

NEWS BRIEFS

Regents approve airport renovations

Texas A&M University-owned Eastland Airport will receive enhancements this summer as approved by the Board of Regents in late May. The improvements include work on taxiway and new runway lighting. Funding for the \$1.4 million project will come from federal grants for airport operations funds. Two airlines currently use the airport for connecting flights to Dallas and Houston. American Eagle Continental Express offers flights between the two cities and College Station.

Mount Aggie facility to move to West Campus

Mount Aggie faces demolition and relocation this year following the Board of Regents' approval to renovate the field. The current location of the mini-ski slope is scheduled to be replaced by two new football practice fields to be constructed after the 1997 football season. Also marked for demolition are the tennis courts at the south end of the field, which have not been used in recent years.

Wally Groff, Texas A&M athletic director, said Mount Aggie will be moved to Reed Arena on West Campus. The new slope facility will be largely better equipped for classes of the A&M Ski Club. Demolition is scheduled to begin in the fall.

Residents get inside look at justice system

The College Station Police Department is offering local residents a look at the criminal justice system.

Tomorrow is the first day of the department's 21st Citizen's Police Academy. The program's goal is to show residents how police departments operate and how police and citizens work together to reduce crime. Participants will learn about the day of the department, investigation procedures and criminal law. They also will be allowed to ride with officers on rounds.

The Citizen's Police Academy will meet every Tuesday and Thursday night through July 15 except July 3.

University investigates hazing case

By ERICA ROY
THE BATTALION

Three former Fish Drill Team student advisers accused of hazing and assault by freshmen Drill Team members will go before a two-panel disciplinary hearing board this month to determine whether the advisers violated the Texas A&M University Student Rules.

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Hearings for six other Drill Team advisers also accused of hazing and assault were held in May by the same hearing officers.

The results of the hearings will not be made public until the last hearing is held, at an undetermined date. Jason Hanson, a senior marketing major, will go before the hearing board June 6.

The hearing for Grayson Hoffman, a senior business administration major and junior adviser at the time of the accusations, and Zachary Hoffman, a junior general studies major and a sophomore adviser, will be held June 16.

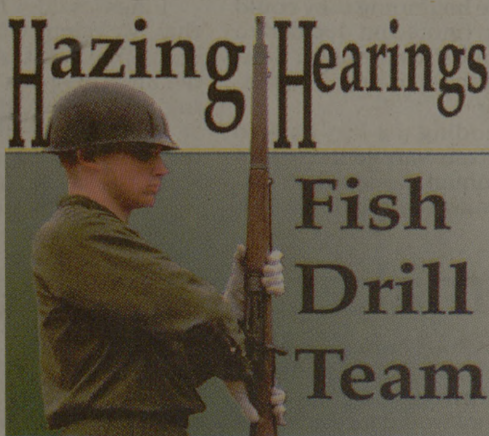
The two other junior advisers accused of hazing and assault are Javier Chapa, a senior agricultural development major, and Dustin Boyd, a senior political science major.

The four other sophomore advisers accused are Luis Torres, a junior computer engineering major; Christopher Monk, a junior industrial distribution major; Kyle Jud, a junior general studies major; and Michael Poskey, a junior electrical engineering major.

If the board decides University rules have been violated, the student in question could face expulsion or suspension from the University, a warning or other penalties as decided by the University.

Mary Jo Powell, University Relations associate director, said June 20 is the target date for making the results of the hearings public.

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GRAPHIC: Brad Graeber

Conduct hearings used to determine rules violations

By ERICA ROY
THE BATTALION

A student conduct hearing is held to determine whether one of the Texas A&M University Student Rules has been violated, and if so, what penalty will be given.

The hearing provides accused students an opportunity to address the charges against them.

After the hearing, the hearing officers decide if a rule has been violated. The penalties for violating a rule include possible expulsion from the University, suspension, warnings, University service or on-campus housing removal.

The University hearings are independent of any charges brought up in the federal or state court systems.

Kim Novak, one of the hearing officers for the nine Fish Drill Team

advisers' hearings and a student development specialist in the Department of Student Life, said the student conduct hearings serve to inform hearing officers of all the facts involved with the charges.

"This is an educational process," Novak said, "not a criminal process."

Student Judicial Services reviews reports from the University Police Department, the Department of Residence Life and Housing and individuals. After the reports have been reviewed, Judicial Services decides if there is enough evidence to have a disciplinary hearing.

At the hearings, students can present and question witnesses. Students also may choose to remain silent.

Students may have an attorney present at the hearing, and they may request an open hearing.

The Battalion makes technological advances

By MICHELLE NEWMAN
THE BATTALION

The Battalion and radio station KAMU have joined efforts to create a new radio news program for the Bryan-College Station area.

The five-minute news segment will air Monday through Friday at 8:04 a.m. on KAMU 90.9 FM beginning today. It will include news concerning the Bryan-College Station community and the Texas A&M University.

Jacqueline R. Salinas, a senior journalism major and Battalion radio producer, said the radio news segment will serve two purposes.

"First, it will give citizens and community members a chance to keep up with local news," Salinas said. "Second, students get a chance to become involved in radio broadcasting."

The program is a joint project between The Battalion and KAMU. The Battalion staff will produce the segment.

Stew Milne, editor-in-chief of The Battalion and visualization sciences graduate student, is looking forward to The Battalion's use of technologi-

cal advancements.

"Eventually we would like to get into video broadcasting, extend the radio time and include more in the scope of the radio news, like entertainment and interviews," he said.

The Wire, a news service provided by The Associated Press, is available now on The Battalion's Web page.

Texas A&M is the first university in the United States to offer this service to students and the community. The Wire, which has only 100 current members, can be accessed only through a member newspaper.

Robert Wegener, general manager of student publications, said The Wire provides an important service for the community.

"More important than being the first college to have The Wire," he said, "The Battalion is doing this for the Texas A&M community."

The Wire will include international and national news as well as multimedia, such as sound, photos, graphics and video clips. Paid advertising, which is available to local businesses, appears on-screen while The Wire is being used by a Battalion patron.



PHOTOGRAPH: Tim Moog

Jacqueline R. Salinas, Battalion radio producer, records a radio news segment for today's debut program.

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Music Festival shows orchestral and chamber music throughout June.

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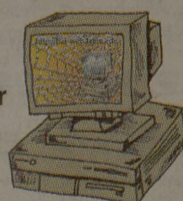
Man's last-minute jumper gives the Bulls a 84-82 win over the Jazz.

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ONLINE

http://bat-web.tamu.edu

Visit The Wire, KAMU's 24-hour online news service.



Expansion project will add 10,000 seats, new football practice fields

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
THE BATTALION

The expansion of Kyle Field, including rebuilding the north end zone of the stadium, relocating utilities under the field and constructing new football practice fields, was recently approved by the Board of Regents.

The \$30 million project will be funded by the 12th Man Foundation and the Texas A&M athletic department. Completion of the renovations is slated for May 1999. The Board of Regents met in Corpus Christi in late May and approved preliminary designs of the renovations.

The expansion of the north end zone will add about 10,000 seats, bringing the total to around 80,000, to accommodate football games in the Big 12 Conference.

Wally Groff, Texas A&M athletic director, said the renovations will give spectators better seating in the north end zone.

"We're planning for the future by adding better seating to accommodate for the Big 12 crowds," Groff said.

He said a club level, a suite level and a new upper deck at the north end will be added. This new seating, he said, will encourage sales of seats in that area since they are the most difficult to sell.

The athletic department said they expect to sell out more games with the better seating and sky boxes.

The University of Texas recently renovated its Royal-Memorial Stadium by adding more seats to accommodate the larger Big 12 crowds. UT Athletic director DeLoss Dodds said the \$14 million face lift added a double deck in the west stands.

The renovations of Kyle Field, including the practice fields, will begin



PHOTOGRAPH: Rony Angkriwan

The Board of Regents recently approved rebuilding of the north end zone of Kyle Field as part of the expansion project. Renovations will begin at the end of football season this year.

shortly after the Texas game at the end of the season of this year. Work on the utilities will begin this month.

Two escalators will be installed for the new seating area along with a food service area and extra bathroom facilities.

The north plaza will also undergo construction, including moving the graves of Reveilles I-IV and the Eternal Flame that lies near them.

Bill Kibler, associate vice president for student affairs, said a task force chaired by Dr. J. Malon Southerland is in charge of relocating the graves to Cain Park across from Kyle Field.

"The graves will temporarily be relo-

ated until the construction on Kyle Field is complete," Kibler said. "They are being careful about how it is being done. The graves will be returned after everything is complete."

Wesley E. Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning, said the two new grass practice fields will be located on the site of the deteriorated tennis courts. The full length fields will feature an observation tower and camera platform. The Health and Kinesiology Department will utilize the Varsity Tennis Courts that Peel said are of higher quality, well-lit and have spectator seating.

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Malcolm X widow critically burned; relative arrested

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — An early morning fire left the widow of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X clinging to life Sunday with third-degree burns over 80 percent of her body, and a young relative was arrested.

Betty Shabazz, 63, was hospitalized in "extremely critical" condition, said Dr. Bruce Greenstein of Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx. "It does not look good for her," said police Detective Sgt. William Rinaldi.

New York Police Commissioner Howard Safir said "there was an accelerant" used in the fire in a back hallway of Shabazz's apartment. Safir said the apartment door had been forced open.

The boy was in custody, charged with juvenile delinquency, police Detective Edward Oakley said. He would not identify the suspect.

Shabazz was conscious and talking when firefighters arrived at about 1:40 a.m., said fire Battalion Chief Anthony Troia. Shabazz told firefighters her young grandson was in the three-bedroom apartment. Police could not immediately find him, but later said a male relative was located. Oakley declined to say whether the youth arrested was the same male relative.

Rinaldi said Shabazz's apartment was not destroyed by the fire, "just the areas surrounding her."

Two of Shabazz's daughters, Qubilah and Illayasah, were joined at the hospital Sunday by Nation of Islam minister Kevin Mohammad, who said Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan was "deeply concerned."

For 30 years, there was a rift between Shabazz and Farrakhan, whom Shabazz said she believed had played a role in her husband's death.

Malcolm X was assassinated Feb. 21, 1965, at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem. Just a week before, the couple's New York City home was destroyed by a firebomb.

Farrakhan and Shabazz publicly reconciled in 1995, shortly after Qubilah Shabazz resolved federal charges that she had plotted to kill Farrakhan, apparently in revenge for her father's death.

In Chicago, Nation of Islam spokesman James Muhammad said, "At this point, our prayers are with Dr. Shabazz, and we pray that Allah will bring her through this incident so that she may continue to fight in the cause of the liberation of her people."