

BRIEFS

College Station to flush water lines

Tonight at 10 the City of College Station will begin flushing water lines in the area from Harvey Road, Highway 6 Bypass, University Drive and Texas Avenue, and the area from Tarrow, University Drive and Texas Avenue.

Contact College Station Public Utilities at 764-3638 if residents experience problems with water.

Oklahoma City to host Midnight yell

Grove yell will be tonight at 6 at Bonfire site.

Midnight yell practice will be Friday in Oklahoma City, Okla. at Bricktown in front of Boomerang's, east of downtown Oklahoma City.

The Texas A&M Football Team will play the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. at 6 p.m. Saturday.

40 people suffer poisoning outbreak

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — At least 40 people were hospitalized, apparently suffering from food poisoning, while attending a conference at a hotel on Wednesday.

Beaumont fire marshal Brad Pennison said those sickened were attending a meeting at the Holiday Inn Plaza. At least 40 were taken to several hospitals.

Pennison said the apparent cause of the outbreak was food poisoning.

People began getting sick at the meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Hotel officials could not be reached for comment Wednesday evening.

Testimony delayed in Zamora trial

FORT WORTH (AP) — A new counsel for former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora is to be appointed, probably by Friday, to help in the defense of her capital murder trial.

Elizabeth Berry filed a motion in late September to withdraw, citing a conflict with lead defense attorney John Lineberger that has "resulted in a lack of cooperation, communication and reliability."

Testimony had been scheduled to begin on Sept. 29, but the judge delayed the trial until January and delayed a ruling on Berry's motion.

State District Judge Joe Drago decided Tuesday to allow Berry to pull out while declaring that Lineberger will remain on the case.

Zamora, 19, and her former fiancée, David Graham, also 19, are accused in the 1995 slaying of Adrienne Jones, 16, of Mansfield over a lifetime sexual encounter between the Jones and Graham.

CORRECTION:

The Nov. 11 article about Marines in the Korean War should have said the Marine Corps was celebrating its 222nd birthday.

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Holocaust survivor recalls WWII

By SARAH GOLDSTON
Staff writer

A 72-year-old Holocaust survivor asked Texas A&M students yesterday to not forget the Holocaust of World War II and its crimes against humanity.

In 1939, German troops invaded 13-year-old Sol Wachsberg's hometown of Chrzanow, Poland, and he was sent to 11 concentration camps, including Auschwitz.

"Tell [my story] to your children and don't forget," he said, "I'm not telling you what I have read or saw in a movie. I'm telling my personal story. We (survivors) never forget. I have nightmares and daymares. It

never goes away. Every camp had its own way to make your life miserable every hour of every day."

From the first hours of the war, the Jewish people of Wachsberg's town, which was 23 miles from the German border, decided to evacuate Chrzanow. However, Germans overtook the Jewish people and forced them to return to the town.

Wachsberg, who spoke to Prof. Arnold Kramer's American history class, said as the Jewish people were returning to Chrzanow, the Germans told 37 men and boys, including a cousin and uncle of Wachsberg, to dig a hole. Afterwards, the Germans shot the 37 men and boys and made others walking home bury the 37 in the hole.

Wachsberg said that when his family returned to Chrzanow their whole lives were changed. Wachsberg said that regardless of age, whether someone was seven or 65, the Germans put all Jewish people to work.

In 1941, the Nazis put him and his brothers in trucks and took them to Auschwitz. Wachsberg was in the first group taken to Auschwitz, 15 miles away from his home in Poland.

"I come from a family of six: mother, father, two older brothers and a younger sister," Wachsberg said. "My parents were gassed, my brother and sister were sent to other camps. One of my brothers was with me."

At Auschwitz, Wachsberg said that he and his brother dug ditches.

"We spent almost a year there and we were wearing the same clothes we were picked up in," he said.

Wachsberg was shuffled through concentration camps Blechamer, Zwittaw, Faulbrik-Langebelau and Leitmeritz before attending Gross-Rosen, one of the work camps.

"We worked in a stone mine and coming home in the evening, each worker was given a stone to carry back to camp," he said. "Those that were lucky were given a five to 10 pound stone, but some people were given a 40 pound stone. We had to carry these stones for three or four miles. Many people couldn't make it, and they died."

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DAVE HOUSE/THE BATTALION
Holocaust survivor Sol Wachsberg still bears a tattoo from his days in the Nazi's Auschwitz prison camp.

Rain or shine



AMY DUNLAP/THE BATTALION

Member of the Corps of Cadets take an evening jog through the wet streets of campus Wednesday.

Aggies to attend Nat'l FFA Convention

By BRANDYE BROWN
Staff writer

About 50 Texas A&M students will travel to Kansas City, Mo., this week for the National FFA Convention, the largest youth convention in the nation with 40,000 people attending.

Alice Gonzalez, an FFA employee and a junior agricultural development major, said the majority of people attending the convention are high-school students, but because membership extends until age twenty-one, many of the officers are college students.

"In fact, the national president is a student of Texas A&M, who has taken the year off to represent the FFA around the nation," Gonzalez said.

"Many recipients of awards at

the convention will be ag students from A&M and all of the state officers of Texas are college students."

Texas A&M students take along A&M traditions to the convention and have yell practice Friday night of the convention, Gonzalez said.

"Every Friday night at the convention, there are so many A&M students that we have a yell practice," she said.

"Other students look forward to the crazy Texans with Aggie spirit on Friday nights."

The convention will include contests, motivational workshops, a career fair and different speakers.

The 450,000 members of the agricultural youth organization are from the United States, Guam and Puerto Rico.

"The national convention is the premiere showcase of everything the FFA is about," she said. "All national awards are given, recognition of sponsors, students, parents and staff."

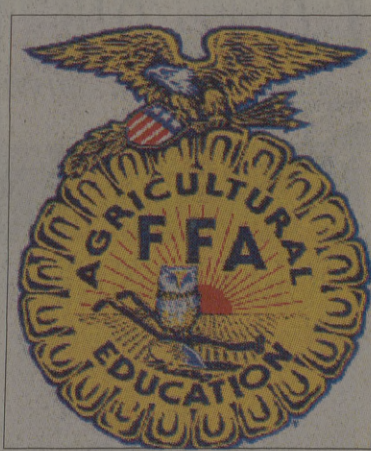
Ann Leslie, a junior agricultural development major, has been a member of FFA for eight years.

She and Gonzalez both work for FFA presenting a Made For Excellence Workshop twelve weeks out of the year to high-school students around the nation.

Leslie said that at the national convention, she and Gonzalez will present a motivational workshop called "The Man in the Mirror."

"The workshop is focused on the idea that an individual needs to depend on themselves for success," she said.

"Every day a person looks in



the mirror, and if you are not proud and satisfied with what you see, you have to keep working to change."

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Assets surpass last year

By ROBERT SMITH
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The Texas A&M Foundation, which directs major fund raising for the University, announced last month it ended its last fiscal year with assets of more than \$400 million.

As of Aug. 31, 1997, Texas A&M Foundation assets totaled \$402 million, an increase from the \$338 million it raised last year.

John R. Stropp, the foundation senior vice president for finance and administration, credits the \$72 million increase to broad financial investments and a positive stock market.

"It can be attributed to a great bear market, stock diversification and investing in foreign markets," he said.

"We now have a large enough investment base to diversify \$250 to \$260 million ... to be sure we cover the broad spectrum of investment."

The foundation's long-term investment fund achieved a total rate of return of 25.85 percent for the 12 months ending Aug. 31, 1997.

Stropp said this compares favorably to a weighted composite market return of 22.39 percent based on equivalent market indices.

The \$72 million dollar revenue includes all private gifts made to the University during the past year, but not "capstone" gifts or future commitments such as the Lowry Mays \$15 million commitment made to the A&M College of Business.

Stropp said the foundation's eight investment managers work to ensure the foundation makes diverse investments.

"You can no longer invest only in the U. S.," he said.

"Our increased emphasis on international markets and alternative investments has lowered risk and (has) helped (to) improve performance."

Last year, the foundation made available \$23.9 million in new gifts and investment income to Texas A&M.

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College students turn to beer, liquor

By RACHEL DAWLEY
Staff writer

Alcohol use is no stranger to college students. Student drinking has become a problem at universities across the country.

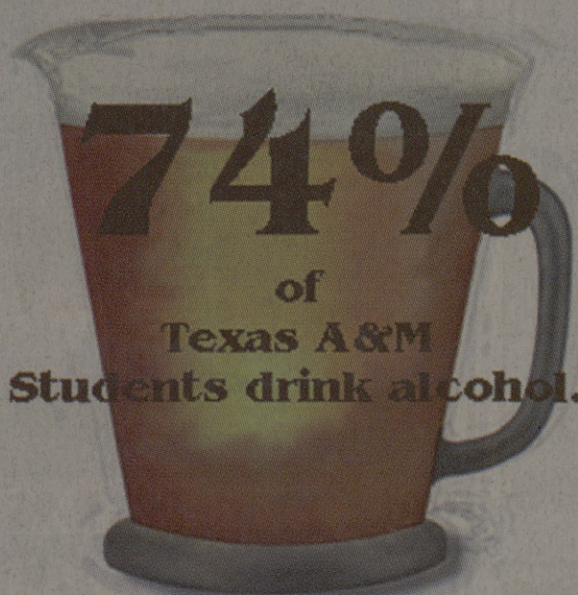
According to the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, college students spend approximately \$4.2 billion annually to purchase 430 million gallons of alcoholic beverages, including four billion cans of beer. Students spend more on alcohol each year than on books, soda, coffee, juice and milk combined.

In 1994, the Texas A&M's Alcohol and Drug Education Programs in the Department of Student Life collected information about A&M students and their use of alcohol. The department found that 74 percent of A&M students drink alcohol.

Betty LeMay, crime prevention specialist for the University Police Department, said alcohol is a problem at the University despite a recent positive turnaround of alcohol abuse on campus.

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AGGIES AND ALCOHOL



-Dept. of Student Life

Task force aims to stop alcohol abuse

By AMANDA SMITH
Staff writer

The Alcohol Abuse Task Force was formed this semester from Texas A&M student and faculty concern that alcohol abuse is overshadowing University traditions and the campus.

Kristin Sayre, the leader of the Alcohol Abuse Task Force, associate director of the Department of Student Life and Class of '83, said some traditions have become surrounded by alcohol use. She said that when she received her Aggie ring, dunking rings in alcohol was not a tradition.

"We (the task force) want to ask what made some traditions become (alcohol) abusive activities," she said. "I hope that the task force will make some distinctions between traditions and abusive activities."

Sayre said the group hopes to present recommendations on how to stop alcohol abuse at A&M to Dr. J. Malon Southern, the vice president of Student Affairs, by May 1998.

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