

Environmentalists applaud bills under Legislature's deliberation

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmental groups Tuesday unveiled their picks and pans for the legislative session, touting four proposals as "some of the best environmental bills that have ever been debated by the Texas Legislature."

The bills praised by the groups include measures that would increase criminal penalties for polluting; require companies to draft plans on reducing their

wastes; and streamline the state's environmental regulation by creating the Department of Natural Resources.

All three of those measures are in committee in both houses, except the final one, which has been approved for consideration by the full Senate.

Also vaunted was a bill that would impose a one-year moratorium on new hazardous waste disposal sites in Texas. That bill passed the Senate last week and has been referred to a House committee.

"We really think that these four major bills represent probably some of the best environmental protection legislation that the state of Texas has ever seen," said Bridgid Shea of Texas Clean Water Action.

Local groups promote campus food festival

By Katherine Coffey
The Battalion

Three organizations are cooking up some new and possibly delicious ways to help fight and prevent cancer Thursday in the University's dining halls.

The American Cancer Society, Texas A&M's Food Services and the Brazos County Texas Chef's Association (BCTCA) are sponsoring "A-peeling Ways to Combat Cancer" Food Festival on Thursday in Duncan, Sbis and Common dining areas to make students more aware of ways to decrease risks of cancer.

Two junior scientific nutrition majors, Becky Tam and Amy Bishop, also are helping sponsor the day for a class project. The

food festival is planned to begin at noon.

"We are doing the festival in the dining centers featuring foods that are known to reduce risks of cancer," said Vicki Beck, University administrative dietitian.

Tam said the day is intended to promote campus cancer awareness in conjunction with the American Cancer Society's efforts to promote cancer prevention nationwide.

"The American Cancer Society does this annually and are calling it the Great American Food Fight," Beck said. "But we are calling it 'A-peeling Ways to Fight Cancer' so students won't have any food fights."

Beck said the menus in the

dining halls will feature these foods. They also will be identified with an apple picture and the ACS logo by the food.

Beck said food services organized the festival day last year. This year, the event includes drawing for three free Macintosh computers along with other prizes such as headphones. All prizes are donated gifts by the Washington Apple Corporation.

Three chefs from BCTCA have donated their time to prepare food for the taste test in Sbis Gary Smithers, from Duncan Dining Hall, Basal Lister, from Sbis, and Eric Vandigriff, from Cafe Eccell, will cook dishes that have been revised to exemplify ACS guidelines.

Report ties race, heart disease

Medical journals say blacks more at risk

DALLAS (AP) — Coronary heart disease occurs more frequently in black women than in white women, but occurs more often in white men than black men, according to a report in two scientific journals.

In a special report on minorities appearing the April issues of

the Dallas-based American Heart Association journals *Circulation* and *Stroke*, the AHA says blacks in the United States are suffering from "alarmingly high" rates of certain heart and blood vessel diseases.

Those include the high incidence if stroke and other disor-

ders that are the direct consequence of uncontrolled high blood pressure.

Stroke death rates in blacks are almost double those of whites. And in the 35 to 54 age range, blacks' rates are about four times higher, the scientists said.

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Rep. Steve Ogden will speak with A&M students on campus tonight

MSC Political Forum is sponsoring a campus meeting with state Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, at 8:30 p.m. today in 308 Rudder.

Ogden will be available for students to ask questions about possible tuition increases, the student regent position and other issues.

National Library Week activities continue, feature campus programs

National Library Week programs continue with a Great American Read Aloud scheduled for 2 p.m. today in the sunken lounge on the second floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library. Activities will continue with the Davis Scholarships and Longevity Awards Ceremony set

for 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 204 of the Evans Library.

National Library Week concludes with a book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the south side of the Evans Library. For more information, call 845-1342.

Texas A&M computer groups will present legal issues seminar today

The Texas A&M Computer User Group and A&M's Office of Associate Provost for Computing and Information Systems are sponsoring a forum at 3:30 p.m. today in 601 Rudder. "Computing and the Law" is a seminar for

faculty, staff and students. Genevieve Stubbs, first assistant general counsel of the Texas A&M University System, will present various legal issues related to computing. For more information, call 845-7225.

Placement Center, Council sponsor employment information seminar

The Career Planning and Placement Center in conjunction with the Liberal Arts Student Council is sponsoring an employment informa-

tion and networking seminar from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in 601 Rudder. For more information, call 845-5139.

A&M Senior Weekend will feature Bash, Banquet and Ring Dance

Senior Weekend will kick off at 8 p.m. Thursday with the Senior Bash at the Texas Hall of Fame. A live band and door prizes will be included at the Bash.

Room and a live band playing rock, Top 40 and country music will be located in the Singapore Room.

The Senior Banquet will be Saturday at University Tower. Dr. Red Duke is the keynote speaker. A cash bar opens at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. There is limited seating, so seniors are encouraged to buy tickets early.

The photographer will be available beginning 11 a.m. Saturday so couples can avoid waiting in long lines to get their picture taken that night.

Ring Dance will be held in the MSC and Rudder Tower from 9 p.m. Saturday to 1 a.m. Sunday. The overall theme is "The World is Ours" and will include three entertainment themes.

Tickets can be purchased at the Rudder Box Office throughout the week. The total package including the Senior Bash, Banquet and Ring Dance is \$75 per couple. The price of attending only Ring Dance is \$45. Two free Senior Bash tickets are included.

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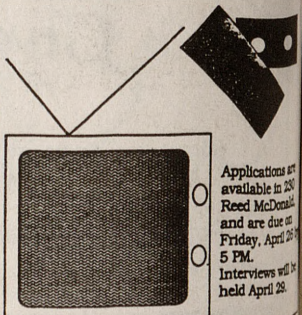
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