

WEATHER
TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Cloudy with a high chance of
thunderstorms
HIGH: 64 LOW: 48

Catch!



Photo by Eric H. Roalson

Curtis Graff, a junior environmental design major from Marshall, catches a frisbee in the Northside Quad Tuesday afternoon.

Soil analysis puts fears to rest
A&M Riverside Campus samples uncontaminated

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It looks like it was a false alarm. Jones and Neuse, an Austin environmental engineering firm, completed its analysis of the soil thought to be contaminated with hazardous waste at Texas A&M's Riverside Campus. The final report states that "the soils conform to Texas Water Commission requirements for clean-up and should not pose a threat to underlying groundwater." The testing was done Dec. 11, 1989, and Jan. 8, 1990, at the Riverside Campus, which is on Highway 21. Seven soil samples were collected by a JN geologist at a site where drums that were thought to

be contaminated with PCB, a highly carcinogenic compound, were located. With the exception of one sample, all samples were found to contain less than 1.0 ppm (parts per million) of PCB. Sample B-2, at a depth of six feet, contained 1.0 ppm of PCB. Testing was also done on a drum containing paint thinner. Based on the fact that the material in the drum was paint thinner and solvents, the samples of the sludge from the drum were analyzed for volatile organics, total metals (arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, selenium and silver) and toxicity metals. All samples analyzed were below the method detection limit. The question that remains is how to get rid of

all the unwanted waste. Even though the PCB contaminated soil contains a minuscule amount, it still must be disposed of at a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) regulated facility. Presently there are no landfills in Texas authorized to accept waste containing PCB. The nearest location is the US Ecology facility in Beatty, Nev. Since the soil in the drums containing paint thinner is classified as a Class I nonhazardous waste by the TWC, A&M has the option to dispose of the waste at a municipal nonhazardous landfill or an industrial landfill. If A&M chooses a municipal nonhazardous landfill, they must receive joint concurrence from the Texas Department of Health.

Panel: Educational system needs support from government

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Industry, government and education must start working together to improve the nation's schools, a four-member panel on educational reform said Tuesday in a seminar sponsored by the Texas A&M Society for Human Resource Management. Dr. Dean Corrigan, former dean of the Texas A&M College of Education and chairman of President William H. Mobley's "Commitment to Education" task force, said the future of industry depends on a quality education system. "Industry has a personal interest and an economic investment in the secondary schools in the nation," Corrigan said. "Universities also have an obvious interest. We're all in this together." Dr. John Hoyle, professor of educational administration at A&M, said he agreed with Corrigan. "We need to pull the same wagon," Hoyle said. "Industry, government and education need to pull together. Business leaders need to be concerned about public schools. If we want to be leaders in business and industry, we must support education and start making some changes now." Corrigan said he feels Texas schools are too structured. Too much structure leads to a lack of responsibility and creativity in educators and students, he said. "They're 18 years old and have to carry a pass to be in the hall," he said. Legislation should set standards for secondary schools but should not mandate how these standards are met, Corrigan said. "Set high standards," he said. "Require accountability, but let them be creative. Let the schools try new

things and then see what works. "Don't put schools in a straight-jacket with all kinds of regulations. The emphasis of the (Commitment to Education) task force is to highlight what works." Corrigan said he sees some administrative waste in public schools in Texas, but still sees a need for more money to be put into the Texas education system. "Look at teachers' salaries," Corrigan said. "In this society, you get what you pay for, and there's no doubt about it, teachers' salaries are too low. "Until we do something about that, we are not going to get good teachers. We've got to attract and keep good teachers."

Corrigan said he did not see much financial help for education coming from the federal level in President Bush's latest budget proposal. "If you want to know what an institution, a university or a government stands for, look at its budget," Corrigan said. "Not much is being added at the federal level to any education programs. If we're going to improve our schools we're going to have to do it ourselves. "If we ever needed a kinder, gentler nation it is right now," he said. Hoyle said more money should be spent on education. "I'd like to see someone throw money at the school system, just once," he said. Math and science skills are the weak areas in Texas schools, Hoyle said. Only 6 percent of high school graduates are prepared for college level math courses and only 7 percent are ready to handle college science courses after graduating, he said. Corrigan said emphasis should be put on "higher or

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Reagan told to surrender diary entries

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday ordered former President Reagan to provide excerpts of his personal diaries to John M. Poindexter for the former national security adviser's upcoming Iran-Contra trial. U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene said a 1985 entry includes a "somewhat ambiguous comment" indicating that Reagan knew of Poindexter's work for the Nicaraguan Contras.

Greene said Reagan must surrender the material by Monday, a move that could trigger a claim of executive privilege by the former president and might delay the Feb. 20 starting date of the Poindexter trial. Reagan submitted more than 100 diary entries to the judge last Thursday. Greene said entries covering more than 29 different dates in 1985 and 1986 contain "information of significance."

Theodore Olson, one of Reagan's lawyers, declined to comment. If Reagan balks at turning over the material, Greene said he would provide the former president and the Justice Department with a secret document Poindexter submitted to the court outlining why he needs the diaries. After court filings by all sides, including Iran-Contra prosecutors, the court will "make a final decision with respect to enforcement of the subpoena" for the diaries, Greene said.

Pipe bomb explodes at church

HOUSTON (AP) — A pipe bomb mailed to a church exploded this morning, injuring the pastor's daughter, the church said. People near the Lakewood Church told police they heard a loud pop followed by screaming. Lisa Osteen, the 30-year-old daughter of the Rev. John Osteen, pastor of the 10,000-member Baptist church, was taken to Ben Taub Hospital, where she was in stable condition suffering from burns, authorities said. KHOU-TV reported that the

bomb contained six- to eight-inch nails and blew up in Osteen's lap. There was no immediate comment from police. In December, nail-studded mail bombs killed a white federal judge near Birmingham, Ala., and a black civil rights lawyer in Savannah, Ga., in attacks investigators said were motivated by race. The Houston church is predominantly white. "We apparently did have a pipe bomb that came in a small package just in our regular mail that was picked up at the local post office today," an unidentified church spokesman told reporters this morning. "As normal procedure, Lisa Osteen opened the package, there was an explosion, and she did seem to have some injuries, but not anything critical." Houston Police Officer R.L. Bishoff said witnesses were being interviewed by officials inside the church. Osteen was in a church office housed in an auxiliary building across the street from the main church when the bomb went off.

Correction
The Battalion incorrectly reported that Silver Taps would be held Tuesday night. Silver Taps will be next Tuesday, which is the first Tuesday in February. The Battalion apologizes for any inconvenience this error might have caused.

Aggie Watch encourages campus crime prevention

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Thieves watch out. The University Police Department and student organizations are working together to make crime on campus a thing of the past. Aggie Watch is a security program developed to educate students, faculty and staff on eliminating the opportunity for crime to occur. Lt. Bert Kretzschmar and Officer Betty LeMay head the University Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit that developed Aggie Watch. The goal of the CPU is to alert the campus community that they are not as safe as they think, LeMay said. "Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal, but the part we want to concentrate on is 'nor do they tolerate those who do,'" LeMay said. The 1990 opening for the program is Aggie Watch Week, which runs this week and Monday. Aggie Watch Week is sponsored by the Department of Student Affairs, UPD, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, Student Government, Residence Hall Association and Off Campus Aggies. Resource tables with information on how to prevent crime are located at the Memorial Student Center

Speaker urges caution, exposes myths of date rape

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More than half of the rapes in this country are committed by someone the victim knows, Lisa Kretzschmar, a Rape Crisis Center representative, said Tuesday at a date rape program sponsored by Texas A&M's Department of Student Affairs. Lisa Kretzschmar said rape is a crime of violence that uses sex as a weapon, but date rape has an added tragic twist. Date rape can cause even deeper scars than random rape due to the victim's sense of betrayal, Kretzschmar said. Victims often can't identify danger signs until the situation is past the danger stage, because they trust their attacker, she said. "They feel betrayed by their own judgment," Kretzschmar said.

Another painful aspect of date rape the victim may have to face is seeing her attacker again, perhaps on a daily basis, she said. There are five myths about date rape, Kretzschmar said. First, some believe it's not so bad if the victim knows her attacker. Also, if the victim didn't report the crime, then it's assumed the rape never happened, or that it wasn't that bad. "It's her word against his," Kretzschmar said. "That's why date rape is not reported." A third myth says if a victim didn't resist, then it wasn't rape. Actually, there are several reasons why a woman might not resist her attacker, Kretzschmar said. She could be taken by surprise, she could fear for her life, or she might know the attacker and not want to hurt him by resisting. Another myth is that when a woman says "no" she really means "yes."

Finally, some people may believe the woman owes her date something after he has paid for dinner and a movie. "There is no excuse for forced sex," Kretzschmar said. "It's an expression of anger, power, dominance and control." Date rape has three stages, she said. First, the attacker "tests the water" by intimate talk or improper looks. Next, the victim becomes desensitized when she accepts the attacker's advances, even though he's used no physical force yet. Finally, the victim finds herself isolated with her attacker. Women who may otherwise act aggressively with a stranger are passive when they know their attacker, Kretzschmar said. Women should find out as much information as possible about their date, and if they don't

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through Thursday. "Engrave and Save," sponsored by APO, allows students to engrave their valuables with an identification number. Aggie Watch workers will visit residence halls from 7-9 p.m. to help students engrave their belongings.

Bicycle registration will be held by Rudder Fountain and in front of the Commons from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Students can fill out a registration card and receive a sticker with an identifying control number enabling police officers throughout the nation to identify

stolen bikes. Both Kretzschmar and LeMay stress the importance of engraving and registering valuable property. "We might break up a burglary ring and recover a lot of property, but we can't get that property back to the owner if we don't have a num-

ber on it, or if it's not registered in a computer," LeMay said. Kretzschmar said thieves may have the desire and ability to commit a crime, but the victims provide the opportunity. "Our job is not to bring out the negativity, but kind of go beyond

that — how we can prevent the crime from happening in the first place," Kretzschmar said. Aggie Watch was developed to inform people on campus that there is always a risk of crime, even at A&M. "People tend to be lulled into a false sense of security here and they don't think of personal safety," LeMay said. Two programs evolved within Aggie Watch, one for students and another for faculty and staff. Both include presentations about theft protection and personal safety. The CPU hopes these programs will eliminate many crimes as well as break up possible theft rings operating on campus. "What we really hope to see, is neighborhood watch signs at the major entrances to campus," LeMay said. "We want the criminal element to know that we're watching out for each other and our property." Aggie Watch has many plans for the future including a Custodial Watch Program beginning in February and an Office Watch Program. Both encourage workers to report any crimes of which they are aware.