

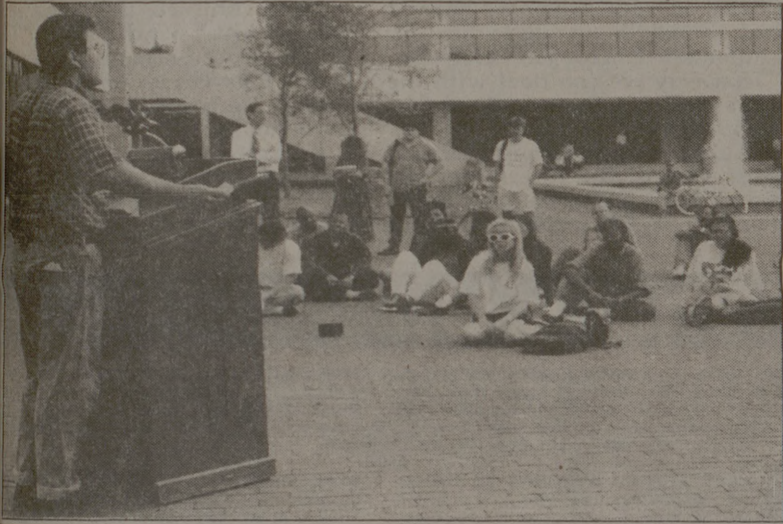
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A&M groups voice views at racism rally



Hobby Benavides of U-ACT speaks to a group of people outside Rudder Tower at a racism rally Thursday afternoon.

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Reporter of THE BATTALION

Leaders from various student organizations voiced their opinions about racism and what can be done to fight it in a rally at Rudder Fountain Thursday afternoon.

The rally, which has been in the planning stages for the past week, was organized by Sala Senkayi, originally from Uganda. Senkayi notified organizations about the planning of the event and invited organizational leaders to voice their opinions and their solutions about the racial problems faced in societies.

Thirteen organizational leaders joined together, including leaders from the University Awareness for Cultural Togetherness (U-ACT), the Texas A&M Chapter of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Gay and Lesbian Student Services (GLSS) to speak to the mid-day crowd.

Joseph Gourrier, president of NAACP, began the rally by talking about the disease called racism and the possible causes and cures for it.

"Today I'd like to talk to you about a disease," said Gourrier. "A disease more contagious than the AIDS virus, because it spreads by word of mouth. More virulent than the AIDS virus, cause it poisons the heart, destroys the mind,

and kills the soul. This disease is racism."

Gourrier went on to say that one of the causes of racism is ignorance which is often displayed in three ways, the printed word, the spoken word, and actions such as the recent Sigma Alpha Epsilon "jungle" party. He said that Texas A&M's closed environment is the opportune place for racial education to occur.

"As an institution of higher learning, the contained environment of Texas A&M presents an excellent opportunity to inoculate its students against the disease of racism," Gourrier said. "The vaccine for this disease, people, is education."

Clay Kilpatrick, representing GLSS, asked the crowd to begin accepting people for who they are, instead of judging people for their colors or nationalities.

"What we need to do is judge people for what they have done to you or for you," Kilpatrick said. "As opposed to where they are from."

Hobby Benevides, with U-ACT, presented the idea that people should realize that everyone is an individual and to know who you are.

"You have to know who you are," Benevides said. "Everyone here has an identity. Once we know who we are, we can go and

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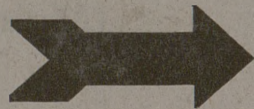


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Jamie Anderson, Todd Singleton and the rest of the Junior Red Pots push the center pole into its hole. The center pole is lifted by a cherry-picker and the juniors push it into the hole.

Derek Wood, a freshman in Company K-1 greases a perimeter pole so center pole can be tied down. The perimeter poles are greased so the ropes that hold center pole straight can be made as tight as possible.



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In Advance

Sorority to sponsor Halloween festival

By CHERYL HELLER

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Zeta Tau Alpha will sponsor the second annual Halloween on Sorority Row on Friday, Oct. 30 from 6-9 p.m.

The purpose of the activity is to have a safe and happy holiday for the children of Bryan and College Station, said ZTA service chairman Bridget Hennessey.

The Girls and Boys Clubs of Bryan-College Station will attend the event, arriving on buses provided by the Texas A&M transportation service.

"We're working with the A&M transportation service, so the kids from the Clubs have a chance to come," Hennessey said. "Anyone else in the community is also welcome."

Olympia Way and Athens Street will be blocked off from traffic, and the sorority houses along those streets will host free activities including a haunted house, fortune tellers, trick-or-treating, bobbing for apples and games. Pi Beta Phi, which is located on Munson Street, will donate candy. Hennessey said she hopes that her sorority will continue to sponsor the activity in the future.

"We're trying to make this a yearly event, and I think its a really good opportunity to give the children a safe Halloween," she said.



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Pumpkin judge Jennifer Jakubik judges the entries in the horticulture pumpkin carving contest in the Horticulture building Thursday. The pumpkin in the photo was carved by horticulture major T. Henry Flowers. The winner will be announced Friday.

DPS to use social security cards to thwart illegal IDs

By GARY P. CARROLL

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In an effort to reduce the number of driver's licenses obtained fraudulently, the Texas Department of Public Safety will require all Texans applying for or renewing a license to show a Social Security card beginning November 1, 1992.

Only cards issued by the United States Social Security Administration will be accepted. If an applicant does not have the government-issued card, income tax documents, W-2 forms or other payroll or employer records will be accepted.

Texas A&M University student identification cards and 'flea market' type cards, such as the engraved metal cards, will not be accepted.

The Social Security numbers will not be printed on the licenses, but would act as a deterrent to those seeking to falsify information in an effort to obtain a fake ID.

"What we're trying to do is make our document a more secure one," said Sergeant Bruce Fallis of the local DPS driver's license office in Bryan.

DPS officials hope this new measure will reduce crimes involving fake identification such as hot check cases and minors purchasing alcohol.

Fallis said that A&M is the source of many of the problems

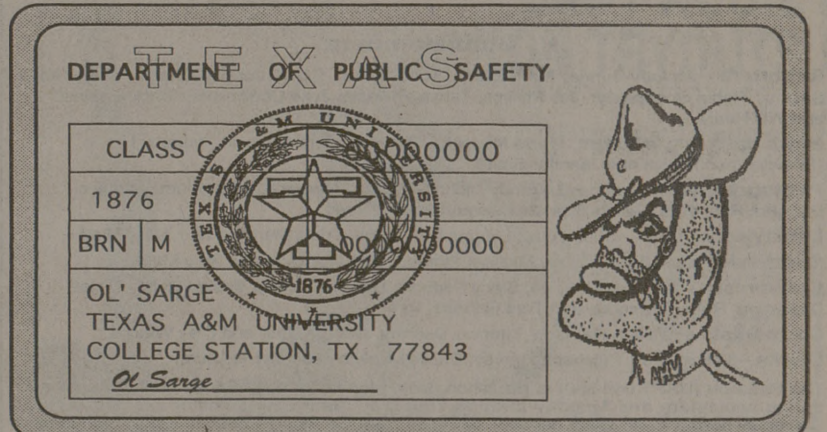
regarding the obtaining of false identification.

"I can't tell you exactly what the percentage of incidences involving fake IDs is, but the problem exists," Fallis said.

Many students who aren't 21-years-old often use their brother's or sister's license to go to the DPS

and a mandatory suspension of his or her license for no less than three months and no longer than one year.

Fallis said in most cases people are caught when they are pulled over or involved in an accident. He said that the person involved will inadvertently show the officer



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office and have a duplicate made to get into bars, he said.

Fallis said that it is very difficult for the DPS to catch people trying to obtain fake IDs, but hopes the new format will greatly reduce the problem.

Misrepresenting oneself on a driver's license is a class C misdemeanor and, if convicted, the person may face up to \$500 in fines

a fake ID with the person's picture and false information.

Applicants for a DPS identification card are not required to show a Social Security card.

Signs will be posted in DPS driver's license offices and if you have any further questions call the DPS Public Information Office at (512) 465-2080.