

AGGIE ATHLETICS HOME EVENTS

Football
October 28 vs. Houston 1 p.m.

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October 25 vs. Houston 7 p.m.

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October 18 vs. Nebraska 4 p.m.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Steam line shut down to stop odor from manholes

The Texas A&M Physical Plant has shutdown the steam line between main campus and West Campus to stop the steam and odor that is coming from manholes around campus.

Ray Neff, Physical Plant interim manager of utilities, said ground water is getting the line wet.

"The steam line is in the middle of some casing, and apparently the water is getting between the casing and the line," Neff said.

"When the line is wet, it causes the temperature to go up, and that in turn causes the smell."

Neff said Brown and Root, a construction company, has completed work in one manhole and will start work on the other 16.

Houston mayor likely shoo-in for third term

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite an FBI investigation into his administration and controversy surrounding his spending policies, political analysts say Houston Mayor Bob Lanier is a likely shoo-in for re-election next month.

Lanier faces two less-than-formidable challengers — sign company owner David B. Wilson and former school trustee Elizabeth Spates — as he seeks a third and final term in the Nov. 7 election.

Study finds nation's social health in decline

NEW YORK (AP) — The social health of the United States declined in the first year of the Clinton administration, even as the economy improved, according to an index of government data on social problems.

Researchers at Fordham University say their index reveals a startling trend over the past 20 years: The nation's quality of life has come unhinged from its economic growth.

Fordham's Institute for Innovation in Social Policy at Tarrytown, N.Y. has issued an Index of Social Health for the past nine years, using data that go back to 1970. The index tracks how well American society is doing in 16 areas, including infant mortality, drug abuse, unemployment, and the gap between rich and poor.

In six categories, the index hit its lowest point ever in 1993: children in poverty, child abuse, health insurance coverage, average weekly earnings (adjusted for inflation) and out-of-pocket health costs for senior citizens.

Aggies help prevent delinquency

□ A&M students provide tutoring services for children between the ages of 6 and 18 through the Beck Street program.

By Lily Aguilar
THE BATTALION



Shane Elkins, The Battalion

MSC Hospitality is reaching out to help underprivileged children in Bryan's Beck Street community.

Casey Reeves, campus and community executive for MSC Hospitality and a junior community health major, said her organization began working with the Beck Street Delinquency Prevention Program in September.

The program, which targets underprivileged children in a section of Bryan where HUD housing and urban projects are located, gives children a place to socialize and study.

MSC Hospitality members are serving as role models for the children by coaching football and tutoring the children with their school work, Reeves said.

"Beck Street is a new program in itself, and we just started working with it this semester," she said. "I was calling Steve Hagens, one of the program directors, about service awareness when he told me about the program."

"I wanted a new service program. Steve told me what kind of help he needed, and I thought we'd be able to provide what he was looking for."

Hospitality members are trying to raise funds for Beck Street through the MSC Council. The money would go to improving materials for the children to work with at the club.

The group is also trying to co-program with other MSC organizations, such as Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture, to provide role models from different ethnic backgrounds.

"There are lots of cultures at Beck Street, and I think having

Casey Reeves, campus and community executive for MSC Hospitality and a junior community health major, stands with Jacquelyn Holiday, manager of Hancock Fabrics. The store donated fabric to Beck Street to make cheerleader skirts.

people of different cultures to work with the kids would benefit them," Reeves said.

Two MSC Hospitality members are coaching the club's football team, and another member is working with the girls to form a cheerleading squad. Hancock Fabrics donated some fabric, and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offered to make cheerleading skirts for the girls.

"You should see the kids interact with the football coaches," Reeves said. "They see the coaches as role models. It is very eye-opening."

"The kids are hungry for attention. When you go there, the kids come up and want to meet you because it is like, 'Oh, a new person.'"

Steve Hagens, Beck Street director, said the program is funded through a state grant from the department of criminal justice. Hagens was hired to move the program out into the community in July, and he is building a foundation of volunteers and children in the Beck Street area.

All children between the ages of 6 and 18 are welcome to join the program.

"Participation in the club is not mandatory," Hagens said. "The children come in voluntarily, but membership is not free. They have to earn their mem-

bership, either monetarily through community service."

The tutoring program has shown direct results, and Hagens said he hopes to see improvements in the community as more youth begin to come to the club.

"Kids join gangs because they don't have a sense of identity, family or respect," he said. "The club can provide a family, an identity and teach them a sense of respect. These kids need people to listen, challenge and help them. They need people and they respond well to the attention they receive."

"When people ask me what I do, I tell them I'm a treasure hunter. I believe there is no treasure in kids and bring it out. The kids that are the hardest to need it the most."

Danny Shaeha, chairman of MSC Hospitality and a senior biology major, said he has received an opportunity like this to perform more service-oriented work away from the Texas A&M campus.

Shaeha said he goes to the club a couple of days each week because he wants to make a positive difference in their lives.

"This is what I've wanted to do as a service organization. I love kids, and I knew there were kids out there who needed us," he said.

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