

winning tradition



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Texas A&M Soccer team celebrates as they receive their Big 12 Championship trophy Saturday in San Antonio. The team displays the trophy to the 2,100-plus fans in attendance at the Big 12 Tournament.

Corps repaints barn

By RACHEL DAWLEY
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Corps of Cadets Squadron 12 repainted the Aggie Barn on Highway 6 Friday after a group of students from Baylor University painted it green and white, Baylor's colors, Thursday night.

The Aggie Barn is in Reagan, Texas, 10 miles from Marlin. The maroon-and-white building has become a tourist attraction, reading "Gig 'em Aggies" and "Whoop '99."

The Baylor students painted the barn in green and white to read "Sic 'em Bears" and "Go Bears 2001."

A junior cadet in Squadron 12, also known as Talon 12, learned of the incident through a friend at Baylor and decided to repaint the barn in Aggie colors.

Mark Hauser, executive officer of Talon 12 and a senior geography major, said a few juniors from the outfit went to Reagan to get permission to repaint the barn, and the squadron repainted it Friday evening.

"Many people drive by it on the way to the game, and we felt lucky to be a part of it," Hauser said. "Baylor fans driving to the game saw us."

Hauser said he is surprised Baylor students damaged the barn, but realized some schools do not have

traditions like those of Texas A&M.

"For me, when you look around the University, people worry about losing traditions and say that Ol' Army has died," he said. "Something as simple as repainting the barn reminds you that this University is still based on tradition. It is special to all of us, and I think everyone here wishes they could have done it."

The A&M students worked from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday night to restore the barn.

Mandy McAlister, a cadet in Talon 12 and a senior environmental design major, said a group of Aggies donated food for Talon 12 while they worked.

"I think it was a sad thing to do on Baylor's part," McAlister said. "They don't understand the importance of our traditions. Ol' Ags helped by bringing food, lights and building a bonfire to keep us warm. We felt it was important to restore the tradition."

T.K. Kirkpatrick, owner of the Aggie Barn and Class of '24, is planning to send a letter to the president of Baylor University and a bill for repainting costs.

Kirkpatrick painted the barn maroon and white in 1981 to let all Aggies know they are welcome and that he was an Aggie.

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OPAS features B-CS area artists during Arts Awareness Week

By AMANDA SMITH
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Benjamin Knox did not know designing T-shirts for his Corps of Cadets outfit when he was a sophomore at Texas A&M would change his future. Knox, known as the Texas Aggie artist, said his start in the art field began at the University.

"I started (doing art) when I was a sophomore at Texas A&M University in the Corps of Cadets, by doing prints and designs for outfits," Knox said. "Then, I gradually began to pick up work for other designs for other organizations like the MSC. I was 100-percent on my own, and it was an opportunity to do what I wanted to do."

During Arts Awareness Week (Nov. 10-14), MSC OPAS will feature

the works of Bryan-College Station artists, including Knox.

Jennifer Posa, OPAS director of audience education and development and a senior English major, said Arts Awareness Week gives students the opportunity to see what is available in the arts.

"It's an MSC OPAS effort to get the event organized," Posa said. "It's a chance for other organizations (on campus) and businesses to showcase themselves. We have lots of different activities going on."

Today, MSC OPAS will feature SPEX (Spontaneous Exposure to Artists). There will be a table in the MSC from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to celebrate the birthday of artist Tim Rice.

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Board opens seven positions for PTTs cooperation efforts

By COLLEEN KAVANAGH
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The Student Leader Advisory Board (SLAB), a division of Student Government, has opened seven positions on a student advisory committee to the Department of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services.

Laurie Nickel, SLAB chair and a senior business analysis major, said one of SLAB's concerns is parking on campus.

"At the beginning of the semester, SLAB vowed to work on solving some of the parking problems on campus," she said, "and we just wanted the student body to know we are following up with everything."

Nickel said SLAB has a committee that works with PTTs, but SLAB wants to expand the committee and recruit a variety of students, not necessarily students involved in the Student Government Association.

"Student Government has a high turnover rate," she said. "So we hope to recruit students who want to work on the parking issue for an extended period of time and help solve some of the problems."

Nickel said SLAB has worked with Mary Miller, associate vice president for administration, to set up the committee. Miller will chair the committee; other non-students on the committee include the director, associate director and other officials of PTTs.

Miller said the committee needs members who will represent the student body and help PTTs work on campus parking problems.

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Opening ceremonies of Bush Complex draw to a close

Community Day' marks conclusion of dedication

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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After the dedication of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum Thursday, former President George Bush celebrated "Community Day" Friday with Texas A&M students and the Bryan-College Station community.

At the opening ceremony Friday, Bush thanked the A&M community. "Thank you so much for the warm welcome to the Aggie family," he said. "I chose Texas A&M as the site for the library because there is a sense of community Barbara and I feel every time we come here."

He said U.S. citizens should support education and public service remain diverse.

"Sometimes we take our freedom for granted," he said, "and we don't understand the magnet that drives people here. But we must remain connected with the world."

Bush was joined by children dressed in cultural costumes, who represented the push for international peace during his administration.

He also presented the International Center, which is near the library and gives students the opportunity to learn more about worldwide leadership.

Curtis Childers, student body president and a senior agricultural development major, said Bush had a major role in overcoming international obstacles.

"To me, people seem the same wherever you go," Childers said. "We would be educated in a way that goes beyond our shores."

Bryan Mayor Lonnie Stabler and College Station Mayor Lynn McElmurray attended Community Day and thanked Bush for the opportunity his library will offer the communities.

Members of the Texas A&M Board of Regents also attended Community Day.

After the ceremony, visitors participated in different activities. Most of the visitors waited in line to tour the library, which was free for the day. The library tour features exhibits and memorabilia chronicling Bush's life from his birth to his administration.

Other visitors played sports or toured the complex, which was being opened after Thursday's dedication, and booths were set up for participants.

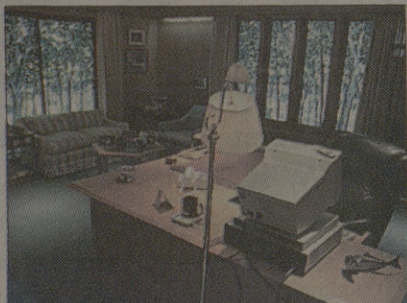
The booths included the Texas A&M Poultry Science Department, which featured baby chicks, and international A&M student organizations representing such nations as Venezuela, Africa, China, India and Puerto Rico. A booth about the Presidential Corridor offered information about the two presidential libraries in Texas — the only state to have two. The booth also had information about the towns and historical monuments along Texas Highway 21.

Brenda Mills, a College Station resident and a day-care nurse, attended Community Day. She said although she waited for 30 minutes to get into the library, it was worth it.

"I feel so inspired after seeing all of the exhibits," she said. "I bought one of the first-day, limited postcards of the library and had the artist autograph it. This was a wonderful experience. I will be coming back with my family."

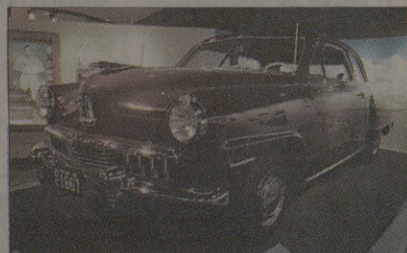
Bridgett Lawson, a freshman political science major, said she will be spending a lot of time in the library.

"This library means a lot to me," she said. "I think it is incredible the path that led Bush to the White House. It makes me think that hard work does pay off."



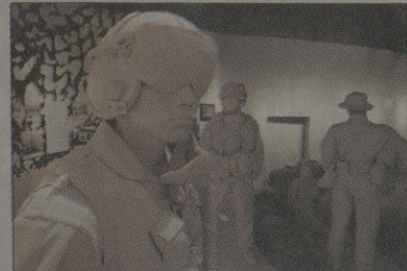
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Bush's Camp David retreat office in a re-created setting.



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The '47 Studebaker the Bushes drove during their first trip to Texas.



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Statues displaying uniforms of each of the U.S. Armed Forces from Desert Storm.



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A mock-up of the White House in Washington D.C.

Public tours available of Presidential Library

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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When former President George Bush was asked what he thought of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, he said it was an ego trip for him to tour the library.

Those who tour the Bush Library will understand why.

The library documents Bush's life from his first baby steps to his last steps in the White House and almost everything in between.

Dr. David Alsobrook, director of the Bush Library, said the library is designed to require little explanation for visitors and be "user-friendly."

Visitors begin the tour by entering a 50-foot tall rotunda made of limestone, marble and granite, with a skylight above.

The first exhibit on the tour is a brief film in the Orientation Theater. The film features the personal side of Bush as a man, a husband and a father.

After the film, the tour leads into the changing exhibit gallery, which features rotating exhibits from collections. During November, the exhibit is about the life of the Bushes after the Bush Administration.

The next area focuses on the private life of the Bush family. Visitors can watch film footage of the former president in an "interactive family scrapbook." This area, Alsobrook said, is designed to look like visitors were walking through a family's attic.

The family area leads into the life of Bush during World War II. A replica of the TBM Avenger Aircraft Bush flew as a Navy pilot is suspended from the ceiling above a model of the USS San

Jacinto, the aircraft carrier from which Bush flew a mission before being shot down.

After World War II comes Bush's college career and marriage to Barbara Pierce in 1945. Pictures of Bush at Yale University and the baseball glove he wore while playing there are displayed.

Also, a picture of Barbara and George holding George Jr., the governor of Texas, hangs on the wall, along with a portrait of their second child, Robin, who died of leukemia in 1953.

In this area, a replica of the 1947 Studebaker Bush and Barbara drove to Texas in is displayed.

As visitors leave the college and marriage section, they enter an area documenting Bush's time of public service and leadership. Here, a 30-foot tall replica of the Capitol Building leads visitors through Bush's time as a congressman to director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Vice Presidential and Presidential Years section follows. Memorabilia such as political buttons and stickers are on display next to interactive video about Bush.

A 30-foot tall replica of the north facade of the White House features a video wall documenting a day in the White House.

The next historical section features a large piece of the Berlin Wall surrounded by a wall that begins black on one side and turns to gray, then white. On the wall, photographs showing the prominence Bush had as the Cold War ended and the Berlin Wall fell are displayed.

The Cold War section leads into the Domestic Policy section, which features Bush's policies, such as the Clean Air Act.

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