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## BRIEFS

### Former German POW to discuss WWII

The Rev. Fritz Haus, who spent 10 years as a German POW, will present a lecture about his World War II experiences today at 7 p.m. at the 105 Harrington Education Center. Haus was imprisoned at "Camp Barne" in the Brazos Valley. Haus served with Gen. Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps and the Luftwaffe until he was captured from North Africa in 1943. After his imprisonment at Camp Hearne and his repatriation to Germany, he became an ordained Baptist minister.

### Post-expressionist film to show tonight

*Madchen in Uniform*, a movie about a young girl in boarding school, will be shown at 7 tonight in room 130 of the Academic Building. The movie, which is from the German post-expressionism period, is by Leontine Sagan. It is in German with English subtitles.

### Red Cross releases Holocaust documents

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Red Cross handed over 60,000 pages of World War II-era documents to Israel Tuesday, and a top official acknowledged the organization's "moral failure" in keeping silent while the Nazis murdered six million Jews. "Very clearly, the ICRC's activities with regard to the Holocaust are perceived as a moral failure," George Willemin, director of archives for the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross, said. "The ICRC admits — yes — that it has kept silent with regard to the Holocaust, and I would say that this is the heart of the moral failure," he added. Willemin spoke at a modest ceremony at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial institute, which received the documents.

### Netanyahu, Arafat hold peace talks

EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held face-to-face talks early Wednesday for the first time in eight months, a senior Palestinian official said. The 2 1/2-hour summit, arranged late Tuesday by U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, could signal a new in the crisis that has brought the peace process to the brink of total breakdown. Convoys of limousines carrying the leaders left the Erez Crossing in the Israel-Gaza border, where the meeting was held, around 5 p.m. local time. The two men did not speak to reporters, who had been kept outside the compound.

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► 1997 Health and Wellness Fair

## Exhibitors aim to educate students

By AMANDA SMITH  
 Staff writer

The 1997 Health and Wellness Fair will feature more than 50 exhibitors with health information from the Bryan-College Station area today. The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first floor of the MSC. Dr. Jane Cohen, assistant health coordinator and a nutrition specialist from the A.P. Beutel Health Center, said the fair provides a wide range of health-related information. "The health fair is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to know of available

sources in the community," she said. "We have so many different organizations, with screenings ranging from glucose to body fat to blood pressure." The American Red Cross and Planned Parenthood are two of the organizations that will have exhibits at the fair. "With 50 different campus organizations, students can get information on all areas of health whether it pertains to pregnancy or heart rate," Cohen said. "Students need to stop by to examine healthy choices." Mary Anne Edly, an assistant at the health center and a nutrition science graduate student, said students can get free food samples

from businesses such as TCBY, and pick up information about health. "It is just a good way to promote healthy lifestyles," she said. "In the health education office, we want to focus on sex education and nutrition education." Beutel also will have representatives at the fair. Students may sign up for the 40 door prizes, including gift packages and certificates to Bryan-College Station businesses. Students also may get information about psychological health and relationships.

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## Month dedicated to AIDS awareness

By RACHEL DAWLEY  
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During National HIV/AIDS Awareness Month, Texas A&M organizations and the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will educate the public through posters, videos, public service announcements and literature.

Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator at the A.P. Beutel Health Center, said the month's focus is to make people more aware of the disease through programs and education. "People are hearing good news about AIDS, which sometimes makes them feel that it is no longer a problem," she said. "Medicine has proved to be effective in keeping the disease in the HIV stage, but now fewer people consider it the serious problem that it is." Students should be tested for HIV/AIDS regularly, Griffith said. Testing is offered year-round in the health center and in the Bryan-College Station area. The testing centers also can offer suggestions to students on improving sexual habits after they answer individual questions. There will be free and anonymous HIV testing at the Health Fair in the MSC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. Representatives at information tables also will be available to answer questions about the prevention and transmission of the disease. "It is really difficult for a few people to hit the 44,000 students here," Griffith said. "When more information is out there, there is more concern and people are more likely to get tested."

The Texas Department of Health said HIV and AIDS cannot be detected by looking at someone. A person with HIV may look healthy and feel fine. A blood test is the only way a person can find out if he or she is infected with HIV.

HIV is spread only through sexual intercourse and intravenous drugs, not casual contact or through the air. Sheilah Looney, a junior community health major, is secretary of Aggie Representatives Educating About College Health (Aggie R.E.A.C.H.), a group of student volunteers trained to give presentations about health-related issues. Looney said college-age people are affected by HIV and AIDS because students are trying new things while they are away from their parents' home.

"Alcohol on this campus plays a part in unplanned, unanticipated, unwanted and unprotected sex," she said. "We hope that people will practice safer sex, get tested often or abstain from sexual intercourse. The bottom line is respect for yourself and to protect yourself." A University committee, the HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee, promotes the awareness of the disease on campus through educational and outreach programs. Anupama Ramachandran, a member of the committee and a freshman bioengineering major, said safer sex is important in the prevention of HIV and AIDS.

"A lot of people have been personally touched by the disease," Ramachandran said. "People must realize that HIV and AIDS affects more people. It has a domino effect that touches everyone including family, friends and co-workers." Activities and educational programs are planned during the month of October. World AIDS Day, sponsored by the World Health Organization, is Dec. 1. This day allows people to stop and consider people affected by HIV and AIDS.

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### Mixing it up



Jeff Heffington, a senior Civil Engineering student, mixes concrete in his Civil Engineering 342 class. The students make test beams and columns which they then test for strength.

## Confusion prompts runoff elections

By BRANDYE BROWN  
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Due to differences in interpretations of "majority" under the ranking system by the Election Commission, freshman run-off elections are today from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Amy Magee, Rules and Regulations chair of Student Senate and a senior psychology major, said the ranking system worked without problems, and it reached a majority between two candidates. "The problem as far as the Election Commission is concerned is they looked for a majority out of all students that voted in the

election," she said. "Technically, using the ranking system a majority out of all students voting in the first round may never be reached, because when students did not rank all the candidates, they chose not to participate in the subsequent 'run-offs' by the ranking system." Pat Troy, Election Commission chair and a senior political science major, said the problem was not with the ranking system, but there was a conflict between the interpretation of the system's view of a majority and the interpretation of the election regulations' definition of majority. "What majority meant to the originators

of the system and what I felt my rules and regulations called for were different," he said. "The definition of majority in the election rules and regulations will have to be changed to avoid problems in the future." Magee said the ranking system could have been used according to the election regulations. "The Election Commission had a different interpretation of what a majority is, the ranking system considers it to be of the votes cast in the last round of the ranking, not of the entire number that voted in the election," she said.

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## Lady Bird: Johnson believed Warren report

AUSTIN (AP) — Contradicting a new book based on Oval Office tape recordings, former first lady Lady Bird Johnson said Tuesday her husband believed the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy. Johnson, who escorted news reporters through a new exhibit at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum at the University of Texas, said the former president

respected the members of the Warren Commission and believed their conclusion Kennedy was shot by a lone gunman. Johnson was Kennedy's vice president and assumed the presidency upon Kennedy's death. "I remember truly that he did wonder if this is a wider plot; a wider victims' plan than one man, one person to assassinate," Johnson said.

"He believed in those men on the Warren Commission, and he believed that they had tracked down every iota that could be found. And so he wanted to go onward with Kennedy's agenda, his agenda, Lyndon's, and the problems that the country faced and needed to handle." A new book, based on tape recordings from Johnson's presidency, says the former president



Dr. Nancy Dickey, National President-elect of the American Medical Association, addresses students at Rudder Theater Tuesday evening.

## AMA president-elect encourages women to pursue medical careers

By COLLEEN KAVANAGH  
 Staff writer

The president-elect of the American Medical Association (AMA), said Tuesday night although women face challenges working in male-dominated profession, opportunities also exist in the medical field for women. Dr. Nancy Dickey, the first woman to become president of the AMA, said she knew she would face challenges as a woman physician, but she has tried to keep a sense of humor about it. "I am a physician who happens to be a woman," she said. "There is a measurable amount of hostility to women because this has been a man's profession for hundreds of years, but I think this hostility will go away with time."

Dickey also said because of the small amount of women in the field, she has had opportunities she would not have had otherwise, such as treating patients who wanted a woman doctor. "My practice and my work with the AMA began because people needed a woman to help them," she said. Dickey also discussed challenges physicians face in the field, such as uninsured patients and globalization. "There are 34 million uninsured Americans who don't get the type of health care they need," she said. "That doesn't even include the rest of the world. We can no longer just worry about the U.S. when infectious diseases from West Africa can reach the U.S. so quickly." Doctors must continue their education throughout their profession to stay informed of technology advances in the medical field, Dickey said.

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