

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

far back as the researchers checked.

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."

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

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National Climatic Data Center

WHAT'S UP

Thursday

Graduate Fellowship of Intersarsity 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,

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

Alpha Phi Omega: There will be a blood drive at Rudder Fountain, Sbis, 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."

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 include writers, radio anchors, columnists, cartoonists, photographers and

graphic artists.

Experience is not necessary. All majors are encouraged to apply.

Applications may be picked up in 013 Reed McDonald. For more information please call 845-3313.

Care for a sample?



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

4.0 & GO

The week of April 26 - April 30

Math 151	Part II Sun Apr 26 5pm-7pm	Part VI Sun Apr 26 7pm-9pm	Test Review Mon Apr 27 6pm-9pm
Math 152	Part II Sun Apr 26 3pm-5pm	Part VI Sun Apr 26 9pm-11pm	Test Review Mon Apr 27 9pm-12am
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Acet 229	Strawser Test Review Mon Apr 27 9pm-12am	Critical Thinking Wed Apr 29 6pm-9pm	

Tickets go on sale Sunday 2:30 p.m.
4.0 & Go is located on the corner of SW Pkwy and Tx Ave, behind KFC next to Lack's Furniture, 696-8886

Last Week's Trivia Answer: Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern that started the Great Chicago Fire.

FINALS SCHEDULE ON MONDAY

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Fall Open House is Sunday, September 6 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Tables are now on sale! Don't miss out!

It'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).

and remember . . .

Space is limited! Remember, Open House tables are limited, and are awarded on a first come, first served basis! Only one table per organization.

Please come and join us! Any questions? If so call the Relations Office at 845-7627.

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- You must be a degree seeking student and have a total of 95 undergraduate credit hours reflected on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System. (A passed course, which is repeated and passed, cannot count as additional credit hours.)
- 60 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University by your first semester at Texas A&M University was January 1994 or thereafter, or if you do not qualify under the successful semester requirement described in the following paragraph. Should your degree be conferred with less than 60 undergraduate resident credits, this requirement will be waived after you graduate and your degree is posted on the Student Information Management System.
- 30 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University, providing that prior to January 1, 1994, you were registered at Texas A&M University and successfully completed a fall/spring semester or summer term (I and II or 10 weeks) as a full-time student in good standing (as defined in the University catalog).
- 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.

Graduate Student Requirements

If you are a May 1998 degree candidate and you do not have an Aggie ring from a prior degree, you may place an order after you meet the following requirements:

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However, if you completed all of your course work prior to this semester and have been cleared by the thesis clerk, you may request a "letter of completion" from the Office of Graduate Studies. The original letter of completion, with the seal, may be presented to the Ring Office in lieu of your degree being posted.

Procedure To Order A Ring:

- If you meet all of the above requirements and you wish to receive your ring on June 11, 1998, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Thursday, April 23, 1998 between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to complete the application for eligibility verification.
- If your application is approved, you must return and pay in full by cash, check, money order, or your personal Discover, Visa or MasterCard (with your name imprinted) no later than Friday, April 24, 1998 between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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