

Program offers 'hangout' Midterm realization surprises students

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... Junior League has re-
... the help of Texas A&M
... members for Project
... a program aiming to
... inner-city schoolchild-
... off the streets.
... project Unity provides a
... "hangout" for children on Fri-
... and Saturday nights. They
... movies, play sports and
... arts and crafts while un-
... adult supervision.
... "hangouts" are located in
... and College Station.
... Carrothers, Interfrater-
... Council scholarship and
... amural chair and a junior
... industrial distribution major,

said the program keeps chil-
... dren out of trouble.
... "Many kids' parents just
... go out and leave their kids at
... home," Carrothers said. "The
... kids would be roaming the
... streets and getting into trou-
... ble. This way, they get posi-
... tive involvement with the
... community."
... Jonathan Friday, a mem-
... ber of the Kappa Alpha Order
... and a senior history major,
... said he enjoys helping with
... Project Unity.
... "At school, I'm cooped
... up," Friday said. "Here, you
... get to get out and get fresh
... air. I'm getting so much more
... out of this than they (child-
... ren) are. I've seen the smiles

and I've heard the laughter.
... This will make my weekend
... that much better than it
... could have been."
... Garrett Swaldi, the Kappa
... Alpha Order coordinator for
... Project Unity and a junior
... construction science major,
... said the program is a positive
... experience.
... "We thought it was a good
... philanthropy project to get in-
... volved in," Swaldi said. "There's
... a lack of support
... from the community."
... George Beckworth, super-
... visor of the Kemp Gym branch
... of Project Unity, said children
... can "hang out" from 6 p.m. to
... 10 p.m. every Friday and Sat-
... urday night.

Refreshments are donated
... by the Brazos Food Bank, and
... the Bryan Junior League raises
... money to keep the pro-
... gram running.
... Beckworth said the pro-
... gram, which was established in
... 1995, was failing when he of-
... fered his assistance. It has been
... growing ever since, he said.
... "The kids all know me and
... are comfortable with me, and
... their parents trust me," he
... said.
... Beckworth said Kemp
... Gym is known as the "posi-
... tive place," because he
... teaches the children about
... positive living.

By WESLEY POSTON
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Mid-semester grades are due in the Registrar's office today, and students say the first half of the semester has flown by.
Marty Shelton, a junior chemical engineering major, said the semester has gone by faster than usual.
"I've been too busy with schoolwork to really notice time," he said.
John Kochanowski, a senior geography and environmental science major, said his class schedule has kept him overwhelmingly busy this semester.
"It's unreal," he said. "I have exams, papers, projects, lab reports, you name it. John is swamped."

Gloria Garcia, a freshman general studies major, said she sacrificed attending the football game Saturday so she could focus on studying.
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Wipe Out | Fahadzaki Sjadzali, a junior business major, Andy Darmansyah, a freshman mechanical engineering major, and Arief Setiawan, a senior math major, wash cars at a fund raiser for the Indonesian Student Association on Saturday.

Architecture holds annual open house

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The College of Architecture hosted parents and students Saturday at its annual open house in the Langford Architecture Center.
Amy Klinkovsky, information representative for the College of Architecture, said the event was a way to showcase students' accomplishments to the public.
"It was a way for us to open up the building and show parents what we're doing," Klinkovsky said.
Student projects were displayed throughout the building and some faculty and staff members exhibited their artwork.
Students led tours of the architecture building that included some of the various centers and laboratories.
Walter Wendler, dean of the College of Architecture, gave a welcoming speech to students and parents.
Each year at open house, students volunteer to participate in an event called a "charette," where they compete to finish an architecture project.
Students are divided into two teams and given three hours to de-

velop two different solutions for a proposal.
This year, Habitat for Humanity asked participating students to design a block of eight houses to be built.
Habitat for Humanity is looking for a way to make the houses look less like government housing and more like homes.
Aaron Hinds, a senior landscape architecture major, said the three-hour time limit made it difficult to come up with a detailed plan.
"We had to work together to come up with a full plan after three hours," Hinds said.
Student worked on certain portions of the project depending on their major.
Construction science majors developed building schedules and cost estimates while environmental design majors came up with alternate floor plans and designs for the exterior of the houses.
Scott Bryant, a senior landscape architecture major, said the project gave him the chance to work with people outside of his major.
"I was able to work with them, see what they do, and solve problems together," Bryant said.

Jury selection begins in Routier murder trial

DALLAS (AP) — More than 100 people were summoned to a Kerley courtroom as jury selection set to start today in the trial of a Dallas-area woman accused of fatally stabbing two of her sons.
Charlie Routier, who is charged with capital murder, has steadfastly maintained that an intruder broke into the family's stately Rowlett home June 6 and killed her 5- and 7-year-old sons while they slept in a living room.
The claims the attacker slashed the neck and shoulder before flee-

ing through the garage.
Mrs. Routier's husband, Darin, told police he was sleeping upstairs with the couple's infant son, Drake, at the time.
Police say the 26-year-old homemaker wounded herself to cover the crime and that there was no intruder. They also say that evidence doesn't match Mrs. Routier's story.
"We had a crime scene that was talking to us on its own, telling us that what Mrs. Routier was telling us didn't happen that way," Rowlett police Sgt. Dean Poos said last summer.

Margraves could face license suspension

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Former Texas A&M Board of Regents chair Ross Margraves could lose his law license as a result of a felony conviction for official misconduct.
Margraves was convicted for using a state airplane for a trip he and his wife took to see their son graduate from Louisiana State University.
Margraves was sentenced to four years probation and a \$1,500 fine.
The State Bar of Texas has the option to suspend or revoke

Margraves' license.
Dawn Miller, assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas, said Margraves' license will probably be suspended until a verdict on the appeal is returned.
"We get involved if a lawyer is convicted of a felony," Miller said. "We'll file a petition but the earliest hearing date will probably be in December. Most likely his license will just be suspended at that point."
Miller said the State Bar is the "big brother" of lawyers.

"We cover the whole gamut," she said. "From rape to murder to bribery."
"We intervene if a lawyer's moral turpitude has been questioned."
A committee of lawyers in the State Bar is appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to hear cases in which a lawyer's conduct has been questioned.
Miller said that if Margraves chooses not to appeal the decision, he could be suspended for the probationary period of four years.
Bill Turner, Brazos County dis-



Margraves

trict attorney, said the conviction will make executives think twice about abusing their power.
"I hope that each of us in a position of public trust will take a second look at how we handle public trust," he said.
Turner said the appeal process begins when the defendant files a motion for a new trial. He said if the motion is denied, the appeal could take between one and three years.
Turner said the defense will bring up any errors that could have been made during the trial. A new trial will be granted if the appellate court decides a significant error was made.

Hidden Past

Team of students is recovering artifacts from World War II prisoner-of-war camp.
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Heartache

Aggie football suffered another demoralizing setback, this time to Kansas State.
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Get a Clue

Drinking and driving leads to countless tragedies, not just DWIs.
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Doctors recommend flu shot to help avoid infection

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With flu season approaching, doctors and nurses at A.P. Beutel Health Center are recommending that students get a flu shot as soon as possible.
Students who want a flu shot may go to the health center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The shot costs \$7, and no appointment is needed.
Flu season peaks from December to March and is usually at its worst at Texas A&M in January.
Dr. John Quarles, a microbiology professor, said there have not been any significant outbreaks of influenza this fall.
"In our local community it usually occurs more toward Christmas and definitely January," he said.
Quarles suggested getting a flu shot early in the fall because the body needs two to four weeks to build up immunity.
Dr. Don Freeman, a staff physician and head of Preventative Medicine at the health cen-

ter, said getting a flu shot is beneficial to students' health.
"It's the only way to keep from getting (the strains of the flu) covered in the vaccine," Freeman said. "It's worth preventing it if you can. That means less time out of class or work."
Freeman said there are different strains of influenza. The vaccine the center is using protects against three of those strains.
"It (the flu shot) causes your body to make antibodies against those strains," Freeman said.
Freeman said some people believe the flu shot can cause the illness, but that is not true.
"You can have mild flu like symptoms like aching and a low-grade fever (after getting the shot)," Freeman said. "But this happens in less than 4 percent of cases."
Symptoms of the flu include a fever of about 101 or 102 degrees accompanied by chills, sore mus-

cles, a sore throat and a "non-productive" cough. Additional symptoms may include nausea and vomiting.
Because of the density of the population at A&M and students' close contact with one another, students are more likely to get the flu than other people, Freeman said.
Sharon Arnold, assistant director of nursing at Beutel, said the flu is a widespread, contagious virus.
"It's worse in colleges," Arnold said. "Students are up late studying and they don't eat properly so they're more susceptible."
Arnold said it is the patient's decision whether to attend classes while they are sick.
"If you feel OK, go, but use common sense," she said. "Cover your mouth, drink lots of fluids, get some rest, and don't go to class with a high fever."
Arnold said students with

FLU SEASON SYMPTOMS

- Abrupt Onset of Fever
- Sore Muscles
- Sore Throat
- Unproductive Cough

POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS

- Runny Nose
- Headache
- Eye Sensitivity to Light

high fevers should stay home so they do not infect others or risk contracting other infections themselves.
"(To avoid getting the flu) the best thing you can do is get the shot and take care of yourself," Arnold said.