

**WEATHER**

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:  
Partly cloudy, cooler

HIGH: 58      LOW: 40

## Flying Fish



Freshmen Cadets of group Trident P-2 gather at Duncan Field for the annual Fish Wrap. Fish Wrap is where the two sections of the bonfire centerpole are joined together by wrapping them with rope. The Cadets then run around it and fling themselves from the rope, wrapping it tightly around the pole.

Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

## Sandinista forces launch attacks to abolish Contras

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Sandinista troops launched attacks in Nicaragua's central and northern mountains Thursday to try to wipe out outnumbered Contra forces that have infiltrated from Honduras, according to reports.

Lt. Col. Rosa Pasos, a military spokesman, said most of the action was concentrated on rebels sneaking into Nicaragua, but she would confirm only one attack near Quilali, in the border province of Nueva Segovia.

"What the lifting of the cease-fire does is give us the possibility of organizing offensives in a more organized manner and with greater firepower," Pasos said.

President Daniel Ortega ended a 19-month cease-fire on Wednesday, saying the Contras had been stepping up attacks inside Nicaragua. He also blamed the United States for the renewed attacks and accused President Bush of promoting "terrorism."

The Sandinista party newspaper *Barricada* said Thursday that combat units in 14 towns and villages in northern Nicaragua began operations overnight, but neither the newspaper nor Pasos gave details.

A communique distributed by the Nicaraguan Resistance in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, said the Sandinistas had mounted attacks Wednesday with tanks, helicopter gunships and heavy artillery.

Pasos refused to comment on those reports and said she had no immediate reports on casualties or details of the fighting.

In Tegucigalpa, Contra commander Enrique Bermudez said that the Contras would continue observing the cease-fire because they have not had the resources to launch attacks since U.S. military aid was cut off in February 1988.

"These troops will only carry out evasive actions," Bermudez said.

In Washington, Bush administration officials reiterated concern that the ending of the cease-fire was a prelude to cancellation of the Feb. 25 vote.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Thursday it was unrealistic to expect the Contras to lay down their arms when the leftist Sandinista government is out "to destroy them."

State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said the administration believes reports from Contra rebel leaders that the Sandinistas have commenced major military operations in at least two regions in Nicaragua.

"We understand these are large-scale operations being conducted by the Sandinista army," he said. "They involve the use of artillery and of attack helicopters."

"We believe that the process of elections cannot be helped by these kind of attacks," he said.

## Program shines light on local environmental groups

By Cindy McMillan  
Of The Battalion Staff

Environmental protection and conservation are not limited to faraway rainforests or wildlife refuges. Local environmental groups participating in an open house Thursday night demonstrated that concern for the world's environment begins at home.

"Who Cares About the Brazos Valley," an informal program designed to introduce Bryan-College Station residents to local environmental organizations, offered slides, videotape, pamphlets and information at booths set up in the Brazos Valley Museum.

Representatives from the Sierra Club, Bra-

zos Beautiful and the Texas Environmental Action Coalition answered questions and encouraged participation in upcoming and ongoing events.

Brazos Beautiful was promoting its Christmas tree recycling program, which began three years ago in Austin and was adopted by Bryan-College Station last year. Discarded trees are collected in early January by 4-H Club members and then shredded and used as mulch for landscaping park areas around the cities.

Another Brazos Beautiful program is live tree donation. A live oak or crepe myrtle can be planted in a park or public area and dedicated to honor a person or occasion for \$50.

The Sierra Club, the only environmental

group in Texas with a full-time lobbyist, actively supports laws promoting conservation. Les Greenberg, chairman of the club's Brazos group, said the national organization keeps him informed of currently proposed legislation affecting the environment.

A bill to expand the Big Thicket Preserve in East Texas recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives and should go before the Senate this month, he said. The Sierra Club is urging people to write letters to Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, in favor of the bill because his support is crucial to its success, Greenberg said.

At a recent town meeting, local members spoke to Rep. Joe Barton, Class of '72, about a

bill he supports that would open up the Arctic Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration, Greenberg said.

"That refuge is the last unexplored area in North America," he said. "Barton has one of the worst voting records in the House of Representatives on environmental concerns."

The Texas Environmental Action Coalition expressed its support of World Rainforest Week by selling Brazil nuts and "Rainforest Crunch." The companies who produce the snacks donate a percentage of their profits to rainforest conservation.

TEAC raised \$1,000 last week by selling shirts and hosting a music benefit, vice president Michael Worsham said.

## John Koldus gets award for top service

Honor surprises Student Services VP

By Pam Mooman  
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Hard work is rewarded, as Dr. John J. Koldus recently found out.

Koldus, Texas A&M's vice president for Student Services, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators on Oct. 16.

"It was a surprise," Koldus said.

Dr. Wayne Duke, past president of TACUSPA, said there were three nominees for the award, which is not presented annually.

"It's only given to those individuals the leadership feels are distinguished and deserving," Duke said.

Duke, who presented the

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## Centerpole goes up today

Bonfire centerpole will be raised at 5 p.m. today at Duncan Field, marking the beginning of what is known as stack.

Once centerpole is raised, the long, hard process of stacking and wiring the logs around the center log, and essentially building bonfire, can commence.

Those attending the raising of centerpole can stand outside of the roped perimeter area. As tradition, a cannon will be fired once the pole hits the bottom of the hole. An informal yell practice will follow.

Bonfire is scheduled to burn on Dec. 1, the night before the A&M-University of Texas football game. This is the first year the game will not be played on Thanksgiving Day.

## Lecturers debate issue of animal testing

By Bob Krenek  
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The MSC Great Issues program presented "How Necessary is Animal Testing?" on Tuesday with the opposing views presented in a two-part lecture by Dr. Neal Barnard and Dr. John P. Howe.

Barnard is an animal rights activist and the chairman of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. He is a practicing physician on the George Washington University School of Medicine faculty and maintains a private practice in Washington, D.C.

Howe is the second president of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is a cardiologist and supports what he termed "limited, appropriate and humane animal research."

Each speaker was allotted 30 minutes to present his side of the issue and then the audience was allowed to participate in a question-and-answer session moderated by Dr. Don Tomlinson,

an assistant professor of journalism at Texas A&M.

Barnard opened his part of the discussion by calling the animal testing issue complex and saying there have been a lot of inaccurate statements made by those on both sides of the issue.

There were three main points Barnard said he wanted to illustrate. First, there is still much improvement to be made in both research involving animals and the alternatives available, he said. Second, experimentation involving animals has inherent problems that may render the results inaccurate. Finally, Barnard said animal research has not been the foundation of progress in medical research.

Barnard said much of the animal testing being conducted today is unnecessary as well as cruel to the animals used as subjects.

He cited a federally-funded experiment at Louisiana State University that was started to determine the effects of head injuries in combat situations. The conclusion, Barnard said, was that severe head injuries to the cats used in the experiment caused them to quit breathing but that they

still had a chance of survival if they were resuscitated immediately.

"Where have these guys been?" Barnard asked.

The results of the experiment should have been obvious enough, Barnard said, but the experiment was made to seem even more unnecessary when it was revealed that a previous study had produced the same result — in 1894.

The U.S. Surgical Corporation is a company that produces staplers used to close incisions made in surgery patients, Barnard said. The company operates a lab using live dogs to teach the company's salespeople how to use the stapler so they may be better equipped to sell the device, he said.

"We should not have salesmen use these devices under any circumstances," Barnard said.

The government is expected to provide protection for animals under the Animal Protection Act, he said. But this act has provisions written into it that exempts animals while they are being used in experiments.

"The animals are protected before the experiment," he said.

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## Correction

Thursday's edition of *The Battalion* incorrectly reported the time period in which the site of the George Bush Presidential Library will be named. The announcement should come in two to three months.

## Experts say victims of date rape face lifelong healing

By Kelly S. Brown  
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The healing period for a victim of date rape is lifelong. Her trust in people has been weakened and her self-esteem taken away. Although she may never fully "recover," experts say she must push forward and deal head-on with the tumultuous experience.

Linda Castoria, executive director of the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center, said the victims' emotional scars keep them from ever being the same again, and sometimes their experience is even more traumatic than a sexual assault by a stranger because the victim had trusted her attacker.



Last year at least 59 victims once trusted their predators: in Brazos County 25 date rape cases and 34 acquaintance rape cases were brought to the BCRCC's attention. Five incidents involved men who raped other men.

Before 1983, rape was considered a crime only against women, Castoria said. Six years ago the Legislature voted to change the crime of rape to sexual assault to highlight the seriousness of the criminal act and do away with the degrading term.

So few people consider men to be

### Who to call for help...

- Rape Crisis Hotline 779-RAPE
- Student Counseling 845-4427
- Police 911
- A.P. Beutel Health Center
- Student's Legal Advisor 845-5821
- St. Joseph Hospital 776-3777
- Humana Hospital 764-5100
- 845-1551

with a sexual organ or object, without consent or causes another person to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus or sexual organ of another person without their consent."

Castoria said whomever the victim, a man or a woman, they must accept it and realize that it was not their fault.

"It is so vital for them to realize that they shouldn't feel guilty," Castoria said. "They have to stop blaming themselves and start directing the blame toward the criminal — rape is a violent felony crime and a

victim should not look at the situation like she asked for it."

But too often, the predator goes unpunished while the "survivor" is left on an emotional roller coaster that's ridden daily.

With date rape, Castoria said the victim and the attacker might have mutual friends or she might be in a situation where she has to see him every day at work or school.

"The victim thinks no one will believe her," she said. "In some cases, she's afraid of her parents finding out. But what they have to remem-

ber is that it's rape and something has to be done.

"They think somehow they should have seen the signs," she said. "And while they're feeling guilty, they're confused and afraid."

Castoria said the victim is in the first phase of recovery at this point, where disbelief and shock are common emotions. The victims are faced with decisions like "should I press charges? Do I want my family and friends to know? Should I stay at work or school?"

Castoria said whatever the victim decides in these instances, they should consider counseling a priority immediately.

"They need to know that there are places they can go, places that will help," she said. "Victims should call

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