

NEWS BRIEFS

Classes teach citizens about firefighting

Brazos Valley residents can learn about the different aspects of firefighting at the Bryan Citizen Fire Academy. During the 10-week course, students receive "hands-on" training about firefighting and fight a fire at the Texas A&M Fire Training School. Students will also learn about fire prevention, fire investigation and services the Bryan Fire Department provides for local residents. Application deadline is July 23, and the Academy begins August 7. The school meets every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Two Saturday classes from 8 a.m. to noon will be held also. Graduation is October 9. Tuition is free, and participants must be Brazos Valley residents and 18 years or older. Applications are available at the Fire Administration offices in the Bryan Municipal Building, or call 361-3680.

Experts advise when to seek medical help

When should you see the doctor? Rashes are often caused by viruses or allergic reactions to substances either eaten or placed on the skin. Sometimes a rash will need more antibiotics, especially if fever occurs or if the rash is spreading (over a few days). Headaches are common but can be serious. Headaches that occur with a fever or a stiff neck may be a sign of meningitis. Headaches in the front of the head can be caused by a sinus infection. Migraines are not dangerous but can be treated with medication. Minor aches in the wrist, ankle or knee usually are because of a strain or irritation of the tendons, especially if it is not related to trauma. Unless you have a fever or redness in the joint, you can use ibuprofen (Advil, Nuprin, Motrin). Do not use these medications if you have an ulcer. To check with a doctor, call 845-6111 to schedule an appointment at the A.P. Beutel Health Center. — contributed by Ann Reed, M.D., of the A.P. Beutel Health Center

Boosting Calcium easy with healthy diet

College students need 1,200 mg of calcium daily, or the equivalent of four cups of milk. Well-balanced food choices include low-fat, calcium-rich foods and beverages. Boost your calcium intake by: — Eating cereal with skim milk for breakfast. — Trying high-calcium desserts and snacks, such as pudding, ice milk, frozen yogurt or string cheese. — Adding cheese toppings to salads, vegetables, etc. — Choosing calcium-fortified orange juice. — Eating a cheese omelet for breakfast. — Selecting calcium-fortified bread. — Enjoying a scoop of ice cream. — Eating fish with small bones. — Selecting tofu processed with calcium. — Eating dark green leafy vegetables. — Adding extra cheese to pizzas. If you want to have a nutrition consultation with the dietitian at the Health Center, call 845-6111 for an appointment. — contributed by Jane W. Cohen, Ph.D., R.D., of the A.P. Beutel Health Center

Aggies remember Weirus' contributions to university

Funeral services will be held tomorrow in San Antonio

By ROBERT SMITH
THE BATTALION

Richard E. "Buck" Weirus will be remembered as a great leader at Texas A&M and a friend of many Aggies, said those who knew him. Randy Matson, Weirus' successor as executive director of the Association of Former Students, said Weirus "will be sorely missed by Aggies everywhere." "Buck probably knew more former students than anyone I've ever known, because he made an effort to get to know them," Matson said in a University press release. "A lot of them really loved him because he was genuinely interested in them." The University's Buck Weirus Spirit Award was named in his honor in 1982. Liza Gonzalez, a senior market management major, received the award this year and met Weirus. "He was very attentive and excited about meeting students," Gonzalez said. "He just had a giving heart." Angela Winkler, an educational administration graduate student, also received the spirit award this year. "It was an honor to meet him," Winkler said. Weirus died Tuesday in his College Station home after suffering an aneurysm. He is survived by his daughter Diana Burke of Bryan and four grandchildren.

Weirus led the alumni association from 1964 to 1979, an era when the University was rapidly changing. During that time, A&M began admitting women, and participation in the Corps of Cadets became optional. Mary Jo Powell, associate director of University Relations, said Weirus was "very well thought of." "He led the Former Students Association when the school was making big changes. Many (alumni) did not favor the changes being made." Under Weirus' leadership, membership in the association grew from 30,000 to 100,000. He introduced computerized record keeping, a first for alumni associations nationwide, and also started the Century Club, the President's Endowed Scholarship program and an awards program recognizing graduate students. Weirus graduated from A&M in 1942 with a degree in industrial education. He served in World War II and worked in San Antonio before returning to A&M in 1961 as assistant executive director of the Association of Former Students. A memorial service will be held today at 2 p.m. at the A&M United Methodist Church in College Station. The burial will be at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

INTERNET

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Some students have posted Playboy-owned images on their Web site. This is copyright infringement. Playboy contacts University officials to alert them of the infringement. Playboy employees surf the Web to find pages with illegally posted images. Some students put links to adult sites on their Web pages and receive monetary compensation. This is also illegal under the CIS regulations. The following steps are taken by the Resolution Center towards punishing students who post pornographic material: 1. A letter is sent to the student outlining the allegations. 2. A hearing is scheduled with the coordinator of Student Judicial Services. 3. At the hearing, the student has the opportunity to respond to those allegations. 4. If there are any violations found, the coordinator decides on the appropriate sanctions. 5. In some instances, the student has the right to appeal. Sometimes the Resolution Center will just contact the student and make them aware of the issues. Brent Paterson, director of the Department of Student Life, said he worries that the Supreme Court ruling will have a negative effect on students.

"I think an initial reaction is that it will reinforce students' beliefs that they can do whatever they want, and this is not the case," Paterson said. Paterson said the University can not avoid obscenity issues on the Internet. "We need to continue to find ways that will educate students about the appropriate use of computer resources (at A&M)," he said. The CISWeb page on the A&M home page states rules for responsible computing regarding Internet use and Web pages through A&M's system. Under the "freedom of expression" section, the page says "censorship is not compatible with the goals of Texas A&M University. The University should not limit access to any information due to its content when it meets the standard of legality." The Supreme Court's ruling says students, in A&M's case, can express themselves in anyway that is legal on their Web site. The CISWeb page highlights what criminal and illegal acts are. It states that criminal use involves unauthorized access, theft, obscenity, child pornography and racial, ethnic, religious or sexual harassment. It also includes a section titled "Individual responsibility for use of computing resources and facilities" that Putnam said students should read. Putnam said students should consider ethics when using computer services at A&M and should not misuse or abuse this privilege.

SAFETY

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"I think they should block the road off," Brown said. "It's a dangerous area. It's not a place where people should walk." Guy Cooke, assistant manager of the construction division of Facilities Planning and Construction, said the fact that one of the main construction sites, the new library complex, is in the center of main campus makes it difficult to completely block off Spence Street. "If we closed Spence Street, students would have to walk around the O&M Building or through the Computing Services Center," Cooke said. Cooke also said Parking, Transit and Traffic Services staff would not permit the contractors to close Spence Street because of the large amount of student traffic on that street. Closure would eliminate access to two parking lots. Instead, Cooke said, Facilities Planning and Construction plans big construction jobs during the summer months when traffic is lighter, and contractors send flagmen out to direct cars and people during the times of day that traffic is heavy. Cooke said that in the busiest areas, construction workers and students must be careful around each other. "We have to coexist between students and construction," Cooke said. "That is exactly what we've done on Spence Street." Cooke said the sidewalk between Harrington Tower, the Academic Building and the Cushing Library is another area pedestrians and construction workers must share, because no road runs through campus to the Cushing Library. Joe Cortes, senior construction inspector for the Texas A&M University System, said a contractor is the main entity responsible for safety within a construction area. Cortes said A&M inspectors are in charge of "quality assurance," or making sure a builder follows the contract. However, he said, everyone involved in a job is responsible for safety. A representative of Centex

Construction Inc., a firm located in Dallas, who has the contract for the "library village" could not be reached this week for comment on the company's safety practices. Cortes said contractors ensure the safety of students and workers on or near construction sites by displaying signs, building barricades, putting construction workers' PTTs officers in such areas to redirect traffic. Cortes said one of the problems he sees with construction on campus is that students not read and obey the construction signs. "Hard hat signs are used to fine areas students shouldn't be through," Cortes said. Cortes also said Centex has weekly safety meetings. Contractors remind drivers to watch pedestrians and define areas through which emergency vehicles can enter the construction site if needed. Cortes said. Cortes said that to date, no students have been injured by machinery at the library complex. However, he said, one worker was injured recently when he fell off a scaffold. Cooke said the only other accident that has occurred at the current construction sites was when an 80-ton truss broke away from a crane and crashed into the superstructure of Reed Arena in October 1996. Cortes said a pedestrian bridge will join the fourth level of the Evans Library and the new library building. The three pieces of the bridge were put together on the ground. A 150-ton rubber-tired mounted hydraulic crane will lift the bridge to the fourth floor on July 21. He said contractors will be working with Dr. Fred Heath, dean and director of Evans Library, to isolate the construction area on the fourth floor. He said the contractors will build a temporary enclosure so people will not be able to see what is going on from the library's fourth floor. Cortes said the contractor's main safety precaution is prevention. "They want to do everything they can to avoid an accident," Cortes said.

WITNESS

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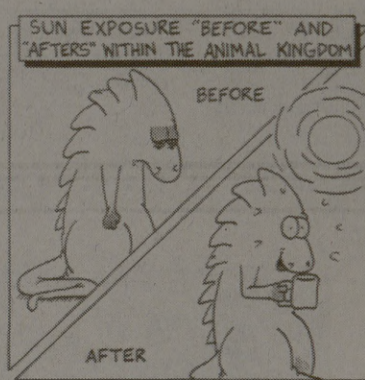
"I think I may have said to someone that he wanted to go to work at the DNC," Clinton told a news conference during a meeting of Western leaders in Madrid. "I don't remember who I said that to. I wish I could tell you more." Meanwhile, senators' hopes of getting a reluctant Huang to testify hit a snag when Attorney General Janet Reno informed the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee she opposes the former fund-raiser's request for immunity from prosecution in exchange for his testimony on certain issues. Republicans and Democrats alike expressed misgivings about going against Reno's advice and possibly jeopardizing criminal prosecutions by her department. "Put me down as more than skeptical, put me down as opposed," Sen Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said. Committee chairman Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said he, too, was skeptical, but he and the pan-

el's ranking Democrat, John Glenn, asked the committee's lawyers to negotiate with Huang's attorney to seek an agreement. Sullivan, a political operative about to take the lawyers' bar exam, appeared tense as he fielded questions from senators as the leadoff witness in three weeks of hearings into whether the parties illegally accepted foreign money in the 1996 election. He kept his hands folded, a bank of photographers in front of him. Democrats suggested his testimony was old news, and made much of Sullivan's statement that he never witnessed any party official discuss seeking illegal contributions. Republicans used their questioning to suggest the White House foisted Huang upon a wary Democratic National Committee. "He did not have any experience on a fulltime basis," Sullivan said, explaining why he and other top party officials had reservations about hiring Huang as the DNC chief fund-raiser for Asian-Americans.

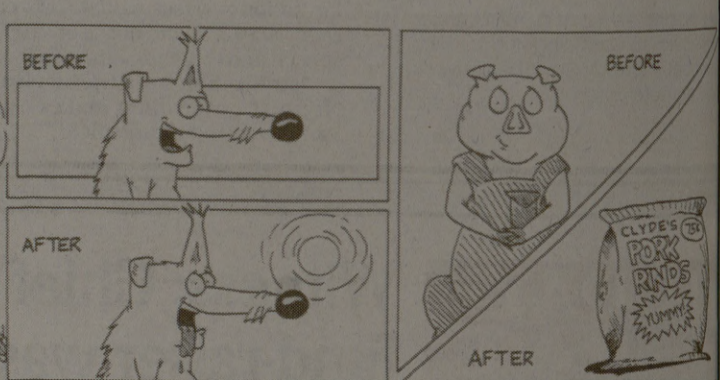
WEATHER OUTLOOK

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By Quatro



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