

B-CS neighborhoods to take part in National Night Out

Local law enforcement agencies sponsor anti-crime program

Julie Chelkowski
The Battalion

Bryan-College Station neighborhoods will come together to help prevent crime in their areas as local law enforcement agencies kick-off the Ninth Annual National Night Out next Tuesday.

The event is a joint effort organized by the Bryan, College Station and University Police departments with the Brazos County Sheriff's Department.

National Night Out is an effort by the community and the police departments to prevent crime and promote awareness, said College Station Police Officer Byron Tilton.

"The purposes of National Night Out is to increase public awareness, encourage the community to get involved and promote crime prevention," Tilton said.

Watching out for neighbors is a main emphasis for the event and an effective method in crime prevention, he said.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar of the UPD agreed with Tilton. The goal

of National Night Out is to make communities aware of their surroundings by getting to know their neighbors, he said.

"It's about neighbors helping neighbors," Kretzschmar said. "It's about knowing your neighbors and watching for suspicious activity."

"If you know your neighbors, you know who belongs and who doesn't belong."

Tilton described National Night Out as a "two-fold program" which includes a county-wide block party hosted by the four police departments and individual block parties organized by local residents.

The county-wide block party will be held at Central Park in College Station starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday night. The party will offer crime prevention and neighborhood programs, and entertainment for children will be provided.

"After that, we encourage groups to have their own block parties," Tilton said. A 'lights on contest' is held after the county block party, Tilton said. Officers will survey neighborhoods. The block with the most lights wins the contest, and a sign will be placed on their block.

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Hay toss

Eric Huff, a junior history major from Dallas and Parson's Mounted Cavalry trooper, tosses hay down to David Stambaugh, a business

administration major from Irving. The two were feeding one of the horses at the Parson's Mounted Cavalry stable on Wednesday.

Board of Regents offer statement of mission for University system

Juli Phillips
The Battalion

The Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System issued their statement of mission, vision and core values for the system following their meeting last week.

Regent Raul B. Fernandez oversaw the committee that developed the statements in conjunction with the administrators from the 16 state agencies and academic institutions that make up the TAMUS.

"TAMUS agencies and institutions have an impact on the lives of every Texan and many outside our borders," Fernandez said. "These new statements of mission, vision and values will serve to better unify our diverse parts."

The reason behind the issuance of this statement of purpose is simply because A&M has a new chancellor, said Bill Presnal, executive secretary of the Board of Regents. He said there is nothing unusual about this issuance.

The mission statement reads: "The Texas A&M University System is a federation of state universities

and agencies; focused on technology, science and management; serving people through education, leadership development, research and service."

The new vision for the system includes:

- becoming the premier source of education and training,
- effectively attaining and using state funds,
- creating more unity among members of the System,
- leading institutional teamwork,
- being effective in practical problem solving,
- empowering under-represented groups in the System,
- catalyzing economic development and
- continuously upgrading System quality.

The statement further addresses the System's commitment to quality, teamwork and access; its dedication to diversity; its determination to optimize resources; its support of initiative, innovation, risk-taking and entrepreneurship; and its commitment to unity in the System.

What's Up

THURSDAY

Royce at 776-1693.

GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT SERVICE: This will be the last meeting for the summer. We will be discussing upcoming plans for the spring semester in 404 Rudder at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have any questions call the Gayline at 847-0321.

INLINE SKATE CLUB: Anyone with inline skates is invited to join our street hockey games at Research Park from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday. All you need are a pair of skates, maybe some pads, and a desire to have fun. Absolutely no hockey skill is necessary. For more information call Randy Paterno at 847-1431.

MSC DINNER THEATRE: If you made the first round and loved it, or if you missed it and want to try again, Dinner Theatre and Aggie Players are presenting "Smoke on the Mountain" July 30, 31, and August 1. For ticket prices and more ticket information call 845-1234.

COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS: Volleyball at Copperfield in Bryan at 7 p.m. Rain location is at St. Joseph's Parochial School. For more information call

BRAZOS COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER: Free adult support group for Adult Survivors of Sexual Assault every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For further information call Paula McCune at 268-7273 during regular office hours.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call the Center for Drug Prevention at 845-0280 for meeting location.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: General discussion at 6 p.m. Call the Center for Drug Prevention at 845-0280 for meeting location.


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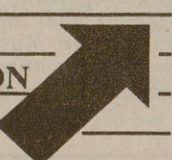
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