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RHA considers uses for green space



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This space was left after Law and Puryear residence halls were demolished last year.

BY KATHLEEN STRICKLAND
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The demolition of Law and Puryear residence halls last year has left students and administrators debating how to use the empty space.

Both dorms were demolished when they failed to meet safety standards.

Jesse Czelusta, president of the Residence Hall Association, said he hopes students will take an active role in deciding what will become of the space.

"This is a team effort," Czelusta said. "We really want to get the students' input and find out what they want."

Karen Fisher, director of Facilities and Operation for RHA, organized meetings

both last semester and this semester to allow students to voice their opinions and ideas about the space.

"We are now in the survey phase," Fisher said. "We have come up with the ideas, and now we want to get the students' response to them."

An open-air stage for student gatherings and a park area for students to relax are among the proposed uses of the area. Others include basketball and volleyball courts and a playground.

Another idea for the area is to build a memorial to Law and Puryear. The buildings were the two oldest residence halls on campus. The memorial would be funded by private donations.

Czelusta said the proposed facilities

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are all considered temporary because of the increasing demand for buildings and parking.

Eventually, the area may eventually contain a parking lot, classrooms or an-

other residence hall.

"In the long term, it is a definite possibility that the space may be used to build a residence hall," Czelusta said. "There are still on-campus housing shortages, particularly in the female dorms."

Fisher said lower cost facilities are being considered because any facility on the site would most likely be temporary.

"It is more beneficial to keep the area green right now because it is a prime space for other facilities," Fisher said. "It hasn't yet been determined what will be most needed in the future."

Students who want to participate in the decision can attend a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 5:45 p.m. in 709 Rudder.

Aggieland schedules makeup pictures

BY JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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Students who missed the fall deadline for having their pictures taken for the 1997 Aggieland yearbook have a second chance to get in the yearbook.

Low student turnout for pictures in the fall prompted the Aggieland staff and AR Photography to schedule makeup sessions on campus this semester. This is the first time the pictures have been taken on campus in over 10 years.

Jennifer Hickle, who takes Aggieland pictures for AR Photography, said the number of students getting pictures taken for the Aggieland yearbook is low compared to previous years.

The reason for the decrease, Hickle said, is that students do not pay attention to the promotions.

"Before makeups, we only had about 3,500 pictures," she said.

Spring makeups have brought in 800 additional student photos.

Sara Olson, Aggieland staff member and a sophomore business major, said students are missing out on a great opportunity.

"It's important for students to get their picture taken for the Aggieland," Olson said. "Twenty years from now, they can look back and say, 'Look how good I look.'"

David Young, a junior business analysis major, said he buys an Aggieland yearbook every

year, but he has never had his picture in it.

"I haven't had my picture in the Aggieland before, and I wanted it this year," Young said.

Aaron Rusling, a sophomore kinesiology major and Squadron 16 Outfit Clerk/Operations Corporal, had his picture taken Monday at the MSC.

"I found out through my outfit that all sophomores and freshmen need to get their picture taken," Rusling said.

Members of the Corps of Cadets are photographed wearing their uniforms in front of the U.S. flag.

Students who have their picture taken for the Aggieland have the opportunity to buy packages of their pictures from AR Photography.

Paul Reininger, photographer for AR Photography and a senior outdoor education major, said students should come to makeups if they missed pictures in the fall.

"It's a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to get pictures of their kids in college," he said.

Students who missed the deadline for Aggieland pictures in the fall can have makeup pictures taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the MSC basement across from University Plaza.

Those wishing to get their picture in the 1997 Aggieland yearbook have until Feb. 21 to say cheese.



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Getting Informed

Michelle Fuller, a junior management major, picks up a copy of The Battalion Monday.

Police Department hosts Citizen's Police Academy

BY GRAHAM HARVEY
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College Station citizens will have the chance to learn about police work when the College Station Police Department begins its 20th annual Citizen's Police Academy today.

The program, which ends April 29, is scheduled to run every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Citizen's Police Academy will give citizens insight into the workings of the criminal justice system and encourage cooperation between police officers and civilians.

John Holder, public relations and marketing assistant for the city of College Station, said the academy will teach the history of the department, give tours of its facilities, provide an overview of SWAT team functions and introduce communication procedures.

Participants also will have the opportunity to ride along with police officers and learn investigative procedures.

"By a variety of methods, from classroom instruction to role-playing and accompanying officers on their actual rounds, community residents can get a good look at police operations from the inside," Holder said.

LT. Scott Simpson of the College Station Police Department said participants will experience mock domestic disputes, perform mock traffic stops with uncooperative motorists and receive hands-on instruction

with semi-automatic pistols.

"We're educating the public about how and why we do the things we do," Simpson said. "There are so many misconceptions out there. [The police department] is service-oriented rather than enforcement-oriented."

The program attracts a variety of citizens from various economic backgrounds, from bankers to mechanics to Texas A&M students, Simpson said.

"Generally, there's three or four [A&M students] in each session ...," Simpson said. "[Most participate] in conjunction with assignments from a class."

Chief Michael Strop initiated the academy 20 years ago, Simpson said, and its success has prompted the Bryan Police Department and the Brazos County Sheriff's Department to develop similar programs.

The Citizen's Police Academy operates at no cost to participants every spring and fall. Prospective students must be at least 18 years old and must complete an application.

Successful completion of the course earns the participant a certificate of knowledge and the opportunity to serve in Knightwatch, the College Station Police Department's civilian patrol unit, which began in October 1996.

"When a situation comes up that's less than positive," Simpson said, "[the police] now have some advocates out there who can say, 'We've been there.'"

Residents evacuate after fire

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THE BATTALION

A fire started on the second floor of Krueger Hall Monday about 7 p.m. when a microwave shorted out.

The fire alarm in the hall sounded shortly after a resident adviser tried to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher but could not contain the flames.

Hillary Jones, a resident of Krueger Hall and a ju-

nior biomedical science major, said there was smoke damage on the second, third and fourth floors.

"There was smoke on all the floors so they had to evacuate everyone, even if the fire was contained in one room," Jones said.

Residents of the first, third and fourth floors were allowed back into their rooms around 9 p.m. Residents of the second floor were not allowed to return to their rooms Monday night.

Ex-cadet objects to TV movie

FORT WORTH (AP) — A judge is expected to rule today on whether to stop the broadcast of a TV movie about a deadly love triangle involving two former military cadets accused in the death of a Mansfield girl.

Defense attorneys for Diane Zamora went to court Monday to block NBC affiliate KXAS-TV from broadcasting the movie locally. The movie is slated to air Feb. 10, during the important ratings period known as sweeps.

Zamora's lawsuit contends the jury pool would be unfairly influenced if "Love's Deadly Triangle: The Texas Cadet Murders" is shown in North Texas before her capital

murder trial now set for September. The charge carries a possible death sentence, but prosecutors have said they will not seek it because the victim's family prefers a long prison sentence.

"She wants a fair trial and that's that," defense attorney John Linebarger said after a nearly three-hour hearing before state District Judge Joe Drago. "She doesn't want to be tried on a made-for-TV movie during ratings week."

Linebarger called prominent Fort Worth defense attorneys Ward Casey and Tim Evans, both of whom testified that the movie could taint the jury pool.

"If she's got one or two jurors sit-

ting in that box that have seen this movie, I don't think she'll get a fair trial," Casey said.

Zamora, a former midshipman, and David Graham, an ex-cadet, are accused in the December 1995 shooting death of Adrienne Jones, 16. Prosecutors say the girl was killed because she had a sexual encounter with Graham, and that angered Zamora.

Zamora and Graham, both 19, were high school seniors at the time of the shooting. She went on to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; Graham to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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SILVER TAPS



A Silver Taps ceremony will take place tonight in front of the Academic Building at 10:30 in memory of Ryan William Alspaugh, a senior finance major; Deanye Nicole Baxter White, a senior psychology major; William L. "Trey" Walker III, a freshman general studies major and Paul Lewis Meloeny, a sophomore electrical engineering major. All campus lights will go out at 10:20 p.m.

Dean Shadduck retires from A&M

► *He has served as the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine for almost nine years.*

BY JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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Dr. John Shadduck, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, was honored at a reception Monday recognizing his retirement.

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen and Executive Vice President Ronald G. Douglas hosted the reception.

Bowen complimented Shadduck's service to A&M and the College of Vet-

erinary Medicine.

"He's been a real asset to A&M," Bowen said. "And I wish him luck in his new position."

Shadduck is retiring from his position at A&M after serving as dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine for almost nine years. He came to A&M in July 1988.

Shadduck's decision to retire came after he accepted a position as executive vice president of operations for Heska Corporation. Shadduck will move to Fort Collins, Colo., to start his new job.

Shadduck was told to remember the spirit of Texas A&M at the reception and to visit often.

He said he will miss working at the University.

"I will miss my position as dean of the

College of Veterinary Medicine," Shadduck said. "But I'll miss the people the most — the students, staff and faculty."

Professor Robert F. Playter, head of the small animal medicine and surgery clinic, will be interim dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Playter said Shadduck's decision to leave came as a surprise to the college.

"He will be missed," Playter said. "I have some big shoes to fill."

Shadduck was known for being in touch with the students in his college.

Claudia Hite, a senior veterinary medicine student, said he shows concern for the students.

"Dr. Shadduck has always been helpful," Hite said. "He is so polite and diplomatic."

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