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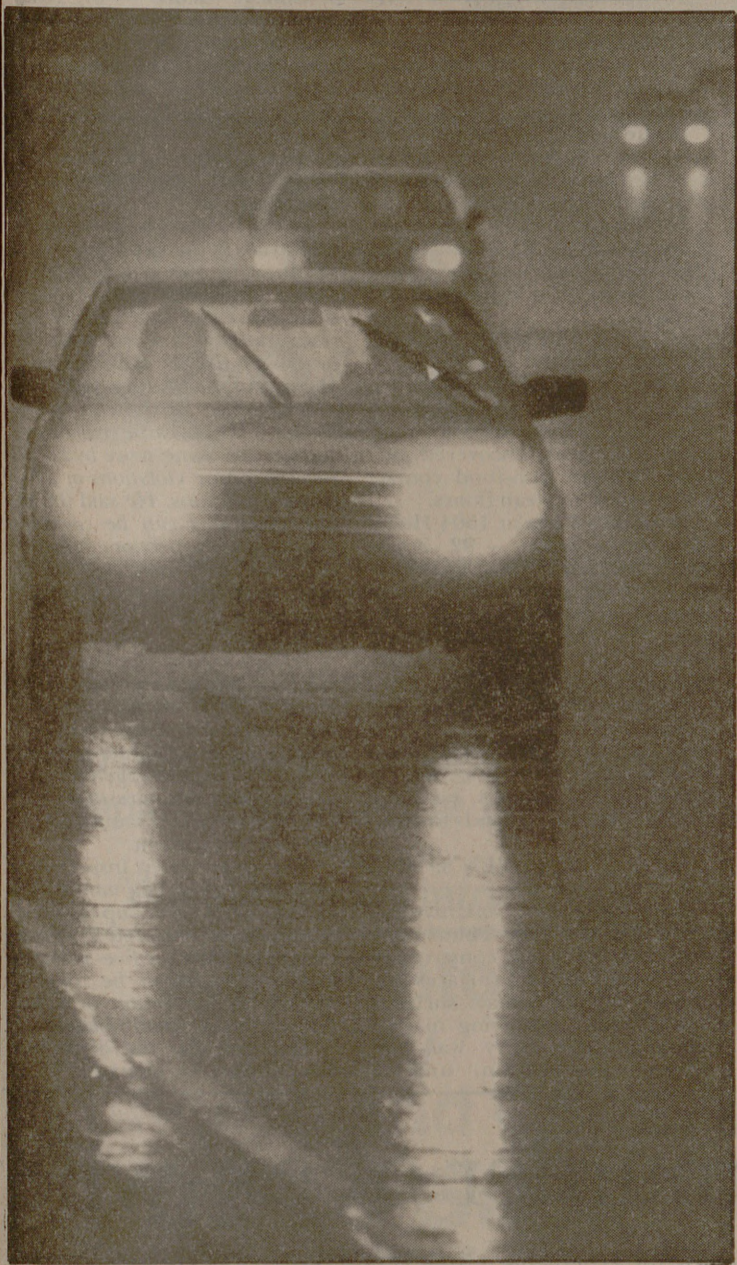


Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Cars travel Texas Avenue in Wednesday's rain. Forecasts call for partly cloudy skies Saturday and a warming trend Sunday.

Group helps hurt hearts

Students learn to cope with broken relationships

By KATHERINE COFFEY
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Dealing with the pain and rejection caused by broken relationships can be especially difficult for college students experiencing their first powerful romantic relationships, an A&M counselor said.

The Relationship Group, a program that helps students overcome the shock of breaking up, will meet every Wednesday until the end of the semester starting Wednesday, Dr. Debbie Rabinowitz, a counseling psychologist at the Student Counseling Center, said.

The program's main purpose is to help college students overcome a broken relationship and to learn to put the past relationship behind them so they can move on, she said.

The group will consist of about eight men and women who will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Dr. Ted Stachowiak, a counseling psychologist, and Rabinowitz will both facilitate group discussions.

Group members will take part in a combination of structured exercises and group therapy, she said.

Stachowiak, who started the program last year, said the counseling was successful and had been successful in the past.

Rabinowitz said the primary focus of the group will be overcoming rejection in romantic relationships.

She said this includes being stuck trying to end the relationship or being the one broken up with and coping with the grieving process.

"The people we most often get are people who have had a relationship end and didn't want it to," Rabinowitz said. "It is easier for the person

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Food drive will be held on Saturday

By PAM MOOMAN
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The second Brazos Valley Food Drive, co-sponsored by the Brazos Food Bank and KBTX-TV, will be Saturday.

The Brazos Food Bank, which helped 2,500 people and handed out 160,000 pounds of food in 1989, presently has 3,000 pounds of food.

"(The 3,000 pounds) will last a week or so," Barbara Day, director of the Brazos Food Bank, said. "We don't try to do the whole thing. We send food to food pantries according to their size and our supply."

Day said that last year 20,000 pounds of food was collected in the drive, but bad weather drive probably hampered turnout.

"We hope to get 100,000 (pounds)," Day said. Realistically, the Brazos Food Bank at least hopes to double last year's donations, she said.

KBTX-TV has been running announcements all week to heighten community awareness of Saturday's food drive.

"Being a TV station, we can reach a large number of people," Kelly Bostrom, a KBTX news producer, said. "That's what it will take to reach the goal."

Food drop-off sites are the parking lots of Post Oak and Manor East malls and Olsen Field.

KBTX will broadcast live Saturday from the mall parking lots and periodically will cut into regular programming to remind people the food drive is going on, Bostrom said.

Those attending the LSU-Aggie doubleheader baseball game will be targeted for donations.

"Hopefully, with the large traffic from all the fans, we should be able to get a lot of food," Bostrom said.

Candidate offers fiscal solutions

By JULIE MYERS
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A Republican candidate for state treasurer wants to lead Texas back to fiscal responsibility.

Kay Bailey Hutchison said her solution to the state's burgeoning debt crisis is innovative.

During the next two years, Hutchison said the treasurer will manage more than \$28 billion of taxes in the general fund. Within two or three years, the total direct and indirect general obligation debt could grow to about \$7.2 billion, she added.

As a result of debt payment, Texas bonds have been downgraded from triple "A" to double "A". Because double "A" bonds are considered higher risk, taxpayers pay more interest on debt, costing the state millions, Hutchison said.

All state supported schools, including Texas A&M, lose money under this system.

Hutchison said she is the only candidate bringing up the debt issue.

"When I approached the legislature, they had no idea what the (debt) situation was," Hutchison said. "They said they would work with me to remedy this when I got elected."

Hutchison is a 1967 graduate of the University of Texas Law School, and has served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

She was the senior vice president and general counsel of RepublicBank Corporation (now NCNB). Additionally, she served as the vice chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board under President Gerald Ford.

She serves on the board of the Texas A&M Business School, practices law with Hutchison, Boyle, Brooks & Fisher in Dallas and is a partner in Boyd-Levinson Limited, a furniture sales showroom.

"I want to be a part of the economic development team for Texas," Hutchison said.

Hutchison said it will take four things to restore the triple "A" bond rating:

- a balanced state budget without gimmicks.
- a solid, stable economy that provides jobs.
- a sound fiscal policy.
- debt management policies that call for the creation of debt only as a last resort, at the right time, for the right purposes, and at the right price.

If Hutchison were to implement her strategy, she said, the restoration of the triple "A" rating for the \$5 billion of new debt expected to be issued by 1993 could save enough money to build one new prison each year to put away, for life, 2,000 drug dealers each year.

Texas needs to build on its assets, like the great institutions of higher learning, Hutchison said. As a part of the bigger picture, she said, research institutions need seed money to attract money for research.



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