

Columnist William Harrison: A cadet from the first class at A&M began a long-standing tradition of campus turmoil



Highs in the 90s, lows in the 70s. Chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers. (Yeah, that's what they all say.)

-National Weather Service

Many feel A&M is the team to beat even though we're ineligible for the championship

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Sports card issued to students

I.D. card no longer needed to collect tickets

By Jan Higginbotham

With football season just around the corner, the Texas A&M athletic department is mailing its new athletic sports cards to student sports fans.

The cards will be used by students to obtain their tickets to A&M football games and for admission to other athletic events.

Jim Kotch, athletic ticket manager, said the cards will work in place of a student's I.D. card when getting tickets.

"The big reason for these cards is for the security part of the I.D. cards," Kotch said. "This way you don't have to give your I.D. to someone else."

He said the cards will work basically the same as the I.D. cards students have used in the

past, but this change will allow students to be able to use their Aggie Bucks and get into their dorms even if someone else is collecting their ticket for them.

"The process of picking up tickets will also work essentially the same."

"If you're the person picking up the tickets, you will need your I.D. card and your athletic card and the athletic cards of the other people you're getting tickets for," he said. "At the gate of the games, you will need your ticket and your I.D. card."

When attending other athletic events, students will need their I.D. and the sports card.

Penny King, associate athletic director for business, said security factors played a major factor in the decision to change the ticket process.

"The main reason is because

of the security behind the I.D. cards, especially with some of the dormitories going to automated entries," King said.

Carrying an extra card could cause some inconvenience for some students, she said, but the change should work out better from a liability standpoint.

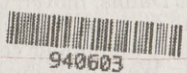
"If I had \$500 in Aggie Bucks, I know I wouldn't want to give somebody my I.D. card," King said. "We hope that the new card will be easier and more convenient."

The card will come with no additional cost to students.

Kotch said ticket prices will remain the same and the athlet



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ATHLETICS Sports Card

ic department will absorb the costs of producing and mailing the new cards.

Students who lose their cards will be charged a \$10 replacement fee.

About 15,000 of the athletic cards have already been mailed to students and about 4,800 of the cards went out to freshmen

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FOR A GOOD TIME, CALL...

A&M-Corpus Christi mistakenly urges transfer students to dial phone sex line

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Red-faced officials at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi are still trying to explain why students trying to register by telephone got connected to a telephone sex service instead.

Someone made an embarrassing but inadvertent mistake two weeks ago when a yellow information sheet was prepared for mailing to approximately 250 out-of-town students who had expressed an interest in transferring to the school.

The information sheet urged students to register by telephone, but there was a one-digit error in the toll-free telephone number printed on the flier.

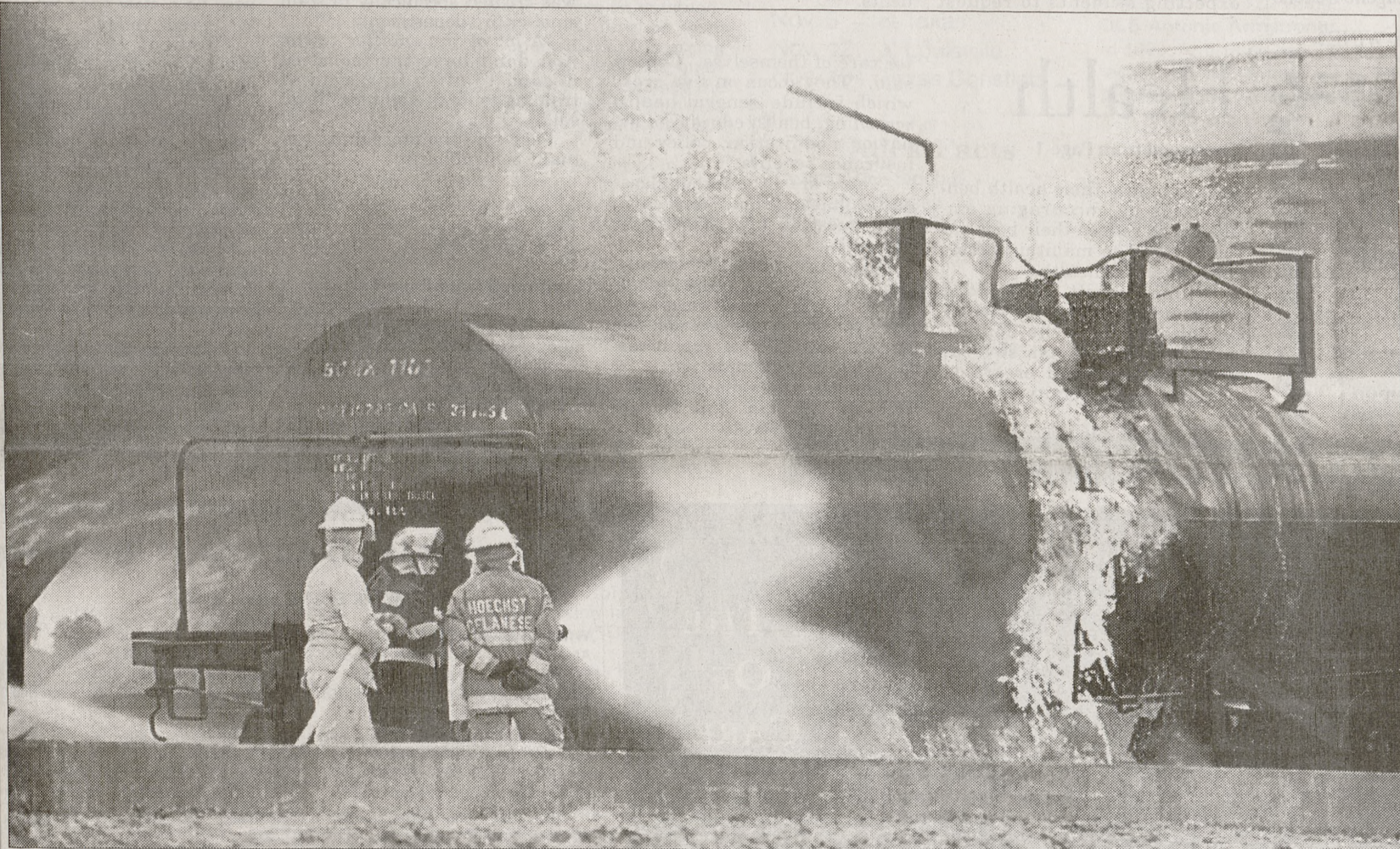
The number for registration

by mail is 1-800-PHONREG, but the number printed was 1-800-PHONEREG.

That will get you the same sexually oriented recording you'd get if you called 1-800-PHONEX, since only the first seven numbers count, and "r" and "s" have the same place on the phone pad.

"The sad part is, we could have just as easily gotten a General Motors consumer hotline or a Maytag repair service line," university spokesman Greg Orwig said.

"The worst of all possible wrong numbers that could have been generated by that typo is what actually happened. It would be funny if it weren't so unfortunate," he said.



Firefighters in training put out a simulated refinery fire Tuesday at Brayton Fireman Training Field. Their three-week training session ends in late August.

to fight a fire

By Craig Lewis

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Firefighters from across the state are participating in the annual Fireman's Training School this summer held at Brayton Fireman Training Field in College Station.

The annual training program, which has over 4,000 trainees this year, was designed to hone the physical and mental skills of firefighters from throughout the state.

About 4,500 participants attend the fire training school for three weeks every summer.

The Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) conducts more than 27 courses, providing participants with hands-on training in areas such as rescue practices, inspections, fire service officer development, fire prevention, pump maintenance and introductory and advanced firefighting.

Charles Page, division head of TEEX, said the school's goals are to save lives, to save injuries and to protect firefighters.

"The firefighters are getting not only emergency simulations but classes teaching them about specialty situations like electrical fires,"

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Loud noises emanate from bowels of campus

By Stacey Fehlis

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If you have ever wondered what the loud noise is that occasionally can be heard about 10 p.m. around the Harvey Bright Building, it is a propulsion jet engine in the basement of the building.

The Bright Building basement is known as the Aerospace Fluid Dynamics Lab or "Wind Tunnel Room," said John Grillo, research associate for the Department of Aerospace Engineering.

"There is a lot of equipment down there that makes noise, in-

cluding several wind tunnels to simulate flight," he said, "but the culprit of the loud, intense noise is a propulsion jet engine."

Grillo said the jet engine is being used in an experiment by Randy Wood, a graduate student in aerospace engineering.

"Right now Randy is using the propulsion jet engine to conduct an experiment to test for better engine performance," he said. "The experiment is measuring such things as velocity, temperature and thrust."

Kathy Faust, a staff assistant with the Department of Aerospace Engineering, said students are always conducting experiments in the lab.

"Right now there are about seven experiments going on," she said. "And the reason the sound may be heard at night is because students are there at various times working."

Student workers at the Sterling C. Evans library said the noise can be heard there.

In a letter to The Battalion, Monte Williams, a mechanical engineering graduate student, described the noise as a loud, obscene sound.

"It sounds as if someone is performing gastrointestinal experiments with microphones," he wrote, "or the campus is belching."

Lee Perry, a dispatcher for

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Woman admitted to Citadel must shave head

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Shannon Faulkner's light brown hair is the price she must pay to become the first female member of The Citadel's corps of cadets.

U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck ruled Monday that the state-supported military college can shave Faulkner's head when she joins the corps this fall, since the law acknowledges no difference between men and women in the way they wear their hair.

Faulkner declined to comment on whether there would be an appeal. "I'm not

talking about anything right now," she said.

In a number of earlier interviews and in her deposition for the trial in May, Faulkner had said she would get the haircut if she was required to.

Citadel lawyer Dawes Cooke had argued that the head-shaving is an important part of the cadet experience.

"What it means is a symbolic relinquishing of individuality," he said. "Many cadets describe it as the most humiliating moment of their lives. For us to say to Ms. Faulkner that she be treated differently would hurt

her chances for assimilation into the corps."

Faulkner's lawyers countered that shaving a woman's head is a traditional method of humiliation, and noted that the French did it to women who collaborated with Nazis in World War II. They had asked that Faulkner get a bob similar to the haircut given women at service academies.

Last month, Houck ruled The Citadel's all-male admissions policy unconstitutional and ordered Faulkner, 19, into the corps. She began attending classes in January. The school is appealing.

Employee diet could lower health costs

Excess body fat adds up to millions of dollars in health claims, study says

By Tracy Smith

THE BATTALION

A Texas A&M study suggests that by encouraging employees to lose weight, employers may be able to reduce health care costs.

A two year analysis of Texas A&M health care claims found that overweight employees could add up to as much as 5 percent of claims paid through the University.

More than 1,400 of the University's 11,300 employees took part in the assessment program, which included measurements of blood pressure, cardiovascular fitness, cholesterol and body composition. It also had an appraisal of overall health risks.

More than 450 employees gave researchers permission to analyze health care claims submitted. The 413 claims which were eventually analyzed were then compared to claims submitted by a randomly selected group of employees who didn't take part in the program.

Dr. Jeffrey Brizzolara, assessment coordinator for Texas A&M's Health Promotion program, said male employees with 16 or more percent body fat and female employees with 25 percent or more body fat were twice more likely to submit claims totaling \$500 a year than employees with less body fat.

"If you extrapolate from the

sample group to over 11,000 University employees," Brizzolara said, "it could add up to as much as \$1.8 million a year in claims related to excess body fat."

He said several health factors could explain why overweight employees cost more in health benefits.

"The relationship between obesity and coronary artery disease has been documented well," Brizzolara said. "Reducing body fat has been shown to lower blood pressure and total cholesterol levels, thus reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease."

Michelle Morat, a Texas A&M nutrition graduate student, said that a correlation between obesity and health problems does exist.

"There may be a likelihood that health claims could increase as a person's weight increases," she said. "Health problems

could be the result of many things, with obesity being just one of many.

"Implementing health care programs for overweight employees might help lessen a problem."

Brizzolara said the study does suggest that employers might be

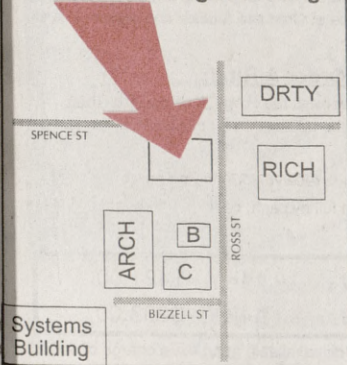
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The "loud, obscene sound" that can be heard on campus at night comes from a small jet engine used for aerospace experiments in the basement of the Bright Building.



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