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B-CS cellular phone service offers customers voice-activated dialing

By Stephanie Dube

THE BATTALION

Cellular One introduced a service to the Bryan-College Station area Wednesday that will allow car phone users to make calls from their car without using their hands.

VoiceTouch is a new service that uses voice recognition devices to dial a phone number.

Ben Bailey, market manager for Cellular One, said VoiceTouch makes cellular phones safer to use because customers do not have to look down when dialing.

"VoiceTouch allows you to speak to your telephone and, just by calling a name in the name directory of 20 names, the phone

will dial the number automatically," Bailey said. "It just makes the phone more of a safety feature."

The new technology is easy to install and costs \$4.95 a month.

John Smith, regional vice president and general manager of Cellular One, said this service works on any cellular phone and requires no new equipment.

Bryan-College Station is one of the first areas in both Texas and the United States to receive this service.

Ben Bailey, market manager for Cellular One, said this service was introduced in Dallas more than a year ago and was introduced in Austin last week.

Bailey said when they introduced VoiceTouch in Dallas, Cellular One expected the customers

to use VoiceTouch mostly with mobile phones. But customers began to use VoiceTouch with handheld car phones.

The service also allows customers to create a directory of numbers which they can access by saying 'call.'

"VoiceTouch is the latest technology hitting the streets," Bailey said.

VoiceTouch is not the only technological advance recently launched by Cellular One, Bailey said.

In addition to VoiceTouch, Cellular One introduced an emergency roadside assistance program last month. Both features were introduced to provide more assistance to users of car phones.

Through the looking glass



Amy Browning/The Battalion

Russ Campbell (left), a junior mechanical engineering major from Baytown, and Melissa Peoples (right), a sophomore civil engineering major from Conroe, practice surveying for their engineering 201 class Tuesday afternoon on the lawn beside Wisenbaker.



Campus News Briefs

Engineering society to hold conference for high schools

The Texas A&M Society of Women Engineers will sponsor a conference this weekend that will bring high school students to campus to learn about opportunities in engineering.

The conference, which begins Friday, will include a tour of the campus, a design competition, a Yell Practice, a panel discussion and an introduction to the College of Engineering.

Apartment complexes, police to participate in fair

Texas A&M University's Off Campus Center and Off Campus Aggies will sponsor Housing Fair '94 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 9 in the MSC.

Students can meet with managers from local apartment complexes and mobile home parks.

Students also will have a chance to talk to local police departments, utility companies, campus food services and transportation services.

High school students to take part in symposium

Scientists and other professionals will present sessions and workshops to high school students during the seventh annual Science, Technology and Youth Symposium on March 5.

The symposium will include three 45-minute speaker sessions, followed by an afternoon of tours of A&M facilities and hands-on workshops for students and teachers.

The sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and the tours and workshops will begin at 1 p.m.

Committee appointed to fill A&M press director post

A search advisory committee has been established to identify candidates for Director of the Texas A&M University Press.

The committee will consist of Dr. Fred Heath, chairman of Evans Library; Mary Miller, assistant vice president for finance and interim director of the Texas A&M University Press; Dr. Jim Rosenheim, associate professor of history; Dr. Hamlin Hill, professor of English; Dr. Barbara Gastel, associate professor of journalism; Gayla Christensen of the University Press; and Dan Parker with the office of senior vice president and provost.

Engineering week features calculator toss, fajita fest

National Engineering Week will be this week at Texas A&M and will feature softball and volleyball tournaments, pool tournaments and various other activities as well as the second annual "Engineering Day at the Mall."

The event will give the College of Engineering a chance to show the rest of the University what engineering is about.

Some of the events include a fajita fest, a display of cars of the future, an egg drop competition, a scavenger hunt, a calculator toss, an airplane toss, a remote control car race, a domino tournament and a bridge building tournament.

Engineering Day at the Mall will feature the U.S. space camp EXPO.

It is expected to attract between 6,000 and 8,000 area high school and grammar school children.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information on the events contact Kathleen Donnellan at 845-8567.

Assault

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Stephen Swan, a senior finance major originally from Houston, said he also was unaware of what would happen that night.

"I assumed he (Ornston) was going to talk it out with Mr. Walker," he said. "I went along because I was concerned about Kevin."

Nicole Cloutier, a senior journalism major who was with the victim the night of the incident,

said there was no doubt in her mind all four assaulted Walker.

"John was on the ground," Cloutier said. "He never had a chance to throw a punch at any of them."

Vivienne White, a senior speech communications major who was also at Redstone Apartments that night, agreed with the testimony of Cloutier, her roommate at the time.

"It was a big dog pile," White said. "I jumped on their backs to pull them off of John."

Swan said although all four defendants were pledge brothers in

Kappa Alpha, they do not have an oath pledging to assist one another.

"We make a pledge to be loyal to Kappa Alpha," Swan said. "The pledge is not necessarily to help or assist each other."

Greg Pappas, Stephen Swan, and Kevin Ornston, all pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault. Earl Dyke, a former Texas A&M student, pleaded guilty to the charges.

The four men were placed on probation and paid fines ranging from \$440 to \$1,565, said Chris Kling, prosecuting attorney.

Attorneys for both sides made a

pretrial agreement not to discuss the defendants' criminal convictions to the jury, but Pappas' no contest plea came out during his testimony.

After deliberation with the attorneys, Judge John Delaney, of the 272nd District Court, ruled the attorneys could only ask if Pappas had been charged with misdemeanor assault. They could not discuss the specifics of the charges.

Swan will continue his testimony today at 9 a.m. Ornston and Dyke will also testify at the trial which is expected to continue until Thursday.

S.A. man dies after roof collapses

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A roof collapse has claimed the life of the man of a demolition crew, officials said.

Wayne Ray Waldrip, 45, of San Antonio died Monday morning when a water pumping station being torn down prematurely collapsed.

District Fire Chief Michael Rankin said it appeared too much support for the structure was taken away.

The crew had a contract with the San Antonio Water System to demolish the pumping facility, according to Rankin.

The accident happened around 10 a.m. Monday.

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