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Another fire occurred at the Travis House apartments in April. Two residents suffered minor injuries from the inhalation. The fire destroyed the home of Texas A&M graduate student in Wiggly in October. The wood-frame home in Bryan received severe smoke and heat damage, destroying the roof and ruining the back bedrooms. No one was in the house during the fire.

GREEKS

Delta Gamma, Texas A&M's newest sorority, welcomed charter members into its founding colony in March. Heather Pinnick, president of Delta Gamma and a se-accounting and finance major, said Delta Gamma had excellent first year because of the support they received from other fraternities and sororities.

She made quota our first year of Rush and got an excellent group of girls," she said. "I think it helped that Delta Gamma is strong nationally, and a lot of sororities and fraternities made an effort to get to know us."

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity received a five-year suspension for violating the Texas A&M and the Intrafraternity Council hazing regulations.

The campus chapter was suspended after University officials discovered that the Brazos County Sheriff's Department was investigating reports that pledges were subjected to a hosing down with a water hose outside of the fraternity house.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Christ Childers, a senior agricultural development major, was elected student body president this fall.

He became student body president after a run-off election drew more than 6,500 students to the polls.

WINTER SPIRIT OF AGGIELAND

Texas A&M celebrated its first Winter Spirit of Aggieland, campus holiday decoration program, sponsored by the Texas A&M Student Senate.

Trees on New Main were sold to Bryan-College Station businesses, clubs, sororities, fraternities and anyone willing to buy a tree, and the base of each tree was decorated with lights. The campus also was decorated with wreaths at three of the entrances, and maroon and white ribbons were tied to light posts. The large evergreen tree on the administration building lawn was decorated with lights and maroon ribbons and was the official lighting site Dec. 1.

AGGIES WIN BIG XII SOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Texas A&M Football Team captured the Big XII South Championship with a 9-2 record before losing to the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the Big XII Championship game Dec. 6.

The Aggies will play against the University of California at Los Angeles in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1.

REED ARENA

Reed Arena will be completed in the Spring 1998, and the first event scheduled at the arena is the 1998 Muster ceremony.

Construction on the special events center began in Sept. 1995. It will seat 12,500 people and will be used for graduation commencements, concerts, basketball games and other special events.

Features of the arena include 10,800 square feet of meeting rooms and men's and women's locker rooms for home and visiting sports teams.

A&M PROFESSOR MISSING

Civil Air Patrol said the search for Norman R. Tilford, a Texas A&M geology professor, was called off last week. Tilford left Bryan Nov. 13 in his private airplane heading for Van Horn, Texas.

He departed Coulter Field in his Cessna 180 to meet a group of A&M students on a field trip and never arrived in Van Horn.

DAVIS ON 'UNSOLVED MYSTERIES'

Texas A&M University graduate Don Davis was profiled on NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" in April.

Davis was indicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault in March 1996 for two rapes on the A&M campus in 1995. Davis disappeared from his parent's home in Houston five days before his Aug. 21, 1996 trial was to begin.

EVENTS

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Through teleconnections, this movement of warm water affects weather worldwide.

The event, which happens every two to seven years, normally brings flooding, storms and adverse weather conditions. Experts predict this year's El Niño to be the most powerful in history.

OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING TRIALS

Timothy McVeigh was found guilty in June and sentenced to death for the April 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building. The explosion killed 168 people and left 500 injured. Terry Nichols is on trial in Denver as the co-conspirator in the Oklahoma City bombing.

UPS STRIKE SETTLED

Most employees of the United States Parcel Service (UPS) returned to work after a 15-day Teamsters strike. The union, who pressed for an end to subcontracting and asked UPS to create full-time jobs out of existing part-time positions, were successful in their venture.

Bill Jordan, a local UPS worker, went on the strike for higher wages and better benefits.

"Our group was working for full-time positions," Jordan said. "Before the strike, we were only contracted part-time and were not eligible for benefits."

O.J. SIMPSON LIBEL CASE

By a unanimous verdict, a Santa Monica jury found O.J. Simpson libel in the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. Simpson was ordered to pay \$33.5 million dollars in the settlement.

VERSACE DIES; CUNANAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Designer Gianni Versace was killed in Miami Beach in July. Andrew Cunanan committed sui-

cide after he was charged with the murder.

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY LOSES GREATS

Three legends of the entertainment industry died this past year: actors Robert Mitchum and James (Jimmy) Stewart and singer John Denver.

Bryant Gumble left his position as anchor on "Today" after fifteen years.

BRITISH NANNY IS FREED

Judge Hiller Zobel decided to reduce British nanny Louise Woodward's conviction to manslaughter in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen in Massachusetts and reduced her sentence to time served.

SCIENTIST CLONE SHEEP

The first mammal was cloned from a single adult cell. Keith Cambell, a cell biologist at the Roslin Institute in Scotland, genetically reproduced the sheep and named her "Dolly."

Larry Sims, a junior genetics major, said the cloning has brought international attention to the idea and presented many questions.

"When they announced to the world that cloning was indeed a possibility, the Roslin Institute set a trend of questioning about genetic research," Sims said. "People are now asking what is next. The answer is unknown but this year has definitely been a landmark in the field of genetic research."

MCCAUGHEY SEPTUPLETS

The miracle of the McCaughey septuplets has been termed "a story of high-tech medicine and old-fashioned faith" by Newsweek. Controversy surrounded the McCaughey's use of fertility drugs in the conception of the seven newborns, but Kenny and Bobbi McCaughey see the births as a gift from God.

"God could have given us one," the father said at a press conference. "But, God's entitled to give us seven. It's my commission to raise them."

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- You must have a 2.0 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University.
- You must be in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

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Procedure To Order A Ring:

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