

BRIEFS

Fraternity to host cancer fund raiser

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity will present \$500 to the Brazos County American Cancer Society today. About 15 fraternity members will play basketballs down twelve miles of Highway 6 Saturday to raise money for the society. Andrew Davis, philanthropy chair and a senior history major, said that this was the first time the fraternity had this "ball bounce" fund raiser and they hope to make it an annual event.

Gov. Bush sued by former employees

AUSTIN (AP) — Two former employees of Gov. George W. Bush filed suit Monday after being fired earlier this year. In their lawsuit, Valerie Curbo, 33, and Carol Funderburgh, 38, say they were fired from the governor's Criminal Justice Division after complaining about hostile language and attitudes toward gays and lesbians from its executive director, Nancy Hugon. Curbo and Funderburgh said Hugon referred to crime victims organizations for gays and lesbians as "homo projects." They said she wanted to track the number of crime victims who are gay and threatened to retaliate against crime victim grant applicants who complained about budget cuts.

UT center to house novelist's archive

AUSTIN (AP) — Author Leon Uris, whose books have included *Exodus*, *War and Peace* and *Battle Cry* is making the University of Texas the archive for his literary manuscripts. The documents will be housed at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. Center director Thomas F. Staley called Uris "one of the most popular and widely read novelists America has produced. His extensive conceptual research gives his novels a sense of living presence and authority achieved by few contemporary authors."

Garza steps down; Bush stays neutral

AUSTIN (AP) — Tony Garza, who was Gov. George W. Bush's first appointee when named secretary of state three years ago, stepped down Monday. Garza left with lots of praise from the boss but not Bush's endorsement of his bid for the GOP and commissioner nomination. Bush, who will lead the Republican ticket in 1998, said he will remain neutral in the primary campaign — even that of the man he says did "a magnificent job" as secretary of state. "I said loud and early that I'm not going to be involved in primary elections. And so, I'm not going to be," Bush said.

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A&M student killed in auto accident Sunday

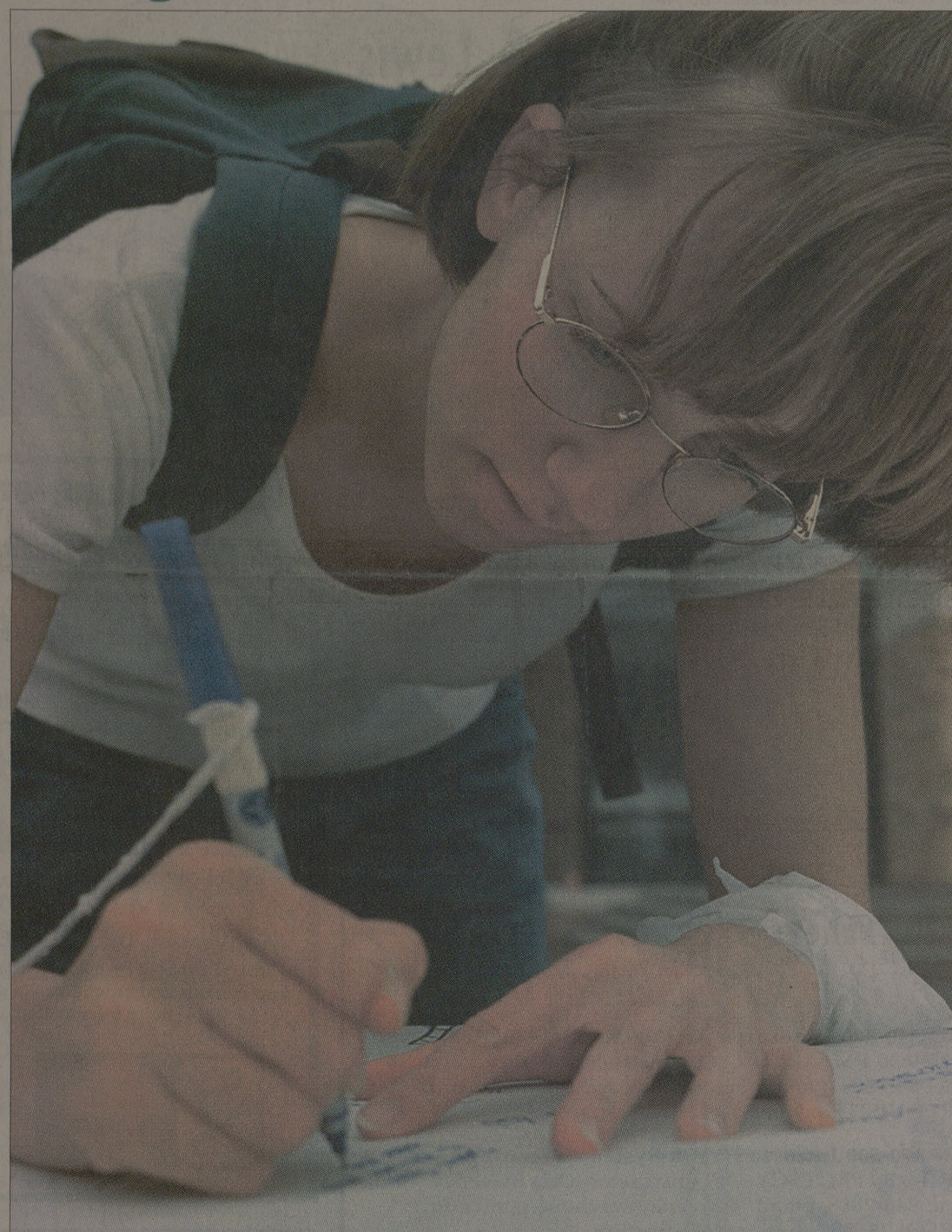
By ROBERT SMITH
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A 17-year-old Texas A&M student died Sunday evening in an automobile accident on FM 60 at Texas 47, College Station police said. Stephanie Jill Broyles, a freshman environmental design major, attempted to turn left onto FM 60 in her green 1997 Chevrolet Camaro when she was broadsided by a car traveling west on FM 60, police said. The second car, a 1990 Toyota Camry, struck the driver's side of the Camaro, sending both cars several feet into the eastbound lanes of FM 60.

Police said the accident occurred at approximately 5:30 p.m. Broyles was pronounced dead at the scene by Brazos County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7-Place 1 George Boyett. Boyett said he will ask for an autopsy as a part of the accident investigation. Police said Broyles was returning home to College Station from Austin. The driver of the second car was identified as 39-year-old Phyllis Jacoby of College Station. Lt. Scott McCollum of the College Station Police said Jacoby was taken to Columbia Medical Center and was

treated for broken ribs and punctured lungs. Jacoby was listed in stable condition at Columbia Monday night. McCollum said that turning left from Texas 47 is not the safest entrance to FM 60. "The proper way is to go under the overpass and merge onto the eastbound lane," he said. McCollum said that area residents have reported hearing screeching tires and seeing "near miss" accidents at Texas 47 and FM 60. Broyles will be honored at the Texas A&M Silver Taps ceremony Dec. 2.

Turning the table



Leslie Tate, a sophomore general studies major, gives feedback on a psychology instructor for the 'Howdy-U-Like-It' booth program outside the MSC Monday. The service, sponsored by the Student Senate, will be available throughout registration.

Lyons: USDA leaning to recreational agenda instead of timber production

By STACEY BECKS
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James R. Lyons, under secretary of agriculture for natural resources and environment, said Monday that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is moving towards using national forests for recreation rather than timber production. The Texas A&M Forest Science Graduate Student Association hosted the seminar Monday in 292 Rudder Tower. Lyons directs and oversees activities of the U.S. Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Lyons said timber production declined and recreation sky rocketed because of the demand of consumer needs. "The public is less interested on what is going out of the national forests and more on what is on the roll of film from the recreation parks," he said. Lyons said the issues facing the

USDA are more complex and visible than in past years. The proponents and opponents of different forest issues are

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more informed than before and have a greater understanding of the process the USDA administration uses in decision-making processes, he said. "Our management must be better informed now because those who challenge us are more informed," he said. "We do en-

courage open dialogue on issues when conflict arises." One way the administration is trying to improve the agriculture department is by getting more extensive public input, Lyons said. "No one likes to be handed a solution, everybody wants to be part of it," he said. Christian Turner, chair of Brazos Valley Group of Sierra Club and a mathematics graduate student, said he has concerns about the effort the USDA is putting on recreation. "I have concerns on the importance they are putting to recreational interests because we want national forests to be around in the way they are today," he said. "They should focus on conserving biological qualities that make the forest special and productive." Eric Almquist, president of the Forest Science Graduate Student Association and a forest sciences graduate student, said it was an honor for Lyons to give a seminar at A&M.

E-Walk symbolizes reflection, transition

By AMANDA SMITH
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At 98 minutes after noon today, Elephant Walk will begin at Kyle Field for Texas A&M seniors; at 99 minutes after noon, E-Walk will begin at Bonfire site for juniors. Tommy Butler, Class of '71, will kick off the ceremonies for seniors and address what lies ahead after graduation from Texas A&M. Following, the senior yell leaders and senior redpots will lead the seniors in a walk around campus that ends at Bonfire site. Elephant Walk is symbolic of the nearing end of seniors' lives at Texas A&M and poses a transition into their futures after graduation. Holly Martin, the Elephant Walk chair and a senior finance and accounting major, said Elephant Walk is a time for seniors to reflect on their experiences at Texas A&M. "I think that Elephant Walk is a time of reflection and remembrance of our experiences at Texas A&M," Martin said. "I hope that seniors take the time to think about how life has been here and about what is going to happen as we head towards graduation. For juniors, E-Walk is a time of celebrating their right to passage as leaders of Texas A&M." Junior E-Walk was shortened and hyphenated because it is a senior privilege at A&M to say the word "elephant." The junior yell leaders will lead juniors in yells at Bonfire site. The junior class participants will walk to Kyle Field, where Clayton Williams Jr. will speak. Brad Straub, an E-Walk co-chair and a junior accounting major, said the



E-Walk '97

event is a time to build camaraderie with classmates. "One of the greatest things about E-Walk is that it gives the class camaraderie," he said. "Juniors in our class can reflect on memories. They can also look forward to their year to come. It's your first step towards your senior year at Texas A&M." Live elephants will be at Bonfire site from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Juniors and seniors may take pictures with the elephants. Also, E-Walk will feature carnival games including a moon walk, a bungee run and an obstacle course from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Class of '98 will host its post-Elephant Walk celebration tonight at the Barracuda Bar. The Class of '99 will gather at the Texas Hall of Fame.

Student hosts Gatorade's 'Big 12 Showcase' tour

By JENARA KOCKS
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A Texas A&M student cruised the campus Monday in a green, yellow and orange Hummer with the word "Gatorade" on the side. Chelsi Conway, a senior marketing and management major, gave representatives from Gatorade a tour of the campus as part of a Big 12 tour. Conway was chosen to be the student host from A&M for a three to four minute segment on the Fox television show "Big 12 Showcase," which will air Wednesday, Friday and Saturday this week. Gatorade chooses students from the Big 12 schools to give a tour of their campus before a football game. She said her parents think that it is great that she will be on television leading the tour and her friends think it is funny. "They've been calling my house and saying, 'Is this Gatorade headquarters?'" Conway said. "Or they say, 'Is Gatorade girl there?'" Michael Drake, the "Gatorade guy" and a junior physical therapy major at the University of Texas, has hosted each segment since the season began in August. This was the first time he had been on the A&M campus. Conway told Drake and other representatives from Gatorade and Fox about the traditions of the Twelfth Man, Reveille and Bonfire. "Thank goodness I was an orientation leader for two summers, so I know facts about A&M," Conway said.

Jason Ewing, the camera man and driver of the Hummer, said he was most impressed with Bonfire. "When they were first talking about a Bonfire I just had no idea how big it was going to be," he said. "We kept asking people, 'Where is it, where is it?' and they were like, 'You can't miss it,' and finally I saw it last night with the lights and I said, 'Wow.'" Drake, who is a student at UT, encountered another tradition—the rivalry between Texas A&M and UT. "They (A&M students) ask how it is going to feel when I lose," Drake said. "Well, this season I'm pretty used to losing." He said that many Aggies are nervous about the Big 12 championship game against the University of Nebraska. "But then I just tell them, 'Well UT won last year [against Nebraska], so you have a chance too,'" Drake said. The last segment of the "Big 12 Showcase" will be filmed in San Antonio, the site of the Big 12 championship game. Conway suggested Freebirds to the Gatorade representatives for lunch, but Drake and Ewing had eaten at the restaurant twice during the weekend. Drake said the burritos were the best thing he experienced at A&M. Conway and Drake also both climbed the rock wall at the Rec Center and played polo with the A&M Polo Team. "It's pretty funny I'm doing all this for the first time while it's broadcast on national television," she said.