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# Pagan pupils practice pre-Christianity religion

□ An A&M student formed the Pagan Students Association to give members community support.

By Kristen Homyk  
THE BATTALION

The campus gained a new religious group last Friday when the Pagan Student Association held its first general meeting.

Members of the organization, a group for several religions described as pagan, met to socialize and plan the year's activities.

President Brent J. Badders, a sophomore environmental science major, said he formed the organization so pagans could have the same kind of support and community on campus that other religious groups such as Catholics and Muslims do.

"I got really tired of trying to find other people hiding out, so I decided to open the door and say, 'If you're a pagan, come out and meet some people,'" Badders said. "I know a few pagans in the Bryan-College Station community, but they tend to be very solitary."

Badders said pagans have not been organized in the Bryan-College Station area due to common public misconceptions about the religion.

"It's pre-Christian European religion, basically," he said. "We don't sacrifice animals, and we don't worship the devil."

Author Margot Adler described pagans in her book, *Drawing Down The Moon*, in much the same way.

"We are not evil," Adler wrote. "We don't harm or seduce people. We are not a cult. This religion is not a joke ... We are much more similar to you than you think."

Paganism began in Europe, possibly in ancient times. The practice was common to both peasants and royalty until Christianity gained popularity in European cities.

The pagans, or "dwellers on the land," were then scorned because they did not follow the more modern trend in religion.

Pagans believe in many different forms of gods and goddesses, and most individuals choose their own form of worship, including wicca, shamanism, druidism and discordianism.

Charles Schreier, a freshman computer science major, said pagans can choose any sort of god they feel most comfortable with, from deities of ancient Egypt to nature gods of the American Indians.

"It's pick your own religion," Schreier said. Pagans feel a close connection with nature and practice both practical crafts and magical crafts as part of their religion.

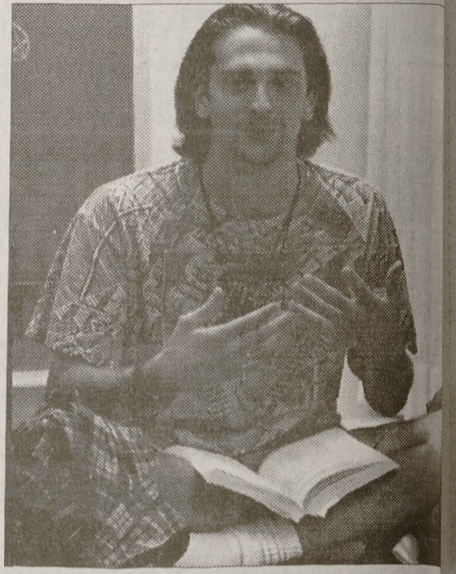
David Buckmaster, author of the *Pagan Digest FAQ*, said pagans have a positive desire to have the best society they can and believe that desire can be achieved through worship of their deities and magic.

"Most pagans work consciously with magic in order to be more responsible and create more positive results than if we left it at an unconscious level," Buckmaster said.

Christianity and paganism are not as different as they might seem. The Christian calendar and the pagan calendar are similar because Christianity has pagan elements.

Pagans celebrate the solstices of the seasons as religious holidays, as well as Imbolc (Christianized as Candlemas), Beltane (May Day), Samhain (Halloween) and Yule (during the Christmas season).

Christianity and paganism share several other similarities, such as a belief in the birth of a god during the Christmas season and the belief that humans have free will, but not the



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Brent J. Badders, sophomore environmental science major and president of Pagan Student Association, speaks at the first meeting that was held Friday night.

right to hurt others according to that will.

Tony Essma, a junior mechanical engineering major, attended the meeting and said he is a practicing Catholic learning about other religions.

"Most religions are, if you get the gist of their basics, the same thing," Essma said.

Students interested in learning more about the Pagan Student Association can e-mail Wynd@acs.tamu.edu for more information.

# Alamo diary involved in forgery controversy

□ Researchers do not know where the document has been since its author's death in 1841.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Researchers have found a previously unknown chapter of a controversial account of the Battle of the Alamo.

The account is contained in

the memoirs of Jose Enrique de la Pena, a Mexican army officer who participated in the charge up the mission's north wall during the famous 1836 battle.

The newly discovered account, found in the archives of the University of Texas at San Antonio, appears to be dramatic record of the Mexican brigade's retreat after the Alamo battle.

According to the one-week account, soldiers were dying of starvation.

James E. Crisp, a Texas Rev-

olution scholar at North Carolina State University who found the "Lost Week" chapter, wonders whether the passage had been undiscovered since de la Pena's death around 1841.

"Maybe this is a story that has not been read since de la Pena wrote it," Crisp said.

Some historians regard the de la Pena diary as one of the most vivid eyewitness descriptions of the Alamo battle and its aftermath.

The graphic detail of the retreat, via Matamoros, Mexico,

adds more weight to his argument that the de la Pena memoir is an authentic work by former lieutenant Colonel Crisp said.

But many historians believe the diary to be a clever forgery and comb history and its notes in search of evidence.

The forgery claims are fueled by the fact that no one knew who possessed the diary between de la Pena's death and the time an antiquities dealer first edited and published the work in 1955.

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5. Start a compost pile with yard trimmings and food scraps.
6. Take a youth group to visit a recycling facility or landfill in your community.
7. Take your used motor oil and oil filters to an approved collection center.
8. Leave grass clippings on lawn as fertilizer.
9. Allow school to consolidate its recyclables with your workplace recycling program.
10. Conduct a training workshop on recycling or composting.

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