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BONFIRE '92

Police finish preparation for bonfire

By GINA HOWARD

Reporter of THE BATTALION

With Texas Aggie Bonfire less than two weeks away, officials from the College Station Police Department are putting the final touches on plans to keep spectators and traffic under control during the event.

Officers mulled over several options before deciding on the final game plan for Nov. 24, said Maj. Mason Newton, College Station police coordinator for bonfire night.

"We anticipate that the event will be a problem, so we just had to decide exactly which of our options we would go with," Newton said.

Newton said the department had several options in dealing with this year's bonfire: to "do absolutely nothing," to set up monitored pedestrian crossings on Texas Avenue and University Drive, to block off the major roadways or to rely heavily on motorcycle officers and try to keep the traffic moving.

"The first was not really a good choice," he said. "We decided to go with using motorcycle officers and helping pedestrians cross legally with the lights."

In addition to the increased officers on the road, a command post will be set up west of South College Avenue as a remote booking site for bonfire night offenders.

"We are going to be taking a pro-P.I. (public intoxication) stance," Newton said. "Instead of just trying to find people rides, we will be making arrests and issuing citations."

Police will be too busy that night to try to find rides for all of the drunks, he said.

Newton said he anticipates that car accidents could be a real problem due to the heavily congested roads that are expected.

In order to keep cars moving on bonfire night, officers will be



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Bonfire's new site on the polo fields will create first-time problems for Eastgate businesses and traffic.

handing out Department of Safety accident report forms to drivers involved in minor accidents.

"We will not be working the minor accidents, but simply handing out 'blue forms' and telling them to get in touch with their insurance companies," Newton said. "Major accidents we will work as usual."

One specific area the department will target is the Northgate area, where six officers will patrol, issuing citations and making arrests.

The overflow of revelers from the Dixie Chicken and Dudley's Draw in Northgate has in the past created a serious traffic problem on University Drive, Newton said.

"Hopefully the crowd will not

overflow, but if it does we will be issuing Class B misdemeanors," he said. "It's a dangerous situation, and someone is going to get killed."

Businesses located in the Eastgate area will have, for the first time, the problem of dealing with bonfire spectators in and around the area.

To help businesses, the police department has sent out letters and copies of the law concerning the towing of cars parked illegally in the businesses' lots, Newton said.

"We invited any interested businesses in the area to attend a meeting detailing parking laws and what rights they have so they will be better able to deal with the situation."

Bosnian factions sign unconditional cease-fire

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnia's warring factions signed an unconditional cease-fire covering the entire republic Tuesday, but it was uncertain whether all had the will or means to end months of bloodletting.

Also Tuesday, the Red Cross evacuated about a third of the estimated 6,000 people — Muslims, Croats and Serbs — who have been trying to abandon Sarajevo.

The agreement on a Bosnian cease-fire, which was to go into effect at midnight Wednesday, was reached during negotiations among military commanders who have been meeting for two weeks at the Sarajevo airport on a plan to demilitarize the capital.

Several longterm trends argue for an end to the fighting in Bosnia. These include the approach of winter, increasing economic problems and diplomatic isolation in Serbia, and the military losses and lack

of supplies and food on the Muslim side.

However, dozens of truces have failed in Bosnia in the past — many within hours — because top commanders lack control over fighters in the field.

At least 14,000 people have been killed in the fighting, which started when Serbs rebelled after Muslims and Croats voted for independence on Feb. 29. Serbs, who made up about a third of the republic's prewar population, have captured about 70 percent of Bosnia.

Monday's agreement "has been signed by the Serbs, Muslims and U.N. representatives, together with the Croatian Defense Council," said Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic, reached by telephone in the Serb stronghold of Pale, east of Sarajevo.

"Only the regular Croatian army has not signed yet, but we expect them to sign in a few days," he said. Croatia has denied persistent claims that soldiers of its regular army are involved in the fighting.

Baptist convention stresses abstinence

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CORPUS CHRISTI — Texas Baptists adopted resolutions Tuesday targeting homosexuality as a "distortion" and emphasizing abstinence in sex education.

Sex values dominated debate among more than 6,000 delegates at the 107th annual Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Leaders also voted to ask their executive board to siphon \$800,000 from the State Missions Commission budget to build Christian schools in inner-city neighborhoods. Its 1993 budget is just more than \$8 million.

"The inner city schools are the ones where you have a lot of gang violence and many other problems," said Harvey Starling, pastor at the Second Chapel Baptist church in Garland. "You put a Christian influence in there, and it will always help."

Earlier Tuesday, delegates adopted a resolution that said homosexuality violated the biblical ethic of abstinence outside of marriage. The same document condemned adultery, incest and

pornography.

Another resolution on teen-pregnancy called for parental involvement in teaching sex in schools.

It urges lawmakers "to support programs which have a major goal of keeping children from becoming parents through the teaching of abstinence and the provision of appropriate sex education."

"We have got to teach these children what sex is and convince them of what they need to do," said Kim Snyder of First Baptist Church of College Station. "We don't need to give ultimatums, we need to give them alternatives so they will be guided in making the correct choices."

In other action Tuesday, the Baptists announced a plan to provide disaster relief to starving citizens of the East African nation of Somalia.

On Monday, delegates voted to continue funding Baylor University despite an ongoing clash between fundamentalists and the moderate institution.

Bushes hunt for house in Houston

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HOUSTON — Once they leave the White House, George and Barbara Bush may trade their Houston hotel room for a house.

The soon-to-be-unemployed president, long criticized for having the hotel suite as his legal voting residence, has asked a friend to do some house-hunting for him in his adopted city.

Jack Steel said the Bushes are looking for something modestly priced with no more than four bedrooms. The home has to be in the general area of Tanglewood, an upscale west Houston neighborhood where the Bushes once owned a house.

"The thing that pleases me about this . . . is that so many people and the media always said, 'They're not really Texans, and they won't go back to Texas,'" Steel told the Houston Chronicle. "I guess this shows 'em."

An independent political group aired ads in September claiming Bush was trying to avoid taxes in Maine by claiming the Houston hotel room as his legal residence. Bush spokeswoman Torie Clarke responded that the Bushes have been legal residents of Texas since 1948, and planned to retire there.

Steel said the Bushes are interested in having something ready to move into when Bush's presidency ends Jan. 20. He plans to have three or four houses ready for Mrs. Bush to look at next week.

Steel said when he talked with the president Sunday, Bush was in "great spirits."

"But I think the president and Barbara are looking forward to getting down here and back to as normal a life as possible," Steel said.

Student victim reflects on stabbing attack

By WILL HEALY

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Mike Marketos, a sophomore business administration major from Plano, was stabbed Monday night around 9:30 when two black males attempted to rob him across from the Briarwood Apartments in College Station.

Marketos said an unidentified black male spun him around as he was closing his car door, and an accomplice hit him and asked for his money. Marketos said he told them he did not have any money.

"I said 'I don't have any' — and I really didn't," Marketos said. "Even if I had it in my back pocket they didn't give me a chance to pull it out."

"I thought he punched me but right after he punched me, he ran off," Marketos said. "I wondered, 'Why did he run off?' and I

Police have no suspects in attempted robbery

looked down and I was bleeding." Marketos did not immediately realize he had been cut, and said it wasn't as serious as it could have been.

"It was just a cut," Marketos said. "I was lucky in the fact that I saw the guy's punch coming so I tried to avoid it and that's how he got me in the side. If I hadn't moved, he would have got me in the stomach."

Marketos then walked across the street to his girlfriend Gina Huff's apartment. "He was leaning over like he was throwing up," Huff said.

Huff's roommate called 911 and Marketos was taken to the Humana Hospital in College Station, treated and released shortly after midnight after receiving 10 stitches.

Marketos took an exam and went to class Tuesday, and said he was not seriously harmed.

"Gina took my notes for me because it is hard for me to raise my right arm," Marketos said.

Marketos said there was no emotional damage from the incident.

"It hasn't really hit me that I could have died," Marketos said. "If I hadn't moved it could have hit me in the stomach and who knows what would have happened?"

Marketos said he is looking at the incident as a lesson and is happy that the incident will force his girlfriend and her roommates to be more conscious of their own personal safety.

"I'm glad it was me rather than Gina or

her roommates," said Marketos. "I was lucky enough to be able to move out of the way."

Marketos said Briarwood Apartments could have done more to prevent incidents like this from occurring.

"They could have had more lights because it is dark around there," Marketos said.

An investigation is ongoing and police have descriptions of the assailants, but all Marketos saw was their hairstyles, what they were wearing, and the fact that one of the men had a moustache.

"I don't even know if I could recognize them," Marketos said. "It was dark and there was nothing out there."

The police questioned one man but he turned out not to be one of the suspects.

"It's a little upsetting knowing the fact that they're out there," Marketos said.

Faculty, staff consider multicultural class

This is the second in a four-part series that examines the possibilities of a required multicultural curriculum and opinions of people on the University campus. The series will focus on faculty and students opinions regarding multiculturalism at Texas A&M as well as multiculturalism on other university campuses.

By TANYA WILLIAMS

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Students at Texas A&M University have not been the only people voicing their ideas and feelings about the possibility of a required multicultural curriculum or class.

University officials, faculty and staff have their own opinions and proposals about the need for sensitivity training at Texas A&M University.

Some faculty members that support the idea of sensitivity training have proposed different ideas for the infusion of multiculturalism into A&M's curriculum.

Dr. Larry Oliver, associate professor in the Department of English, and Sheri Schmidt, student development specialist in the Department of Multicultural Services both have different ideas regarding multicultural sensitivity.

Oliver believes that a multicultural curriculum could be applied to colleges and universities nationwide.

"As was obvious by the fraternity incident . . . on this campus (and) at campuses all across the country, there is an insensitivity toward racial and ethnic diversity," Oliver said.

"The insensitivity often times manifests itself as it did at the fraternity party, then it offends (minority) students who see themselves as stereotyped or treated insensibly."

Oliver says the insensitivity, caused primarily by ignorance and misunderstanding, could grow into something much larger.

"Insensitivity leads to incidents like we had at the fraternity party, which leads to further incidents," Oliver said.

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— Dr. Larry Oliver, associate professor of English

"Whites and blacks then start to exist in a state of perpetual tension — then you know you have a racially charged climate."

Oliver feels that a lot of this could be eliminated if students took courses such as African-American Literature.

His suggestion is not to make one course like 'Multiculturalism 101' or

'Cultural Diversity 101', but rather provide a number of multicultural classes that would accomplish the goals of making students more informed about, and sensitive to, cultural differences, while giving them a choice of what course to take.

"In that situation (one course curriculum), students have no freedom of choice, I think a lot of students, maybe thousands, would enter those classrooms in a hostile frame of mind," Oliver said. "The model that we chose would say to students that yes you have to take a requirement in multiculturalism just like taking a humanities requirement — but we'll give you a choice."

Oliver feels that having a one course requirement would also bring about other problems.

"Logistical problems of having one course is finding one course that would serve 40,000 plus students without hiring a cadre of new professors — plus the problems of space requirements, scheduling requirements, and adding a course

"In order to prepare our students to be successful once they leave here, it is the University's obligation to provide them with what they need."

— Sheri Schmidt, student development specialist, Department of Multicultural Services

to a curriculum that is already packed," Oliver said. "If we're going to have a requirement, let's make it a feasible one that doesn't disrupt the whole system."

Oliver said that the Department of Liberal Arts is developing a proposal for a two-course requirement that could be

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