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'Take Charge of Your Health' Health fair exhibitors will provide information, medical testing service

By JAMES M. LOVE

Texas A&M students and faculty we an opportunity to collect infornation on health-related topics, isues and services provided by stuent organizations and community oups during today's Health and

Vellness Fair The Department of Student education coordinator, encourages Health Services will present "Take everyone to participate in the fair. Charge of Your Health" from 10 "If anyone has any questions m. to 2 p.m. on the MSC's firstloor walkway and in the Flagroom.

More than 40 exhibitors will cover

The A.P. Beutel Health Center ill have nurses available to provide e services such as blood pressure hecks, S-Peak flow meters, blood

string tightness tests, scoliosis screening, nutrition counseling and height and weight checks.

Samples of skin creams, pain medication and athlete's foot pow-der also will be offered free of charge

Cholesterol checks, however, will be \$5, and Coronary Risk Profiles will cost \$6.

Dr. Erika Gonzalez-Lima, health

"If anyone has any questions about diseases or health in general, this is a good place to come and ask," she says.

Voices of Praise, a student singing reas such as nutrition, AIDS, fit-ess, safety and substance abuse. group, will perform in the Flagroom at 11:45 a.m., followed by an address by Mark Johnson, A&M head baseball coach.

In the MSC dining area, the American Heart Association Food Services will host a demonstration of on campus," she says.

'The dietary menu will be there in order to show healthy food can be low in cholesterol, low in calories, and low in fat and still have taste," Gonzalez-Lima says. "Not every-thing that tastes good has to be a hamburger.

"We just want to show some goodtasting alternatives to junk food." Andrea Beshara, graduate assis-

tant and coordinator of the fair, says this is the second time the A.P. Beutel Health Center has hosted this event. She says the fair used to be during

the spring and was organized by the Department of Student Affairs. We moved the fair from the spring semester up to the fall in or-

der to address the new students and freshmen who may not be aware of all the health services and facilities

Poor districts win decision, get no money

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Plaintiffs in a landmark education finance lawsuit rejoiced Tuesday in another legal victory and accused state leaders of "playing chicken" with school children.

"Unfortunately, so far I don't think they've taken us seriously," plaintiffs attorney Al Kauffman said. "We're tired of the Legislature and the governor playing chicken with the children in poor districts."

State District Judge Scott McCown in Austin ruled Tuesday that the \$14 billion-a-year school finance system remains unconstitutional despite new measures the Texas Legislature passed this year.

McCown deferred ordering immediate changes and gave lawmak-ers until Sept. 1, 1991, to act. The Legislature convenes in regular session in January.

Last October, the Texas Supreme Court ruled unanimously in Edgewood vs. Kirby that the state's education finance system is unconstitutional and discriminates against students in property-poor districts.

Kauffman and Edgewood Superintendent James Vasquez promised Tuesday to keep fighting until edu-cation equity is achieved, no matter how long it takes.

"It's been a long one, it's going to continue and so far we've won the major battles," Kauffman said. "The war is not over, though, until we get long-term equality for every student in the state of Texas."

State attorneys said Texas will appeal the Tuesday ruling. Kauffman said he did not know whether the plaintiffs also would appeal on the grounds that the judge provided for no monetary relief until at least next

Vasquez said he sometimes won-

OCA desires unity in Aggie Olympics

By ELIZABETH TISCH Of The Battalion Staff

Come rain or shine, Texas A&M students will gather at Duncan Field to participate in Saturday's fifth annual Aggie Olym-

Off Campus Aggies is hosting yet another Aggie Olympics where teams of various student organizations will compete for the first-place trophy.

Caroline Kevetter, a junior En-glish major and OCA director of special projects, says teams will participate in 12 competitive games. The sports will range from an all-American softball game to the vigorous sport of "pantyhose polo."

"The olympics will be a giant 'fun day' where different organizations will get to know each other," Kevetter says.

Teams include the Corps of

Cadets, Residence Hall Associa-tion, Student Government and many more.

The events start at 9:30 a.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for athletes.

Kevetter says OCA is trying to accomplish several goals during the annual olympics.

"We want to accomplish cam-pus unity," she says. "Something like this can introduce you to many people and you get to learn about organizations you didn't even know about.

Although the title of being first place is desired by teams, participants will be recognized for their efforts with plaques and certificates, she says.

Anyone interested in participating in Aggie Olympics can call the OCA office, 845-0688. Spot openings are limited and there will be a \$1 charge per participant for lunch.

Police force gains grant to guard against gangs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Police Department, in the wake of the gang-related shooting of three teen-agers, announced it has received a federal grant to battle

ment to go after the gangs, to pursue the gang members bent on some type of criminal activity," Police Chief William O. Gibson said Mon-

The police department is getting \$142,608 in federal money from the U.S. Justice Department. The city has contributed \$5,246. The money will go toward a special three-person task force to identify and track

Already city police have identified about 57 youth gangs, which have a

total of about 1,000 members. Fourteen of the gangs are believed to be involved in criminal activity, Gibson said

"The gang unit is not the beginning; it is a continuation," Gibson said. "This is not something that we just started to do. We've been performing intelligence on these groups for several years.'

The announcement comes after a gang-related shooting at Sam Houston High School earlier this month in which three students were wounded.

It also follows a roundup Friday of 22 people, some of whom claimed to be gang members.

But the new task force, which begins work Monday, also will target adult gangs.

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic gu- revenues. She said she'll turn instead bernatorial candidate Ann Richards to oil and gas earnings, which are expromised about 150 retired citizens pected to rise because of the Persian Tuesday she would support broader Gulf conflict. insurance benefits and never turn to a state income tax to increase state

Richards promises no income tax,

greater insurance industry regulation

revenues. Richards, speaking at a political forum sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons in Arlington, said she supports better regulation of the insurance industry which can be confusing to seniors.

"It's about time to have a governor as concerned with buying insur-ance as selling insurance," Richards told the group.

'We're not asking for a handout,' said Richards, 57. "We're just asking for what is rightfully ours."

Richards said a state income tax is 'out of the question" to increase state

If a lottery failed to pass the Legis-lature, Richards said she would consider raising the state franchise tax, which companies pay based on their

tax is "anti-business. He said crime-fighting is the big-

"The elderly need to have the safety so they can walk outside," Hensley said. "Williams has committed to beefing up law enforcement agencies. Ann Richards has not

legal fight in his lifetime. The battle began in the late 1960s with another lawsuit filed by an Edgewood par-

annual capital. Gordon Hensley, a spokesman for GOP candidate Clayton Williams said Richards' focus on the franchise

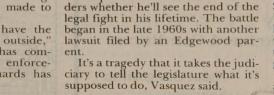
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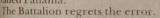
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Correction

A story in Monday's issue of The talion incorrectly quoteo a Texas A&M professor who spoke Friday ring a graduate study seminar. In response to a comment from

audience member, Dr. Nabil Saf at said if the United States was ainst aggression, it would not have vaded Panama.



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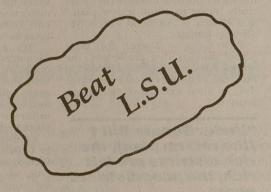
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