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UPD investigates possible arson

The University Police Department is investigating a Sept. 22 arson incident in Dorm 3 on the Quad.

Bob Wiatt, director of the UPD, said that at 2 a.m., an air filter soaked in accelerant was ignited and slid under the door to the room of a female member of the Corps of Cadets staff.

The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The carpet and door were damaged.

Wiatt said there are no suspects or motives.

He said the University is concerned about the incident because of the place and victim.

"The victim of arson is a female member of the Quad," Wiatt said, "and the question is hazing. We are investigating the incident."

Wiatt said samples from the fire were sent to a lab in Austin for testing.

The College Station Arson Investigators, who are assisting with the investigation, said results from tests will be available within two weeks.

Journalist to speak in McVeigh trial

Bruce Thomas from the Dallas Morning News will speak about the McVeigh trial today at 11:45 a.m. at the John B. Connally Building.

The Society of Professional Journalists is sponsoring the event.

The barbecue, dessert and discussion costs \$8 for members, students and first-time guests and \$10 for nonmembers.

A&M implements exchange program

Texas A&M and Kyonggi University of the Republic of Korea will sign a formal agreement today for a student exchange program.

The event will be at 1:30 p.m. in the J. Wayne Stark University Center.

Kyonggi University will send 10 students next summer to study at Texas A&M's English Language Institute in College Station.

The Korean Delegation will cover the agreement signing and visit different parts of the campus.

Texas executes 30th prisoner

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted robber was executed Wednesday night for gunning down a San Antonio businessman who tried to help him from fleeing a bank robbery nine years ago.

Dwight Adanandus, 41, went to the death row for killing Vernon Hanan, 77, who was shot in the chest Jan. 23, 1988, as he wrestled with Adanandus in the foyer of a bank on the north side.

The execution was the 30th this year in the state of Texas.

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Bush Library route nears completion



By JOE JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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Construction on George Bush Drive near Wellborn Road should be completed in time for the opening of the George Bush Presidential Library in November, the Texas Department of Transportation said.

TxDOT officials said the road is 90-percent complete.

When finished, George Bush Drive will be a four-lane divided road with a median and sidewalks.

Building the median is the last phase of the construction project, which began in May 1996.

George Bush Drive will be one of the main routes to the Bush Library from Texas Avenue. Drivers may travel down George Bush to

FM Road 2818 to enter the library.

Pat Williams, director of engineering for TxDOT, said if the road is not completed by November, signs will be posted to direct traffic to alternate routes during the week of the dedication. Entrance to the library will be open from Raymond Stotzer Parkway (University Drive) and FM Road 2818.

TxDOT is trying to make George Bush Drive as much as possible like another of its construction projects — Texas Avenue.

The avenue should be completed by August 1998.

After construction is completed, Texas Avenue will be a six-lane divided road with a median and sidewalks, similar to University Drive.

To finish the project, TxDOT must build a median and complete paving and sidewalks.

Texas A&M is responsible for construction on Olsen Road, which was completed in August 1997.

However, Olsen connects to George Bush Drive near Wellborn Road.

Some students say the intersection of Olsen Road and George Bush Drive can be dangerous.

Kenneth Thomas, a senior accounting major, said he thinks construction was the cause of an automobile accident he saw this year.

"The traffic on George Bush Drive is horrible," he said. "I take a new route home now after that wreck. The construction is a mess and dangerous."

Library receives plaque of Iron Curtain

A plaque-mounted portion of the Iron Curtain will be presented to the George Bush Presidential Library today at 10:30 a.m. in 1095 Academic Building-West of the library complex.

The plaque memorializes the fall of the Iron Curtain and emphasizes Hungary's appreciation

to former President George Bush for his leadership in ending the Cold War and for his friendship toward the Hungarian people.

The plaque will be presented by Laszlo Kovacs, foreign minister of the Republic of Hungary, and Gyorgy Banlaki, ambassador of the Republic of Hungary.

Local clinic to sponsor bone marrow drive

By RACHEL GEORGE
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The Scott and White Marrow Donor Program will hold a bone-marrow drive for the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) from 12 to 5 p.m. today at the Reynolds Medical Building.

NMDP provides marrow transplants from volunteer

diseases requiring medication. These include heart disease, asthma and diabetes.

The NMDP registry needs people of ethnicity to donate.

NMDP expects between 40 and 50 donors this year. Mabry received funding for this year's drive, so donors will not have to pay the usual \$10 processing fee.

Donors must fill out a consent form.

The procedure involves drawing two vials of blood which goes through tissue sample testing. Results are then listed into the registry. A donor may remain on the registry until they are 65 years old.

Mabry said most people tested will not be asked to be a donor.

"If you are a match, your sample will go through follow-up and DNA testing," she said. "Then you will be scheduled for a painless day surgery in the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

If donors are not able to attend the drive today, another drive is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12 in Lounge B on the Quad-rangle. Company C-1 will host the drive.

Mabry said donors give recipients a chance at life.

"Aggies have been extremely supportive of the drive," she said. "They have always been willing to help us in the fight for marrow donors."

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donors to patients with leukemia, anemia and other life-threatening diseases.

Debbie Mabry, coordinator for NMDP, said she looks forward to the College Station drive each year.

"The students at Texas A&M are responsive to the drive and are very giving," she said.

Donors must be in good health and be between the ages of 18 and 60. Donors cannot be diagnosed with

Got milk?



Jennifer Broughton, a sophomore biomedical science major, prepares a cow for milking Wednesday morning at the dairy cattle center.

Professor stresses quality over race

By BRANDYE BROWN
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A sociology professor from the University of Texas said last night integration in the U.S. Army was successful because it focused on the quality and opportunity of soldiers, not race.

Dr. John S. Butler said during a speech at the Sam Houston Corps Center the Army concentrated on defending a nation rather than focusing on racial issues.

"The Army has always had the attitude of 'Bring me any person and we will make a soldier out of them,'" he said. "The Army provides the structure to become successful and to have opportunity by providing training. The

Army never lost focus on preparation for participation."

Butler, co-author of *All That We Can Be*, which chronicles the reasons behind African-Americans' success in the Army, said the Army was integrated during the Revolutionary War. Although at times the Army was segregated during U.S. history, he said, by 1947 former President Harry Truman had integrated it.

Butler said the Army always has insisted on quality soldiers to fill leadership roles.

"One of the most surprising things we found in research is no one said people were in position because of race," he said. "It is always based on quality. Few civilian organizations

maintained quality and participation. And interestingly, even as the number of blacks increased within the Army, the prestige of the organization also increased."

Butler said civilian organizations must manage situations and understand attitudes to be successful. He said promotion in the Army is based on supply rather than demand because it promotes from a qualified group of soldiers.

"The military is not a panacea of race relations, but it has offered equal-pay and equal-opportunity structure, which is a problem in America today," he said. "It shows that white racism is not the problem, but black opportunity is what must be improved."

Center monitors ag policy

By RACHEL DAWLEY
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The Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC), a part of the Department of Agriculture Economics at Texas A&M, analyzes the impact of U.S. government policies on farmers, agribusinesses, taxpayers and consumers.

The AFPC responds to legislative requests for analysis of agricultural and food policy options, identifies emerging policy issues and develops educational programs and publications to explain the results of AFPC research.

Dr. James W. Richardson, a professor of agriculture economics at A&M, is recognized nationally for research allowing the AFPC to evaluate the implications of policy decisions at the farm level.

"Policy people are always looking at alternatives to reach goals," he said. "The AFPC tells them the consequences of each. We do analysis based on congressional issues and take complicated policy analysis and bring it down to an understandable level."

Richardson said a benefit to the AFPC is its educational extension. The center trains more than 200 undergraduate and 24 grad-

uate students each year. Students leave with a better understanding of policy consequences and the ability to evaluate options, Richardson said.

The AFPC was created by the Board of Regents in 1983. As a land-grant university, A&M shared the AFPC with the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service as a joint activity.

Dr. Ronald D. Knutson, director of the AFPC and a professor of agriculture economics, said the AFPC was formed because leadership figures in Texas agriculture wanted to have greater input in policy development. To do that, they needed to have analysis of the impact of policies on their farm and ranch operations.

The center has expanded to include research on the national level through special appropriations grants.

"We could not do this type of independent, third-party analysis if we weren't affiliated with A&M," Knutson said. "If we operated as a consulting organization, we would be dependent on producing results consistent to those paying the bill. Our present results are objectively sound and in the public's best interest."

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Former Fish Drill Team members teach techniques

By RACHEL DAWLEY
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The Association of Former Fish Drill Team Members demonstrated marching techniques to inmates at the Hamilton State School in Bryan yesterday.

Association members presented a marching exhibition and worked with school supervisors on drilling techniques and commands.

The association, which was established in the 1960s to raise money for the team, has continued to operate with fewer members after the team was disbanded this summer. The association raises money by selling march-in pictures of Corps of Cadets outfits. Half of the funds are donated to the Corps Foundation.

Ben Webb, president of the association and a senior biology major, said working with students at Hamilton is an opportunity for members to contribute to the Bryan-College Station community.

"As association members, we want to give something positive back," he said.

"This is something we can do to help people."

The Hamilton State School is the largest Texas Youth Commission facility.

Delinquent youths from 10 to 21 years of age are housed in the juvenile correction facility.

Robert Woods, superintendent of the school, said changes in youth corrections in Texas has prompted changes in the system.

"Students are no longer allowed to wear their own clothes and shoes or have long hair," he said.

"The Texas Youth Commission now requires kids to have military haircuts and wear uniforms. Students have 16-hour, military-style days."

Woods said the Hamilton administration is seeking help from outside the school because of the changes.

He said the purpose of the demonstration was to help the teen-agers develop discipline.

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