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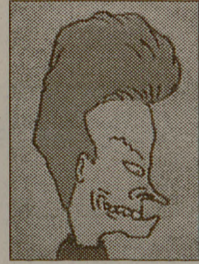
## Beavis, Butt-head blamed for 3 more fires

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — MTV's animated television show "Beavis and Butt-head" was cited by children responsible for setting three recent fires, authorities say.

None of the Austin-area fires hurt anyone or caused serious damage, said Cathy Brandewie, spokeswoman for the Austin Fire Department.

But Brandewie said the department was prompted to let the public know after a 5-year-old Ohio boy set a fire last week that killed his 2-year-old sister. The mother has said she suspects the



Beavis

series influenced her son. "We've been lucky that (the fires) have been pretty small," Brandewie said. "The children said they enjoyed the show and learned that fire-setting was cool."

ing and proclaiming that "fire is cool."

Brandewie said two brothers, ages 8 and 12, confessed to fire investigators during an interview that they set two grass fires in southwestern Austin.

The interview was part of the fire department's SAFE (Safety and Fire Education) program for children. It was during the SAFE program that each of the three



Butt-head

children mentioned the cartoon show, Brandewie said.

The boys were burning plastic cups when the grass caught on fire, she said. Damage was minimal.

In the third incident, a 10-year-old boy piled clothes and paper on his bed and set it on fire. Once again, no major damage was reported, Brandewie said.

Austin Fire Department Lt. Mike Littrell, who interviewed the two brothers, said parents need to explain to their children the difference between reality and fantasy.

"We're concerned this might be a trend and we want to stop it before it becomes one," he said.

## Sorority promotes awareness in second annual Delta Week

By Cheryl Heller

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority is emphasizing political, educational, health, economic and international awareness through its second annual Delta Week.

"We want everyone to leave enlightened with something they did not have before," said Tracy Bates, Delta Week committee chair.

Delta Week activities began Monday with a Black Business Expo designed to advertise and expose African-American entrepreneurs to students and the community. The sorority also sponsored a style show that featured products from Bryan-College Station vendors.

On Wednesday, the sorority worked with representatives from the A.P. Beutel Health Center and St. Joseph's Hospital handing out health brochures and providing free cholesterol and blood checks in the MSC.

The sorority will sponsor "A Walk on the International Side" Thursday, which will feature soliloquies from South African plays presented by the C.P. Time Players.

Vinita Leday, historian, said Delta Sigma Theta is using an international theme because the sorority has chapters worldwide.

"We're not limited to the United States," Leday said. "We have chapters in Korea and other countries, with over 185,000 members worldwide."

Friday night Delta Sigma Theta will sponsor "Delta Double Dare," a game that tests participants' knowledge of black history and heritage.

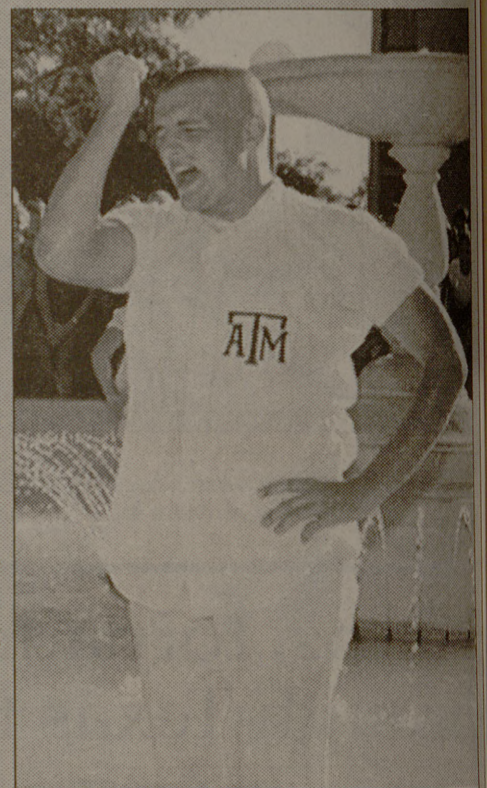
"We planned the game because our heritage is rich, but a lot of people are unaware of it," Leday said. "We thought a game would be a fun way for people to learn about black history."

Saturday night the sorority will hold a "Good Ole' Dayz" party. The party is a 'tribute' to the 1970s with prizes being awarded for the best costumes.

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## MIDNIGHT YELL PRACTICE

For those faculty and students planning to travel to this weekend's Baylor-Texas A&M football game, midnight yell practice will be held Friday in Waco at the Indian Springs Park, located next to the suspension bridge crossing the Brazos River.



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