

# STATE and LOCAL

Wednesday, February 27, 1991

The Battalion

## Tonight: "Culture Shock!"

"Is there a problem with multiculturalism on our campus?" Gloria Flores, the coordinator of Multicultural Services for the Residence Halls, and a Student Panel will discuss this issue from 7-8:15 p.m. Room 110 Military Sciences Building

Chinese dinners for two will be raffled off after the discussion. Other programs in this series will appear on March 27th and April 10th. Call the RHA Office at 845-0689 for more details.



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## Volunteers check for drugs

# A&M students screen livestock

By Mack Harrison  
The Battalion

Veterinary and biomedical sciences students at Texas A&M are taking the reins of two regional livestock shows, checking health papers and screening animals for drug and chemical residues.

More than 50 students working at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are gaining valuable experience outside the classroom, says Dr. F.C. "Buddy" Faries, extension program leader for veterinary medicine at A&M.

"The students are right there on the firing line," Faries says. "They're getting exposure to the real world."

Exposition organizers also are pleased with the students' efforts, Faries says.

"It's worked out well," he says. "Both shows are pleased and impressed with the students and their professionalism."

Students are participating in two areas, the Regulatory Veterinary Medicine Program and the Residue Avoidance and Food Safety Program.

Students with the Regulatory Veterinary Medicine Program at both shows work at livestock en-

try gates to make sure animals' health papers meet entry requirements.

Faries says all animals—horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry and exotic animals such as ostriches and llamas—must have the correct papers to enter shows.

He says students went through a training course to learn the requirements.

Students at the gates face arguments with some contestants, but they must learn to deal with the controversy, Faries says.

"They learn a lot more about the regulations this way than in the classroom," he says.

The students also are supervised by veterinarians in private practice, Faries says.

The students with the RVMP are working their third year at the Houston show, and for the first time in San Antonio.

The Residue Avoidance and Food Safety Program also is in its third year at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Students in this program work with local veterinarians to collect urine samples from winning and randomly selected show animals. Samples are tested for drug and chemical residues by the Texas Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Laboratory at A&M.

The program's goal is not just drug testing, Faries says.

State and federal laws prohibit food animals from having any chemical residue in their tissues. Because show animals are slaughtered for human consumption, livestock show organizers want to educate participants about the requirements.

"We want to teach the proper usage of drugs, chemicals and feed additives," Faries says.

Some exhibitors use unapproved or illegal drugs and chemicals to gain an unfair advantage, Faries says.

"The shows are making all efforts to put a stop to their use," he says. "It's unethical and illegal."

If an animal tests positive for a substance, the exhibitor is disqualified from the show. The exhibitor who entered the animal also can be banned from the show for life, he says.

The combination of education and enforcement has been so successful that livestock shows in other states have requested information on how to develop similar programs, he says.

"The program has been so excellent it is getting nationwide recognition," Faries says. "I doubt Texas is a pioneer of the program."

## Court denies stays; convicted killer dies

HUNTSVILLE (AP)—Convicted killer Lawrence Lee Buxton was put to death by lethal injection early Tuesday for the 1980 slaying of a Houston grocery shopper.

Buxton was pronounced dead at 12:21 a.m. CST.

When asked if he wished to make a statement prior to the execution, Buxton replied: "Ready, warden."

Just two hours earlier, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to halt Buxton's execution. The justices denied two applications for stays and two petitions for certiorari, said court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg.

Justice Thurgood Marshall dissented on all the rulings, while Justices Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens said they would have granted one application for stay, Arberg said.

Buxton, 38, faced execution for the 1980 slaying of Joel Slotnik, who was fatally shot when his terrified 5-year-old son refused to follow the orders of gunmen who were robbing a suburban Houston supermarket. The 40-year-old Slotnik had stopped by the store following Yom Kippur services to get some bread and milk.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused Monday to halt the execution, sending the case to the Supreme Court.

"He's hoping for the best," Stanley Schneider, Buxton's attorney, said.

In their appeals, Buxton's lawyers argued jurors had not been given mitigating evidence, specifically of his impoverished youth in the care of a drunken father. Attorneys said the information could have convinced jurors to impose a life sentence, rather than the death penalty.

"Neither justice nor jurisprudence would be served by granting a stay of execution in this case," Texas assistant attorney general Bob Walt

said in his response to the federal appeals courts. He also accused defense attorneys of trying to "constitutionalize sandbagging."

"I'm not going to lose any sleep over it because he deserves it," Don Smyth, who prosecuted the case, said Monday. "But you'd rather the whole thing never happened. You'd rather Mr. Slotnik got to see his kids in college. It's sad."

The Slotnik family moved to Ohio shortly after the slaying, Smyth said.

Buxton was charged with capital murder while already serving 35 years in prison for six robberies of savings and loan offices. Investigators for the Harris County district attorney's office discovered a similarity between the thrift robberies and the supermarket holdup where Slotnik was killed.

His wife and an older son were waiting outside in their car and later identified Buxton as the man who fired the shot. Buxton, a former meat cutter and federal meat inspector, had removed a ski mask as he was leaving the store.

Smyth said the family recalled Buxton as a large man, with a head and upper body out of proportion with his legs and with virtually no neck.

The execution was the first for the new administration of Gov. Ann Richards and Attorney General Dan Morales.

According to state law, the governor may issue a 30-day reprieve, an action no governor has taken since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982. Richards was briefed about the situation but believed as long as appeals were pending, it would not be appropriate for her to take any action, spokesman Bill Cryer said.



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### Heads up

Diamond Darling Kemberley Stuckey checks up on fellow Darling Lori Nobles (top). Nobles was hit by a ball Tuesday.

## In Advance

### Program features Prairie View A&M president

Gen. Julius Becton, president of Prairie View A&M University, is the featured speaker today at Texas A&M during the final activity in honor of Black History Month.

"A Celebration of Black History... Remembering Our Roots" begins at 7:30 p.m. in 201 MSC. The program also will include remarks from Vice President for Student Services John Koldus, Ursula Houston and Director of the Department of Student Affairs Ron Sasse.

The Voices of Praise, United Baptist Church choir, C.P. Time Players and Classic Dance Ensemble will perform.

The event is being sponsored by the Department of Student Affairs Committee on Multicultural Awareness.

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