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Above: Elephants and their trainers from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus parade down Olsen Avenue toward Reed Arena Monday.

At left: Vanessa McCoy, a 7-year-old from Lubbock, watches the circus parade pass by from the shoulders of Vernoy Bryant, a senior agricultural systems major. The Barnum & Bailey Circus will be held at Reed Arena tonight and Wednesday night.

Blood drive held on campus Tuesday through Thursday

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Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a blood drive July 14, 15 and 16 at several A&M locations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Royce Rufila, Blood Drive Chair for APO said blood buses will be set up at Spence Street by Zachary, Fish Pond and the MSC.

"APO sponsors five blood drives a year," he said. "We sponsor two each semester and one in the summer."

Rufila said the Brazos Valley needs many units of blood to supply the population.

Joel Shepitka, medical technician at St. Joseph's Hospital said there is a scarcity of O negative blood.

"O negative blood is the universal donor and only 15 percent of the population carries that blood type," he said.

He said the process of donating is simple.

"First the donor fills out a questionnaire, we want to make sure the blood donor is healthy," Shepitka said. "We take the person's blood

pressure and we take a small sample of the blood to make sure the person is not anemic."

The questionnaire lets the technicians and nurses know about the donor's state of health by indicating if the person is on medication or is ill or possibly carrying a communicable disease.

Then a small amount of blood is taken from the donor's finger and tested.

Overall, the donor gives a pint of blood, the body replenishes what was given in three to five days.

The American Red Cross will allow the donor to give again in eight weeks.

"The technicians and nurses go

out of their way to make sure the procedure is comfortable and painless," Shepitka said. "They want to make the procedure as pleasant as it can be to ensure that the donor gives again."

Rufila said the donation method is not difficult.

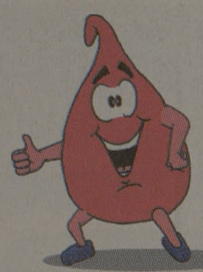
"The nurses make sure you're OK, they take good care of you," he said. "Donating saves lives."

For the number of students at A&M, the number of donors is low, said Rufila.

"For the student population the Brazos valley has, many don't donate here, they probably donate at home," Shepitka said.

Campus Blood Drive Locations

- Fish Pond
- MSC
- Zachary



NEWS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

Youth leadership forum held at College of Medicine

Three Bryan-College Station high-school students joined 85 other prospective medical students at Texas A&M University College of Medicine yesterday as a part of the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine.

The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine is an 11-day event based on Houston and is held twice every summer for junior and senior high school students from the United States, Mexico and Canada, who show a serious interest in pursuing a career in medicine.

Among the students from the Bryan-College Station area are Su Thi Ho, Andrew Martin and Crystal Wiseman.

While at the College of Medicine, the participants will have the opportunity to attend presentations on admission requirements, discuss medical ethics, talk to medical students and get some hands-on time in labs to get a feel for what its like to be in medical school.

"We want to give them an idea of what being a doctor is all about," Tony Hernandez, student coordinator for the event and a second-year medical student, said. "The students will see the resources available to them in medical school, and they will also be able to use some of the diagnostic tools during the physical examination portion of the day."

National Youth Leadership Forum on Med-

icine sessions are held each summer in Boston, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and Chicago.

Each forum is designed to educate, inspire and motivate the prospective medical students about medicine by giving them an opportunity to see the many aspects of careers in medicine.

\$15,000 Bovay-Spence Award established at A&M

A \$15,000 gift from Harry E. Bovay of Houston establishes the Bovay-Spence Award at Texas A&M University.

Named after the longtime manager of A&M's Physical Plant, the T.R. Spence Award was originally established in 1961 by Bovay Engineers, Inc. The award recognizes the winners of an annual engineering design graphics contest in the University's engineering technology-industrial distribution department. The award was renamed in 1997 in recognition of Bovay's contributions.

A graduate of Cornell University, Bovay has spent more than 60 years in the engineering profession. He is the founder of Bovay Engineers, Inc., a consulting company whose clients have included NASA, the Atomic Energy Commission and numerous major schools, universities and airports. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and past president of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Lawyers begin jury selection in Air Force cadet's capital-murder trial

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Lawyers in the capital murder trial of former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham began the process of picking a jury today.

Mike Parrish, a Tarrant County assistant district attorney, asked the jury pool this morning to guard against sympathizing with the 20-year-old former Air Force Academy cadet because of his youth and good looks.

"You can't see the victim. The victim is in the ground," Parrish said.

Graham's defense attorney, Dan Cogdill, objected to the comment as argumentative. State District Judge Don Leonard upheld the objection.

Cogdill also will speak to the potential jurors. Testimony could start by Wednesday.

Graham, 20, is charged in the Dec. 4, 1995, shooting

death of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones. Prosecutors charge Graham and his ex-fiancee, Diane Zamora, killed the girl because Zamora became jealous over a brief romantic fling Graham allegedly had with Jones.

The attorneys have been studying questionnaires jury pool members filled out last week in which they were asked about their families, occupations, religious beliefs and favorite pastimes.

Prospective jurors also were asked which television shows they watch, which books they have read about murder, whether they own weapons and whether they or their relatives belong to the National Rifle Association or American Civil Liberties Union.

They were asked their feelings about the criminal justice system, psychiatrists, police officers and lawyers and

about whether they or a family member have been a crime victim.

Leonard has spoken individually with prospective jurors and excused those from the panel who said they could not set aside opinions they had already formed about the highly publicized case. That left 108 potential jurors in the pool.

Cogdill predicted attorneys will find a few more who may be too biased to serve.

"I'll ask the questions in a different way," Cogdill said. "The press surrounding this case has been hugely anti-David."

The judge moved the trial to New Braunfels because of extensive news coverage in Fort Worth.

The crime occurred while Graham and Zamora

were still in high school and before they both went off to prestigious military academies — Graham to the Air Force Academy and Zamora to the Naval Academy.

Zamora, who was convicted in February and is serving a life prison sentence, may be called to testify at Graham's trial, Cogdell said. The judge has ruled her written confession to police can be used against Graham.

Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty, partly because of the wishes of the victim's family. If convicted, Graham could face a sentence of life in prison.

A 12-person jury and an alternate are expected to be selected by Tuesday afternoon. Opening statements are scheduled for Wednesday. The trial is predicted to last through the end of July.