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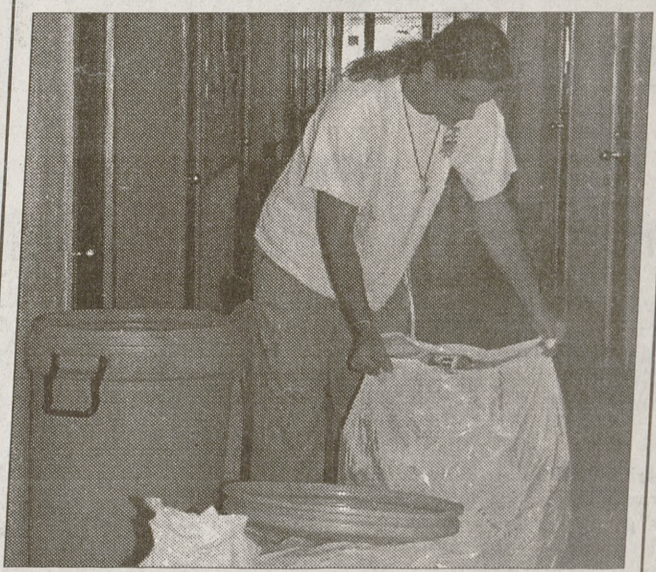
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them," he said. "We can learn about what it takes to get through A&M, especially as an African-American, and what to expect after graduation. "That's very important. So many times, we're focused so much on graduating. But that's such a small part of everything."

"This reunion gives us a chance to see what it's like as African-Americans and as Aggies."

The reunion will culminate in a banquet in 225 MSC at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Dawna Dukes, Class of '86 and a representative in the Texas Legislature, will deliver the keynote address. The banquet will be followed with a 11 a.m. brunch the next morning.

All proceeds from brunch ticket sales will benefit the Shelton Wallace Endowment and the Crystal Miller/Reginald Broadus Scholarship. The two endowments were dedicated in the memory of three A&M students who passed away.



Louis Craig, THE BATTALION

RECYCLING RUBBISH

Chuck Crews, a junior electrical engineering major, collects aluminum cans to recycle in Crocker Hall.

AMTRAK

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to — "Survive in '95."

Amtrak officials came to College Station in August to reach an agreement between concerned citizens and Amtrak officials.

"The bus service is just a compromise," Willis said. "They weren't going to have Amtrak anymore."

One suggestion was to have the Texas A&M marketing department conduct a survey to determine how many pas-

sengers were needed to keep the train running and how to attract them.

However, Willis said the train service had already reached a decision.

"They didn't want to look at restructuring," he said. "They already had their priorities and plans set up when they came down here."

Frost said he also suggested the "Aggie Special" where people could ride the train from Houston and Dallas to A&M home football games for a group rate.

"Even though a majority of the people at the

games are students and local residents, there are a lot of alumni and residents from Houston and Dallas who have to drive down here and fight traffic for home games," he said. "The Aggie Special would make it easier on people traveling and bring in more revenue for Amtrak."

Frost said that although the community made an effort to save the train service, it would have taken more than a few concerned citizens.

"This is a regional or state problem, and we

need the regional eight or nine counties to stand up and say, 'Hey, wait a minute,'" he said.

Even though the decision was not the city's first choice, Frost said it is important to maintain some sort of connection with Amtrak.

Another problem may be the fact that not many people know or care about trains, which were once a primary travel source, he said.

"Most people don't care because they do not know what train travel is and have never been on one," Frost said.

MOSQUITOES: City targets breeding sites

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far back on their property as possible — away from areas in which there are people."

Steve Beachy, College Station emergency management coordinator, said the city is taking some steps to solve the problem, but the citizens are the ones who can do the most.

"Their cooperation will be essential to control these problems," Beachy said.

College Station is planning a two-phase approach to the mosquito dilemma.

The first phase is a public education initiative, which will get the word out to the people that there is a danger by using the

city's community access channel.

Beachy said the second thing the city will do is place insecticide tablets in some of the areas where mosquitoes are thought to breed.

"This will help alleviate the breeding sites, and if ... residents will do the same sort of things, that will help to," he said.

Similar insecticides can be found at local stores, Beachy said.

Joe Brown, city of Bryan spokesman, said the case in College Station is also a concern for Bryan.

"We're certainly not naive enough to think that if this sort of thing happened in College Station, that it can't happen in Bryan," Brown said. "We're go-

ing to be very progressive in our approach to this and warn our citizens."

"It's unfortunate that it takes a death to bring this sort of thing to light."

Brown said the large egret rookery in Bryan is not a concern, because the birds which commonly carry the disease are sparrows, swallows, swifts and other small birds.

Olson said the last death from St. Louis encephalitis occurred in 1976 and was an isolated incident.

The number of mosquitoes this summer has been lower than normal, he said, and a large rain or cooler weather would drastically reduce the population further.

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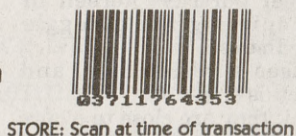
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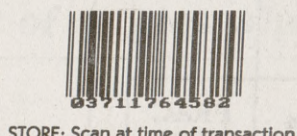
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