

NEWS BRIEFS

Chilifest to benefit Brazos United Way

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon's fifth annual Chilifest will be held Saturday at the Snook Rodeo Arena, off Highway 60, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Brazos County United Way.

Awards will be given for showmanship and the hottest chili. First, second and third place awards will be given for corporate and non-corporate teams.

The Bellamy Brothers will provide entertainment.

KAMU-TV to hold 15th annual auction

The 15th annual KAMU-TV Auction begins Saturday and will run through April 28.

The auction will be broadcast live each night at 7 p.m.

Elain Hoyak, assistant director of KAMU-TV, said that all of the money raised will be used to support programming on KAMU-TV.

The items to be auctioned, which include vacations, Aggie gifts, a registered Charolais Heifer, tickets to Aggie football games and OPAS events, have been donated by people and businesses in the community.

"We appreciate all of the businesses and individuals who support the station by donating time and items to the auction," Hoyak said.

KAMU-TV has set a goal of raising \$75,000 during the auction.

Hoyak said the station needs about \$250,000 to support the programming for the station, not including the operating budget.

"This auction provides about a third of all of the funds that we need for program purchases," Hoyak said.

Blood drive to continue through next week

Because of the interest A&M students and faculty are showing in donating blood to help the victims of the Oklahoma bombing, the blood drive will be continued into next week.

The Corps of Cadets, Alpha Phi Omega and Angel Flight will sponsor the blood drive Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Lounge F on the Quad.

Thursday, 596 pints of blood were donated. The yell leaders will lead yell practice at the donation sites today to entertain those who come to donate.

Muster: Aggies remember those who have passed on

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also features entertainment, including the Kappa Kickers, Aggie Wranglers, Century Singers and Box Car Poets.

The Class of '45 will attend the barbecue as a part of the celebration of their 50th class reunion.

The Muster ceremony will feature speaker Dr. Lee Phillips, Class of '53.

Dr. Phillips, a former student and professor of industrial engineering at A&M, said his speech will focus on the ties that have kept Aggies together for generations.

"Muster is the symbol of unity that we as Aggies have over all the years," Dr. Phillips said. "It certainly reflects the Aggie spirit."

Additional seating for the ceremony will be provided in Rudder Auditorium, where a large projection screen will show Muster via satellite from G. Rollie White.

"Rudder Auditorium may not be able to provide the exact same look as Muster in G. Rollie, but it will definitely provide the same feeling," Greebon said.

For those Aggies who will not have the opportunity to attend the A&M campus Muster, small simulcasts of the ceremony will be held throughout the state and nation.

Tony Price, class of '74 and Freestone County Muster organizer, said the county's local muster will be held in Fairfield High School's cafeteria and those attending will join the A&M campus Muster via satellite.

"Via satellite, this year's Freestone County Muster

will tour the A&M campus," Price said. "Members of the classes as far back as '30 and '40 will be in attendance and, probably haven't seen the A&M campus in 20 years.

"This will give them the opportunity to view the changes on the campus."

Muster's roll call however will not be through satellite, but will be held locally to recognize the individuals who were known among the group, Price said.

Many student leaders and former Aggies are invited to speak at Musters across the nation.

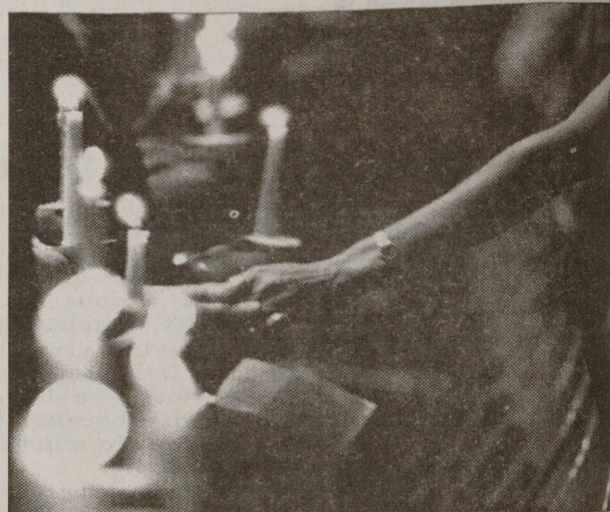
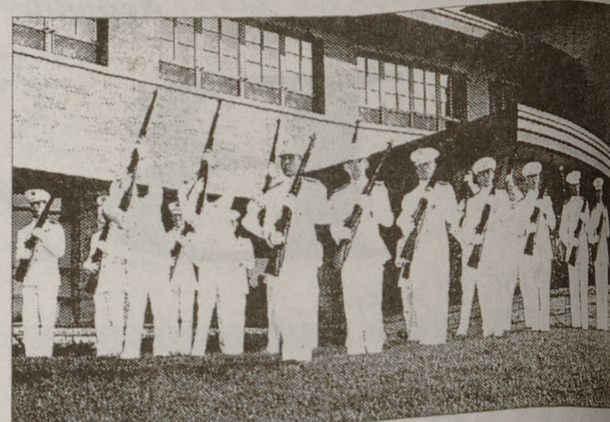
Former A&M student body president for 1993-94, Brian Walker, will travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to speak at the Gold Coast A&M Club's Muster.

"I want to let them know what's going on campus now, and give them an idea of the progress our campus is making," Walker said. "I also want to let them know what Muster means to me and the rest of the students, and that Aggieland is still alive and doing very well."

Because of the somberness of the event, Greebon said that many see Muster as a funeral ceremony, but it is really a celebration.

"There are those who feel Muster isn't for them because it is an honoring of the dead," she said. "But Muster isn't just a reverence for the dead, but more a celebration of life."

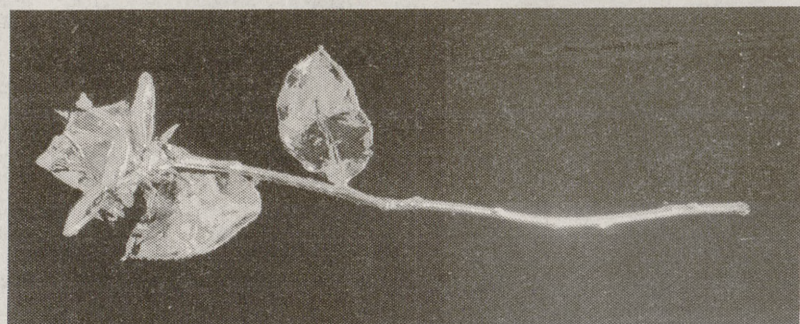
"For those of us who know the honorees, it is a celebration of our time spent with them, and overall it is just a celebration of our camaraderie as Aggies."



Left: Muster ceremony, 1982. Above: (Top) Volunteers at Muster 1955; (Middle) Muster 1982; (Bottom) Muster 1986.

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