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news BRIEFS

Senior geography major died Saturday

James Ernst Lich-Tyler, a Texas A&M senior geography and anthropology major from Westland, Texas, died Saturday, April 20, at approximately 11:30 a.m. Services for Lich-Tyler, 22, were held yesterday at St. Boniface Church in Comfort, Texas. He will be honored at the September 3 Silver Taps.

Conference room named for Aggie

The Texas A&M Dwight Look College of Engineering has named a conference room in the Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center for the late Carl Erdman, a former A&M executive associate dean of engineering. A commemoration ceremony for The Carl A. Erdman Conference Room will be held 3:30 Wednesday in 203 Zachry Engineering Center at the spring faculty and staff meeting of the engineering college and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. A reception in the Erdman Conference Room will follow. Erdman, who died in June 1995, served at A&M for 14 years. Besides acting as executive associate dean of engineering, his contributions to the engineering college include being the first director of academic development and the first director of the Foundation Coalition, a six-university alliance to improve engineering curriculum.

Black history exhibit on display this month

In an effort to raise awareness of black history, an exhibit titled "The Afro-American Presence in Medicine: 1850-1930" is on display this month at the Texas A&M College of Medicine. Dr. G.A. Russell, an associate professor of the history of medicine, organized this social and medical history exhibit, which is being displayed at the Joe H. Reynolds Medical Building. Russell obtained the exhibit from Doris Y. Wilkinson of the University of Kentucky, who researched and compiled the material. The exhibit is open to the public 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Opposition forms against phone merger

NEW YORK (AP) — Executives of Bell Atlantic and Nynex said Monday that their \$23 billion merger will benefit both customers and employees by creating more jobs than layoffs and providing better, simpler service. Opponents fear the industry is undoing the 1984 breakup of the old Bell System, which was meant to encourage competition. Some consumer advocacy groups objected on the grounds that the deal violated the spirit of the telecommunications deregulation law passed two months ago. New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco said Monday his office already had begun to review the deal. "I find it somewhat ironic that several years ago there was a breakup of AT&T, Ma Bell as it was called, and now the Baby Bells are coming back together," Vacco said. In a related move, trustees

Sixth annual Chilifest brings record money

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon-sponsored event raised \$9,000 for the Brazos Valley United Way

By Kendra S. Rasmussen
 THE BATTALION

The 6th Annual Texas A&M Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chilifest held this weekend raised a record amount of money and gave chili enthusiasts an opportunity to showcase their cooking and decorating talents. Brett McAdams, A&M United Way Pack Chilifest subchair and a junior accounting major, said his committee and the fraternity worked together at Chilifest, raising \$9,000 for the Brazos Valley United Way. Last year's Chilifest donation was \$5,000. McAdams said United Way Pack aims to donate \$10,000 to the Brazos Valley United Way each year. The money raised at Chilifest is combined with proceeds from the Pack's other fund-raising projects to reach their annual goal. "The money from Chilifest makes up a good percentage of what we give to them," she said. McAdams said the Brazos Valley United Way is an umbrella organization that allocates its money to Bryan-Col-

lege establishments such as Phoebe's Home, the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Kevin Caffey, Sigma Alpha Epsilon philanthropy chairman and a junior civil engineering major, attributes the increase in proceeds from Chilifest to the event's growth in popularity and recognition. "I think Chilifest is something that has built up year after year," he said. About 3,500 people showed up to Chilifest '96 to see country singer David Allan Coe perform and watch 90 teams compete for awards given in three chili categories. Six teams received showmanship trophies and one team was awarded a trophy for the spiciest chili. Grand champion, second and third-place trophies were awarded in the best-all-around

chili category. Caffey said showmanship trophies were aggressively sought after this year. Many teams garnished their chili-cooking set-ups by stringing lights, building fences, setting up stages for live bands and wearing costumes.

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 Sigma Alpha Epsilon philanthropy chairman

Stephen Santry, manager of Northgate bar Duddy's and creator of "Duddy's Caveman Chili," said his team was second place in showmanship because of its caveman theme. Santry and his teammates, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members, decorated their booth to resemble a cave and wore loin cloths. This year's event stood in stark contrast to the "meager beginning" of the Spring 1990 Chilifest, Caffey said, in which about 10 teams participated and a no-name band performed

HEALTH TIPS

Students should be aware of hidden dangers during finals week

By Holly Rippra
 A.P. BEUTEL HEALTH CENTER

Some students begin to experience a great deal of stress because of the demands placed on them by final exams. The following guidelines may help students stay on track during the hectic end-of-semester schedule. First of all, many students pull "all-nighters" as a method of studying, or more accurately, cramming. Many students consume endless amounts of caffeine and deprive themselves of sleep, which is not a good method of studying for final exams. Overconsumption of caffeine can cause central nervous system malfunctions, which may include nervousness, insomnia, irritability, anxiety, headaches and muscle twitching. In addition, the human body needs rest to perform at its best during exams. Another potential danger to keep in mind is snacking. While students find themselves poring

over books, they should be careful about what they are "pouring" into their bodies. Choosing snack foods that are lower in fat and sugar will benefit students in the long run. Foods such as chips, nachos, ice cream and pizza may leave people feeling tired, especially if they eat too much. Healthier snack choices that will provide more energy include bagels, graham crackers, low-fat popcorn, pretzels, raw vegetables with low-fat dips, fresh fruit and yogurt. A final health guideline that will help students survive finals is relieving stress. Taking a break from studying and trying one of these therapeutic ways will help. Students should take a walk, call parents, take a loved one, take a long bubble bath, get a massage, watch a few cartoons, do a crossword puzzle, take a quick nap, go for a bike ride, or make a daily "to do" list and check it off as each task is accomplished.

Coaches regain jobs after prayer debate

ELGIN (AP) — Two Elgin High School coaches, who were accused of a campaign of religious intimidation and coercion by subjecting students to Christian music and prayers, had their contracts renewed on Monday night. Elgin Independent School District trustees decided in 4-3 votes to allow athletic director and football coach Eddie Baca and baseball coach Brad Osborn to return to their jobs. In a related move, trustees

voted 7-0 to approve a settlement with the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed suit against Baca, Osborn and two other coaches on behalf of several students and parents. An attorney for Osborn, Larry Wright of Austin, said the agreement acknowledged that the lawsuit was "warranted and necessary," but does not require the coaches to admit to any of the allegations. The settlement does mean the coaches will stop using Christian music, prayers and biblical passages as part of the athletic program. School district trustees heard from nearly 20 speakers who spoke in favor of the coaches. Others in the audience of about 50 cheered remarks praising both coaches' inspirational and men of character. "These coaches have committed no crime or felony," said Josh Meadows, whose 16-year-old son is an 11th-grader and member of the baseball team.

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