

NEWS BRIEFS

Capturing the Spirit Campaign reaches goal

Texas A&M will celebrate reaching the \$500 million goal of the University's Capturing the Spirit Campaign Friday. The celebration will be held at the West Entrance of the Academic Building at 4:30 p.m. If weather conditions prohibit an outside celebration, the ceremony will be held in Rudder Theater.

Medicaid linked to higher death rate in AIDS patients

NEW YORK (AP) — AIDS patients hospitalized for what looks like a common HIV-related pneumonia are far more likely to die in the hospital if they're using Medicaid rather than private insurance, a study says. If budget cuts contemplated for Medicaid take effect, "this will only get worse," said researcher Dr. Charles Bennett.

The study involved 890 patients from 56 hospitals in Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami. After taking differences in patient demographics, illness severity and hospital characteristics into account, it found that the Medicaid patients were 73 percent more likely to die in the hospital than were patients with private insurance.

PROPOSALS

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But Stepheni Moore, Graduate Student Council president and a meteorology graduate student, said she has done some preliminary inquiries with several deans, and their responses indicated child care was not a means for acquiring more graduate students.

"The number of graduate students at Texas A&M is decreasing at twice the national rate," Moore said. "Rather than giving child care, I think giving a \$500 grant to graduate students would benefit them more because that would pro-

vide them with in-state tuition." Moore said she supports day care, as long as it is self-supporting and does not rely on student tuition and fees. Further discussion is needed to determine what students are willing to do about child care, she said.

"I feel like this is necessary," she said. "I think it's a great idea, but are students willing to spend the money? I think last week's [Child Care Issues Open Forum] showed a definite interest in child care."

Moore said she opposes charging all students for day care through student fee allocations.

"I would definitely support a day-care center that is self-supporting," she said.

WALK

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to natural grass. "The juniors don't need to fear that this is the last time [Elephant Walk] will be in Kyle Field," Pickard said. "Elephant Walk will be welcome next year — just stay off the grass."

Students are also asked to keep the campus clean for the Texas game, making sure that litter and trash are not a result

of Elephant Walk and Bonfire.

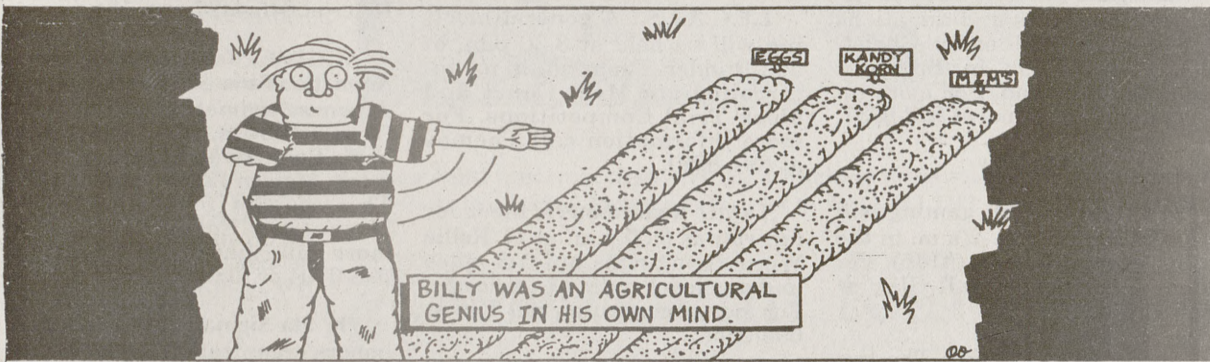
Dick Williams, Physical Plant assistant director for facilities, said students need to welcome alumni and visitors by keeping Elephant Walk and other traditions clean this year.

"I have to have this campus looking brand new for the t.u. game," he said.

With the extra efforts from all students, Williams said Elephant Walk will be a memorable event.

"We're all going to have a great day," he said. "It's something you'll remember the rest of your life."

Sketch



By Quatro

IN THE BUFF

By Valerie

RING! RING!

Hello?

Hi, Brenda - I know it's 3:00 in the morning but it's important.

Buffy, where on earth ARE you?!

Well, remember in the 5th grade when you tricked me into eating paste and I got really sick, but I wouldn't tell the principal that it was you, and you said anytime I needed anything to call you?

Yeah....

Come bail me out of jail.

Hello - Bren? Are you still there?

WEATHER

Today	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High near 68. SE winds 5-10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. High near 68. NE winds 5-10 mph.	Partly cloudy with high near 73. SE winds at 5 mph.
Tonight Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low near 52. North winds 5-10 mph.	Saturday Night Decreasing clouds. Low near 48. Light east winds.	

Source - A&M Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

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