector Uribe of Brownsville and Sen. Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi will speak on the "Texas Legislature" Monday at 7:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Uribe and Truan will be available to answer questions at 4:30 p.m. Monday in 206 MSC.

- Uribe currently serves as vice chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, while Truan is involved with both the Finance and Education Committees.

- Tony Bonilla, who serves as the head of the Texas League of United Latin American Countries, and Andrew Hernandez of the Southwest Texas Voter Regis-

tration will speak on "History" Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in 206 MSC. LULAC is a non-partisan organization, which assists needy Mexican-Americans and has established educational and community programs. STVR provides voter information on issues concerning Mexican-Americans.

- Norma Cantu, who serves as the head of the San Antonio Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Bryan City Councilman Helen Chavarría will speak on "Women in Politics" Tuesday at 3 p.m. in 206 MSC. MALDEF serves to protect the rights of Mexican-Americans by providing legal council and defense, and to aid Mexican-American youths who are studying to become lawyers.

- Pedro Ruiz Garza, the president of Policy Research Group, Inc. and Anaya, who is a former governor of New Mexico, will speak on "The Future of Politics" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 201 MSC. Anaya and Garza will be available to answer questions Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in 206 MSC.

Cathy Valenzuela, chairman of the MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture, said the conference is unique in that this is the first time that CAMAC has used outside funding of approximately \$1,500 from individual donations to help curb program expenses. The donation revenue will be used to supplement the funds from CAMAC's MSC budget.

### 8-year-old lemonade salesman may lose business in move

FORT WORTH (AP) — Famed 8-year-old lemonade salesman J.J. Merrick beat City Hall to keep his lucrative stand open, but he may have trouble going up against his parents.

The Merricks must decide in the next few months whether they want to buy the house they have been renting on one of Fort Worth's most-traveled residential thoroughfares, or move to

another home. For J.J., that decision could mean the end of his business.

J.J. and his brothers, Chip, 15, and Ty, 6, have sold lemonade and homemade chocolate-chip cookies from a stand in front of their home on Hulen Street for the past three years. Considered the "driving force" behind the venture, J.J. has raised money for family vacations and a home computer through his sales.

This week, J.J. was bringing in about \$25 a day from his stand, which has brought in as much as \$110 in a single day.

Last year, the stand attracted considerable media attention when the city closed the operation for a zoning violation — operating a commercial enterprise on residential property. Authorities later decided the zoning ordinance did not apply to single-station lemonade stands operated by children.

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#### TAX REFORM CHANGES FILING REQUIREMENTS

In the past, tax filing season hasn't meant much to most college students. Generally, their standard deduction, or "zero bracket amount" as it was called before tax reform, combined with their personal exemption, relieved most students of the obligation to file a return, even if they held part-time jobs. When college students did file a return, it was usually just to obtain a refund of taxes withheld. Tax time worries were something gladly left to the older generation.

Unfortunately, thanks to tax reform, college students may now join their elders in grappling with the Internal Revenue Service. This year, millions of collegians who have never filed a federal tax return before will need to do so, and what's worse they'll probably owe some tax.

Why the change? The answer lies in the dual concepts of personal exemption and standard deduction. A general rule (with some exceptions) of taxation is that a person need not file a federal return until his or her income exceeds the combined total of his or her personal exemption and standard deduction. Under the old rules, a college student, assuming he or she wasn't married, could claim a personal exemption of \$1,080 plus a standard deduction of \$2,480 for a total of \$3,560. Thus, as long as the student's gross income remained under that figure, no tax return was required and the student escaped federal income taxes altogether.

Now let's look at the new rules. First, most college students will no longer be allowed to claim their own personal exemption. Under tax reform, anyone who is claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return may no longer claim his or her personal exemption. Because most collegians are dependents of their parents, their personal exemption is gone.

The situation with the standard deduction is a bit more complicated. The standard deduction of a dependent college student, or any other single dependent for that matter, is the larger of \$500 or his or her earned income, but cannot exceed \$2,540. The 1987 standard deduction for single taxpayers who are not dependents. Thus, with no personal exemption and reduced standard deduction, many college students who had no need to file a 1986 return will need to file a 1987 return.

Here's an example. A sophomore at Dismal Seepage Ag and Tech, we'll call her Esmerelda, is dependent on her parents' tax return. During summer vacation, she earned \$700 working a part time job. She also received \$22 taxable interest from her savings account. Esmerelda's personal exemption is zero (she's a dependent) and her standard deduction is \$700 (the larger of \$500 or her earned income). What's left over? The \$22 interest income, of course, and she'll have to pay tax on that amount. Esmerelda must file a federal tax return, and what's more, she'll pay two dollars tax to Uncle Sam.

Most college students, even if they must file a tax return, will be like Esmerelda—they won't actually pay much tax, but they will have the hassle of filing.

For help with your tax return H&R Block has two locations in the Bryan-College Station area to serve you. At Sears Post Oak Mall we are open seven days a week during regular store hours and reached by calling 764-0395. We also have an office in Bryan at 1012 Texas Avenue which is also open seven days a week and can be reached at 823-8241. H&R Block offers appointments but they are not required. Come in today and let the "Income Tax People" at H&R Block help with you.

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