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Research associate receives trust award

Anat Geva, research associate of the Historic Preservation Program in the Texas A&M College of Architecture, received the James Marston Fitch Award for her project, "Frank Lloyd Wright's Architecture: A Computerized Energy Simulation Study." The James Marston Fitch Charitable Trust gives the award to mid-career professionals who have an advanced or professional degree, at least 10 years' experience and an identity in one or more of the following fields: historic preservation, architecture, landscape architecture and urban design, environmental planning, archaeology, architectural history and the decorative arts.

Ceremony honors former student

Dudley J. Hughes, Class of '51, of Jackson, Miss., was honored by the Texas A&M College of Geosciences and Maritime Studies during a ceremony Oct. 2 at the Michael T. Halbouty Building.

Room 101 of the building was named the Dudley J. Hughes Lecture Hall.

Hughes gave a \$2 million gift to the college to be used to support professorships in the Department of Geology and Geophysics.

Hughes has worked in the oil and gas industry since 1951 and spent 35 of those years as an independent operator. He is chair of the Hughes-Rawls Corporation.

Caliente Festival this Saturday

The Caliente Festival, a celebration of Hispanic culture, will be from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday in front of the Academic Building.

Chris Wallingsford, chair of the festival and a junior business analysis major, said the festival is being sponsored by the Hispanic Business Student Association as a way to bring the organizations in the Hispanic Heritage Council together to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which ends Oct. 15.

He said each organization will have a food or game booth. A mariachi group from Johnston Middle School in Houston and Texas A&M Ballet Folklorica Celestial also will perform at the festival.

Navy F-14 crashes into Atlantic Ocean

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A Navy F-14 Tomcat fighter jet on a routine training flight crashed Thursday in the Atlantic Ocean, and both pilots ejected. The Navy said one was rescued and a search was under way for the other.

It was the seventh military plane crash since Sept. 13. The six earlier crashes happened within a week and led to a one-day break in training flights for a safety review by all the services.

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No clear majority in class elections

BY BRANDYE BROWN
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Craig Woods and Ben J. Armenta are run-off candidates for Class of '01 president.

The Election Commission was forced to use the old election system and run-offs rather than the new ranking system because a majority for each candidate was not reached.

The run-off results were announced last night at the Sullivan Ross Statue.

Run-off candidates for the Class of '01 president are Craig

Woods with 11 percent and Ben Joseph Armenta with 11.1 percent.

Run-off candidates for Class of '99 vice president are Scott Generes, David Kessler, and Jeremy Vicars.

Elections for the freshman senators also will be held with the run-offs. Because of discrepancies in the ballots, the results for senators were invalid.

Pat Troy, election commissioner and a senior political science

major, said the freshmen elections were a good experiment with the ranking system, but no clear majority was reached.

"In case of experiments, unforeseen situations do arise," he said. "To address the situations we encountered in the ranking system and to make the election process as fair as possible, we reverted to the old system to tally votes and will go to run-offs."

Troy said the system is admirable and that the system will

work, despite initial problems. He said a clear majority was necessary for the Election Commission to declare a winner, and a majority was not reached with the ranking system.

"The system will definitely work with smaller numbers of candidates," he said.

"Really to work perfectly, each voter would have to rank every candidate."

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Fire destroys home of graduate student

BY ROBERT SMITH
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The Bryan Fire Department is investigating the cause of a fire that engulfed a Texas A&M graduate student's home yesterday morning.

No one was in the house during the fire.

Mike Donoho, assistant fire chief of the Bryan Fire Department, said the cause of the fire is unknown, but there are two suspect areas in the house.

"We're focusing on the water heater that's in a closet and the garage right now," he said.

The wood frame home on the 100th block of College View received severe smoke and heat damage, destroying the roof supports and ruining the back bedrooms, Donoho said.

Bryan Wiggley, a resident of the house, had left it 20 minutes before the fire was reported.

The fire department responded to the fire at 10:59 a.m. after receiving a call from University Tire Store.

Fire fighters arrived at the house at 11:02 a.m. The fire was under control within six minutes.



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Firefighter Mike Wodrich drops his hose after being struck by falling timbers as he works on the blaze on College View Thursday. No one was injured in the fire, which destroyed the home of an A&M graduate student.

Two Aggies to benefit from blood donations

BY ROBERT SMITH
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A blood drive for two A&M students will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the First American Bank on University Drive.

The two students are Zack Washburn, a sophomore business major, and Helen Huddleston, a junior applied mathematics major.

Washburn, an Aggie Band member, is in a coma at St. Joseph Regional Health Center after being hit by a car on Harvey Road Sept. 13.

Huddleston has been in a coma since a Sept. 20 car accident and is in critical but stable condition at Herman Hospital in Houston.

Huddleston was in a head-on accident with a duty truck while traveling from Brookshire to Hempstead on Highway 359.

Huddleston's younger sister Sheryl was traveling with her and suffered minor injuries. Both were wearing seat belts during the accident.

Anji Moore, a senior biology major, met Huddleston when she joined MSC OPAS

last month.

"She's very sweet, and we were really excited when she joined (OPAS)," she said. "It was shocking for us when she was hurt."

Huddleston is a member of MSC OPAS, was an orientation leader last summer and is the MSC director of promotions.

Chris Luton, a senior electrical engineering major, said he encourages people to donate blood.

"We're counting on Aggies helping other Aggies," he said. "For people who are con-

cerned, this gives them a way to help Helen."

Huddleston's mother, Shirley Grigar, said her daughter received blood the first five days in the hospital.

Grigar said her daughter is not receiving blood now, but she may need more for upcoming surgery.

Blood donations can also be made for Huddleston and Washburn tomorrow at the American Red Cross Center on University Drive.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Program offers student leaders a taste of Corps life

BY RACHEL DAWLEY
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Texas A&M student leaders experienced life on the Quadrangle last night at the first "Dining with the Corps" program.

The Student Leader Advisory Board (SLAB), 20 student leaders from organizations around campus, ate dinner in Duncan Dining Hall with the Corps of Cadets.

Chris Zorich, public relations officer for the Corps and a senior psychology major, said the program allows people to see what happens during the breakfast and dinner ceremonies on the Quad.

Students often are exposed to Corps dining during lunch in Duncan, but the morning and evening meals are reserved for Corps members. These meals focus on freshman training by teaching attention to details and discipline, Zorich said.

"The program is an opportunity to watch an official Corps ceremony, ask questions and become familiar with what we do," he said. "It

is important because it helps break down stereotypes and allows people to realize that the Corps is not a closed community."

SLAB members joined cadets in retreat formation before dinner. Retreat formation is on the Quad every morning and evening to raise and lower flags.

Laurie Nickel, SLAB chair and a senior business administration major, said the program promotes awareness of Corps activities.

"Dining with the Corps gives students a chance to answer questions and understand the Corps," she said.

Danny Feather, Corps commander and a senior economics major, said the program was an effort to help people understand the Corps.

"The program is important because it dispels myths and rumors [about the Corps]," he said. "Students are able to come and see the Corps and its family atmosphere. The Corps has been segregated from the student body for too long."

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Building on a tradition

Bonfire focuses on motivating on-campus residents with entertainment

BY KARIE FEHLER
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Texas Aggie Bonfire is built on the different traditions of residence halls and Corps of Cadets outfits.

This support ranges from shaving letters in residents' hair to having Bonfire Buddies.

Some of the traditions help motivate freshmen to work on Bonfire.

Omar Hinojosa, a buttpot in C-1 and a junior construction science major, said the freshmen in his outfit always entertain upperclassmen during lunch break at cut.

"The fish eat their lunch really fast and then make up skits to entertain the upperclassmen," he said. "It's really fun for them because they get a chance to talk trash to the sophomores and release the stress of the week."

Hinojosa said freshmen also learn Bonfire "campusology" and recite the facts to motivate each other. Campusologies are sets of 37 different facts about A&M and its history that freshman cadets must memorize at the beginning of their freshman year.

"The fish learn about the tradition through campusology," he said. "They recite things like how many days left until Bonfire burns and it motivates them. I learned it two years ago and I still love to say it!"

Jennifer King, Bonfire co-chair of Hobby Hall and a sophomore education major, said residence hall traditions help make work at cut site more fun.

"We play little games and do things like our dorm yell to motivate the girls," she said. "This also really boosts the spirit for Hobby and keeps the fish really motivated."

John Hearn, yellowpot for Schuhmacher Hall and a sophomore business major, said smaller traditions provide ways for students to be involved in Bonfire.

"Big traditions are always built on little traditions," he said. "It's the little traditions that really help people stay motivated."

Will Gammell, a buttpot in A-1 and a junior business



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major, said the traditions add to the experience of Bonfire.

"We make our weekly stops at the BigGas station in Hearne — that's becoming a real tradition," he said.

Although some halls do not claim a specific area of Bonfire, some pride themselves on a certain aspect of building Bonfire.

Windows in Walton Hall boast "Walton Loads," while some Moses Hall residents wear T-shirts claiming they are the "Bonfire Gods'."

Joel Townsend, yellowpot for Dunn Hall and sophomore aerospace engineering major, said hall traditions make freshmen feel like they are a part of Bonfire.

"Our traditions may not be so out of the ordinary, but we pride ourselves on putting the first log on the field each year," he said. "This motivates the fish and they think 'He's this cool — we're carrying on an old tradition.'"

Chris Henry, a Bonfire co-chair for Krueger Hall and sophomore management major, said many halls support Bonfire by having Bonfire Buddies.

"We pair up our girls with guys in a [Aggie] Band outfit and it's a lot of fun," he said. "You get a chance to meet another Aggie who supports Bonfire. It helps to keep the spirit in the traditions high."

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