Temperatures reach historic high

NEW YORK (AP) — The years 1997, 1995 and 1990 were the warmest in the Northern Hemisphere since the days of Christopher Columbus, a study says.

And the researchers say they found evidence that rising levels of greenhouse gases are probably responsible.

Scientists reconstructed annual average temperatures back to the year 1400 and found no year warmer than those three. Either 1997 or 1995 could be considered the warmest, depending on whether one considers temperatures over land or at the ocean surface or both, researcher Michael Mann said.

When land and ocean temperatures are combined, 1997 and 1995 ran about nine-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit above the average for the 20th century, he said.

Climate experts said that the study is an early step in such long-term reconstruc-

tions and that more work is needed to improve them, but that the finding about the

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warmest years fits in with previous studies. Last January, the government announced that 1997 was the warmest year globally in about 100 years, which was as

WHAT'S UP

Thursday

Graduate Fellowship of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF): Bible study for graduate and non-traditional students, followed by fellowship will be held at 7:30 p.m. See our website for location and map at http://stat.tamu.edu~inlow/ivcf.html. Call Mark or Jennifer at 764-1552.

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.

Catholic Students Association: There will be a daily mass at 12:05 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.

Aggie Speleological Society: A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in Koldus 146. Call Travis at 693-4088.

Student Y: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

Study Abroad Programs Office: There will be an informational meeting from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in 154,161 Bizzell Hall West. The meeting will promote the Italy Spring 99 program.

Environmental Issues Committee: Earth Week will be celebrated all day at Rudder Fountain with booths, free T-shirts, bands,

Battalion application deadline extended

The deadline for applications for summer and fall staff of *The Battalion* have been extended until Friday at 8 p.m. Positions currently available in-

clude writers, radio anchors, columnists, cartoonists, photographers and mation please call 845-3313.

graphic artists.

Experience is not necessary. All majors are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up in 013 Reed McDonald. For more inforfar back as the researchers checked.

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To reconstruct temperatures over the past 600 years, Mann and colleagues used a network of indirect indicators, including ancient tree rings, coral and ice as well as historical records.

They also looked at trends in three influences on climate: variations in the sun's brightness, volcanic activity and the atmosphere's supply of carbon dioxide, a heat-trapping greenhouse gas.

While the sun's brightness and volcanoes appeared important in the past, greenhouse gases appear to dominate over the past few decades, Mann said.

Tom Karl of the government's National Climatic Data Center said the study is "another indication that it seems quite likely that the increase in greenhouse gases is contributing to the very warm conditions we see now."

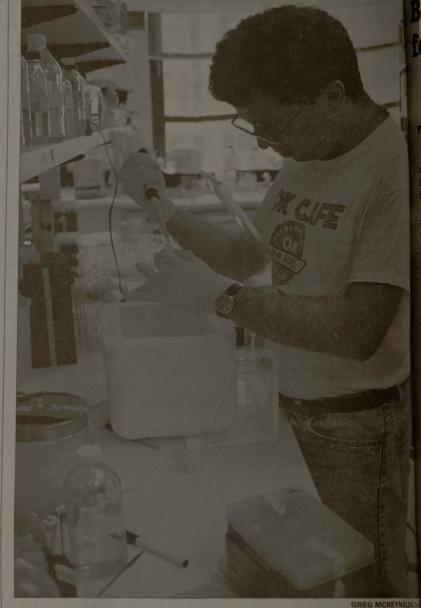
and more. Call Sarah at 847-8446 for details.

Alpha Phi Omega: There will be a blood drive at Rudder Fountain, Sbisa, Quad Lounge B, Commons Lobby, and Bio/Bio from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

What's Up is a *Battalion* service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

Correction

On page one of Wednesday's Battalion, the last sentence of "Holocaust survivor shares war story," should have read, "Reading about what somebody went through and hearing a person speak about it is completely different," Lodholz said. "There are so many things that happened to Holocaust survivors."



Edward Rogers, a research assisstant, prepares samples for storage at the plant biology labs on Wednesday afternoon.

29th Street Bistro



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! Fall Open House is Sunday, September 6 from 2 to 6 p.m.

from 2 to 6 p.m. Tables are now on sale! Don't miss out!

(1'S Simple! Just go to the MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower and pay \$30 for your *recognized* student organization. We take cash, check, aggie bucks, credit cards, or departmental accounts (you'll need an IDT).

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