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Former chancellor receives food prize

Dr. Perry L. Adkisson, professor emeritus of entomology at Texas A&M and former chancellor of the A&M University System, was awarded Tuesday for his work in developing pest-control methods. Adkisson and Dr. Ray F. Smith, professor emeritus of entomology at the University of California-Berkeley, were named co-winners of the 1997 World Food Prize Tuesday. The World Food Prize is the leading international award in recognition of individuals whose work has improved the quantity, quality and availability of the world's food supply.

TV anchor to give advice on careers

The National Association of Black Journalists will have an informal meeting tonight featuring KBTX-TV anchor Sherry Williams. Williams will give advice to students on what to do after graduation, such as how to search in the job market. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in 205 MSC.

Water lines to be flushed today

The City of College Station Water/Wastewater Division will begin flushing water lines today at 10 p.m. The process will reduce or eliminate problems that occurred this summer with discolored water. The city's water system will be divided into sections, and a different section will be flushed each week for 10 to 12 weeks.

The first section to be flushed is between FM 2818, Texas Avenue, Graham Road and Wellborn Road. If customers experience problems with water service during this time, they can call College Station Public Utilities Dispatch at 764-3638.

Candlelight vigil observed tonight

The Brazos Valley Candlelight Vigil will be observed tonight to remember people who have suffered and died because of domestic violence.

The vigil will be at the City of Bryan Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. Joe Brown, public information officer for Bryan, will be master of ceremonies.

The event is sponsored by Phoebe's Home and the Brazos County Domestic Violence Task Force.

Positions open in Student Senate

The Student Senate has announced there are now five senate position openings, one in the College of Business, one in the College of Agriculture and three for off-campus senators.

Applications for the positions are due by Friday at 5 p.m. Applications can be picked up at 127 Koldus.

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Hopgood named in hazing lawsuit



By ROBERT SMITH
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A Galveston district court judge ruled Friday for a deposition from Texas A&M officials on hazing in the Corps of Cadets during the past three years.

District Judge Samuel Kent ordered Maj. Gen. M. T. "Ted" Hopgood, Corps commandant; Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president of student affairs; Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Darling, executive director of student affairs development and former Corps com-

mandant; and Capt. Robert Dalton, former faculty adviser of the Fish Drill Team, to give depositions by Nov. 13.

William Hommel, an attorney representing former Fish Drill Team member Travis Alton, said that four weeks ago he filed an amended complaint ordering the depositions in Galveston.

"We made some changes in our pleading to reflect our ongoing investigation," he said.

Alton initiated hazing charges last year against student advisers of the Fish Drill Team.

Texas A&M has been cleared of charges, with the 11th amendment giving sovereign immunity to the state.

Darling and Dalton declined to comment on the court order. Hopgood could not be reached.

Hopgood, Southerland and Corps commander Danny Feather disbanded the Fish Drill Team in August following hazing charges against nine former team advisers from the University and a Brazos County grand jury.

The University suspended eight former Fish Drill Team ad-

visers for various amounts of time and expelled one adviser for hazing following A&M judicial hearings in July.

A&M charged 16 more students with hazing in July. University officials said the charges stemmed from A&M judicial hearings for the nine former advisers.

Some of the hearings for the 16 students have been completed. If found guilty by a University judiciary hearing board, punishments for the students could range from a warning letter of reprimand to suspension or expulsion from A&M.

Chapel offers counseling for students

By KARIE FEHLER
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The Texas A&M All Faiths Chapel offers free counseling to students who have religious problems or with questions about faith.

Counseling services are available Monday through Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Members of the clergy are available for drop-in counseling sessions, and appointments are not necessary.

Mark Crawford, chaplain for the Episcopal Student Center, said members of the Campus Ministry Association (CMA) take turns counseling students, and the schedules are posted in the All Faiths Chapel.

"We try to each keep a regular time once a week, so if someone would like to see a Catholic priest, they know what time someone is available," he said.

Crawford said many students come to the chapel for conversation and ques-

tions about church services and faith.

"We are available to counsel students with personal problems, but people also come in to see if they can get married in the chapel or if their organization can use the chapel for a specific purpose," he said.

Crawford said some students are under the misconception the All Faiths Chapel is another building on campus like other classrooms or buildings.

"The chapel, which is located conveniently on campus across from Beutel Health Center, is meant to be a place of worship, a place for quiet and prayer," he said.

Frank Yates, United Campus Ministry (UCM) director and the president of CMA, said the counseling program began last fall, when UCM and CMA met with the Student Counseling Center.

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Earth mover



Francisco Arredia Tirado of Contemporary Landscape Services tills outside of Bizzell Hall East Wednesday in preparation for the dedication of the George Bush Presidential Library

Celebrity brings comedy act to Texas A&M

Hispanic Heritage Month

By BRANDI BALLARD
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Hispanic Heritage Month wraps up tonight with a performance at Rudder Auditorium by comedian Paul Rodriguez.

Jose Sanchez, president of the Hispanic Presidents' Council and a senior marketing major, said Rodriguez will be the biggest Hispanic entertainer to come to Texas A&M.

Sanchez worked this summer to book Rodriguez's performance.

"We're doing this because it benefits the entire community — not just the Hispanic community," he said.

The Hispanic Presidents' Council worked with MSC CAMAC and MSC Town Hall to

bring Rodriguez to the University.

Dave Salmon, adviser for MSC Town Hall, said Sanchez brought the possibility of bringing Rodriguez to A&M to him.

"He came up with idea and we immediately said yes," Salmon said.

Sanchez said he thought of the idea two years ago. He said before this year he was never in a position where he could bring the comedian to campus.

"Now that I'm president of the Hispanic Presidents' Council, I could do something to get Paul Rodriguez here," Sanchez said.

Paul Rodriguez is not the only Hispanic celebrity to come to A&M this year.

Dr. Dionel Aviles, a member of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, spoke at the Hispanic Open House at the beginning of the fall se-

mester. Victor Morales attended the Hispanic Unity Rally last month.

Sanchez said this is the best Hispanic Heritage Month in his years at A&M.

"The groups just seem closer knit — the organizations really came together and supported each other," he said. "Of course, there is always room for improvement."

Salmon said MSC Town Hall wanted to bring in diverse entertainment. "We specifically wanted to target the Mexican-American community because we have in a sense neglected them [in] the past years," Salmon said. "Rodriguez was chosen because he is one of the most talented comedians in the business."

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UPD: Trust your instincts

Crime-prevention experts say awareness key to safety

By COLLEEN KAVANAGH
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The University Police Department (UPD) said Texas A&M students need to trust their instincts to protect themselves from dangerous situations.

Betty LeMay, a certified crime-prevention specialist for UPD, said some students put themselves in situations where they could be hurt.

"We see late-night female joggers and people who are alone in isolated areas every day," LeMay said. "People won't stop certain activities, but there are a number of precautions they can take."

LeMay said students should have a buddy with them as much as possible and should tell someone where they are going when they leave the house, because isolation makes people more vulnerable to crime.

The UPD is working to make Texas A&M a safer campus, she said.

"We have added more lighting and phones on jogging trails and isolated areas," LeMay said. "But anybody, anywhere, can be the victim of crime. In one of two stranger rapes here in 1995, the woman was abducted in the middle of the day."

LeMay said people need to be aware of their surroundings and to walk with confidence, showing awareness and control of the situation.

"The most important thing people can do is trust their instincts," she said. "If you feel something is wrong, then get out of the situation."

Jay Merkeley, a self-defense teacher at A&M, said self-defense begins with understanding something can happen to you. The key to crime prevention is awareness, he said.

"People can be relaxed but alert 24 hours a day," Merkeley said. "I try to teach students to make sure nothing

escapes their attention, whether it's someone walking towards them or someone near them doing something out of the ordinary."

Merkeley said constantly monitoring situations is necessary, because there always is the possibility something will happen. Instincts tell you if you are in danger, he said.

Merkeley said a woman who was raped on campus three years ago noticed her attacker when she was jogging but ignored her instinct to remove herself from the situation. Merkeley said the woman thought she was being paranoid.

LeMay said after recognizing the potential problem, people need to report the problem to the police. Notifying the police makes the authorities aware of the situation so they can respond with knowledge and check out the situation.

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Law-school caravan offers admission info

By ROBERT SMITH
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The Law School Caravan will make its annual stop at Texas A&M from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the MSC Flagroom.

Karen Severn, pre-law adviser at A&M, said representatives from 84 law schools will be at A&M to speak with students interested in law school.

"It should be a really great day," she said. "It will provide law schools access to top-quality students at A&M."

Students attending the caravan can discuss qualifications for admission, ask questions about various law school programs and obtain applications from the schools.

Severn said the variety of law schools will give students a chance to compare schools.

"All of the law schools are different, and they can find the ones that fit their needs the best," she said. "Students can see schools from across the nation and will be exposed to schools they really haven't considered."

Representatives from all nine Texas law schools will be at the caravan, as well as representatives from other schools, including Georgetown University, Vanderbilt University and New York University.

Jennifer Silverman, a senior English major, said she will attend the law school fair.

"Personally, I am excited because I'm applying for law school in the fall," she said. "You can get a real feel for what the law schools have to offer because they bring a lot of information with them."

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