

BRIEFS

Highway repairs reduce traffic lanes

A three-day repair project on Texas Avenue at University Drive will reduce the number of lanes on University beginning today. Work will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

B-CS physician to speak about AIDS

A Bryan-College Station physician will speak tonight at 7 in 144 studios about HIV and AIDS issues. Dr. Richard Conklin, who has a talk radio show on 103.9 FM will speak about the status of the HIV virus, therapies and treatments and HIV infection statistics.

College to host Open House

The Texas A&M College of Education is hosting a Graduate Programs Open House today in 228 MSC from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The open house will feature representatives from the college's five departments — educational administration, curriculum and instruction, educational human resources development, educational psychology and health and kinesiology. Admission is free.

Burleson officials ban school book

BURLESON (AP) — There's too much cussing in books like *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* for it to be assigned for eighth-grade student reading, Burleson public schools officials have decided. In a policy implemented for the new school year last week, teachers may not include "literature containing profanity" on reading lists for elementary and middle-school students. "Profanity" is not defined, but would almost certainly include such words as "damn" and "hell," school officials said. Curriculum director Judy Hajek said she will meet this week with Superintendent Fred Kauschuber to define profanity.

UT fund raiser parts due to differences

AUSTIN (AP) — A fund-raising expert brought in to lead a \$1 billion drive has been ousted over philosophical differences with Peter Flawn, interim president of the University of Texas. Larry Lollar, who served as the university's vice president for development since coming to Austin from Stanford University three years ago, said he was stunned when Flawn asked him to step down. Lollar has been reassigned as a special assistant to Flawn. He will be replaced by Johnnie Ray, who had been associate vice president for development.

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Regents set to vote on new additions

By JENARA KOCKS
Staff writer

The Texas A&M Board of Regents will accept or decline construction bids for an Easterwood Airport Rescue and Firefighting Facility and two grass football practice fields at the MSC Thursday and Friday.

A bid on Easterwood Airport Rescue and Firefighting Facility will be voted on at the meeting.

H.E. Raisor, director of aviation at Easterwood Airport, said the firefighting facility will be used for community and aircraft-rescue firefighting.

Raisor said the facility, including a fire truck, will cost about \$2 million. Raisor said \$1.4 million will come from the federal government and the rest will come from other sources that have not been decided yet.

The regents also will vote on a bid for the construction of two grass football practice fields behind Kyle Field.

Alan Cannon, sports information director, said if the football team practiced on Kyle Field six days a week, the grass would die. He said practice fields will keep Kyle Field in "playing shape," and that most schools with a grass playing surface have two to six grass practice fields.

The Board of Regents also will approve or deny preliminary plans for a 10,000-square-foot child-care center to be built by University Apartments.

Mary Miller, chair of the child-care center advisory committee and associate vice president for administration, said the construction of the building should be completed in July. The center should open for business in Fall 1998.

"I'm really excited about the design and so is the committee, who has been working on the design for two years," she said.

Miller said the center will be able to serve

(the ratio) will be lower than the average child-care center.

Terri Parker, director of communications for the Texas A&M University System, said the regents will present a "Regents Professor Service Award" to nine System faculty members in recognition of their "exemplary" service to the System at Friday's meeting.

Award recipients will be given the title of "Regents Professor," a monetary reward of \$3,000 for three years and a silver medallion that has the System's seal on it. Two Texas A&M professors and two professors in the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Engineering Experiment Station will receive the award.

The Board also will be asked to authorize the name change of the College of Geosciences and Maritime Studies to the College of Geosciences.

Construction Bids

- Easterwood Airport Rescue.
- Firefighting Facility.
- Two football practice fields.

118 full-time and 40 part-time students of Texas A&M and employees.

Miller said the committee believes programming is the most important part of providing good care for children.

"The center will focus on state-of-the-art concepts of early child development," she said. "It will have a favorable staff-to-student ratio. It

A piece of the pie



P.J. Vanpool, a graduate student in construction management, reaches for dessert at Sbisa Dining Hall Wednesday evening. See related story, Page 4.

Film to confront ethnic relations

By ROBERT SMITH
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A documentary film, *The Color of Fear*, that focuses on social and ethnic relations, will be presented tonight at 6 in Rudder Theater.

Lee Mun Wah, the documentary's director, was scheduled to speak, but was forced to cancel.

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Aliyah Majone will speak in his place afterward and explain the film.

LaSondra Carroll, chair of the MSC Black Awareness Committee and a sophomore journalism major, said the program will promote cultural awareness at A&M.

"It blew me away the first time I saw it (the film)," she said. "I thought 'We need to bring this to A&M.'"

Carroll said the program will bring students from different ethnic groups together.

Curtis Childers, student body president and a senior agricultur-

al development major, said he wants to attend the program.

"As student leaders, we have to stretch our concerns of cultural awareness," he said.

Childers said he encourages A&M students to attend the program.

"It will be a heartening, eye-opening experience," he said.

In the documentary, eight men of different social and ethnic backgrounds discuss race relation issues facing society.

The Color of Fear was awarded "The Golden Apple Award" in 1995 by the National Education Media Network.

Lee also started Stir Fry Seminars & Consulting, an organization that helps corporations deal with racism through education, communication and training in conflict facilitation.

Dessiree Ewing, vice chair of BAC, said the program is designed to help student relations between ethnic groups.

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Winter Spirit of Aggieland

Committee prepares for campus decoration

By BRANDYE BROWN
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Texas A&M will be decorated with lights this December, ushering in a tradition called the Winter Spirit of Aggieland.

Campus decorations have been planned through the effort of the Student Senate's Winter Spirit of Aggieland committee.

Suzanne Smith, Winter Spirit of Aggieland chair and a senior agricultural development major, said enthusiasm among students is often low in December because of final exams, brown foliage and 80-degree weather.

"The spirits of students fall after Bonfire falls," Smith said. "Hopefully this will give students more comfort in the winter season and give Texas A&M the feel of home. We hope it will raise students' spirits for the actual winter season and motivate them

throughout finals."

Smith said 72 trees on New Main Drive, from Texas Avenue to the Administration Building, will be wrapped with lights. This drive will lead to the main tree decorated on the lawn of the Administration Building, which will be visible from Texas Avenue.

Two smaller trees, wreaths and other lights also will decorate the campus, Smith said.

She said donations will fund the campus decorations, and student fees will not be used.

Jeremiah Williams, Student Government vice president of student relations and a senior agricultural economics major, said student organizations can sponsor one of the 72 trees on Main Drive for \$100, and the student organization will have a symbol on the tree.

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Bush Library readies for opening in November

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum is almost complete and ready for the dedication ceremony in November.

The dedication will be Thursday, Nov. 6, and the facilities will be open to the public Friday, Nov. 7.

Former President George Bush and Barbara Bush will be joined at the ceremony by President Bill Clinton and former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford.

Gov. George W. Bush and wife, Laura, former Vice President Dan Quayle and Gen. Colin Powell also are expected to attend.

Some former Bush administrators will attend along with former British Prime Minister John Major and other world leaders during the Bush administration.

Jeb Bush, president of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation and President Bush's son, will be master of ceremonies.

Moving artifacts into the library is one of the last tasks for the Bush Materials Project team, who handles archives and artifacts for

the library.

The team is unpacking and positioning more than 38 million pages of documents, one million photographs, thousands of sound and video recordings and other volumes of information documenting the life and career of President Bush.

The library and museum, which is a 69,000 square foot facility on 92 acres at Texas A&M, is a part of the George Bush Presidential Library Center.

The Library Center includes the Bush School of Government and Public Service, the Presidential Conference Center, the Presidential Library Foundation and office and living quarters for President and Mrs. Bush.

The museum will house historical items, including a restored replica of the fighter bomber that President Bush flew during World War II and a re-creation of Camp David.

Don Wilson, executive director for the Bush complex, said all artifacts should have been completely housed in the museum in August.

A TBM Avenger aircraft resembling the one President Bush flew in World War II is in

the museum.

"The complex is coming along as planned," Wilson said. "Visitors will have a lot of interesting things to look at."

Wilson said papers and memorabilia from Bush's career also will be kept on the 90-acre complex for public viewing. Scholars will be able to access more than 38 million pages of documents from the Bush administration.

David Alsobrook, director of Bush Presi-



dential material projects at A&M, said high-value gifts will highlight the exhibits.

Russian president Boris Yeltsin presented Bush with a solid silver and gold urn as a gift during his administration. The urn will be displayed with a plaque explaining the significance Bush had in foreign affairs.

Another gift that will be displayed is a model of a Saudi desert fortress made of solid gold. The 3-by-5 foot model was given to Bush by nation leaders.

A 13-foot model of the Boeing 747 Air Force One allows viewers a closer look at the presidential plane.

Portraits will dominate the walls along with a section of the Berlin Wall, which was torn down during the Bush administration.

Also, memorabilia from the Persian Gulf War will be displayed. A Patriot missile will symbolize United States' involvement in the victory along with a replica of a SCUD missile, if space allows.

For animal lovers, Bush's 1,500-piece menagerie of elephant figurines made of different things ranging from crystals to coconut will be displayed.

These gifts and artifacts are a part of the complex which includes three main sections: the Bush School, the Presidential Conference Center and the Bush Library an Museum and Archives.

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