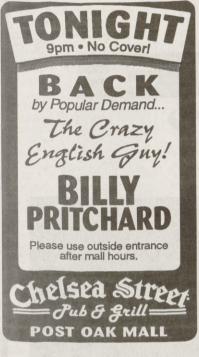
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Greenwire educates about environment

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The Internet newsletter provides colleges with up-to-date environmental facts

By Amy Protas THE BATTALION

Texas A&M now has access to up-to-date information about the environment through an environmental daily called Greenwire. The University's subscription, along with those of 50 other colleges and universities, was provided by Compaq Computer Corp.

Dale Curtis, publisher of Greenwire, said the daily has been published by the American Political Network since 1991.

"Greenwire is a non-partisan environmental news daily," Curtis said. "It covers the full range of environmental issues with an emphasis on government and the economy. It is delivered via the Internet. It concerns legislation, regulations, political campaigns and business practices. It covers issues at all three levels of government — local, national and international."

Compaq has been underwriting the costs of subscriptions for universities. The yearly subscription rate is \$7.95.

Nora Hahn, spokesperson for

Compaq, said the company wanted to pay for the subscriptions because the business world will benefit from an environmen-

tally-educated work force "The reason we did it is because we have a very strong environmental program of environmental management at Compaq," Hahn said. "The total consideration of the environment is in everything we do, from the manufacturing process to recycling waste to the preservation of wildlife and trees on our campus. We want to conduct business in a manner that's compatible with the environment and protects the communities we work with.

Compaq said A&M was chosen as a school to receive Greenwire based on its positive envi-

ronmental history.

"We work with Greenwire and figure out what are some of the top schools in the nation that have top environmental programs," Hahn said. "This is according to environmentalism, departments, etc. Schools that have been identified in this manner. We both selected a number

of schools. Greenwire worked with us to determine what it would cost to sponsor those schools, and we underwrote the cost for a year.'

Greenwire can be accessed by both students and professors interested in environmental issues.

Curtis said students can obtain information utilized by the business world.

"Greenwire's subscribers are leaders in business, government, the news media and environmental groups," Curtis said. 'Now students and professors at these schools will have access to the same information tool relied upon by environmental policy insiders. Greenwire also spurs readers to make greater use of the Internet and electronic communication.'

Curtis also said professors can use the daily in their classrooms as part of educating students about the environment.

'It's helpful in stimulating classroom discussion and helpful for research by students and fac-ulty," Curtis said. "There's no better way for students to learn about environmental issues than

to read about the daily tug-of-w over government policy and bus ness practices. What we presen is the real world. It's up to th minute as opposed to the theorie

the dated sort of examples. Nicole Patschke, assistan chair of the Environmental Issue Committee and a senior agricu tural business major, said th

committee will use Greenwire. "I know that the committee has a subcommittee called Le islative Outreach that focuses the political aspect of environmental issues," Patschke said "This would be an excellent o portunity for them to get info mation about the political issue in relation to the environment."

Patschke said she hope everyone will read Greenwire not just those in the environ mental field.

"I think it's very positive, and a Patschke said. "I'm glad to hea Kr about it. I hope people will use i and take advantage of it. This information that's sometime A&M difficult to find. The Interne provides up-to-date information that's easily accessible.'

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Housing

Continued from Page 1 process for tax credit.

"Low-income housing is supposed to assist working people who don't make enough to afford decent housing," Mueller said.

Residents must meet qualifi-cations to live there. For exam-ple, in a household of three people, the income can not exceed \$19,470 a year.

Most full-time students do not qualify to live in tax-credit apartments. The exceptions are married students and parents

Diversity

the benefits of learning from these differences.

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sexism and homophobia.

other than their own.

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with dependent children. Shelley Capps, leasing agent for Windsor Pointe, said this kind of housing in College Sta-tion helps out low-income families. "We can offer a nicer place to live for families in need," Capps said.

Carrol said people's perception is that low-income housing could lower the property value of existing property, but this is not necessarily true.

[Windsor Pointe] is not a HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) development. It's two- and three- bedroom apartments for less-thannormal rent," Carroll said.

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Dispute erupts over 'Black Panther' name

DALLAS (AP) — Five former members of the Black Panther Party, the radical 1960s group founded to fight police brutality, demanded Wednesday that a Dallas group quit calling itself

the "New Black Panther Party." "People have died and gone to jail for this cause," said Charles Hillman, 42, who heads the nonprofit Afro-American Artists' Alliance in South Dallas. "For these guys to walk around in their little berets and guns smacks us right in the face."

The New Black Panther Party is an organization that has drawn media attention in recent weeks for protesting the Dallas school board's lack of a black president or vice president despite the district having a majority of black students.

Three weeks ago, protests at one board meeting ended in the arrests of three New Black Panther Party members, including beret-sporting co-founder Aaron Michaels. Party leaders soon announced plans to show up with shotguns and rifles at the

next meeting. When that meeting, scheduled for Tuesday night, was canceled, New Black Panther Party members turned their attention to two black congregations' churches that burned Monday in Greenville about 20

miles northeast of Dallas. Ac- zsch companied by former Nation of said. Islam spokesman Khalid be lull Muhammad, they vowed armed a false defense against further attacks. of se-Michaels, 34, did not return Be

calls seeking comment Wednesday. Trust At a Wednesday news con-stincts ference, the Black Panther Par Va ty Inc. asked the New Black Evano Panther Party to change its nior b

name within 15 days or face analys court action.

court action.

"We have historical as well as does no statutory rights to our name," by walk the Black Panther Party stated in a news release. "There is at night much confusion and embarrassment now for the history and myself true legacy of the Black Panther Party, its members, former members, board members and in the community due to your continued misuse of the name Black Panther Party or so-called New there Black Panther Party or so-called New there Black Panther Party and state records show that the Black Panther Party registered its name with the county on Aug. "The

name with the county on Aug. "The 12, 1991, and incorporated in he said Texas on July 10, 1992. where The New Black Panther walk w

Party registered its name in Dallas County about two weeks after the first group, on Aug. 28, 1991. It is not incorporated in Texas, the Secretary of State's office said.

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The lighthearted program uses humor to address diversity,

Presenters help the audience to understand that these prejudices

Sheri Schmidt, coordinator of diversity education, said the many

'It is important for new students to realize that there are many

but it shifts into a more serious tone with the issues of racism,

have no place at Texas A&M and are contradictory to the Aggie Spirit.

things they can do at Texas A&M University to learn about diver-

sity," Schmidt said. "We want them to take advantage of those opportunities by attending programs, choosing elective classes and

joining various clubs that focuses on an ethnic or religious group

helps teach students about the differences existing at Texas A&M

Chidi James, a senior sociology major and orientation leader who also appears in the video, said the program is important because it

"The differences here (Texas A&M University) allows us to claim

differences existing at the University enhance campus life.

and how these differences enhance the University.

that we are a world- class University," James said.

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