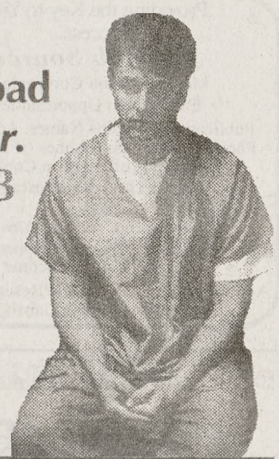


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Students, parents receive awards

By Heather Pace
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A variety of events brought parents and students together this weekend. Kelly Horinek, a senior marketing major, said Parents' Weekend allows students and their parents to celebrate and learn about A&M traditions. "This is a fun-filled, exciting weekend to be shared by all Aggies and their parents," Horinek said. Pancho and Peggy Prather, parents of Bree Prather, a junior international studies major, said they enjoyed Parents' Weekend because it offered a broad spectrum of activities. "This is our third year," Peggy Prather said, "and we just

love it because we've done something new every year." Popular programs included RHA Casino Night, Ol' Army Yell Practice and several military reviews. More than 3,000 people turned out for the Bevo Burn Barbecue. Anne McElroy, Student Government Parents' Weekend Committee chair and senior speech communications major, said this year's Parents' Weekend was one of the most successful. "Our committee, especially, stood out from the years I've worked on it," McElroy said. "We had an incredible turnout for events like yell practice." Parents and students were honored Sunday at the All-University Awards Ceremony.

Jerry and Caroline Macmanus were named 1996-97 Parents of the Year. They are involved in the Twelfth Man Foundation, 4-H, the Corps of Cadets Board of Directors and many other organizations. The Macmanus' nine children came from as far away as Alaska to honor their parents at the ceremony. Paul Macmanus, a senior horticulture major, said he was elated that his parents were honored. "I was shocked because so many parents try out," Macmanus said, "and it is such an honor." Parents of the Year was the only award at the ceremony determined entirely by students. The Parents of the Year

subcommittee of the Parents' Weekend Committee make the decision. Jim and Shirley Bilhartz, 1995-1996 Parents of the Year, were present at the ceremony. "Today marks the end of a memorable year — one that we will cherish always," Jim Bilhartz said. At the ceremony, members of the Corps of Cadets received academic and leadership awards. Thomas S. Gathright Academic Excellence Award recipients were recognized for achieving the highest grade-point ratios per class within their respective colleges. Buck Weirus Spirit Awards were presented to about 100 students for outstanding involvement in extracurricular activities.



Dodi Baccigalopi, a senior biomedical science major, helps Bobby Baccigalopi, her father, with a barbecue at Eppright Hall on Sunday.

Library village ceremony held

The groundbreaking was Saturday

By Erica Roy
THE BATTALION

A groundbreaking for the Sterling C. Evans "library village" was held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on the Texas A&M campus to celebrate a series of additions to the library that will alleviate crowded conditions and update the facility's technology. Work on the project began in February, but the groundbreaking was delayed until Parents' Weekend so that thousands of visiting parents would have the opportunity to attend.

Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, said the expansion to the Evans Library is long overdue. "Today is one step to a grand program to bring the Sterling C. Evans Library up to the level we know it can be," Bowen said.

The first phase of the project includes an undergraduate facility, a student microcomputing center, a parking garage and renovations to the Cushing Memorial Library — all to open Spring 1998.

Joyce Thornton, executive assistant director of Evans Library, said the 135,850-square foot undergraduate facility will comprise 60 group study rooms open 24 hours a day.

The microcomputing center will have 600 work stations. Thornton said students may eventually be able to access the center's databases from their homes.

Dr. Fred M. Heath, dean and director of the Evans Library, said the second phase of the project includes the renovation and conversion of two floors in Evans Library to an advanced study and research complex for graduate students.

Heath said the entire project will cost \$40 million.

Sterling C. Evans, who is 97 years old, was invited to attend the groundbreaking, but he was unable to attend. In a letter, Evans wrote that he was pleased about the planned additions to the library.

He predicted that Evans Library will become "one of the great literary facilities in the nation."



Cory Willis, THE BATTALION

LEADING THE TROOPS

Tyson Voelkel, corps commander, leads the Corps of Cadets in the Parents' Weekend Review.

Wranglers round up talent prize

By Michelle Lyons
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students displayed their talents Friday night, competing for prizes in the annual Memorial Student Center Variety Show.

The show, an A&M tradition for more than 40 years, was held in Rudder Auditorium and showcased 16 talent routines.

A \$350 first-place prize was awarded to the Aggie Wranglers for its performance of popular dances of several decades. The Wranglers are an A&M-based country-and-western dance group that performs around the country.

The \$250 second-place prize went to an a cappella music group, Chain Gang, that features Mike Hays, James McMahon, Ryan McCoy and Alan Smith. Third place and \$150 went to fiddler Natalie Holzen.

Lauri Waid, MSC Variety Show chairwoman and senior history major, said that perhaps the most invigorating act was the stomp routine performed by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Fraternity members told the history of the fraternity through song and rhythmic stomping.

"They definitely woke the crowd up," Waid said.

Variety Show acts are selected at the beginning of each spring semester based on the same criteria they are judged for on the night of the competition, such as originality, showmanship and stage performance.

Ten or 11 groups are selected by five judges, and according to the length of each group's performance, additional acts may be added. Waid said the committee attempts to keep the show less than three hours long.

Leigh Fredrickson, a sophomore business major, said this year's show was a success.

"I thought it was a very well put to-

gether show," Fredrickson said. "The talent was excellent. I enjoyed everything."

Gretchen Toombs, a sophomore finance major, said that though she enjoyed the show, especially the Aggie Wranglers' performance, there was room for improvement.

Many of the groups performed multiple songs, which Toombs said slowed the show's pace.

"I liked it, but I think they should have cut it down to one song apiece," Toombs said.

The money generated from the more than 2,200 tickets sold will be used to cover the expenses of this year's show, and the remainder will go into the MSC general fund.



Shane Elkins, THE BATTALION

Members of the Aggie Wranglers perform at the MSC Variety Show Friday in Rudder Auditorium.

Unity Day touches many

By Pamela Benson
THE BATTALION

In an effort to bring Bryan-College Station and Texas A&M together, 200 people gathered yesterday to participate in the first Unity Day, sponsored by Phi Gamma Chi sorority.

Phi Gamma Chi, formed this semester, is an organization designed to promote unity and service to the community.

The sorority held the event to raise money in support of government subsidized housing in Bryan-College Station.

Caressa Foreman, Phi Gamma Chi president and senior electrical engineering major, said the event served several purposes.

"Our organization wanted to not only raise money for housing," she said, "but we also wanted to give area businesses an opportunity to get some exposure to let the community know that they exist."

Throughout the day, people

mingled, played Frisbee and held water balloon fights.

Nneka Cleaver, Phi Gamma Chi founder and junior marketing major, said the event promoted community and campus unity.

"We really wanted to unite the two communities because they (community members) often look to us for support, and we should really be there for them," Cleaver said.

Bryan-College Station law enforcement agencies used the rally to stress safety. The Brazos County Sheriff's Department handed out pamphlets with safety information and manned a booth where parents could have their children fingerprinted.

Louis Koronka, deputy sheriff for crime prevention for the Brazos County Sheriff's Department, said the fingerprints can help parents should there be an emergency.

"This an opportunity for parents to have this vital information about their children in case they are abducted," he said.

People who attended the celebration had the opportunity to gather information from services such as Planned Parenthood and Excel Telecommunications.

There was also an area for children to play and get autographs of A&M football players.

Participants got to see performances by the Bryan High Shy-Annes, Delta Sigma Theta and the North Area Boys and Girls Club.

The performance that drew the most attention was by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., which performed a step routine.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. held a bake sale to raise money for its scholarship fund.

Tanya Turner, a senior marketing major, said she hopes Unity Day will grow and develop.

"It has been a long time since all the various organizations have come together in the name of unity," Turner said. "I hope that this event will continue to grow in the years to come."

FBI warns professor

Dr. Yudofsky was on the Unabomber's list of targets

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas medical school professor reportedly was among 20 potential targets of the suspected Unabomber, the Houston Chronicle reported in Sunday's editions.

Dr. Stuart Yudofsky, chairman of psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, confirmed to the newspaper Saturday that he was told last week by the FBI that his name was on a list found in the remote Montana cabin of Theodore Kaczynski.

Kaczynski is a suspect in the 17-year string of 15 bombings, but has not been charged in any of the attacks. The bombs killed three and injured 23.

Yudofsky said he was contacted by a San Francisco FBI agent and told he was on what that agent called a Unabomber "hit list," the Chronicle reported.

"He said I should be quite careful," Yudofsky said.

He said a Houston FBI agent also called to warn him. The psychiatrist's mail is being screened and the FBI is helping with security, a Baylor spokesperson said.

Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, said personnel at the publication have been notified and are taking precautions.

Houston FBI spokesman Jim Conway declined to comment on the investigation and would not confirm or deny the existence of the list or whose names were on it.

"He (an FBI agent) said I should be very careful."

— DR. STUART YUDOFSKY
chairman of psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston

Yudofsky said the FBI told him that his name and titles were on the list along with a reference to an article in the March 1995 issue of Scientific American.

In the article he was quoted about his work dealing with the biology, neurobiology and genetics of aggression.

In the article, Yudofsky talked about the role of the brain in aggression. He is interested in developing medications to treat agitation, aggression or irritation.