

While Rome burned



Lindsay Martin, a senior agricultural engineering major, plays the viola in the MSC Flagroom yesterday. Martin was playing during an exhibition sponsored by MSC OPAS.

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WHAT'S UP

Thursday

Graduate Fellowship of Intersivity Christian Fellowship (IVCF): Bible study for graduate and on-traditional students, followed by fellowship will be held at 7:30 p.m. See our web site for location and map at <http://stat.tamu.edu-in-low/ivcf.html>. Call Mark or Jennifer at 764-1552.

Resurrection Week: There will be a general meeting held in MSC 231 at 7 p.m.

ATM Womens Rugby: Come join! No experience needed. Practices are from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the pitch on the corner of Texas Ave. and University Dr. Call Nikki at 694-0084 for information.

Association on Baptist Students: A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at 410 College Main. Call Bobby at 846-3223 for details.

Alpha Phi Omega: Meet to go to the Boy's Club at 3:30 p.m. in 133 Koldus.

Aggie Girl Scouts: A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Francis Hall Room 206. Call Laura at 696-1211 for details.

Team 2000 Ambassador: A meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Rudder 504.

Student Health Center Health Education & Aggie R.E.A.C.H.: A panel discussion about Sexual Abstinence in the 90's will be discussed from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Rudder 501. Call Margaret Griffith, Health Educator Coordinator at 847-9242 for details.

Career Center: Placement oriented held at 4 p.m. in 1226 MSC.

Career Center: Interviewing session at 5:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

ATM Roadrunners: We will meet in front of G. Rollie White to run. All students and skill levels welcome at 847-7905 for details.

Aggie Speological Society: There is a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in Koldus. For details call Travis at 693-4088.

Aggie Musicians Society: there is a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Koldus. Plus the charity festival in April plus more. For details call Long at 260-8051. ams@pulse.tamu.edu.

Soka Gakkai International-USA TMU Student Chapter: A discussion on the interpretation on Cause and Effect presented by Professor Sam Cora from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Meditation Chapel. Call Elena at 845-3771.

Catholic Students Association: The daily mass at 12:05 p.m. in the Altar.

Emergency Care Team: A meeting at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. All who are welcome to come. Experience is necessary. Call Traci at 268-8699 for details.

Survey reveals that young Catholics' views differ from parents

NEWYORK (AP) — Helping the poor and believing Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist are essential to being Catholic. What's not essential? Celibate male priests, teachings that oppose the death penalty or support for organized labor. A poll of 701 post-baby boom Catholics sought to gauge what is non-negotiable about their faith. It found them agreeing with older members in putting the sacraments first, but more inclined to accept married and

women clergy and lower ecclesiastical fences with Protestants. "There's no doubt, after looking at this data and at other data, that the younger people would be willing to reexamine things," said sociologist Dean Hoge of Catholic University of America. He joined CU colleague William Dinges, Sister Mary Johnson of Emmanuel College in Boston, and Juan Gonzalez of the University of California at Hayward to commission a telephone poll as part of a larger

study of young Catholics. Princeton Survey Research Associates interviewed the Catholics aged 20 to 39 last fall. The results, released to The Associated Press, show that "the sacraments are very strong, and almost the central identity of what Catholics are all about," Hoge said. Asked what should be essential beliefs, 65 percent of respondents identified God's presence in the sacraments, while 58 percent cited Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Other key aspects of Catholic faith were

devotion to Mary and the saints, the necessity of a pope, and weekly obligation to attend Mass. More than 80 percent of respondents termed these elements essential or important to being Catholic. Concern for the poor was also central to Catholic identity. Nearly 60 percent called charitable help essential to the faith, and 52 percent identified as essential a belief that God is present in a special way in the poor. Not all church teachings or rules are held in high regard, according to the survey.

Only 17 percent deemed it essential to believe that priests must be celibate. Twenty-seven percent that they cannot be — and a celibate one — but not essential. Eighteen percent were in support of workers' rights, and only 14 percent identified the right to work as essential to the faith. More than 50 percent saw opposing the death penalty as essential to being Catholic.

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